

Thai Yoga Massage How To Use Traditional Thai Massage Yoga And Breathwork For Healing And Spiritual Harmony

An authentic guide to Thai yoga massage, a unique therapy that combines stretching, breath work, assisted yoga postures, and pressure point therapy. • Includes more than 80 illustrations, 30 charts, and a complete series of postures for a two-hour full-body massage. • Author Kam Thye Chow has taught massage in Thailand and throughout Europe and North America. Until recently Thai yoga massage was virtually unknown in the West. It has its roots in both the ancient healing traditions of Ayurveda and Thai Buddhism. In this unique practice, the therapist gives a full-body massage that combines palming and thumbing along the Thai energy lines and pressure points with gentle stretching, movement, and breath work reminiscent of tai chi. Using his or her own hands, feet, arms, and legs, the practitioner gently guides the recipient through a series of yoga postures, creating a harmonious and therapeutic "dance" that leads to greater physical awareness, grace, and spiritual energy. In this comprehensive guide for practitioners, Kam Thye Chow leads readers through every aspect of this dance--from its history and philosophy to a detailed presentation of a complete Thai yoga massage session. This important reference includes more than 80 illustrated postures, 30 charts and drawings, and a complete series of postures for a two-hour full-body massage that focuses attention on both the upper and lower body, which receive equal stress in the Western lifestyle. Information on contraindications, anatomy, and physiology integrates Western medical knowledge and theory with this ancient tradition. Massage therapists, physical therapists, nurses, and other medical professionals will find Thai Yoga Massage an important and innovative complement to their practice.

In *A Myofascial Approach to Thai Massage*, the author takes a radically different approach to Thai Massage by redefining the sen lines in myofascial terms. He provides a coherent system illustrating the function and benefits of Thai Massage through its actions on the myofascial network, lymph and blood flow. In addition, the author questions some of the more dubious moves in Thai Massage; looks at the 'spiritual' aspects of Thai Massage in terms of presence, attention and the therapist/client relationship; takes a unique view of Thai Massage and opens the way for further exploration of massage in the myofascial field; and includes some examples of working with clients to illustrate the themes. Although specifically about Thai Massage, content covers many aspects of the therapist/patient relationship - well explored in psychotherapy but surprisingly little covered in massage courses. To support the therapist: the book includes references to anatomy, physiology and therapeutic processes such as neuromuscular technique and covers massage and relaxation and the techniques and relationship skills that make good massage. the author has distilled the techniques, discarded what he considers dangerous or disturbing for the patient and concentrated on understanding the techniques and ways of working necessary to promote complete relaxation for the client.

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Thai Massage is the touch that enhances health, happiness, and wholeness--and with more than 150 expertly demonstrated sequences unfolding on these pages, everyone can enjoy its benefits. Sometimes called "yoga in action," Thai massage has worked its relaxing wonders for more than 1,000 years. Explore its secrets with a detailed program that includes ten complete lessons, each concentrating on a particular part of the body. Like other forms of massage, it employs a flowing sequence of stretches, but instead of using only your fingers, pressure is applied with the thumbs, palms, elbows, knees, and feet. Full-color photographs of every move match still shots with superimposed artwork that indicate the direction of the movements. Each technique is clearly explained and its benefits--from improved flexibility to increased vitality--detailed. "All of the techniques are shown in sharp color photographs that are pleasing to the eye. Descriptions of the techniques are clear."--*Massage Therapy Journal*.

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More than 100,000 copies sold! Millions of Americans know yoga as a superb form of exercise and as a potent source of calm in the midst of our stress-filled lives. Far fewer are aware of the full promise of yoga as "the way of the fully alive human being"--a 4,000-year-old practical path of liberation that fits the needs of modern Western seekers with startling precision. Now one of America's leading scholars of yoga psychology--who is also a Western-trained psychotherapist--offers this marvelously lively and personal account of an ancient tradition that promises "the soul awake in this lifetime." Drawing on the vivid stories of practitioners at the largest yoga center in America, where he has lived and taught for more than ten years, Stephen Cope describes the philosophy, psychology, and practice of yoga--a practical science of development that urges us not to transcend or dissolve the self, but rather to encounter it more deeply. In this irreverent modern-day Pilgrim's Progress, Cope introduces us to an unforgettable cast of contemporary seekers--on the road to enlightenment carrying all the baggage of the human condition: confusion, loss, disappointment, addiction, and the eternal conflicts around sex and relationship. As he describes the subtle shifts of energy and consciousness that happen at each stage of the path, we discover that in yoga, "liberation" does not require us to leave life in the world for some transcendent spiritual plane. Life itself is the path. Above all, Cope shows how yoga can heal the suffering of self-estrangement that pervades our society, leading us to a new sense of purpose and to a deeper, more satisfying life in the world.

