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The Art of Grammar Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald 2015 This book introduces the principles and practice of writing a comprehensive reference grammar. Several thousand distinct languages are currently spoken across the globe, each with its own grammatical system and its own selection of diverse grammatical structures. Comprehensive reference grammars offer a basis for understanding linguistic diversity and can provide a unique perspective into the structure and social and cognitive underpinnings of different languages. Alexandra Aikhenvald describes the means of collecting, analysing, and organizing data for use in this type of grammar, and discusses the typological parameters that can be used to explore relationships with other languages. She considers how a grammar can be made to reflect and bring to life the society of its speakers through background explanation and the judicious choice of examples, as well as by showing how its language, history, and culture are intertwined. She ends with a full glossary of terms and guidance for those wanting to explore a particular linguistic phenomenon or language family. The Art of Grammar is the ideal resource for students and teachers of linguistics, language studies, and inductively-oriented linguistic, cultural, and social anthropology.

Already Free Bruce Tift 2015-06-01 Why are more and more psychotherapists embracing meditation practice, while so many Buddhists are exploring psychology? “Both psychology and Buddhism seek to provide freedom from suffering,” explains Bruce Tift, “yet each offers a completely different approach for reaching this goal.” In *Already Free*, Tift opens a fresh and provocative dialogue between these two profound perspectives on the human condition. Tift reveals how psychotherapy’s “Developmental” approach of understanding the way our childhood wounds shape our adult selves both contradicts and supports the “Fruitional” approach of Buddhism, which tells us that the freedom we seek is always available. In this investigation, he uncovers insights for connecting with authentic experience, releasing behaviors that no longer serve us, enhancing our relationships, and more. “When we use the Western and Eastern approaches together,” writes Bruce Tift, “they can help us open to all of life—its richness, its disturbances, and its inherent completeness.”

The Four Agreements Don Miguel Ruiz 1997-11-07 In *The Four Agreements*, bestselling author don Miguel Ruiz reveals the source of self-limiting beliefs that rob us of joy and create needless suffering. Based on ancient Toltec wisdom, *The Four Agreements* offer a powerful code of conduct that can rapidly transform our lives to a new experience of freedom, true happiness, and love. • A New York Times bestseller for over a decade • Translated into 46 languages worldwide “This book by don Miguel Ruiz, simple yet so powerful, has made a tremendous difference in how I think and act in every encounter.” — Oprah Winfrey “Don Miguel Ruiz’s book is a roadmap to enlightenment and freedom.” — Deepak Chopra, Author, *The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success* “An inspiring book with many great lessons.” — Wayne Dyer, Author, *Real Magic* “In the tradition of Castaneda, Ruiz distills essential Toltec wisdom, expressing with clarity and impeccability what it means for men and women to live as peaceful warriors in the modern world.” — Dan Millman, Author, *Way of the Peaceful Warrior*

Practical Sufism Phillip Gowins 2012-12-19 This wise, funny, and compassionate book follows Gowins apprenticeship with Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan, spiritual leader of the Sufi Order International. Until now, Pir Vilayat’s order has not had a strong, accessible introduction. This book not only provides that service but is more down-to-earth than most books on Sufism. It also has the advantage of being universalistic. “The Sufi Way is not a religion or a component of a religion but the heart of all religions and spiritualities,” Gowins says. Because it is non-dogmatic and offers no catechisms or creeds, its teachers are essential. Gowins emerges as a superb teacher, offering a user-friendly guide to the Sufi Way that is at once valuable to any seeker entering any spiritual path. Gowins is quick to emphasize that Sufism is not the only path or even the right path for everyone. His approach is full of engaging stories and specific practices that could be helpful in many circumstances. Readers will benefit from his gentle Sufi teachings of love, tolerance, unity, and consciousness, no matter what their chosen path.

Underminers Keith Farnish 2013-09-10 A user’s guide for dismantling modern civilization.

The Path to Bliss Dalai Lama 2003 Clear, eloquent, simple, and profound, His Holiness’s teachings are easily accessible to beginning practitioners yet richly nourishing to those more advanced in practice. In *The Path to Bliss*, the Dalai Lama shows how visualization, reason, and contemplation can be systematically crafted to enhance personal development. Beginning with practices designed to create an effective mental outlook, His Holiness skillfully guides the student to more advanced techniques for developing the mind’s deepest potential and happiness. An impeccable attention to the correctness of detail, yet manages at the same time to convey a sense of playfulness, a balance of specific technical guidance, and delightful asides. It exemplifies the sophistication and elegance of Tibetan Buddhist methods for spiritual development.

You Are What You Read Robert DiYanni 2021-04-20 How you can enrich your life by becoming a more skillful and engaged reader of literature We are what we read, according to Robert DiYanni. Reading may delight us or move us; we may read for instruction or inspiration. But more than this, in reading we discover ourselves. We gain access to the lives of others, explore the limitless possibilities of human existence, develop our understanding of the world around us, and find respite from the hectic demands of everyday life. In *You Are What You Read*, DiYanni provides a practical guide that shows how we can increase the benefits and pleasures of reading literature by becoming more skillful and engaged readers. DiYanni suggests that we attend first to what authors say and the way in which they say it, rather than rushing to decide what they mean. He considers the various forms of literature, from the essay to the novel, the short story to the poem, demonstrating rewarding approaches to each in sample readings of classic works. Through a series of illuminating oppositions, he explores the paradoxical pleasures of reading: solitary versus social reading, submitting to or resisting the author, reading inwardly or outwardly, and more. DiYanni closes with nine recommended reading practices, thoughts on the different experiences of print and digital reading, and advice on what to read and why. Written in a clear, inviting, and natural style, *You Are What You Read* is an essential guide for all who want to enrich their reading—and their life.

