

## Ashtanga Yoga Intermediate Series

A radical presentation of the most rigorous form of contemporary yoga as meditation in motion In The Art of Vinyasa, two of the most well-respected teachers of the Ashtanga style of yoga, Richard Freeman and Mary Taylor, explore this rigorous practice not as a gymnastic feat, but as a meditative form. They reveal that doing the practice—and particularly the vinyasa, or the breath-synchronized movements—in such a deep and focused way allows practitioners to experience a profound awakening of the body and mind. It also develops an adaptable, flexible practice that can last a lifetime. Freeman and Taylor give an in-depth explanation of form, alignment, and anatomy, and how they work together in the practice. They also present a holistic approach to asana practice that includes an awareness of the subtle breath and seamlessly merges yoga philosophy with practical technique. Unlike other books on Ashtanga, The Art of Vinyasa does not follow the linear pattern of the sequences of postures that are the hallmark of Ashtanga yoga. Instead, it interlinks the eight limbs: yama and niyama (ethical practices), asana (postures), pranayama (breathing), pratyahara (nongrasping of the senses), dharana (concentration), dhyana (meditation), samadhi (harmony, insight)—and shows how to establish an internally rooted yoga practice.

The popular names of many yogic asanas - from Virbhadrā-asana and Hanuman-asana to Matsyendra-asana, Kurma-asana and Ananta-asana - are based on characters and personages from Indian mythology. Who were these mythological characters, what were their stories, and how are they connected to yogic postures? Devdutt Pattanaik's newest book Yoga Mythology (co-written with international yoga practitioner Matt Rulli) retells the fascinating tales from Hindu, Buddhist and Jain lore that lie behind the yogic asanas the world knows so well; in the process he draws attention to an Indic worldview based on the concepts of eternity, rebirth, liberation and empathy that has nurtured yoga for thousands of years.

Championing your breath is the key to truly enjoying the fruits of your yoga practice, because it is through caring about your breathing that your tapas, your stubborn dedication and your pointed, daily toil will yield its important inner rewards. Through working with your breath in using this dvd/book set I hope you will turn to and trust your breath during times of celebration and challenge, that you will cultivate healthy breathing habits, and view breath as the key to unlocking the secrets to all yoga techniques. In presenting this material I aim to transform your ideas about the role that your breath can play in your daily practice, to see how the consciousness that you develop through breath awareness leads you into the greater spiritual context of your life. I aim to set your imagination ablaze on the vital subject of breathing as your principal source of Self knowledge.

Photographer Richard Pilnick has created an unprecedented study of the asanas in the first four series by working with four of the leading teachers from the global community, all of whom studied under the guidance of the father of Ashtanga yoga, Sri K. Pattabhi Jois (Guruji). Both a detailed reference of the practice, and an elegant gift for its practitioners, this book curates over 150 inspirational images, all photographed using a large format camera and black-and-white film. They present the asanas in a detail that captures the mindful nature of the practice. The photographs are given the space to speak for themselves, each accompanied merely by its name in English and Sanskrit. The book proceeds from the Sun Salutation and Fundamental Postures, through the Primary and Intermediate series, to two Advanced series and a Finishing sequence. The backgrounds used for the portraits progress from dark to light, reflecting the progression of the inner self from darkness to light through the journey of the Ashtanga yoga movement meditation. Each chapter is introduced by an accompanying poem and a portrait of the internationally respected teacher demonstrating the postures and the fluid movements and breaths that connect them.

This book contains verbal cues for Ashtanga Yoga's Primary Series. Verbal cues are concise commands that a Yoga teacher uses to give clear directions to Yoga students. They are an essential tool for a teacher and are just as important as a physical adjustment. They help the student to find actions throughout the body so they can become skillful and autonomous in expressing a pose.

Ashtanga Yoga - The Intermediate Series Mythology, Anatomy, and Practice New World Library

An integrative approach to healing anxiety, depression, and chronic stress through yoga and breathing exercises Emotional balance is within your reach—when you cultivate the intelligence of both your body and mind. Bo Forbes, a psychologist and yoga teacher, offers some of her most important teachings and practices, including:

- Restorative yoga sequences designed to balance anxiety and lift depression
- Breath and body-centered exercises to calm your mind and energize your body
- Simple ways to understand your emotional patterns
- 3 main obstacles to emotional well-being
- 5 tools for building emotional balance

Rooted in classical yoga yet supported by psychology and science, the techniques in this book will help you create progressive and lasting change.

