

Crooked Cucumber The Life And Teaching Of Shunryu Suzuki David Chadwick

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A 'dark night of the soul' is not a psychological syndrome, but a quest for meaning during life's darkest hours: the loss of a loved one, the end of a relationship, ageing and illness, career disappointments or just an ongoing dissatisfaction with life. Thomas Moore's extensive experience as a psychologist and theologian has taught him that the dark night is a challenge to restore ourselves and to become someone of substance, depth and soul. By using these trying times as an opportunity to reflect and delve into the soul's deepest needs, we can find a new understanding of life's meaning. *Dark Nights of the Soul* has its roots in a favourite chapter in Thomas Moore's million copy bestseller, *Care of the Soul*. In this beautifully-written and thought-provoking work he explores our contemporary anxieties and insecurities and shows how these metaphoric dark nights can become transforming rites of passage.

In an anthology of original Zen stories, the students of Zen master Shunryu Suzuki, a leading founder of American Buddhism, share reminiscences of him in a series of accounts of their life-changing encounters. 25,000 first printing.

A guide for parents and educators to sharing the enduring ideas of the biggest minds throughout the centuries—from Plato to Jane Addams—with the "littlest" minds. Children are no strangers to cruelty and courage, to love and to loss, and in this unique book teacher and educational consultant Marietta McCarty reveals that they are, in fact, natural philosophers. Drawing on a program she has honed in schools around the country over the last fifteen years, *Little Big Minds* guides parents and educators in introducing philosophy to K-8 children in order to develop their critical thinking, deepen their appreciation for others, and brace them for the philosophical quandaries that lurk in all of our lives, young or old. Arranged according to themes—including prejudice, compassion, and death—and featuring the work of philosophers from Plato and Socrates to the Dalai Lama and Martin Luther King Jr., this step-by-step guide to teaching kids how to think philosophically is full of excellent discussion questions, teaching tips, and group exercises.

Het boeddhisme spreekt een brede groep geïnteresseerden aan. Maar wat houdt boeddhisme eigenlijk precies in? Met 'Boeddhisme in alle eenvoud' schreef zenpriester Steve Hagen een korte, zeer toegankelijke en inspirerende tekst, waarin hij Boeddha's observaties en inzichten kort, bondig en ontdaan van hinderlijk jargon heeft verwerkt. Dit veelgeprezen boek over boeddhisme is een inspirerende gids voor iedereen die de kern van het boeddhisme wil doorgronden en deze levensvisie wil integreren in zijn bestaan.

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Epilepsy is the most common neurological disorder. This book aims to explain to sufferers and their carers what epilepsy is and how to deal with it in day-to-day life.

A treasury of writings from *Wind Bell*, the magazine of the San Francisco Zen Center.

One of the greatest gifts helping professionals can share with others is a sense of their own peace. However, retaining and renewing a sense of a healthy perspective requires not only self-care strategies, but also an awareness of basic profound, yet simple, wisdom themes. *The Inner Life of the Counselor* presents classic and contemporary wisdom that examines and explores each of these themes in a way that both professional and non-professional helpers will find revealing and meaningful in understanding their own journey. Informed by the author's over thirty years of experience as a therapist, mentor, and clinical supervisor of professional helpers—as well as by his expertise in resiliency and prevention of secondary stress—*The Inner Life of the Counselor* thoughtfully looks at those elements that encourage sustained personal growth and professional development, such as self-care, stress management, and mindfulness. Lively, practical, and marked by an elegant sense of simplicity, this nurturing book demonstrates how exploring the inner life can lead counselors to new wisdom and inner peace—not only for themselves but also for those who come to them for relief and insight. It is an invitation to pause, reflect, renew, and navigate one of contemporary society's most challenging yet rewarding professions.