Farming While Black Leah Penniman 2018-10-30 In 1920, 14 percent of all land-owning US farmers were black. Today less than 2 percent of farms are controlled by black people—a loss of over 14 million acres and the result of discrimination and dispossession. While farm management is among the whitest of professions, farm labor is predominantly brown and exploited, and people of color disproportionately live in “food apartheid” neighborhoods and suffer from diet-related illness. The system is built on stolen land and stolen labor and needs a redesign. *Farming While Black* is the first comprehensive “how to” guide for aspiring African-heritage growers to reclaim their dignity as agriculturists and for all farmers to understand the distinct, technical contributions of African-heritage people to sustainable agriculture. At Soul Fire Farm, author Leah Penniman co-created the Black and Latinx Farmers Immersion (BLFI) program as a container for new farmers to share growing skills in a culturally relevant and supportive environment led by people of color. *Farming While Black* organizes and expands upon the curriculum of the BLFI to provide readers with a concise guide to all aspects of small-scale farming, from business planning to preserving the harvest. Throughout the chapters Penniman uplifts the wisdom of the African diasporic farmers and activists whose work informs the techniques described—from whole farm planning, soil fertility, seed selection, and agroecology, to using whole foods in culturally appropriate recipes, sharing stories of ancestors, and tools for healing from the trauma associated with slavery and economic exploitation on the land. Woven throughout the book is the story of Soul Fire Farm, a national leader in the food justice movement. The technical information is designed for farmers and gardeners with beginning to intermediate experience. For those with more experience, the book provides a fresh lens on practices that may have been taken for granted as ahistorical or strictly European. Black ancestors and contemporaries have always been leaders—and continue to lead—in the sustainable agriculture and food justice movements. It is time for all of us to listen.

A Heart Full of Peace Joseph Goldstein 2010-10-19 Love, compassion, and peace - these words are at the heart of all spiritual endeavors. Although we intuitively resonate with their meaning and value, for most of us, the challenge is how to

embody what we know; how to transform these words into a vibrant, living practice. In these times of conflict and uncertainty, this transformation is far more than an abstract ideal; it is an urgent necessity. Peace in the world begins with us. This wonderfully appealing offering from one of the most trusted elders of Buddhism in the West is a warm and engaging exploration of the ways we can cultivate and manifest peace as wise and skillful action in the world. This charming book is illuminated throughout with lively, joyous, and sometimes even funny citations from a host of contemporary and ancient sources - from the poetry of W.S. Merwin and Galway Kinnell to the haiku of Issa and the great poet-monk Ryokan, from the luminous aspirations of Saint Francis of Assisi to the sage advice of Thich Nhat Hanh and the Dalai Lama.

The Modern-Day Druidess Cassandra Eason 2004 Connect with the astonishing powers of Nature with this spiritual tradition dating back thousands of years that offers today's woman a gentle loving formula for living happily and well. Original.
True Meditation Adyashanti 2012-08-09 What would happen if you were to allow everything to be exactly as it is? If you gave up the need for control, and instead embraced the whole of your experience in each moment that arose? In the 14 years that he studied Zen, Adyashanti found that most seasoned meditators had used the practice as "an end instead of a means to an end." What he ultimately realized was that only when you let go of all techniques—even the concept of yourself as a meditator—will you open to the art of True Meditation, dwelling in the natural state. True Meditation invites you to join the growing number of seekers who have been touched by the wisdom of Adyashanti to learn: How to make the "effortless effort" that will vivify the present moment Meditative self-inquiry and "The Way of Subtraction": how to ask a spiritually powerful question—and determine the real answer "We've been taught that awakening is difficult," explains Adyashanti, "that to wake up from the illusion of separation takes years. But all it really takes is a willingness to look into the depths of your experience here and now." True Meditation gives you the opportunity to reclaim the original purpose of meditation—as a gateway to "the objectless freedom of being."

Buddha's Nature Wes Nisker 1998 The author of *Crazy Wisdom* outlines a program of meditations and exercises designed to show readers the connection between their bodies and the evolution of the natural universe, and help them use it to further their spiritual evolution.

Emptiness Guy Armstrong 2017-05-02 If everything is empty, then what ceases in Nirvana and is born in rebirth? How can you live in the world without feeling trapped by it? Guy Armstrong tackles these questions and more in this richly informed, practical guide to emptiness for the meditator. It may seem odd for emptiness to serve as the central philosophy of a major religion. In fact, emptiness points to something quite different than "nothingness" or "vacancy." And by developing a richer understanding of this complex topic, we can experience freedom as we live consciously in the world. Guy Armstrong has been a leading figure and beloved teacher of insight meditation for decades. In this book, he makes difficult Buddhist topics easy to understand, weaving together Theravada and Mahayana teachings on emptiness to show how we can liberate our minds and manifest compassion in our lives.