Drawing from Thai history, cultural studies, Buddhist religion, and yogic practices, as well as a modern understanding of anatomy and physiology, this guidebook bridges the gap between theory and practice while presenting bodywork as it is understood in Thailand—as a therapeutic medical science. Presenting detailed analysis of each step in a Thai massage routine, the history, spiritual traditions, and ethical codes are offered in an engaging, informal style. Numerous photographs and diagrams illustrate the variety of techniques used, and examples of routines for treating specific disorders are discussed. Updated with new layout, photos, and expanded text, this exhaustive handbook is complete with a section on the main energy meridians and diagrams of acupressure points, making it the perfect tool to accompany anyone studying this popular healing modality.

Advanced Yoga Poses: Techniques & Instruction How long does it take to go from beginner to advanced yoga? 20 Yoga Poses to Advance Your Practice If You've Ever Wanted To Learn How To Do Amazing Bendable Feats Of Art, Then Look No Further...This yoga book has got you covered and then some! These 30 challenging poses will help you get to pro-level--ASAP. If you're committed to elevating your yoga game and having fun at the same time, then "Yoga: The Advanced Lessons" will be your coach.

Learn how to reduce joint pain and stiffness and muscle aches and pain naturally with this fully illustrated, step-by-step guide to the Self Massage and Joint Mobilization Techniques of Traditional Thai Yoga "Reusi Dat Ton," the traditional holistic self-care system of Thailand. After an enlightening introduction to traditional Thai yoga, Wells dives into step-by-step instructions and color photos allowing you to start practicing these techniques on your own. These gentle low-impact techniques will help you to: Reduce joint pain and stiffness Ease muscle aches and pains Improve flexibility and range of motion Reduce neck, shoulder, back, hip, and knee pain Improve circulation Increase your energy and vitality Reduce stress Increase your mobility and pain-free movement during your daily activities Save money by learning how to give yourself a "full body Thai style massage" Improve your massage skills by learning the system which is the origin of "traditional Thai massage" Deepen your yoga knowledge and practice by studying this little known yoga tradition from Thailand. The thorough guide stays true to its traditional roots, serving as a rich resource to yoga students, massage therapists, and all people who want to improve their health and vitality. "I have been doing the Thai Yoga Joint Mobilization exercises almost daily for 6 months now. My balance and strength have improved immensely. It helps relieve the morning

stiffness that comes with aging. I am so glad to have all of this information at my fingertips as I get older." Jo Jensen, LMT "Thai Yoga "Reusi Dat Ton" offers healing practices that are as close to magic as I've ever gotten! They are simple exercises, postures, and other tools that bring energy, relieve joint pain, sore muscles, and back pain while improving both flexibility and range of motion. This gorgeous book reveals for the first time both the lore and wisdom of these ancient practices." Carol Sullivan, PhD, E-RYT "Thai Yoga is a wonderful gift which has truly improved my life! Thanks to David Wells for this carefully researched and meticulously detailed manual. As a massage therapist and yoga instructor the work has become an important daily practice for me and one that I share with my clients. The exercises help me to prepare my body for the day, identify limitations and restrictions in my body and balance my energy. The self-massage practice gives me a soothing way to treat those issues and heal myself. I use Thai Yoga to relieve tension headaches, reduce neck and shoulder tension and pain, improve a chronic back injury by mobilizing the low back and hips and releasing the accompanying muscles with self-massage. I also find the practice to reduce stress and increase energy. Most important Thai Yoga is really fun and feels good. I recommend this practice for everybody!" Jennifer Vanderburg, LMT "Thai Yoga Joint Mobilization is part of my personal daily practice and something I recommend to all my clients for keeping joints open and in full function. It can be practiced standing or seated, making it accessible to people at any level of health." Jill Strong-Harman LMT, Founder/ Director Yin Thai Somatics "Thai Yoga has done more to free me from pain than anything else I've ever tried. For most of my adult life I endured crippling back, neck and joint pain due to several injuries. Now after a year and a half of daily practice of the joint mobilization exercises, I have virtually no pain and every muscle feels energized. I have gone from almost disabled to fully functional and can work and play like I did when I was a young man. I am self-sufficient and master of my physical health for the first time in my adult life. It has literally given me my life back!" James Galusha

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.

