

## Junkie Buddha A Journey Of Discovery In Peru

Counsels readers on how to break negative habits and addictions through an application of Buddhist principles, introducing the author's philosophies about "creative engagement" in order to promote productive changes while ending cycles of abuse and negativity. Original.

Merging Buddhist mindfulness practices with the Twelve Step program, this updated edition of the bestselling recovery guide *One Breath at a Time* will inspire and enlighten you to live a better, healthier life. Many in recovery turn to the Twelve Steps to overcome their addictions, but struggle with the spiritual program. But what they might not realize is that Buddhist teachings are intrinsically intertwined with the lessons of the Twelve Steps, and offer time-tested methods for addressing the challenges of sobriety. In what is considered the cornerstone of the most significant recovery movement of the 21st century, Kevin Griffin shares his own extraordinary journey to sobriety and how he integrated the Twelve Steps of recovery with Buddhist mindfulness practices. With a new foreword by William Alexander, the author of *Ordinary Recovery*, *One Breath at a Time* takes you on a journey through the Steps, examining critical ideas like Powerlessness, Higher Power, and Moral Inventory through the lens of the core concepts of Buddhism—the Four Noble Truths, the Eightfold Path, mindfulness, loving-kindness, and more. The result is a book that presents techniques and meditations for finding clarity and awareness in your life, just as it has for thousands of addicts and alcoholics.

In *Bowing to Elephants*, a woman seeking love and authenticity comes to understand herself as a citizen of the world through decades of wandering the globe. During her travels she sees herself more clearly as she gazes into the feathery eyes of a 14,000-pound African elephant and looks for answers to old questions in Vietnam and the tragically ravaged landscape of Cambodia. *Bowing to Elephants* is a travel memoir with a twist—the story of an unloved rich girl from San Francisco who becomes a travel junkie, searching for herself in the world to avoid the tragic fate of her narcissistic, alcoholic mother. Haunted by images of childhood loneliness and the need to learn about her world, Dimond journeys to far-flung places—into the perfumed chaos of India, the nostalgic, damp streets of Paris, the gray, watery world of Venice in the winter, the reverent and silent mountains of Bhutan, and the gold temples of Burma. In the end, she accepts the death of the mother she never really had—and finds peace and her authentic self in the refuge of Buddhist practice.

*Journey to the Heart* by New York Times bestselling author of *Codependent No More*, *Beyond Codependency*, and *Lessons of Love*, contains 365 insightful daily meditations that inspire readers to unlock their personal creativity and discover their divine purposes in life. "Melody Beattie gives you the tools to discover the magnificence and splendor of your being." —Deepak Chopra, author of *Jesus and Buddha*

'Dan Rhodes is a true original' – Hilary Mantel When the sleepy English village of Green Bottom hosts its first literary festival, the good, the bad and the ugly of the book world descend upon its leafy lanes. But the villagers are not prepared for the peculiar habits, petty rivalries and unspeakable desires of the authors. And they are certainly not equipped to deal with Wilberforce Selfram, the ghoulish, ageing enfant terrible who wreaks havoc wherever he goes. *Sour Grapes* is a hilarious satire on the literary world which takes no prisoners as it skewers authors, agents, publishers and reviewers alike.

*The Journey Of Your Daily Meditation Practice* As you walk the path of self-discovery and unfolding it's important to track your experience, develop confidence and see your growth over time. This lined journal is the perfect place to write it all down and track it, a true space dedicated to your practice. Suggestions on how to use this journal: Date each entry Record meditation duration What are you currently struggling with? Share what you are grateful for Try different techniques and write down your experience Log where you meditated and how it made you feel Specifications: 6x9 inch book great on the go or by your bedside Printed on crisp white writing paper 100 writing pages Paperback flexible cover in a sophisticated matte finish Gift yourself or someone else this beautiful zen journal and be inspired every day!