Liberation Unleashed Ilona Ciunaite 2016-10-01 Liberation Unleashed introduces you to the process of unraveling the false sense of a separate self at the center of your existence. With insightful metaphors, personal stories, and guided dialogues, this book points directly to our lack of separation and helps you move toward a new, more open reality of selfless bliss. Using the seven clear and focused steps presented, you'll find liberation in realizing there is no individuated "I" and marvel at the true nature of things. Author Ilona Ciunaite's search for the truth began when she first "experienced silence of the thinking mind, a sweet sense of being, contentment, peace," and "feeling at home." Driven by a desire to reach that state of oneness once more, her path led her through spiritual writings to the process of deconstruction and non-dual self-inquiry and finally to a peaceful emptiness of not knowing, but of simply being. It's from that place that Ciunaite cocreated the popular Liberation Unleashed forum—a global Internet-based community helping people see through the illusion of a separate self—and it's just that sense of unknowing peace she wishes to impart with this book. Liberation Unleashed is a lively, fresh, and moving account of the author's own searching, liberation, and transformation, woven together with the stories of fellow seekers and a clear exposition of the simple, focused tools you can use to go through the "gateless gate." With its conversational tone, provocative questions, and the presentation of the seven steps—"Clearing the path—meeting the fear," "Strip away ALL expectations," "Get in touch with the real," "I" is a thought," "There is no separate self," "How does it feel to see this?" and "Falling"—this book serves as an introductory how-to guide, demonstrating how to use the process of self-inquiry to get free from the falseness of the separate self and realize a blissful oneness. So many of us go through life feeling isolated, searching for ourselves, or seeking a more authentic reality through religion, spirituality, or other, more unconventional means of expanding consciousness. Now, with this book and its guiding principles, you'll learn how to look deeply into the nature of self and existence; combat the anxieties, fears, mental blocks, and reservations that can arise in self-inquiry; and see the simple beauty of the everyday moment.

What's in the Way Is the Way Mary O'Malley 2016-01-01 Imagine for a moment that all the pressures in your life were off—no problems to fix, no deadlines to meet, no struggles to overcome. Do you feel that sense of spacious relief? It's not an illusion, teaches Mary O'Malley. It really is possible to live with that profound openness every moment, even while tending to our everyday tasks and obligations. *What's in the Way Is the Way* is the new book from this highly regarded teacher, offering practical guidance for meeting all of our experience with an abiding sense of ease, trust, and peace of mind. This accessible book is divided into 10 phases, featuring inspiring wisdom and step-by-step exercises to heal the core beliefs that keep you stuck. With each chapter, Mary invites you to come into the present and see yourself and your circumstances in a different way—with openness and curiosity, unclouded by struggle, judgment, and fear. Discover why Eckhart Tolle calls Mary O'Malley's work "a treasure of practical wisdom and profound insights, all pointing to one essential Truth: how to awaken into present-moment awareness and live in acceptance of what is."

The Most Important Thing Adyashanti 2019-01-01 From esteemed teacher Adyashanti, a collection of writings on the search for the ultimate reality beneath the narrative of our lives "Our inner lives are every bit as astonishing, baffling, and mysterious as the infinite vastness of the cosmos." —Adyashanti We all define our lives through the lens of stories. Whether we see ourselves as heroes or victims, good people or bad, everyone lives according to interwoven strands of narrative. "And yet," teaches Adyashanti, "the truth is bigger than any concept or story." Drawn from intimate, deep-dive talks, *The Most Important Thing* presents writings devoted to the search for the ultimate reality of a self that exists beyond the bounds of storytelling. Here you will find vivid anecdotes and teaching stories that illuminate the felt experience of Adyashanti's teachings—those moments of grace in which every stone, tree, ray of light, and fraught silence reveal that none of us is alone and no one is ever truly isolated from the whole of existence. These selections consider: Exploration of the true meaning of birth, life, and death Why grace can arrive both through struggle and as an unexpected gift Meditation as the art of "listening with one's entire being" Why a good question can be far more powerful than a concrete answer How the things you choose to serve shape your life Discovering the wisdom found in surprise, sadness, and uncertainty Embodying your innate and inextricable connection with the total environment The nature of ego and the ways it manifests The moments of grace upon which all great religions pivot What is the story of your life? Is it happy or adventurous? Sad or lonely? In *The Most Important Thing*, Adyashanti shows you how to look past your personal narratives, delve inward, and connect with the truths that fundamentally animate all of us.

The Experience of Insight Joseph Goldstein 2017-10-24 This modern classic on Buddhist meditation will help you further your practice and understanding of foundational Buddhist teachings. This modern spiritual classic, presented as a thirty-day meditation retreat taught by Joseph Goldstein, offers timeless practical instructions and real-world advice for practicing meditation—whether walking or sitting in formal practice or engaging in everyday life. Goldstein—a beloved and respected meditation teacher who studied for many years under the guidance of eminent Buddhist teachers from India, Tibet, and Burma—uses the retreat format to explain various basic Buddhist teachings including karma, selflessness, and the four noble truths, while also drawing connections to many different spiritual traditions. Full of clear and practical instruction, *The Experience of Insight* is the perfect companion for both experienced practitioners and those looking to get into meditation for the first time.