Learn about the joys and pitfalls of parenting—from infancy to adolescence—and strategies for raising well-adjusted, competent children with open minds and big hearts, from two of Tarcher/Penguin's favorite authors. Now only \$25.99! *Parenting from the Inside Out* by Dr. Daniel Siegel How many parents have found themselves thinking: I can't believe I just said to my child the very thing my parents used to say to me! Am I just destined to repeat the mistakes of my parents? In *Parenting from the Inside Out*, child psychiatrist Daniel J. Siegel, M.D., and early childhood expert Mary Hartzell, M.Ed., explore the extent to which our childhood experiences actually do shape the way we parent. Drawing upon stunning new findings in neurobiology and attachment research, they explain how interpersonal relationships directly impact the development of the brain, and offer parents a step-by-step approach to forming a deeper understanding of their own life stories, which will help them raise compassionate and resilient children. Born out of a series of parents' workshops that combined Siegel's cutting-edge research on how communication impacts brain development with Hartzell's thirty years of experience as a child-development specialist and parent educator, *Parenting from the Inside Out* guides parents through creating the necessary foundations for loving and secure relationships with their children. *Little Big Minds* by Marietta McCarty A guide for parents and educators to sharing the enduring ideas of the biggest minds throughout the centuries—from Plato to Jane Addams—with the "littlest" minds. Children are no strangers to cruelty and courage, to love and to loss, and in this unique book teacher and educational consultant Marietta McCarty reveals that they are, in fact, natural philosophers. Drawing on a program she has honed in schools around the country over the last fifteen years, *Little Big Minds* (a New York Times extended list bestseller) guides parents and educators in introducing philosophy to K-8 children in order to develop their critical thinking, deepen their appreciation for others, and brace them for the philosophical quandaries that lurk in all of our lives, young or old. Arranged according to themes—including prejudice, compassion, and death—and featuring the work of philosophers from Plato and Socrates to the Dalai Lama and Martin Luther King Jr., this step-by-step guide to teaching kids how to think philosophically is full

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Can you be an atheist and still believe in God? Can you be a true believer and still doubt? Can Zen give us a way past our constant fighting about God? Brad Warner was initially interested in Buddhism because he wanted to find God, but Buddhism is usually thought of as godless. In the three decades since Warner began studying Zen, he has grappled with paradoxical questions about God and managed to come up with some answers. In this fascinating search for a way beyond the usual arguments between fundamentalists and skeptics, Warner offers a profoundly engaging and idiosyncratic take on the ineffable power of the “ground of all being.”

Zen Master Who? is the first-ever book to provide a history of Zen's arrival in North America, surveying the shifts and challenges to Zen as it finds its Western home. With the exception of parts of Rick Field's How the Swans Came to the Lake, there has been no previous attempt to write this chronicle. James Ishmael Ford begins by tracing Zen's history in Asia, looking at some of Zen's most seminal figures--the Sixth Ancestor Huineng, Dogen Zenji (the founder of the Soto Zen school), Hakuin Ekaku (the great reformer of the Rinzai koan way), and many others--and then outlines the state of Zen in North America today. Clear-eyed and even-handed, Ford shows us the history and development of the institution of Zen--both its beauty and its warts. Ford also outlines the many subtle differences in teachings, training, ordination, and transmission among schools and lineages. This book will aid those looking for a Zen center or a teacher, but who may not know where to start. Suggesting what might be possible, skillful, and fruitful in our communities, it will also be of use to those who lead the Zen centers of today and tomorrow.

Stel dat er niet alleen tweede kansen waren, maar derde kansen, vierde kansen, een oneindige hoeveelheid kansen om je leven te herhalen totdat je het eindelijk goed deed. Zou je dat wel willen? In een koude, besneeuwde nacht in 1910 komt bankiersdochtertje Ursula Todd ter wereld in een lommerrijke buitenwijk van Londen dood. In diezelfde koude, besneeuwde nacht komt Ursula Todd ter wereld, schreeuwt lang en hard, en begint aan een leven dat, om het zachtjes uit te drukken, heel ongewoon zal blijken. Want terwijl ze groeit, gaat ze ook dood, herhaaldelijk, op verschillende manieren.