Learn to apply the traditional Thai Massage techniques on the massage table, by the Thai Massage instructor Elefteria Mantzorou. What you will find in this book: - Techniques in supine, side and prone positions. Face included. - Techniques are matched with anatomy plates. - Sen work and Thai acupressure included. - The techniques can be combined with Swedish massage. Take your massage therapy skills to the next level with Thai mobilizations. The instructor has her own school and teaches the art since 2004! This book contains only black and white images, but full-color Kindle edition is free when you buy the paperback. Recommended for manual therapists, yoga instructors and practitioners, physiotherapists, dancers and massage therapists

"Seven Peppercorns" covers the vast scope of traditional Thai medicine practices including: Thai element theory, physical therapies, medical Buddhism, herbal medicine for massage, divinatory practices, and spirit medicine; all held within the context of a Thai bodyworker's instructional manual. This is not another step-by-step Thai massage photographic sequence book, but rather an in-depth training in the theory behind the steps, with instruction in a wide range of esoteric Thai physical therapies designed to bring practical understanding of Thai bodywork as it is practiced by traditional doctors in Thailand. "Seven Peppercorns" is divided into twelve main segments; each segment containing several chapters. The organizational flow takes the reader from introduction, overview and history, through an understanding of Thai anatomy, including element, point, and sen line theory, to instruction in Thai diagnosis, actual physical manipulations and practical application of the shamanistic and Buddhist components of traditional Thai medicine as it applies to bodywork; all in an easy-to-follow well organized format. Included in this guide are Thai self care practices and exercises as well as treatment guidelines for specific disorders. "Seven Peppercorns" serves as both an instruction manual and a reference book fully annotated with appendixes, notes, glossary, bibliography and index. The straightforward academic informational writing is gentled with moments of conversational author-to-reader comments (often humorous), and peppered with short personal narrative stories that bring the reader into the sensory tapestry of Thailand. It is intended as a stand alone manual, or as a text book for Thai massage instructors to use in classes.

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Thai Acupressure is presenting 60 acupressure lines and points traditional formulas. It is Thailand's Physical therapy. It is practiced in special clinics in most of Thailand's Hospitals. It's the medical knowledge of Thai Massage. It's a very effective and simple method to treat the most common orthopedic disorders.

This is the perfect introduction to using massage, yoga and acupressure to balance the body's natural energies, with easy-to-follow techniques shown in 400 photographs. It is a unique approach to unlocking your inner energy using a combination of yoga stretches and pressure-point work. You can gain greater awareness of your body and mind, to improve your physical health and find a new spiritual stillness and strength. It includes a complete body routine to follow for a total in-depth treatment, plus shorter routines to concentrate on specific areas of the body. It features bodywork specially devised for pregnant women and older people. It provides bodywork to ease everyday complaints such as headaches and an aching back. All techniques are illustrated with step-by-step photographs, with more than 400 photographs in total. This powerful form of body work uses the body's own energy lines, combining gentle yoga stretches with massage techniques and also introducing elements of other popular healing approaches, including acupressure and reflexology. The book begins by outlining this ancient healing therapy, its origins and objectives, and then explains and demonstrates the elements and requirements of a typical session. The core of the book is a comprehensive full body treatment, working through each area of the body sequentially. With over 400 specially taken photographs, this is the perfect guide to the subject, providing absorbing background information and clearly illustrated step-by-step routines.

"Thai Yoga Massage is an ancient healing art, which has been handed down from teacher to pupil since the third century BC. It is a unique and powerful massage therapy, combining acupressure, gentle stretching and applied yoga. With such a clear visual and verbal presentation, this edition provides a thorough grounding to the art form. One, that appeals widely as a tool to aid understanding of Thai Massage, Yoga and Breathwork for healing and spiritual harmony."