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The Afrominimalist's Guide to Living with Less Christine Platt 2022-05-03 "Forget the aesthetics of mainstream minimalism and discover a life of authenticity and intention with this practical guide to living with less...your way"--

A Practical Guide to Know Yourself Ramana (Maharshi.) 1992 On Indic philosophy.

Happiness Beyond Thought Gary Weber 2007-04 Praise for *Happiness Beyond Thought* "Husband, father, scientist, military officer, and senior executive in industry and academia, Gary Weber has led a full and successful worldly life. Throughout all of this, Gary has relentlessly pursued a path of practice and inquiry in order to understand life and achieve enlightenment. It is rare to find one who has reached this goal, and rarer still to find such a one who has been so immersed in worldly life. With this book, Gary has successfully integrated his profound realization with traditional non-dualistic teachings, as well as insights from Zen Buddhism and modern brain research, into a practical path that uses Yoga's time-tested practices of asana, pranayama, chanting and meditation to illumine a path to enlightenment for the modern reader." -Gary Kraftsow, author of *Yoga for Wellness* and *Yoga for Transformation* "Gary Weber offers a treasure chest of practices for the serious practitioner seeking liberation. On your own journey towards awakening, savor these simple, easy to follow practices culled from Weber's study with his primary teacher Ramana Maharshi, his on-going exploration of Zen meditation practice, and the life-enhancing results of his experiments on the laboratory floor of his yoga mat." -Amy Weintraub, author of *Yoga for Depression*

From Talent Management to Talent Liberation Maggi Evans 2019-12-06 As the pace of change increases and new business structures evolve, finding and harnessing people's talent is becoming ever more important. *From Talent Management to Talent Liberation* presents a thoughtful and practical approach to talent. It provides compelling evidence for the limitations of talent management practice and offers talent liberation as an alternative approach. *Talent Liberation* is positioned through five premises that draw on the agile movement to provide a fundamental reappraisal of the talent agenda. These premises are then applied through a range of strategic and tactical tools such as the Talent Compass. By combining academic research, thought leadership and practical experience, this book will stimulate fresh thinking. Readers will be inspired to take action, using the simple tools to liberate more of the talent in their organisation and their

teams. Leaders, HR professionals and individuals will benefit from the relevant insights shared here.

The PETA Practical Guide to Animal Rights Ingrid Newkirk 2009-05-26 With more than two million members and supporters, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) is the world's largest animal-rights organization, and its founder and president, Ingrid Newkirk, is one of the most well-known and most effective activists in America. She has spearheaded worldwide efforts to improve the treatment of animals in manufacturing, entertainment, and elsewhere. Every day, in laboratories, food factories, and other industries, animals by the millions are subjected to inhumane cruelty. In this accessible guide, Newkirk teaches readers hundreds of simple ways to stop thoughtless animal cruelty and make positive choices. For each topic, Newkirk provides hard facts, personal insight, inspiration, ideas, and resources, including: • How to eat healthfully and compassionately • How to adopt animals rather than support puppy mills • How to make their vote count and change public opinion • How to switch to cruelty-free cosmetics and clothing • How to choose amusements that protect rather than exploit animals. With public concern for the well-being of animals greater than ever—particularly among young people—this timely, practical book offers exciting and easy ways to make a difference.

The Direct Way Adyashanti 2021-04-06 Join renowned spiritual teacher Adyashanti for a practice-based journey out of the thinking mind and into the awakened awareness beyond perceptual reality. For renowned teacher Adyashanti, every single moment contains a doorway into spiritual awakening. But what does it actually mean to “wake up” to the truth of reality? And what does it take to recognize these opportunities? In *The Direct Way*, Adya (as his students call him) offers a sequence of 30 practices intended to connect with and cultivate ever-greater awareness of the unseen dimensions of your being. From the simple expression of “I am,” to an exploration of the Spiritual Heart, and all the way into the fundamental ground of being, these exercises emphasize that the process of awakening takes “many small glimpses, experienced many times.” Adya concludes with practical pointers on how to integrate transcendent experiences into the everyday fabric of life—including your career, personal goals, and intimate relationships. Here you will discover: How to dis-identify from conceptual, ego-based thinking Perceiving the ego as a tool to navigate consciousness rather than an obstacle The “knowing yet empty” quality of foundational awareness The surprising route to realizing awareness of the Spiritual Heart Feeling through the Spiritual Heart as a way to experience true interconnection The meaning of the Zen teaching phrase, “This very body is the Buddha” Exploring the exhilarating paradox of Being and Becoming How to establish anchor points to stabilize your journey into the Ground of Being What it means to live each day with “enlightened relativity” How awakening puts control of your experience in your hands—but also the responsibility for it No one experiences awakening quite the same. With *The Direct Way*, join Adya to discover pathways toward an awareness as wide as the sky and as personal as your innermost heart.