Read the Wall Street Journal Bestseller for "cultivating intense focus" for fast, powerful performance results for achieving success and true meaning in one's professional life (Adam Grant, author of *Give and Take*). Deep work is the ability to focus without distraction on a cognitively demanding task. It's a skill that allows you to quickly master complicated information and produce better results in less time. Deep Work will make you better at what you do and provide the sense of true fulfillment that comes from craftsmanship. In short, deep work is like a super power in our increasingly competitive twenty-first century economy. And yet, most people have lost the ability to go deep—spending their days instead in a frantic blur of e-mail and social media, not even realizing there's a better way. In *Deep Work*, author and professor Cal Newport flips the narrative on impact in a connected age. Instead of arguing distraction is bad, he instead celebrates the power of its opposite. Dividing this book into two parts, he first makes the case that in almost any profession, cultivating a deep work ethic will produce massive benefits. He then presents a rigorous training regimen, presented as a series of four "rules," for transforming your mind and habits to support this skill. 1. Work Deeply 2. Embrace Boredom 3. Quit Social Media 4. Drain the Shallows A mix of cultural criticism and actionable advice, *Deep Work* takes the reader on a journey through memorable stories—from Carl Jung building a stone tower in the woods to focus his mind, to a social media pioneer buying a round-trip business class ticket to Tokyo to write a book free from distraction in the air—and no-nonsense advice, such as the claim that most serious professionals should quit social media and that you should practice being bored. *Deep Work* is an indispensable guide to anyone seeking focused success in a distracted world. An Amazon Best Book of 2016 Pick in Business & Leadership Wall Street Journal Business Bestseller A Business Book of the Week at 800-CEO-READ

A gripping, ultimately triumphant memoir that's also the most comprehensive and comprehensible study of the neuroscience of addiction written for the general public. FROM THE INTRODUCTION: "We are prone to a cycle of craving what we don't have, finding it, using it up or losing it, and then craving it all the more. This cycle is at the root of all addictions, addictions to drugs, sex, love, cigarettes, soap operas, wealth, and wisdom itself. But why should this be so? Why are we desperate for what we don't have, or can't have, often at great cost to what we do have, thereby risking our peace and contentment, our safety, and even our lives?" The answer, says Dr. Marc Lewis, lies in the structure and function of the human brain. Marc Lewis is a distinguished neuroscientist. And, for many years, he was a drug addict himself, dependent on a series of dangerous substances, from LSD to heroin. His narrative moves back and forth between the often dark, compellingly recounted story of his relationship with drugs and a revelatory analysis of what was going on in his brain. He shows how drugs speak to the brain - which

is designed to seek rewards and soothe pain - in its own language. He shows in detail the neural mechanics of a variety of powerful drugs and of the onset of addiction, itself a distortion of normal perception. Dr. Lewis freed himself from addiction and ended up studying it. At the age of 30 he traded in his pharmaceutical supplies for the life of a graduate student, eventually becoming a professor of developmental psychology, and then of neuroscience - his field for the last 12 years. This is the story of his journey, seen from the inside out.

This pioneering book provides guidance for those helping bereaved adults through the process of grieving loved ones who died as a result of substance use. People bereaved in this manner require very specific support through these unique circumstances, and this book contains contributions from a range of leading experts in the field on how to help people bereaved in this way, with examples of good practice. It combines theory, research and practice in a straightforward and untechnical way, clearly describing the complex, severe nature of these bereavements and how to support bereaved people through this complex grieving process. The book also explains bereavement, substance use and how addictive substance use can affect a family, and provides comprehensive case studies that illustrate how to support and counsel. Rooted in specialist professional experience, this is the indispensable guide for all those whose work involves supporting these bereaved people, as well as being of interest to those bereaved this way and their family, friends and colleagues who may be supporting them.

This is the story of one woman's journey from her son's revelation that he had been sexually abused in childhood through to the scattering of his ashes at Machu Picchu in Peru. Sacha had died of a heroin overdose. A journal Diane kept while traveling around Peru and her experiences, encounters and reflections form the basis of her gut-wrenching and gripping book that reconnected her to life. Time and again in Peru, a place, event or a person reminded her of her son and the rollercoaster-white-knuckle-ride they had been on together, and these experiences are meaningfully and beautifully woven into this moving and uplifting narrative. Diane once asked "Why me?" and now asks "Why not me?"—a shift that now underlines her healing.