Describes the basic philosophy and underlying themes which are common to the various schools of yoga, discussing how a deeper understanding of its teachings enhances the everyday practices of its followers.

In his fifth book, Gregor Maehle shows how all yogic techniques and methods collaborate to bring about its pinnacle - the state of samadhi. The book culminates in a detailed description of the eight classical samadhis as listed in the Yoga Sutra, both from the practical view of content and experience and from the techniques to access them. The author also shows the importance that these states have for a new enchantment with our world, nature, and all beings. On the way to that climax, Maehle dissolves misconceptions about samadhi, shows the importance of both objectless and the much-neglected objective samadhi, what exactly stands in the way of their arising, how obstacles are removed and dissolved, the role of the teacher, and the role of grace and devotion. He also shows how many other yogic techniques contribute to samadhi. Also covered are:

- The future possible spiritual evolution of humanity
- The difference between yoga/mysticism and religion
- The one underlying truth and essence in all

sacred traditions - Integration of the mystical state - Samadhi, enlightenment, situationism, and developing the center - Why ecstasy is important - Whether it is possible to experience the world as it truly is? - Conditioning and its historical aspect - The process of deconditioning - Converting mind into intelligence - Types of karma - Asking, guidance, and consecration - The Divine in the Yoga Sutra - Withdrawing the guru projection - A new way of looking at the teacher - The two inner sheaths and their states - Wrong objectless samadhis: videha and praktilaya - Samadhi and the breathless state - Samadhi and chakras - Samadhi and mudras

For more than 30 years, Yoga Journal has been helping readers achieve the balance and well-being they seek in their everyday lives. With every issue, Yoga Journal strives to inform and empower readers to make lifestyle choices that are healthy for their bodies and minds. We are dedicated to providing in-depth, thoughtful editorial on topics such as yoga, food, nutrition, fitness, wellness, travel, and fashion and beauty.

Functional Anatomy of Yoga is a rare gem. This book enables both the casual reader and the seasoned practitioner to understand and implement the anatomical structure and function of the body in yoga. Written with a conversational tone, the book delivers the complex subject of human anatomy in a way that is both provocative and clear. The underlying theme of the book is integration. David Keil outlines how yoga teachers and practitioners can utilize a deeper understanding of their anatomy as they approach the larger scheme of yoga. How do the supposed "parts and pieces" of the body synchronize to support integrated movement? Finally, how do the various yoga postures interrelate from the perspective of functional anatomy? Not only is David Keil an authority on the subject of anatomy, but he also has the wisdom and first-hand experience of a skilled yoga teacher and practitioner. He has been presenting the subject of anatomy in a way that is interesting, meaningful, and applicable to teachers and students alike since 2000. Beautifully illustrated throughout with colour images and photographs to clearly explain the concepts and asanas, Functional Anatomy of Yoga will assist you in reaching new heights in your yoga practice using the "laboratory" of the body and the tools of yoga asana. David brought his unique style and ability to make anatomical concepts simple, to the yoga world in 2008, with the creation of the YogAnatomy DVD series.

A physical and dynamic form of yoga, Ashtanga combines an impressive sequence of yoga poses with special breathing techniques to heat the body internally and allow safe stretching of the muscles. Each of the yoga poses in this book is presented both separately and as part of complete practice, allowing the reader to gain a deep knowledge of the multidimensional philosophy of Ashtanga yoga and how it relates to everyday life.

Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga is a method of Yoga Asana practice, which includes hundreds of Yoga postures, which are connected by breath initiated movements. This book is an illustrated guide to over a 125 Yoga postures and contains the precise method, by which one can, over time, perform all of these Yoga Asanas.