Falling into Grace Adyashanti 2011-04-01 “Falling Into Grace is a dazzling, clear, profound book—a cool drink of water for thirsty hearts everywhere.” —Geneen Roth, author of *Women, Food, God* “The path to enlightenment today is cluttered with concepts: Adyashanti cuts through them with a sword so merciless and tender that only space remains.” —Meg Lundstrom, author of *What to Do When You Can't Decide* “Adyashanti's teachings point us toward what we most yearn for: realizing and embodying the love and awareness that is our natural state. *Falling Into Grace* is wonderfully lucid, simple, and powerful. It will remind you to stop the struggle and to relax back into what you already are.” —Tara Brach, author of *Radical Acceptance* Adyashanti asks us to let go of our struggles with life and open to the full promise of mindfulness and spiritual awakening: the end of delusion and the discovery of our essential being. In his many years as a spiritual teacher, Adyashanti has found the simpler the teaching, the greater its power to initiate this awakening. In *Falling into Grace*, he shares what he considers fundamental insights that will spark a revolution in the way we perceive life—through a progressive inquiry exploring the concept of a separate self and the choice to stop believing the thoughts that perpetuate suffering; “taking the backward step” into the pure potential of the present moment; why mindfulness and spiritual awakening can be a disturbing process; absolute union with every part of our experience and true autonomy—the unique expression of our own sense of freedom. Excerpt: When I was a young child, about seven or eight years old, one of the things I started to notice and ponder as I watched the adults around me was that the adult world is prone to suffering, pain, and conflict. Even though I grew up in a relatively healthy household with loving parents and two sisters, I still saw a great deal of pain around me. As I looked at the adult world, I wondered: How is it that people come into conflict? As a child, I also happened to be a great listener—some may even say an eavesdropper. I would listen to every conversation that went on in the house. In fact, it was a family joke that nothing happened in the house without me knowing about it. I liked to know everything that was going on around me, and so I spent a lot of my childhood listening to the conversation of adults, in my home and in the homes of relatives. Much of the time, I found what they talked about to be quite interesting, but I also noticed a certain ebb and flow to most of their discussions—how conversations moved into a little bit of conflict, then back away from it.

The End of Your World Adyashanti 2010-06-01 More and more people are “waking up” spiritually. And for most of them, the question becomes: now what? “Information about life after awakening is usually not made public,” explains Adyashanti. “It's most often shared only between teachers and their students.” *The End of Your World* is his response to a growing need for direction on the spiritual path. Consider the book you hold in your hands Adyashanti's personal welcome to “a new world, a state of oneness.” Adyashanti begins by describing the “I got it/I lost it” phenomenon that perplexes so many of his students—the fluctuation between what he calls “nonabiding” awakening and the ultimate state of “abiding” enlightenment. With straight talk and penetrating insight, Adyashanti then points out the pitfalls and cul-de-sacs that “un-enlighten” us along the journey, including the trap of meaninglessness, how the ego can “co-opt” realization for its own purposes, the illusion of superiority that may accompany intense spiritual breakthroughs, and the danger of becoming “drunk on emptiness.” “Full awakening comes when you sincerely look at yourself, deeper than you've imagined, and question everything,” teaches Adyashanti. *The End of Your World* is your invitation to join Adyashanti for an honest investigation of what you really are—and how to live once you discover it. Contents Chapter One: Exploring Life After Awakening Chapter Two: Authentic Awakening—And the Disorientation That Can Follow Chapter Three: “I Got It, I Lost It” Chapter Four: We Come to Nirvana by Way of Samsara Chapter Five: Coming Completely Out of Hiding Chapter Six: Common Delusions, Traps, and Points of Fixation Chapter Seven: Life Itself Holds Up a Mirror for Our Awakening Chapter Eight: The Energetic Component of Awakening Chapter Nine: When Awakening Penetrates the Mind, Heart, and Gut Chapter Ten: Effort or Grace? Chapter Eleven: The Natural State Chapter Twelve: The Story of the Wedding Chapter Thirteen: An Interview With Adyashanti Excerpt There's a phenomenon happening in the world today. More and more people are waking up—having real, authentic glimpses of reality. By this I mean that people seem to be having moments where they awaken out of their familiar senses of self, and out of their familiar senses of what the world is, into a much greater reality—into something far beyond anything they knew existed. These experiences of awakening differ from person to person. For some, the awakening is sustained over time, while for others the glimpse is momentary—it may last just a split second. But in that instant, the whole sense of “self” disappears. The way people perceive the world suddenly changes, and they find themselves without any sense of separation between themselves and the world. It can be likened to the experience of waking up from a dream—a dream you didn't even know you were in until you were jolted out of it. In the beginning of my teaching work, most of the people who came to me were seeking these deeper realizations of spirituality. They were seeking to wake up from the limited and isolated senses of self they had imagined themselves to be. It's this yearning that underpins all spiritual seeking: to discover for ourselves what we already intuit to be true—that there is more to life than we are currently perceiving. But as time has passed, more and more people are coming to me who have already had glimpses of this greater reality. It is because of them that I am giving the teachings of this book.

Enacting History Mira Hirsch 2020-06-29 *Enacting History* is a practical guide for educators that provides methodologies and resources for teaching the Holocaust through a variety of theatrical means, including scripted texts, verbatim testimony, devised theater techniques and process-oriented creative exercises. A close collaboration with the USC Shoah Foundation I Witness program and the National Jewish Theater Foundation Holocaust Theater International Initiative at the University of Miami Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic Studies resulted in the ground-breaking work within this volume. The material facilitates teaching the Holocaust in a way that directly connects students to individual people and historical events through the art of theater. Each section is designed to help middle and high school educators meet curricular goals, objectives and standards and to integrate other educational disciplines based upon best practices. Students will gain both intellectual and emotional understanding by speaking the words of survivors, as well as young characters in scripted scenes, and developing their own performances based on historical primary sources. This book is an innovative and invaluable resource for teachers and students of the Holocaust; it is an exemplary account of how the power of theater can be harnessed within the classroom setting to encourage a deeper understanding of this defining event in history.