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER NOW WITH A NEW PREFACE A moving, hopeful, and refreshingly candid memoir by the husband of Pete Buttigieg about growing up gay in his small Midwestern town, his relationship with Pete, and his hope for America's future. Throughout the past year, teacher Chasten Glezman Buttigieg has emerged on the national stage, having left his classroom in South Bend, Indiana, to travel cross-country in support of his husband, former mayor Pete Buttigieg, and Pete's groundbreaking presidential campaign. Through Chasten's joyful, witty social media posts, the public gained a behind-the-scenes look at his life with Pete on the trail—moments that might have ranged from the mundane to the surprising, but that were always heartfelt. Chasten has overcome a multitude of obstacles to get here. In this moving, uplifting memoir, he recounts his journey to finding acceptance as a gay man. He recalls his upbringing in rural Michigan, where he knew he was different, where indeed he felt different from his father and brothers. He recounts his coming out and how he's healed from revealing his secret to his family, friends, community, and the world. And he tells the story of meeting his boyfriend, whom he would marry and who would eventually become a major Democratic leader. With unflinching honesty, unflappable courage, and great warmth, Chasten Buttigieg relays his experience of growing up in America and embracing his true self, while inspiring others to do the same.

The tale that follows is not another clichéd collection of rock'n'roll debaucheries (sorry) nor is it another tired fable of triumph over adversity (you're welcome). It's the story of a half-deaf kid from a tiny, remote village in South Wales who was hailed as a genius by the UK's biggest radio station and headhunted by major record labels, only for the music industry to collapse. It crashed hard, taking with it an entire generation of talented artists who would never now get their shot. CNN called it &'music's lost decade'. Along the way, there are goodies, baddies, gun-toting label execs, life-saving surgeons, therapy, true love, loyalty, hope, breakdowns, suicidal managers, betrayal, drummers and way too many hangovers. James Kennedy shows that the best lessons are to be learned from good losers. It really is all about the journey. Part memoir, part exposé of the music world's murky underbelly, Noise Damage is emotional, painfully honest, funny, informative and ridiculous. It's also a celebration of the life-changing magic of music.

Author Tanya Destang-Beaubrun has always known that her calling was to heal, nurture, and care for her fellow human beings; it has always been a deep, unwavering conviction at her core. And so she became a family physician who put patients first, treating their bodies, minds, and spirits. In *Of Bubbles, Buddha, and Butterflies*, Dr. Destang-Beaubrun chronicles the changes that have occurred in her life since she decided to follow her heart and pursue her dreams. She presents a series of essays and narratives written during the four-year period after she left her thriving Western medical practice and immersed herself in the study of integrative and functional medicine. Destang-Beaubrun recalls her breakdowns, breakthroughs, fears, and faith as she navigated her way to a new way of living, learning, and loving. This collection of personal essays on bravery, trust, and faith shares one woman's insights and life lessons as she shifted from traditional medical practice to something more.

LOS ANGELES TIMES BESTSELLER \* WINNER OF THE NAUTILUS BOOK AWARD \* "In a world full of spiritual seekers, Megan Griswold is an undisputed all-star. What a delightful journey!"--Elizabeth Gilbert, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Big Magic* and *Eat, Pray, Love* The *Book of Help* traces one woman's life-long quest for love, connection, and peace of mind. A heartbreakingly vulnerable and tragically funny memoir-in-remedies, Megan Griswold's narrative spans four decades and six continents--from the glaciers of Patagonia and the psycho-tropics of Brazil, to academia, the Ivy League, and the study of Eastern medicine. Megan was born into a family who enthusiastically embraced the offerings of New Age California culture--at seven she asked Santa for her first mantra and by twelve she was taking weekend workshops on personal growth. But later, when her newly-wedded husband calls in the middle of the night to say he's landed in jail, Megan must accept that her many certificates, degrees and licenses had not been the finish line she'd once imagined them to be, but instead the preliminary training for what would prove to be the wildest, most growth-insisting journey of her life.

Fed up with teenage life in the suburbs, Jaimal Yogis ran off to Hawaii with little more than a copy of Hermann Hesse's *Siddhartha* and enough cash for a surfboard. His journey is a coming-of-age saga that takes him from communes to monasteries, from the warm Pacific to the icy New York shore. Equal parts spiritual memoir and surfer's tale, this is a chronicle of finding meditative focus in the barrel of a wave and eternal truth in the great salty blue.