Nuat Boran Thai(TM) Traditional Thai Medical Massage may very well be the most effective Therapeutic bodywork you have ever experienced. Nuat Boran is a modern expression of a 2500 year old tradition of Oriental Bodywork. Nuat Boran uses the whole body to treat the whole body. It incorporates elements of gentle rocking, deep stretching and rhythmic compression to create a singular healing experience. After more than twenty years of training, teaching, and research, Master Instructor, Aachan, Anthony B. James presents the rarest and most unique form of Thai style Ayurveda based Yoga Therapy. SPECIAL FEATURES INCLUDE: - Nuat Thai(TM) Massage is suitable for the professional therapist and lay practitioners alike. - Over 140 easy to follow diagrams and explanations will guide you and introduce you to the art, practice and philosophy of Nuad Boran, Thai Yoga healing practice.

A form of Thai Yoga Massage that focuses on the three Ayurvedic body types • Explains how to determine a person's Ayurvedic body type and provides hands-on techniques for working with them • Brings the practices presented in Thai Yoga Massage to a new customized level of therapeutic healing The traditional healing arts of Ayurveda and Thai Yoga Massage have a deep and integrated relationship that provides an unparalleled modality for restoring body, mind, and spirit. Although it originated in India, over the centuries Ayurveda has been assimilated into the predominant Thai culture and has evolved into a distinctive folk medicine. With the growing popularity of Ayurveda and Thai Yoga Massage, there is a renewed interest in reuniting these practices into a powerful therapeutic alliance. Thai Yoga Therapy for Your Body Type bridges the practice of Thai Yoga Massage with its ancient Ayurvedic roots to offer a complete and holistic healing modality. The authors first explain in detail the fundamental principles of Ayurveda and then recommend daily practices for each of the three main body types of vata, pitta, and kapha. Practitioners learn how to customize their work with the appropriate massage approach, recommended yoga asanas, breathing techniques, and diet and lifestyle tips. More than 50 illustrated, full-body Thai Yoga Massage postures are presented as well as a massage flow for each body type. The authors indicate the Ayurvedic benefits of each posture and detail any precautions that should be followed in this dynamic practice of transformative healing.

Advanced Taoist techniques for detoxifying and rejuvenating the internal organs through the release of negative chi • Works with the navel center, where negative emotions, stress, and illness accumulate • Presents advanced techniques to release negative energy from the body and reestablish a healthy flow of vital energy to internal tissues and organs From the Taoist point of view, good health depends upon the free flow of chi--healthy life-force energy--throughout the body. Taoists refer to healthy chi as good wind. When energy is trapped in the body it stagnates and becomes negative, manifesting in the symptoms of physical or emotional illness. Taoists call this negative energy sick or evil wind. The advanced Chi Nei Tsang practices focus on mastering these winds. They include techniques for developing sensitivity to sick winds, releasing internal energy blockages, and chasing sick winds from the body to reestablish a healthy flow of energy. Negative energies caused by stress, tension, and the effects of past illnesses tend to accumulate in the naval center, so the advanced Chi Nei Tsang techniques use elbow pressure on specific reflex points around the navel to release energy blockages associated with each internal organ. They also work with wind access points found near the standard acupuncture points. These advanced practices build upon the organ detoxification and rejuvenation practices introduced in Chi Nei Tsang, allowing the practitioner to work intensively at an energetic level toward the restoration of optimum health and well-being.

A complete guide to the ancient technique of Ruesri Dat Ton, also known as Thai yoga • Presents 60 step-by-step, illustrated exercises for self-healing and balanced well-being • Reveals the practice and evolution of Thai yoga, said to have originated with Buddha's physician, Jivaka Kumarabhaccha • Explains how the postures allow individuals to rebalance the flow of energy in the body Traditional Thai yoga--or Ruesri Dat Ton--is an individual yoga practice rooted in the ancient Ayurvedic tradition. It is comprised of exercises that--like the partnered practice of traditional Thai massage--originated with Buddha's own physician, Jivaka Kumarabhaccha. Enrico Corsi and Elena Fanfani present, for the first time in English, 60 of these postures fully illustrated with step-by-step instructions designed to stimulate self-healing by rebalancing the flow of energy in the body. Each of the postures works within the sen energy system that underlies Thai medicine. Fundamental to the practice is retention of the breath once the body has assumed the desired posture. The practitioner concentrates the breath on the place where the body is storing tension or dysfunction. When the breath is exhaled the body also expels the negative energy, allowing restorative energy to take its place. The simple yet highly effective postures in Traditional Thai Yoga address many common ailments--including physical ailments of the back, knees, shoulders, hips, arms, feet, and neck and more generalized ailments such as nausea and shortness of breath--as well as offering exercises that promote weight loss, longevity, and overall balanced well-being.