How to Meditate Kathleen McDonald 2011-02 What is meditation? Why practice it? Which techniques is best? How do I do it? The answers to these often-asked questions are contained in this down-to-earth book, making it of enormous value for anyone who wishes to begin and maintain a meditation practice. Written by a Western Buddhist nun with solid experience in both the practice and teaching of meditation, *How to Meditate* contains a wealth of practical advice on a variety of authentic techniques, from what to do with our minds, to how to sit, to visualizations and other traditional practices. Best of all, McDonald's approach is warm and encouraging. The next best thing to private instruction!

YOU ARE THE CREATOR: A Practical Guide to Spiritual Awakening, Self Mastery and Healing Riana Arendse 2022-04-02 In this book Riana reveals how she barely survived years of immense abuse and trauma—and was left powerless, suffering, and with no way to cope. Gradually, and incredibly, Riana awakened to the truth of who she was and the truth of who we all are and un-became everything that she thought she was and had to be, to truly step into her purpose, power, and essence . . . and eventually mastered the art of healing. Here, she shows those that are ready to awaken and those already awakened how you, too, can achieve the feelings of worthiness that may be long missing from your life and truly step into your own light. Where suffering will cease, and a movement will be catalyzed. Now a recognized spiritual teacher, Riana documents how she healed, un-became and mastered the art of sustaining the embodiment with her higher self and the divine and details the remarkable trail for others to get to the same place. You are the Creator, encompasses both Riana's compelling story, told with raw intensity, and her resolute, no-nonsense how-to guide to un-becoming, healing and self-mastery from even the deepest levels of suffering. As it is one's suffering and one's darkest moments according to Riana that becomes the greatest catalyst for enlightenment and healing. Offering a comprehensive

course and practice toward Healing and Enlightenment, this book includes powerful exercises, insights, and perspective from a captivating new teacher in spirituality. You are the Creator takes readers on her journey of healing and liberation and mastering the art of awareness, integration, and embodiment. Much more than simple principles and platitudes, the book takes readers on an inspiring spiritual journey to find their true and deepest self and reach the ultimate in personal growth and spirituality: the discovery of truth and light. She awakens readers to their role as a creator and shows them how to identify this through awareness, processes, and practices. Whether this is your first exploration of inner space and spiritual awakening, or you've devoted your life to the inward journey, this book will transform your relationship with yourself and the world around you. You'll discover what you can do to put an end to the habitual thoughts, beliefs and emotions that limit your consciousness. Riana says, "this book is not for those who are not ready to un-become, because this path is a path of destruction and rebirth." It is for those who are ready to commit and those that are called to truly step into their light, their power and liberation." Riana's resonating words will sit with your soul long after you put this book down and will serve as guideposts on the way to complete liberation and enlightenment, no matter who you are or where you are in life. ALL-INCLUSIVE – this book includes all the tips necessary to bring your spirit to life and achieve feelings of worthiness. It is a practice for healing and inspiration. PRACTICAL – having a copy of 'You are the Creator' means having a guide that is straightforward and hands-on. The book relates to everyone with a spiritual awakening. FASCINATING – the storyline has a captivating flow and fantastic plot. Our book is well-organized with an appropriate and relatable theme. MOTIVATIONAL – we use a plot that touches the heart of every reader. The book motivates and helps you discover the truth and light in everyday practices. AWESOME PLOT – the moment you start reading this book, you flip every page with anticipation. The plot is a twist and blend of principles in the journey of life. This incredible page-turner makes you ready to awaken feelings of happiness and satisfaction that may have disappeared in your life. According to Riana, the author, your deepest and darkest hours are what prepare you for self-mastery and awakening.

Emptiness Dancing Adyashanti 2006-05-01 There is something about you brighter than the sun and more mysterious than the night sky. Who are you when you are not thinking yourself into existence? What is ultimately behind the set of eyes reading these words? In Emptiness Dancing, Adyashanti invites you to wake up to the essence of what you are, through the natural and spontaneous opening of the mind, heart, and body that holds the secret to happiness and liberation. From the first stages of realization to its evolutionary implications, Adyashanti shares a treasure trove of insights into the challenges of the inner life, offering lucid, down-to-earth advice on topics ranging from the ego, illusion, and spiritual addiction to compassion, letting go, the eternal now, and more. Whether you read each chapter in succession or begin on any page you feel inspired to turn to, you will find in Adyashanti's wisdom an understanding and ever-ready guide to the full wonder of your infinite self-nature. Excerpt The aim of my teaching is enlightenment—awakening from the dream state of separateness to the reality of the One. In short, my teaching is focused on realizing what you are. You may find other elements in my teaching that simply arise as a response to people's particular needs of the moment, but fundamentally I'm only interested in you waking up. Enlightenment means waking up to what you truly are and then being that. Realize and be, realize and be. Realization alone is not enough. The completion of Self-realization is to be, act, do, and express what you realize. This is a very deep matter, a whole new way of life—living in and as reality instead of living out the programmed ideas, beliefs, and impulses of your dreaming mind. The trust is that you already are what you are seeking. You are looking for God with his eyes. This truth is so simple and shocking, so radical and taboo that it is easy to miss among your flurry of seeking. You may have heard what I am saying in the past and you may even believe it, but my question is, have you realized it with your whole being? Are you living it? My speaking is meant to shake you awake, not to tell you how to dream better. You know how to dream better. Depending on what your mental and emotional state at the time is, I may be very gentle and soft with you, or not so gentle and soft. You may feel better after talking with me, but that is incidental to awakening. Wake up! You are all living Buddhas. You are the divine emptiness, the infinite nothing. This I know because I am what you are, and you are what I am. Let go of all ideas and images in your mind, they come and go and aren't even generated by you. So why pay so much attention to your imagination when reality is for the realizing right now?