Exploring A Karmic Network In 25,320 Kilometres After Twenty Years In The Indian Administrative Service, P.G. Tenzing Throws Off The Staid Life Of A Bureaucrat To Roar Across India On An Enfield Thunderbird, Travelling Light With His Possessions Strapped On The Back Of His Bike. On The Nine-Month Motorcycle Journey Without A Pre-Planned Route Or Direction, He Encounters Acquaintances Who Appear To Be From His Karmic Past: From The Roadside Barber To Numerous Waiters And Mechanics—; Fleeting Human Interactions And Connections That Seem Pre-Ordained. Life On The Road Is Full Of Pot Holes In More Ways Than One, But Tenzing Acquires A Wheelie—'S Sixth Sense. He Is Unfazed By Suspicious Hotel Receptionists Or Other Unkarmic Sceptics Who Take One Look At His Dishevelled, Unkempt Appearance And Ask For An Advance, Or A Deposit Or Both. Tenzing—'S Views On Life And Death, Friendship And Love Are Informed By A Certain Dark Humour. But His Conviction That Everything Revolves Around The Sacred Bond That Humans Share With Each Other And With The Universe Is Deeply Felt And Inspiring. Sometime Singer With A Gangtok Band, A Dabbler In Vipassana Meditation And A Supporter Of A Monk'S School At Mangan, Sikkim, P.G. Tenzing Is Self-Confessedly At A Mid-Life Crisis Point And Ready For All The Adventures This World Has To Offer. &Nbsp;

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You want change. Maybe your career isn't what you thought it would be . . . or your relationships aren't what you had hoped. Perhaps you have a grand vision for your life but not the smallest clue on how to get there. Wherever you feel stuck or confused, you wish you had someone to hold your hand and guide you. You do. And it's only a blank page away. In *Let It Out*, millennial blogger and podcast host Katie Dalebout shares the transformative practice that will rocket your life to the next level—journaling. Discovering in her darkest hours that a journal is the greatest tool in finding your purpose, healing yourself, and creating the life you desire, Katie has assembled the practices and insights that will get you "unstuck" for good. And don't worry—you don't need to be a writer! Journaling is simply a method of coaching yourself through your "stuff" and letting it out on the page, unclogging your mind from years of destructive thoughts. In doing so, you step into a position of unsurpassed clarity. Packed with journaling exercises, prompts, and techniques that can be done anywhere and in any order, this guidebook offers you a new way to navigate your daily life, cope with stress, and create exciting, permanent change. Covering everything from clearing clutter to cultivating abundance to moving beyond fear, it will be your new best friend and coach anytime you seek clarity or crave solace. Simply grab a pen, open your journal, and prepare to let it out.

Fueled by the music of revolution, anger, fear, and despair, we dyed our hair or shaved our heads ... Eating acid like it was candy and chasing speed with cheap vodka, smoking truckloads of weed, all in a vain attempt to get numb and stay numb. This is the story of a young man and a generation of angry youths who rebelled against their parents and the unfulfilled promise of the sixties. As with many self-destructive kids, Noah Levine's search for meaning led him first to punk rock, drugs, drinking, and dissatisfaction. But the search didn't end there. Having clearly seen the uselessness of drugs and violence, Noah looked for positive ways to channel his rebellion against what he saw as the lies of society. Fueled by his anger at so much injustice and suffering, Levine now uses that energy and the practice of Buddhism to awaken his natural wisdom and compassion. While Levine comes to embrace the same spiritual tradition as his father, bestselling author Stephen Levine, he finds his most authentic expression in connecting the seemingly opposed worlds of punk and Buddhism. As Noah Levine delved deeper into Buddhism, he chose not to reject the punk scene, instead integrating the two worlds as a catalyst for transformation. Ultimately, this is an inspiring story about maturing, and how a hostile and lost generation is finally finding its footing. This provocative report takes us deep inside the punk scene and moves from anger, rebellion, and self-destruction, to health, service to others, and genuine spiritual growth.

The existence of striking parallels between elements of the New Testament gospels and Buddhist texts has caused controversy among scholars and theologians in recent decades. In this book, the authors of *The Jesus Conspiracy* explore the connections between Buddhist missionaries in the Holy Land and the origins of Christianity.