The best-selling anatomy guide for yoga is now updated, expanded, and better than ever! With more asanas, vinyasas, full-color anatomical illustrations, and in-depth information, the second edition of YogaAnatomy provides you with a deeper understanding of the structures and principles underlying each movement and of yoga itself. From breathing to inversions to standing poses, see how specific muscles respond to the movements of the joints; how alterations of a pose can enhance or reduce effectiveness; and how the spine, breathing, and body position are all fundamentally linked. Whether you are just beginning your journey or have been practicing yoga for years, Yoga Anatomy will be an invaluable resource—one that allows you to see each movement in an entirely new light. With Yoga Anatomy, Second Edition, authors Leslie Kaminoff and Amy Matthews, both internationally recognized experts and teachers in anatomy, breathing, and bodywork, have created the ultimate reference for yoga practitioners, instructors, and enthusiasts alike.

Ashtanga Yoga: Practice and Philosophy is the first book of its kind, presenting a comprehensive guide to all eight limbs of Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga. Join author Gregor Maehle, a seasoned yogi and compassionate teacher, as he guides you through: • the history and lineage of yoga • the fundamentals of breath, bandhas (energy locks within the body), drishti (the focal point of the gaze), and vinyasa (sequential movement) • a detailed breakdown of the asanas of the Ashtanga Primary Series, following the traditional vinyasa count • a lively and authentic rendering of the complete Yoga Sutra of Patanjali, yoga's ancient sacred text • a glossary of yoga terminology In the asana section, Maehle describes each posture with clear, meticulous instructions, photographs, anatomical illustrations, and practical tips. Information on the mythological background and yogic context of specific postures brings further insight to the practice. In the philosophy section, Maehle illuminates the Yoga Sutra using the major ancient commentaries as well as his own insights. This volume makes the entire path of Ashtanga Yoga accessible to modern practitioners. Both practical guide and spiritual treatise, Ashtanga Yoga is an excellent introduction to the eight limbs of yoga and an invaluable resource for any yoga teacher or practitioner.

AN UNPRECEDENTED PORTRAIT OF A GREAT YOGA TEACHER AND THE WAYS IN WHICH TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS ARE PASSED ON It is a rare and remarkable soul who becomes legendary during the course of his life by virtue of great service to others. Sri K. Pattabhi Jois was such a soul, and through his teaching of yoga, he transformed the lives of countless people. The school in Mysore that he founded and ran for more than sixty years trained students who, through the knowledge they received and their devotion, have helped to spread the daily practice of traditional Ashtanga yoga to tens of thousands around the world. Gurujii paints a unique portrait of a unique man, revealed through the accounts of his students. Among the thirty men and women interviewed here are Indian students from Jois's early teaching days; intrepid Americans and Europeans who traveled to Mysore to learn yoga in the 1970s; and important family members who studied as well as lived with Jois and continue to practice and teach abroad or run the Ashtanga Yoga Institute today. Many of the contributors (as well as the authors) are influential teachers who convey their experience of Jois every day to students in many different parts of the globe. Anyone interested in the living tradition of yoga will find Gurujii richly rewarding.

Yoga is more popular than ever and this compact, illustrated guide to hundreds of yoga postures is for practitioners across all cultures and ages. 700 photos.

With more than 200 color photos of 40 common yoga postures, plus detailed instructions and intuitive cues, "Yoga's Touch" is an easy-to-use reference book designed to empower you to be a more effective, versatile and confident teacher. Martia Bennett Rachman, E-RYT 500 and LMBT, has taught thousands of classes over the last 15 years and has trained hundreds of yoga teachers since 2007. Renowned for combining therapeutic touch with specific asanas to strengthen and heal the body, she has witnessed firsthand how effective hands-on adjustments can be. However, many teachers--especially new ones--shy away from giving adjustments due to lack of confidence or uncertainty about the precisions of a posture. "Yoga's Touch" is unique in that, in addition to dramatic, detailed photos of both asanas and adjustments, this easy-to-use reference book offers: \* Instructions on the specifics of teaching more than 40 of the most popular yoga postures\* Details on how the body works kinesthetically\* Emphasis on how prana is affected in a yoga posture\* Precise guidance on what and how to touch once a student is in a posture While other programs address one or two of those elements, Martia's signature YogaTouch Method? and her diverse background show the interconnectivity of all these elements, within individual postures and throughout a practice--which can be applied regardless of an instructor's teaching style or yoga lineage. This unique yet universal approach to teaching is what makes "Yoga's Touch" the definitive guide for teachers, studios, and training programs.