The Power of Now Eckhart Tolle 2010-10-06 To make the journey into the Now we will need to leave our analytical mind and its false created self, the ego, behind. From the very first page of Eckhart Tolle's extraordinary book, we move rapidly into a significantly higher altitude where we breathe a lighter air. We become connected to the indestructible essence of our Being, "The eternal, ever present One Life beyond the myriad forms of life that are subject to birth and death." Although the journey is challenging, Eckhart Tolle uses simple language and an easy question and answer format to guide us. A word of mouth phenomenon since its first publication, The Power of Now is one of those rare books with the power to create an experience in readers, one that can radically change their lives for the better.

Skill in Action Michelle Cassandra Johnson 2021-11-02 Transform your yoga practice into a force for creating social change with this concise, eloquent guide to social justice tools and skills. Skill in Action asks you to explore the deeply transformational practice of yoga as a way to become an agent of social change and work toward a just world. Through yoga practices and philosophy, this book explores liberation for ourselves and others, while asking us to engage in our own agency--whether that manifests as activism, volunteer work, or changing our relationships with others and ourselves. To provide a strong foundation to begin this work, Michelle Cassandra Johnson clearly defines power and privilege, oppression, liberation, and suffering, and invites you to make changes in your life that promote equality and freedom for all. Each chapter ends with a breathwork, asana, meditation, or interpersonal relational practice to help you incorporate this wisdom into your daily life. Each of the practices extend beyond the individual to offer resources and tools to shift institutional policies and procedures in a culture that has left all of us negatively impacted by white supremacy and social inequity. We must awaken to the injustice and suffering of marginalized communities, and we must use our voices and actions toward the liberation of all people.

Studying Organizations Using Critical Realism Joe O'Mahoney 2014-01 Critical Realism (CR) is an increasingly popular philosophy of social science, but it is generally stated at a high level of abstraction. The book applies its ideas. It explains CR, outlines the logic of research design, and has a series of purpose-written chapters on major social science research methods. Each chapter is written by an expert in the relevant technique and contains extended illustration of how to conduct inquiry using CR.

Mindfulness Joseph Goldstein 2013-11-01 The mind contains the seeds of its own awakening—seeds that we can cultivate to bring forth the fruits of a life lived consciously. With Mindfulness, Joseph Goldstein shares the wisdom of his four decades of teaching and practice in a book that will serve as a lifelong companion for anyone committed to mindful living and the realization of inner freedom. Goldstein's source teaching is the Satipatthana Sutta, the Buddha's legendary discourse on the four foundations of mindfulness that became the basis for the many types of Vipassana (or insight meditation) found today. Exquisite in detail yet wholly accessible and relevant for the modern student, Mindfulness takes us through a profound study of: Ardency, clear knowing, mindfulness, and concentration—how to develop these four qualities of mind essential for walking the path wisely The Satipatthana refrain—how deeply contemplating the four foundations of mindfulness opens us to bare knowing and continuity of mindfulness Mindfulness of the body, including the breath, postures, activities, and physical characteristics Mindfulness of feelings—how the experience of our sense perceptions influences our inner and outer worlds Mindfulness of mind—learning to recognize skillful and unskillful states of mind and thought Mindfulness of dhammas (or categories of experience), including the Five Hindrances, the Six Sense Spheres, the Seven Factors of Awakening, and much more "There is a wealth of meaning and nuance in the experience of mindfulness that can enrich our lives in unimagined ways," writes Goldstein. In Mindfulness you have the tools to mine these riches for yourself.

Love and Rage Lama Rod Owens 2020-06-16 In the face of systemic racism and state-sanctioned violence, how can we metabolize our anger into a force for liberation? White supremacy in the United States has long necessitated that Black rage be suppressed, repressed, or denied, often as a means of survival, a literal matter of life and death. In Love and Rage, Lama Rod Owens, coauthor of Radical Dharma, shows how this unmetabolized anger--and the grief, hurt, and transhistorical trauma beneath it--needs to be explored, respected, and fully embodied to heal from heartbreak and walk the path of liberation. This is not a book about bypassing anger to focus on happiness, or a road map for using spirituality to transform the nature of rage into something else. Instead, it is one that offers a potent vision of anger that acknowledges and honors its power as a vehicle for radical social change and enduring spiritual transformation. Love and Rage weaves the inimitable wisdom and lived experience of Lama Rod Owens with Buddhist philosophy, practical meditation exercises, mindfulness, tantra, pranayama, ancestor practices, energy work, and classical yoga. The result is a book that serves as both a balm and a blueprint for those seeking justice who can feel overwhelmed with anger--and yet who refuse to relent. It is a necessary text for these times.