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A companion to *Add More ~Ing to Your Life* chronicles the author's spiritual journey through low self-esteem and drug abuse to counsel readers on how to overcome personal fears and achieve greater fulfillment, providing a range of positive affirmations, physical activities and meditations.

NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW EDITORS' CHOICE • In this "spellbinding memoir" (*The Washington Post*), a private investigator revisits the case that has haunted her for decades and sets out on a deeply personal quest to sort truth from lies. "Beautifully written."—Heather Ann Thompson, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Blood in the Water* In 1990, Ellen McGarrah was a young reporter for the *Miami Herald* when she covered the execution of Jesse Tafero, a man convicted of murdering two police officers. When it later emerged that Tafero may have been innocent, McGarrah was appalled by her unquestioning acceptance of the state's version of events. The revelation propelled her into a new career as a private investigator. Decades later, McGarrah finally decides to find out the truth of what really happened in Florida. Her investigation plunges her back into the Miami of the 1960s and 1970s, a dangerous world of nightclubs, speed boats, and cartels, all awash in violence. She combs through stacks of court files and interviews everyone involved in the case. But even as McGarrah circles closer to the truth, the story of guilt and innocence becomes more complex, and she gradually discovers that she hasn't been alone in her need for closure. Because whenever a human life is forcibly taken—by bullet, or by electric chair—the reckoning is long and difficult for all. A fascinating glimpse into the mind of a private investigator, *Two Truths and a Lie* is ultimately a deeply personal exploration of one woman's quest to find answers in a chaotic world.

The very idea that Buddhist teachings can be mastered will arouse controversy within Buddhist circles. Even so, Daniel Ingram insists that enlightenment is an attainable goal, once our fanciful notions of it are stripped away, and we have learned to use meditation as a method for examining reality rather than an opportunity to wallow in self-absorbed mind-noise. This book sets out concisely the difference between concentration-based (sometimes referred to as Zen) and insight (Vipassana) meditation. The author provides example practices and, most importantly, he presents detailed maps of the states of mind we are likely to encounter and the stages we must negotiate as we move through clearly defined cycles of insight.

Learn to Love Yourself From Stress to Happiness. Many of us know intellectually that we need to be good to ourselves if we want to be happy. But it feels so hard. We are simultaneously the harsh judge and the lost, scared child who wants to stop feeling judged. It becomes a vicious cycle. It only stops when we step outside ourselves and observe how we got ourselves stuck. Only then can we learn to practice gratitude and positive thinking. Joy and Peace. Lori Deschene, creator of TinyBuddha.com and the self-help journals Tiny Buddha's Worry Journal and Tiny Buddha's Gratitude Journal, shares 40 unique perspectives and insights to help you stop judging yourself so harshly. Featuring stories selected from hundreds of TinyBuddha.com contributors, Tiny Buddha's Guide to Loving Yourself provides an honest look at what it means to overcome critical, self-judging thoughts to create a peaceful, empowered life. More than a Self-Help Book. Tiny Buddha's Guide to Loving Yourself is a collection of vulnerable reflections and epiphanies from people who are learning to love themselves, just like you. In this book, you will find:

- Four authentic, vulnerable stories in each chapter
- Insightful observations about our shared struggles and how to overcome them
- Action-oriented suggestions based on the wisdom in the stories

Readers of inspirational books and spiritual books like The Book of Joy or other books by Lori Deschene such as Tiny Buddha's Worry Journal or Tiny Buddha's Gratitude Journal will love Tiny Buddha's Guide to Loving Yourself.

Terry and Teddy's relationship crumbles and they go in separate directions as they become heroin addicts and seek their dealer's favor in order to feed the addiction.