An inspirational 30-day yoga and lifestyle program that will challenge your mind, body, and spirit--by one of the most dynamic and high-profile contemporary Ashtanga yoga teachers, Kino MacGregor. "The

brave heart of a yogi is defined by actions that make the world a better place.” Live with authenticity, practice patience, let go of negativity—these are some of the core tenets of a yoga lifestyle, on and off the mat. Yoga is about much more than twisting yourself into shapes—the heart of this ancient practice is an inner journey, one of reflection, spiritual awakening, and ultimately a calm, clear mind. The Yogi Assignment is a 30-day introduction to these life-affirming and simple, yet revolutionary, principles. Led by master teacher Kino MacGregor, this journey will challenge and uplift your body, mind, and spirit. Each day offers a practice and meditation that will help you confront your emotional, physical, and mental limitations and inspire real change in your life. MacGregor is a fierce, loving guide who encourages you to look deeply within to find your wellspring of inner strength and courage.

Now in its second edition, *Instructing Hatha Yoga* is a comprehensive guide to developing the knowledge and qualities of a confident and truly qualified yoga instructor. The updated edition includes revised poses complete with instructions, a web resource, and sample children’s and prenatal classes.

Yoga is a healthful, stress-busting, powerfully life-changing practice that is truly for everyone! You don’t need to be young, flexible, or athletic to do yoga, and you don’t need to spend hours on the mat. You just need to be yourself and commit to practicing at least five minutes a day. Here, renowned yogi Kino MacGregor presents a basic, self-paced plan to encourage you to try each of the thirty foundational poses included and slowly build a regular yoga practice. Through step-by-step instructions, over two hundred color photographs, and modifications for different body types and abilities, Kino makes yoga possible at whatever level you may be. By challenging yourself for just five minutes a day, you will end up learning a strong, basic yoga sequence that you can grow and adapt for a lifetime of yoga.

In this much-anticipated follow-up to his first book, *Ashtanga Yoga: Practice and Philosophy*, Gregor Maehle offers a detailed and multifaceted guide to Ashtanga Yoga’s Intermediate Series. An expert yogi and teacher, Maehle will guide you to your next level with an unprecedented depth of anatomical explanation and unparalleled attention to the practice’s philosophical and mythological heritage. You will learn:

- The background and applications of each of the three forms of yoga: Karma, Bhakti, and Jnana
- How to use Indian myth and cosmology to deepen your practice
- The importance of the Sanskrit language to the yogic tradition
- The mythology behind the names of the Intermediate Series postures
- The functions and limitations of body parts integral to the Intermediate Series, including the spine, the sacroiliac joint, the shoulder joint, and the hip joint

Maehle meticulously explores all twenty-seven postures of the Intermediate Series through photos, anatomical line drawings, and practical, informative sidebars. He also discusses the philosophical and spiritual background of Ashtanga Yoga and places the practice within the context of Indian cultural history. With passionate erudition, Maehle will prepare you to reap physical, spiritual, and mental fulfillment from your evolving practice.

The seminal treatise and guide to Ashtanga yoga by the master of this increasingly popular discipline There is a yoga boom in America, and Sri K. Pattabhi Jois is at the heart of it. One of the great yoga figures of our time, Jois brought Ashtanga yoga to the West a quarter of a century ago and has been the driving force behind its worldwide dissemination. Based on flowing, energetic movement, Ashtanga and the many forms of vinyasa yoga that grow directly out of it—have become the most widespread and influential styles of practice in the United States today. Mala means "garland" in Sanskrit, and *Yoga Mala*—a "garland of yoga practice"—is Jois's distillation of Ashtanga. He first outlines the ethical principles and philosophy underlying the discipline and explains its important terms and concepts. Next he guides the reader through Ashtanga's versions of the Sun Salutation and its subsequent sequence of forty-two asanas, or poses, precisely describing how to execute each position and what benefits each provides. Brought into English by Eddie Stern, a student of Jois's for twelve years and director of the Patanjali Yoga Shala in New York City, *Yoga Mala* will be an indispensable handbook for students and teachers of yoga for years to come.