Social Justice in Clinical Practice Dawn Belkin Martinez 2014-03-14 Social work theory and ethics places social justice at its core and recognizes that many clients from oppressed and marginalized communities frequently suffer greater forms and degrees of physical and mental illness. However, social justice work has all too often been conceptualized as a macro intervention, separate and distinct from clinical practice. This practical text is designed to help social workers intervene around the impact of socio-political factors with their clients and integrate social justice into their clinical work. Based on past radical traditions, it introduces and applies a liberation health framework which merges clinical and macro work into a singular, unified way of working with individuals, families, and communities. Opening with a chapter on the theory and historical roots of liberation social work practice, each subsequent chapter goes on to look at a particular population group or individual case study, including: LGBT communities Mental health illness Violence Addiction Working with ethnic minorities Health Written by a team of experienced lecturers and practitioners, Social Justice in Clinical Practice provides a clear, focussed, practice-oriented model of clinical social work for both social work practitioners and students.

Tantra: The Way of Action Francis King 1990-04 Tantra: The Way of Action provides a complete guide to the Tantric path of liberation. Topics include esoteric physiology, Qabalism, right and left-hand Tantra, and arousal of the Kundalini serpent power. Following the spirit rather than the letter of the traditions, Francis King maintains that Tantric techniques are universal processes adaptable to Western culture and lifestyle.

For A Good Cause Diane Lebson, CFRE 2021-10-26 "For many volunteers, fundraising is a necessary evil, a dirty F-word that compels them to have uncomfortable conversations with their families and friends . . ." Through her work with

countless female philanthropists, Diane Lebson discovered that there was no definitive guide volunteers and activists could turn to for guidance in navigating the day-to-day activities associated with doing good in the world—so she wrote one. Leveraging the skills and experiences she cultivated over more than twenty-five years as a nonprofit executive, board member, and consultant, For A Good Cause offers practical tips on how to “do” philanthropy. In chapters divided up by specific activities—such as serving on a board, advocating for a cause, starting your own philanthropic venture, becoming a fearless fundraiser, and more— Diane offers practical advice on how to professionalize your philanthropic engagement and make a greater impact. Rounded out with information about best practices, checklists, and profiles of inspiring leaders, For A Good Cause is the do-gooder’s go-to resource for giving joyfully.

Journey of Awakening Ram Dass 2012-01-04 Find the practice that’s right for you with this exploration of the many paths of meditation—from mantra, prayer, singing, visualizations, and “just sitting” to movement meditations such as tai chi “Everyone has experienced a moment of pure awareness. A moment without thinking ‘I am aware’ or ‘that is a tree.’ Such moments bring a sense of rightness, of clarity, of being at one. Such moments are the essence of meditation.”—Ram Dass Ram Dass is an American psychologist and spiritual teacher who has studied and practiced meditation for many years. Here he shares his understanding and suggests how you can find methods suitable for you. He illuminates the stages and benefits of meditative practice, and provides wise and often humorous advice on overcoming difficulties along the way.

Buddhism for Beginners Tai Morello 2016-06-16 Discover why people like Russel Simmons Jr, Jennifer Aniston, Phil Jackson and Brad Pitt all incorporate the life-changing practice of Buddhism into their lives. Mindfulness meditation is everywhere these days, from the therapy couch to the Google campus, from prisons to athletic events. But what are the origins of this surge in mindfulness? What kind of worldview and lifestyle went along with these ancient techniques of meditative training? And, beyond the questionable metaphysics and well-worn pop-psychology bromides, what is meditation actually for? This book explores the Buddhist ideas behind the mindfulness techniques that have seen such a groundswell of popularity. It covers meditation not just as a body of techniques for relaxation and stress relief to accessorize our busy modern lives, but as part of a radical system of self-transformation that offers the possibility of profound liberation. In this book, the Buddhist system and the ideas behind it are presented, not as a religion that's asking for your allegiance, but as a body of theory and practice geared towards fostering an inner revolution. Buddhism for beginners will teach you: The worldview underpinning Buddhist meditation techniques, and what those techniques were actually intended for. The principles that guide a life lived genuinely, gracefully, and compassionately. What meditation is all about in the context of the Buddhist path, and how to get into the practice of working with your mind. A surprising vision of the self, the mind, and the nature of human experience that can fundamentally alter the way you look at the world. Don't hesitate. To start on a journey that could deeply transform how you relate to your world, scroll up and grab your copy right now. Check out some of the testimonials below: "If I had the choice of being lectured about Buddhism or reading a book, I'd pick this specific book because it is so nicely written. It starts out pretty slow paced introducing a bunch of concepts related to Buddhism before moving towards meditation and the like. It sucked me in right away and I continued flipping page after page nonstop. Reading in a quiet room sure helped and I felt this great sense of calmness. It's pretty amazing!" "If you are beginning to practice Buddhism or are contemplating doing so, this book is a great place to start. It is the perfect book to give to friends or family members who are not familiar with Buddhism but want to understand your newfound spirituality. This book was extremely easy for me to understand and I fully as though the concepts presented were something that I could begin to apply now and by my own unaided strength. I would recommend this book to anyone else who is curious about Buddhism regardless of whether or not you intend on making Buddhism part of your life." - SCROLL UP AND CLICK THE ORANGE BUTTON NOW!