A guide to the relaxing and healing skills of massage, the ancient Japanese art of shiatsu and reflexology. With step-by-step instructions, the book guides the reader through the complete working sequence for each skill and provides detailed descriptions of appropriate strokes for each part of the body. The book also explains what the body can tell you and shows how massage can be used to soothe, to invigorate, to relieve aches and tensions and to help in difficult circumstances, from work to leisure, from pregnancy to old age.

• Presents guidelines for effortless and effective practice, including body mechanics, breathing patterns, flowing movements, incremental pressure, and exercises to improve sensing and to strengthen intuition as you work • Offers ways to refine and improve classic techniques that are often performed incorrectly, explains broad healing concepts behind individual techniques, and discusses the awareness and sensitivity with which they should be performed • Answers common questions, clarifies misunderstandings, and presents ways to work with focused intention on a deeper level, and with more grace, ease, and efficiency Unlike most books about Thai massage, this guide offers a deep and insightful view of important and often neglected aspects of Thai bodywork. Many of the concepts presented in the book also apply to table massage, physical therapy, yoga, and other healing arts. Sharing insights from his many years of practice and teaching, Bob Haddad takes a deeper look at the conceptual, spiritual, and practical approaches behind effective bodywork. An entire section is dedicated to awareness of breath for massage, movement, and everyday activities. Assessment guidelines are offered to work with others based on physical appearance, pre-existing conditions, and elemental predisposition. Exercises to sharpen sensing abilities and intuition are presented, and ways to find, coax, and release blockages in the body are discussed. The author demonstrates in detail the execution of twelve important Thai massage techniques that are often taught and performed incorrectly. The chapters on Upper Body, Lower Body, and Flow offer ways to structure a customized sequence for each individual and help therapists to move from one technique to another with grace and ease. Finally, the chapter on medicinal herbs discusses the preparation, use, and benefits of hot and cold compresses, medicinal poultices, balms, oils, and herbal baths, as well as easy recipes for all of these traditional therapies. This exciting and valuable guide contains information that has never been previously available in print. Full of exercises and insights to help therapists hone their bodywork skills, this book reveals the key principles that give way to effective treatment, and it explores traditional Thai massage with a special focus on intention, awareness, sensitivity, breath, movement, stillness, and spirituality.

Thai Yoga Massage A Dynamic Therapy for Physical Well-Being and Spiritual Energy Simon and Schuster

Thai Yoga Massage on a table expands your business to a whole new clientele while helping to take even better care of your body. Performed on a low table with a fully clothed client, Thai Yoga Massage will allow you to reach out to a mainstream audience, including athletes, the elderly, and people who prefer massage on a table. It brings the benefits of Thai Yoga Massage, including customized yoga, profound relaxation, and energy work, to the comfort of your massage table. Upon completion of this class, you will be able to * Give a 60-minute massage * Apply Thai Foot Reflexology * Practice principles of body alignment specifically adapted for massaging on and around the massage table * Integrate metta (compassion) and meditation into your massage * Learn the Techniques from Ariela's Thai massage Classes.

Therapists used to traditional table massage will reduce injuries to hands and wrists by learning to use elbows, forearms, feet, and other parts of the body. Those used to Thai Yoga Massage on a mat will find they can massage in greater comfort.