Ashtanga Yoga is a graceful, athletic type of yoga that has become extremely popular in recent years. Here, Kino MacGregor, a disciple of Sri K. Pattabhi Jois, the great modern guru who developed Ashtanga Yoga, gives a comprehensive view of the practice and shows how Ashtanga is fundamentally a path of spiritual transformation and personal development. MacGregor delves into the history and tradition of Ashtanga Yoga and reveals how its philosophy manifests in contemporary lifestyle and dietary choices. She also explains the essential connection of breath, posture, and gaze that is the core of the practice. Her clear, step-by-step instruction of the Ashtanga Yoga Primary Series—including standing, seated, backbending, twisting, hip-opening, and closing postures—is a wonderful initiation for those who are new to the practice, and it will motivate experienced yogis toward perfection of the form. Throughout, MacGregor shares her own personal yoga journey and her devotion to yoga as a path of self-realization in a way that will inspire all practitioners.

Rusty Wells, the wildly popular San Francisco-based yoga teacher, brings all his warmth and enthusiasm to this guide to Bhakti Flow Yoga, a synthesis of Bhakti Yoga (the yoga of devotion) and Vinyasa Flow. It is a style of yoga that emphasizes a seamless connection between the breath and the movements of the body. Wells provides a wealth of information about yoga in general, and Bhakti Flow specifically, including a historical overview of yoga; a detailed discussion of the energetic practices in yoga; diet and lifestyle choices that will best support your practice; guidelines for students and teachers; and much more. Wells includes photos and detailed descriptions of each yoga pose, along with the physical and spiritual considerations for the poses, and two sample sequences. The Beginner’s Sequence is gentle, complete, and accessible for all body types, and the Surya Flow 1 Sequence is a strong one-hour vinyasa practice that can easily be a launching pad for more creativity.

Why does the sequence of your yoga practice matter? Morgan Lee, a registered nurse, authorized Ashtanga Yoga teacher, and student of Traditional Oriental Medicine explains the medical benefits behind a yoga practice. Whether new to yoga or an experienced student, this book explains how the sequence of the yoga postures help to improve the human's organ systems.

In his third book Gregor Maehle aims at bringing about a renaissance of pranayama, the yogic school of breathing. For millennia pranayama was considered to be the quintessential yogic limb, yoga's main motor for spiritual evolution. To show pranayama's importance Maehle supports his findings at every turn with hundreds of quotations from yogic scripture. With unprecedented detail the author shows how pranayama is used to connect posture practice to yogic meditation and why it will accelerate your progress in both. Also covered are:

- how pranayama creates health and its use in therapeutic application
- mental and spiritual benefits of pranayama
- the function of prana and the effects of pranayama
- effect of pranayama on brain hemisphericity and balance of the nervous system
- purpose of breath retentions and their precise technical application
- in depth guidelines for the practice of pranayama
- illustrations of the major pranayama and kriya techniques
- the use of mantra and digital counting during pranayama
- the appropriate diet and postures for pranayama
- the importance and use of bandhas and kriyas before and during pranayama
- how to set free your breathing pattern through exercising breath waves
- descriptions of the classical pranayamas such as Nadi Shodhana, Bhastrika, Surya Bhedana with never before seen detail
- how pranayama relates to raising Kundalini
- a workable order in which techniques are to be learned and put into sequence with other yogic limbs
- pranayama as it relates to the stages of life

Gregor Maehle is practising and researching all aspects of yoga since 1982. He lived for several years in India studying with a variety of yogic masters and sadhus. He has previously published *Ashtanga Yoga Practice and Philosophy* and *Ashtanga Yoga The Intermediate Series*, which have been translated into several languages.