I wanted to find out what would happen if I really did follow the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People? Really felt The Power of Now? Could life be transformed? Could I get rich? Skinny? Find love? Be more productive and fulfilled? Because I really did want all the things these books promised. For years Journalist Marianne Power lined her bookshelves with dog-eared copies of definitive guides on how to live your best life, dipping in and out of self-help books when she needed them most. Then, one day, she woke up to find that the life she hoped for and the life she was living were worlds apart—and she set out to make some big changes. Marianne decided to finally find out if her elusive “perfect existence”—the one without debt, anxiety, or hangover Netflix marathons, the one where she healthily bounced around town and met the cashmere-sweater-wearing man of her dreams—really did lie in the pages of our best known and acclaimed self help books. She vowed to test a book a month for one year, following its advice to the letter, taking what she hoped would be the surest path to a flawless new her. But as the months passed and Marianne's reality was turned upside down, she found herself confronted with a different question: Self-help can change your life, but is it for the better? With humor, audacity, disarming candor and unassuming wisdom, in Help Me Marianne Power plumbs the trials and tests of being a modern woman in a “have it all” culture, and what it really means to be our very best selves.

Meditation: it's not just a way to relax, or to deal with life's problems. Done correctly, it can be a way to radically encounter bliss and to begin - and sustain - real transformation in ourselves. In Mindfulness, Bliss, and Beyond, self-described meditation junkie Ajahn Brahm shares his knowledge and experience of the jhanas - a core part of the Buddha's original meditation teaching. Never before has this material been approached in such an empowering way, by a teacher of such authority and popularity. Full of surprises, delightfully goofy humor, and entertaining stories that inspire, instruct, and illuminate, Mindfulness, Bliss, and Beyond will encourage those new to meditation, and give a shot in the arm to more experienced practitioners as well.

Here is a universal, time-tested path for finding true meaning and joy in every aspect of our lives. Drawing on his 30 years of teaching and service, Bo Lozoff shows why compassion--not success, self-improvement, or self-esteem--is at the root of happiness. In 26 intimate, inspiring chapters--each accompanied by a specific practice--Lozoff covers themes such as developing honesty, learning humility, dealing with anger, and honoring relationships. He shows how practices such as a daily vow of kindness or a simple commitment of time with others can have a profound effect on ourselves and our world. Lozoff's stories and lessons can awaken everyone to a happier and more fulfilled life.

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What does it mean to feel at home, truly present with ourselves, comfortable with our choices, and alive to the possibilities of conscious change? How can we develop inner balance and connection, keeping our boundaries clear while opening our hearts to those we love? With practical wisdom and insight, Melody Beattie addresses these questions, encouraging us to reach a higher level of living and loving, and showing us how to be at home with ourselves wherever we are in the world, at whatever stage of life. Through true stories and take-action exercises, including journaling, visualizations, affirmations, meditations, and prayers, Beattie provides the essential tools to help us discover our own sense of home. Accessible and illuminating, Finding Your Way Home is a soul-searching look at how not to be victimized by ourselves?or other people. Beattie urges us to discover new levels of integrity, to break through barriers that have blocked us for too long. This is a powerful and challenging book about buying back our souls and learning to live a life guided by spirit.

Buddha was a revolutionary. His practice was subversive; his message, seditious. His enlightened point of view went against the norms of his day—in his words, "against the stream." His teachings changed the world, and now they can change you too. Presenting the basics of Buddhism with personal anecdotes, exercises, and guided meditations, bestselling author Noah Levine guides the reader along a spiritual path that has led to freedom from suffering and has saved lives for 2,500 years. Levine should know. Buddhist meditation saved him from a life of addiction and crime. He went on to counsel and teach countless others the Buddhist way to freedom, and here he shares those life-changing lessons with you. Read and awaken to a new and better life.

A recent divorcee finally faces the consequences of having denied her destiny, following her heart to her blissful second chance in this mature standalone love story by USA Today bestselling author Tess Thompson. When Blythe Heywood left Finn Lanigan behind thirteen years ago, she was choosing a life of safety and security over true love. Little did she know how unfulfilled she'd be by the things she'd yearned for since she was a child. Now, in the wake of her husband's betrayal, Blythe will begin again -- this time in the foothills of Blue Mountain, where her

memories of the only man who ever weakened her knees will lead her -- and finally take to heart that sometimes the road not taken is actually the path that is meant to be. The first book in the Blue Mountain Series will have readers cheering for a set of lovable, complex characters as they explore the painful truths involved in accepting second chances and learning to love after loss. Collects quotations on the wonder, exhilaration, discomfort and uncertainty that one encounters on a journey, from such authors as Paul Theroux, Mark Twain, Virginia Woolf, Freya Stark, and Lewis Carroll.