This practical and highly illustrated introduction to the principles and techniques of Thai massage discusses the theories of Thai medicine and its Chinese and Ayurvedic influences. It offers clear and easy-to-follow descriptions for all Thai massage techniques accompanied by full color photographs and drawings, with arrows to indicate direction of movement. Basic explanations describe how massage therapists can use elements of these techniques and apply them immediately in their own practice. The book includes a DVD with 45 minutes of video showing techniques and routines in real time, to demonstrate appropriate pacing. Gives clear and easy-to-follow descriptions for each technique. Techniques can be used alone, in conjunction with other forms of massage, or to facilitate Yoga and other meditation practices. Clinically valuable and practical explanations of how to use elements of the procedures make it easy for therapists to enrich their practice with these techniques -- whether applying all of the methods, or starting with stretches alone. Features an icon throughout the text that calls attention to precautions therapists must be aware of for safe and effective sessions. Includes a 45-minute DVD presenting video of techniques and routines in real time, to demonstrate proper pacing. Photographs, drawings, and illustrations of techniques are now in full color, for greater clarity of concepts. More historical background provides a deeper understanding of this ancient medical art. An accompanying DVD offers a 45-minute video of a Thai massage session in real time - demonstrating procedures with proper pacing. The visual approach along with its step-by-step narration helps viewers understand how the concepts discussed in the book translate to actual practice. The book also includes DVD icons that indicate which techniques are demonstrated on the DVD. Increased coverage of body mechanics helps readers understand the difference between correct and incorrect technique. Legends below the photographs provide specific information on the muscles being pressed or stretched with each technique to help therapists understand how this art of Asian healing corresponds to Western anatomy. A new Muscle Atlas appendix helps to further identify muscles mentioned in these legends. A new chapter, Correlations to Yoga, outlines the correlations between specific Thai massage procedures and yoga postures to help therapists incorporate Yoga into their practices. A new chapter, Suggested Sequences, provides guidelines for 60-, 90-, and 120-minute sessions - taking the guesswork out of planning Thai massage sessions.

This is a relatively new practice outside Thailand, now rapidly gaining popularity in the West, and there are very few books to date aimed at a mainstream Western reader.

Thai Massage, Sacred Bodywork is a complete guide to an ancient practice that benefits body, mind, and spirit. Interest in Thai massage has been growing rapidly. This is no surprise given its unique multifaceted approach to the body. Thai massage combines acupressure, stretching, reflexology, assisted yoga postures, herbal compresses, prayer and meditation. It benefits everyone. Sometimes called the "lazy person's yoga", Thai massage stretches and relaxes the muscles, increases the joints' range of motion, and balances energy flow throughout the body. Thai Massage, Sacred Bodywork provides fully illustrated, step-by-step instructions which enable the reader to use this integrative and interactive therapy with a partner at home or with a client. The book explains the historical and philosophical background of Thai massage as well as its religious origins. Throughout the book, Ananda always reminds us of the deeper meaning of this sacred modality—compassion in action. A must for all those interested in the healing arts.

This fascinating anthology presents a much wider scope than other books on Thai massage, and uncovers a wealth of previously unavailable information on the historical, spiritual, and cultural connections to this powerful healing art. Topics include ways to refine and maintain a healthy practice, breathwork and body mechanics, self-protection techniques, reading body language, acupressure concepts, and Thai herbal compress therapy. The spiritual and cultural section offers modern translations of ancient texts, Indian and Buddhist influences, magic amulets and sacred tattoos, and accessory modalities such as reusi dat ton (stretching) and tok sen (hammering therapy). Rounding out this thorough text, the final section features essays about actual practice with clients, written by therapists and teachers from around the world. The extensive experience and information provided in this reference book is invaluable to students or practitioners who wish to deepen their personal and professional understanding of traditional Thai healing arts.

Connecting the medical perspectives of the east with those of western medical science offers the possibility of developing fresh approaches for practitioners of modalities from both cultures. The Art and Knowledge of Thai Yoga Massage presents the art of Thai massage in a form of 130 exercises with guidelines to structure them into an individualized 2 hour full body energy balancing massage session. The book also presents the knowledge of Thai massage via a unique and eye opening comparison of the traditional Sen Energy Lines of Thai Medicine with Myofascial Meridians, a groundbreaking 'whole systems' view of the network of connective tissue or fascia by Thomas W. Myers. The Art and Knowledge of Thai Yoga Massage and its 'open source' framework invite Thai massage practitioners to collaborate and increase the importance of the field of complementary and alternative medicine. Features: Introduction to the Tradition of Thai massage 130 authentic Northern style exercises Full color illustrations Introduction to the Pranic or Life-energy system Detailed description of the Sen Lines Collection of appropriate exercises for each Sen Line Comparison of each Sen Line to the corresponding Myofascial Meridians Session structuring guide Mantras and relaxation exercises used in the course based on this book