Create a new world of personal wellness with Doron Hanoch. The *Yoga Lifestyle* expands on the concept of the flexitarian diet to help you build an entire flexitarian lifestyle. Integrating yoga, Ayurveda, breathing practices, meditation, nutrition, and recipes—the flexitarian method takes a holistic approach to cultivating health and joy. Presenting techniques that can be utilized immediately, this book helps you

become flexible in mind and body so that you can adapt to the needs and changes of today's world. "My mission statement is simple: Live a healthy, active, and joyful life; maintain balanced energy with breath; eat good, nutritious food; practice mindfulness; and celebrate life while minimizing stress and negative effects for yourself and your surroundings."—Doron Hanoch Praise: "Sometimes it seems that there are all of these various disconnected ideas and concepts and practices in the yoga realm. Doron makes the connections clear."—Mark Stephens, author of Teaching Yoga

A full-color practice deck of the Ashtanga Primary Series--by the dynamic yoga teacher Kino MacGregor. Ashtanga Yoga is one of the most popular and rigorous styles of yoga--and now practicing the Primary Series at home could not be easier This full-color set of practice cards includes ninety poses (the series plus each pose in Surya Namaskara A and B), each with photos, instructions, the drishti (point of focus), and a list of benefits. Kino MacGregor's clear, step-by-step instruction of the Ashtanga Yoga Primary Series is a wonderful initiation for those who are new to the practice and will motivate experienced yogis toward perfection of the form. Her devotion to yoga as a path of self-realization will inspire all practitioners

In this ground-breaking book, Gregor Maehle shows how the chakras offer a blueprint for the natural evolution of life via single-cell organisms, reptiles, mammals and humans. He draws on his experiences with mind-altering plant agents and chemicals during the late 70's and early 80's, as well as extensive research, to objectively describe how drugs influence each chakra, including their potential but also spiritual setbacks and dangers. The author further explores whether psychoactive substances are a useful supplement, shortcut or accelerator of spiritual evolution. The book culminates in a complete map of transformative and mystical states, including their potential accessibility through psychedelics versus traditional yogic methods. Have you ever wondered how the feeling of pure love for another is connected to divine love? Have you ever asked yourself how the experience of pure consciousness is connected to that of an indigenous shaman? Have you ever been confused by the fact that the spiritual experiences of Buddha, Jesus, Krishna or Moses led to such different traditions? Gregor discusses how natural and spiritual evolution are interlinked and how experiences of divine revelation, cosmic consciousness and shamanistic trances are interlinked. Concluding, the author shows how yogic methods can help lift humanity out of its current destructive tendency, risking its own demise via ecocide, environmental holocaust and the 6th mass extinction of life. With yogic methods we can not only safely and effectively arrive at the same states accessible through psychedelics, but can also use them to integrate both negative and positive drug experiences.

The Art and Science of Vedic Counseling is the best counseling guide available for students, teachers, and practitioners of Ayurveda, Yoga, and related healing arts. The book is an ever-cherished collection of knowledge, wisdom and a practical, clinical reference. I highly recommend the book to all those who love Yoga & Ayurveda. -Vasant Lad, B.A.M.&S., M.A.Sc - Ayurvedic Physician

2nd Edition: A manual for those going through spiritual journeys and kundalini awakenings. Listing symptoms, practices and health suggestions to reassure the reader that transmutation and the evolutionary process of metamorphosis is both normal and essential to the "deeper" experience of being human. Evolutionary biologists and neurologists may find some clues in this book to aid their research.

The Ashtanga system, which is in the Hatha yoga tradition, was passed down by Sri T. Krishnamacharya and is now practiced by thousands of people around the world. Traditionally in Ashtanga, there are three main sequences of postures: Primary (Yoga Chikitsa), Intermediate (Nadi Sodhana), and Advanced Series (Sthira Bhaga). Ashtanga yoga is a traditional system of yoga based on Patanjali's philosophy of "eight limbs" of yoga. Students practice a sequence of poses linked with Vinyasa (breath movement) using Ujjayi Pranayama (deep rhythmic breathing), Bandha (muscular and energetic locks), and Drishti (meditative gaze points). This system has often been misunderstood in the west as it has been taught as a powerful form of exercise with little emphasis on the therapeutic benefits. Finally, two of the world's leading Ashtanga teachers team up to demystify the practice and its teachings, bringing to light the role of yoga in long-term health, the benefits of each pose as well as illustrating safe adjustments for poses in each series.