Tegelijkertijd nadert de tweede grote oorlog van de eeuw. Kan Ursula, gezegend door een schijnbaar oneindige hoeveelheid levens, de wereld redden van de onvermijdelijke neergang? En als ze dat kan zal ze het ook doen?

Do you find yourself restless and distracted by the hustle and bustle of the modern world? Have you sought comfort in possessions and acclaim only to be disappointed by their emptiness? If so, you are not alone. The Everything Zen Book introduces you to thousands of years of ancient teachings that can help you achieve inner peace and unity with the world around you. Whether you are at home or in the office, this easy-to-follow guide shows you how to apply ancient Zen principles to every area of your life—from relationships and your career to artistic expression and your health.

Journeys East tells the story of the twentieth century's encounters between East and West by exploring the lives of many of the most fascinating scientists, intellectuals, artists, and spiritual seekers of our time.

Personal stories and anecdotes of the trailblazing Zen teacher Suzuki Roshi--now reissued in hardcover in tandem with the publication of the follow-up volume, Zen Is Right Now. Shunryu Suzuki's extraordinary gift for presenting traditional Zen teachings using ordinary language is well known to the countless readers of Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind. In Zen Is Right Here, his teachings are brought to life through stories told by his students. These living encounters with Zen are poignant, direct, humorous, paradoxical, and enlightening—and their setting in real-life contexts makes them wonderfully accessible. Like the Buddha himself, Shunryu Suzuki gave profound teachings that were skillfully expressed for each moment, person, and situation he encountered. He emphasized that while the essence of Buddhism is constant, the expression of that essence is always changing. Each of the stories presented here is an example of this versatile and timeless quality, showing that the potential for attaining enlightenment exists right here, at this very place.

Describes how the experience of the whole through mindful contemplation can release energy and knowledge for practical use in the classroom and in the place of business.

“The Universal Mind: The Evolution of Machine Intelligence and Human Psychology” There is the perception of being totally omniscient where one has access to all knowledge having a complete understanding of everything. There is also the perception of being totally “One with the Universe”, "One with Nature" or "the Universal Mind". During this time one is also experiencing the feeling of total love, acceptance and peace. This book examines the relationship of mind as intelligence and consciousness to matter-energy and space-time. The concepts of Universal Mind or Collective Unconsciousness are discussed and related to physical phenomena such as the holographic distribution of information throughout all of space and the universe. From the paintings of Salvador Dalí to Carl Jung's Archetypes and his Red Book, and how they describe our collective subconscious, to Machine Learning and Whole Genome Sequencing. The Universal Mind explores the collective world consciousness, super-intelligence, machine intelligence and the practical applications in engineering, medicine, law, and politics. 537 Pages. Tags: Philosophy, Computer Science, Collective Consciousness, Artificial Intelligence, Technological Singularity, Analytical Psychology.

According to legend, when the founder of Zen Buddhism was asked about the main principle of his holy teaching, he replied that there was "nothing holy about it!" Now, a millennium and a half later, Tim Burkett reveals how and why the wisdom of nonholiness is the key to a joyful heart. You don't need to go looking for something sacred—the happiness you seek is right where you are. In this book, a concise summary of Zen teachings unfolds within the ordinary comedies and tragedies of everyday life, beginning with the delightful nonholiness Burkett experienced in the presence of his original teacher, Shunryu Suzuki.