A paperback edition with DVD featuring a unique massage therapy that combines stretching, breath work, assisted yoga postures, and pressure point therapy • Text includes more than 125 black-and-white photographs of instructional postures • DVD features author demonstrating techniques for performing a one-hour massage In the temples of Thailand many centuries ago, a dynamic bodywork therapy based on yoga, ayurveda, and the martial arts was born. In this unique healing system of Thai Yoga Massage, the practitioner guides the recipient through a series of yoga postures while palming and thumbing along the body's energy lines and pressure points. Together these actions result in a treatment that relieves muscular tension, improves circulation, boosts the immune system, and balances the body energetically. In this paperback edition of Thai Yoga Massage, Kam Thye Chow not only leads readers through every aspect of this ancient bodywork therapy using more than 125 detailed, step-by-step photographs, but he also demonstrates the techniques for performing a one-hour massage in the accompanying DVD. Kam Thye Chow is one of the world's foremost practitioners and has taught massage in Thailand and throughout Europe and North America. With this text and DVD set, his personal training is now available for those who wish to see the techniques demonstrated live as a complement to the points discussed in the text.

A master of Thai Massage shares his simple yet effective techniques in a guide that proves giving a great massage can feel just as good as receiving one. Shai Plonski has helped thousands of people around the world rediscover the lost art of healing through touch. In The Joy of Giving Massage, he reveals that you don't need special equipment or training to give a great massage. It is a meditative experience that comes from the heart—one that can be as healing for the practitioner as it is for the recipient. In this practical guide, Shai offers step-by-step instructions for a variety of massage techniques and demonstrates how to give massages in any position or location. He explains the many benefits of each movement and how to ensure the safety and comfort of your loved ones when giving them a massage. The Joy of Giving Massage also includes downloadable PDF checklists of customized massage routines just for you.

Prenatal Thai Massage is a healing system that nourishes moms-to-be as their bodies prepare for childbirth. It combines the mindful movements of yoga with the nurturing touch of massage. Thai Massage is

a branch of Traditional Thai Medicine. It has roots in hatha yoga, Theravada Buddhism, indigenous Thai healing practices, Chinese Medicine, and Ayurveda. The techniques include compressions with hands and feet, forearm rolling, thumb pressure, stretching, and joint movements. These techniques are performed in a meditative state by the practitioner, with "metta" or loving kindness at the heart of the session. Prenatal Thai Massage can be performed in every trimester. This book demonstrates Prenatal Thai Massage in seated, side-lying, and semi-reclined positions. This book is specifically intended for: * Yoga instructors, especially those trained in prenatal yoga, who want to offer bodywork to their students. * Thai bodyworkers who aim to keep the continuity of care when working with their regular clients. Learning Prenatal Thai Massage is a great way to support long-time clients through this important period in their lives. * Massage therapists who are ready to expand their prenatal massage knowledge base. This practical and highly illustrated introduction to the principles and techniques of Thai massage discusses the theories of Thai medicine and its Chinese and Ayurvedic influences. It offers clear and easy-to-follow descriptions for all Thai massage techniques accompanied by full color photographs and drawings, with arrows to indicate direction of movement. Basic explanations describe how massage therapists can use elements of these techniques and apply them immediately in their own practice. Gives clear and easy-to-follow descriptions for each technique. Techniques can be used alone, in conjunction with other forms of massage, or to facilitate Yoga and other meditation practices. Clinically valuable and practical explanations of how to use elements of the procedures make it easy for therapists to enrich their practice with these techniques -- whether applying all of the methods, or starting with stretches alone. Features an icon throughout the text that calls attention to precautions therapists must be aware of for safe and effective sessions. Includes a 45-minute DVD presenting video of techniques and routines in real time, to demonstrate proper pacing. Photographs, drawings, and illustrations of techniques are now in full color, for greater clarity of concepts. More historical background provides a deeper understanding of this ancient medical art. An accompanying DVD offers a 45-minute video of a Thai massage session in real time - demonstrating procedures with proper pacing. The visual approach along with its step-by-step narration helps viewers understand how the concepts discussed in the book translate to actual practice. The book also includes DVD icons that indicate which techniques are demonstrated on the DVD. Increased coverage of body mechanics helps readers understand the difference between correct and incorrect technique. Legends below the photographs provide specific information on the muscles being pressed or stretched with each technique to help therapists understand how this art of Asian healing corresponds to Western anatomy. A new Muscle Atlas appendix helps to further identify muscles mentioned in these legends. A new chapter, Correlations to Yoga, outlines the correlations between specific Thai massage procedures and yoga postures to help therapists incorporate Yoga into their practices. A new chapter, Suggested Sequences, provides guidelines for 60-, 90-, and 120-minute sessions - taking the guesswork out of planning Thai massage sessions.

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