A higher power exists to help anyone who desires spiritual assistance within all areas of his or her life whenever it is needed. It is the angels who work on behalf of this higher power, helping to bring you comfort when you are emotionally low, knowledge and insight to help you progress along your life path, healing when you are sick, and inspiration to help you achieve your greatest potential. You have your very own guardian angel—your spiritual support system throughout your entire life, and you also have access to the mighty and powerful archangels, who have unique attributes to serve you. The Power of Angels will take you on a journey of self-discovery and healing as you feel the love and support of the angelic kingdom all around you. Its simple step-by-step guidance, intuitive exercises, and energetic techniques will help you easily and effortlessly: Discover an array of signs that angels leave to alert us to their presence. Prepare your optimal energetic frequency for angelic communication. Discover how to spiritually see, hear, and sense angels. Activate healing power with help from the archangels.

The secret to happiness is to acknowledge and transform suffering, not to run away from it. In No Mud, No Lotus, Thich Nhat Hanh offers practices and inspiration transforming suffering and finding true joy. Thich Nhat Hanh acknowledges that because suffering can feel so bad, we try to run away from it or cover it up by consuming. We find something to eat or turn on the television. But unless we're able to face our suffering, we can't be present and available to life, and happiness will continue to elude us. Nhat Hanh shares how the practices of stopping, mindful breathing, and deep concentration can generate the energy of mindfulness within our daily lives. With that energy, we can embrace pain and calm it down, instantly bringing a measure of freedom and a clearer mind. No Mud, No Lotus introduces ways to be in touch with suffering without being overwhelmed by it. "When we know how to suffer," Nhat Hanh says, "we suffer much, much less." With his signature clarity and sense of joy, Thich Nhat Hanh helps us recognize the wonders inside us and around us that we tend to take for granted and teaches us the art of happiness.

"Each book by Jack Kerouac is unique, a telepathic diamond. With prose set in the middle of his mind, he reveals consciousness itself in all its syntactic elaboration, detailing the luminous emptiness of his own paranoid confusion. Such rich natural writing is nonpareil in later half XX century, a synthesis of Proust, Céline, Thomas Wolfe, Hemingway, Genet, Thelonus Monk, Basso, Charlie Parker, and Kerouac's own athletic sacred insight. This entire short novel Tristessa's a narrative meditation studying a hen, a rooster, a dove, a cat, a chihuahua dog, family meat, and a ravishing, ravished junky lady, first in their crowded bedroom, then out to drunken streets, taco stands, & pads at dawn in Mexico City slums." —Allen Ginsberg

If drugs were people you met at a party, ganja and hashish would be the middle-aged guys in dirt-starched jeans sitting on the terrace strumming a guitar. They would say things like 'dude, check out the moon' a lot. Acid would be the amateur DJ mixing Buddha Bar and Ibiza trance, trying to catch all the pretty colours drifting from the sound speakers. Ecstasy the young girl touching herself, touching everybody, touching the walls, making love to the world... Heroin. She's the bitch in the corner, man, just an ageless coldhearted bitch in a business suit. Billy Joel wrote a song about her. Not far from Mumbai is a rehab called Land, founded by Dr Yusuf Merchant (or Doc, as he is known among his patients). A meeting point for those suffering from a range of addictions and behavioural disorders, Land holds extraordinary stories of tragedy, fortitude and survival-including Doc's own story. In White Magic, Arjun Nath looks back on the time he spent at Land as a recovering heroin addict: the rules and rituals, the agony of withdrawal and the moments of lightness he shared with his fellow inhabitants. Woven into this personal record is the tale of the maverick doctor's several incarnations: from Ismail to Yusuf to Bhai to Doc. Sharp, sensitive, yet full of swag, White Magic is an outstanding achievement.

Truth Heals: What You Hide Can Hurt You, is a national bestseller. Deborah tells her incredible story of cancer, abuse, and addiction as an inspiration for self-improvement, with thoughtful tips and tools, and sharp, no-nonsense insights about celebrities past and present. The result is a guidebook for self-healing - for the reader who seeks to summon his inner potential, or think for herself and, ultimately, integrate mind and body.

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