John Scott's Ashtanga Yoga is a step-by-step illustrated guide that takes you through the balanced exercise routines and breathing techniques of this dynamic form. Carefully structured, this course starts with a simple sequence for beginners which, once mastered, provides the foundation for moving on to the next level. - Purify your body with dynamic movement and precise postures - Develop physical and mental strength, increased stamina and greater flexibility - Includes a foreword by Shri K Pattabhi Jois, founder of Ashtanga Yoga - This new edition has been fully revised and updated This essential guide is the perfect introduction to yoga or the ideal gift for those who want to take their yoga practice to the next level. Author John Scott studied with yogi Shri K Pattabhi Jois at the Ashtanga Yoga Research Institute in India, where he qualified to teach Ashtanga Yoga around the world. He has instructed many people in Ashtanga Yoga, including high-profile celebrities Madonna and Sting. John now spends much of his time teaching international workshops and undertaking teacher trainings.

Gain valuable teaching and coaching skills with Teaching Power Yoga for Sports, a complete resource for reducing injury and developing strength, flexibility, and performance in your athletes with yoga.

A user's guide to intermediate-level practice of Ashtanga Yoga, from the dynamic yoga teacher Kino MacGregor In her first book, Kino MacGregor introduced readers to Ashtanga Yoga, a popular and athletic type of yoga developed by her mentor, Sri K. Pattabhi Jois. Now, she returns with this informative follow-up to present and explain the Second—or Intermediate—Series to practitioners who wish to take their practice to the next level. MacGregor provides step-by-step instructions and covers the key aspects of the practice, including: · The basics of Ashtanga Yoga philosophy · Essential background information on the Intermediate Series · How to know when you are ready to take on this next stage of practice · The purification aspects of the practice · The pranayama techniques associated with the practice · And more With over 250 photographs, this solid and engaging entrée into intermediate-level practice is a wonderful resource for both practitioners and teachers.

Nadi Sodhana uniquely illustrates the Ashtanga Yoga Intermediate series practice, its benefits and the tradition as it is taught in Mysore, India. This beautifully outlined book was written in India from Petri Räisänen's interviews with Sri K. Pattabhi Jois and R. Sharath Jois, the masters of the Ashtanga Yoga system.

This book will not only give a precise step-by-step description of the meditation technique at the heart of yoga but also put it into context with all other yogic techniques and how they contribute to the breakthrough to spiritual freedom. Yogic meditation derives its power from the fact that it systematically suspends the entire processing capacity of the subconscious mind and diverts it towards meditation. The processing power of the subconscious mind is a multiple of that of the conscious mind. Simply watching breath or watching awareness involves only your conscious mind. For quick and effective concentration the entire power of the subconscious mind has to be harnessed. This is the secret of yogic meditation. You will also find information on the importance of Kundalini as support for meditation and the factors that make it rise, such as chakra and Sushumna visualization, mantra and breath. The text then explains how the chakras represent evolutionary stages of brain and mind development. Chakra meditation, if done in a sophisticated, high-powered way, will propel the evolution of the brain and mind of the practitioner and the awakening of higher intelligence.

Acclaimed yoga and meditation teacher Sarah Powers is known and loved for her unique approach—Insight Yoga—which combines traditional yoga with the meridians of Chinese medicine, as well as Buddhist meditation. Using Yin (passive) and Yang (dynamic) poses, she demonstrates a series of different yoga sequences that bring benefit to organs, muscles, joints, and tendons—as well as the mind. She also provides a foundational explanation of traditional Chinese medicine theory and mindfulness meditation instruction. Sarah Powers brings us on an inspiring journey inward, and shows the path for cultivating a lasting relationship with yoga that cultivates and strengthens our physical well-being and our mental and emotional clarity.

The breath and body move as one in the Ashtanga Yoga tradition. This classical path harnesses the power of the postures to reveal the pure awareness, freedom, and depth of all that is yoga. With The Ashtanga Yoga Collection, celebrated teacher Richard Freeman masterfully guides you through a precise union of breath, alignment, and flowing postures. An indispensable resource for all student levels, this boxed DVD set includes: An Introduction to Ashtanga Yoga-Foundational techniques that combine breath, movement, and meditation to help you develop strength, flexibility, and self-observation. Ashtanga Yoga: The Primary Series-Nearly 70 postures to "ignite your inner fire" and awaken your nervous system to its natural, vital state. Ashtanga Yoga: The Intermediate Series-A dynamic flow of powerful postures that create radiant health and joy, and spark spontaneous moments of meditation.

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