Duidelijker dan ooit geeft Byron Katie een presentatie van haar denkwijze: vier vragen en een omkering. Byron Katie, oprichtster van The Work, heeft één taak: anderen leren hoe ze een eind kunnen maken aan hun lijden. Als Katie verschijnt, veranderen levens. Ze leidt mensen door het eenvoudige en krachtige onderzoeksproces dat The Work is, en steeds weer ontdekken ze dat hun stressvolle overtuigingen – over het leven, over anderen of over zichzelf – eenvoudigweg niet waar zijn. Dit boek bevat 23 dialogen die Byron Katie voerde in de Verenigde Staten en Europa. Sommige van Katie's gesprekspartners hebben een pijnlijke ziekte, andere zoeken naar liefde of zijn verwickeld in een moeizame scheiding. In alle gevallen zien we hoe Katie hen met haar scherpe geest en doortastende vriendelijkheid helpt om dat wat een onwrikbare realiteit lijkt, voor zichzelf te ontmantelen.

Physicians, nurses, and allied health professionals working in today's health care settings must be prepared to offer support in dangerous times despite staffing shortages, financial pressures, and complex legal requirements. Overcoming Stress in Medical and Nursing Practice: A Guide to Professional Resilience and Personal Well-Being is a concise guide for all medical professionals who face these demands. This book: · Provides critical information about the dangers of compassion fatigue/burnout and vicarious post-traumatic stress disorder in health care settings · Introduces a newly-developed "Medical-Nursing Professional Secondary Stress Self-Awareness Questionnaire" that can be profitably self-administered at each phase of one's career

and reflected upon in private, with one's mentor, or in a small group setting · Includes a unique section on strengthening one's inner life through the use of three core spiritual wisdom approaches drawn from a world religion perspective · Provides a description of four types of "voices" one needs to have in one's circle of friends to ensure that balance, perspective, growth, and challenge are fostered in one's personal and professional life · Describes how physicians, nurses, and allied health professionals can formulate a personally-designed self-care protocol for themselves Lastly, this book offers an extensive and up-to date bibliography of recent research, clinical papers, and books on medical-nursing practice and secondary stress. Overcoming Stress in Medical and Nursing Practice is an indispensable resource for medical and nursing professionals, students, and the counselors and therapists who work with them.

The "vivid" and "electrifying" true story of how five monks saved the oldest Zen Buddhist monastery in the United States from wildfire (San Francisco Chronicle). When a massive wildfire surrounded Tassajara Zen Mountain Center, five monks risked their lives to save it. A gripping narrative as well as a portrait of the Zen path and the ways of wildfire, Fire Monks reveals what it means to meet a crisis with full presence of mind. Zen master and author of the classic Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind, Shunryu Suzuki Roshi established a monastery at Tassajara Hot Springs in 1967, drawn to the location's beauty, peace, and seclusion. Deep in the wilderness east of Big Sur, the center is connected to the outside world by a single unpaved road. The remoteness that makes it an oasis also makes it particularly vulnerable when disaster strikes. If fire entered the canyon, there would be no escape. More than two thousand wildfires, all started by a single lightning storm, blazed across the state of California in June 2008. With resources stretched thin, firefighters advised residents at Tassajara to evacuate early. Most did. A small crew stayed behind, preparing to protect the monastery when the fire arrived. But nothing could have prepared them for what came next. A treacherous shift in weather conditions prompted a final order to evacuate everyone, including all firefighters. As they caravanned up the road, five senior monks made the risky decision to turn back. Relying on their Zen training, they were able to remain in the moment and do the seemingly impossible-to greet the fire not as an enemy to defeat, but as a friend to guide. Fire Monks pivots on the kind of moment some seek and some run from, when life and death hang in simultaneous view. Novices in fire but experts in readiness, the Tassajara monks summoned both intuition and wisdom to face crisis with startling clarity. The result is a profound lesson in the art of living.

From master baker, cook, and Zen priest Edward Espe Brown comes a collection of timeless essays on Zen, food, and life itself. Brown was among the Westerners ordained as priest by Shunryu Suzuki Roshi before his passing in 1971. Suzuki hoped that Zen might be transformed into a vibrant new form in the West--and in The Most Important Point, Brown fulfills his teacher's wish with 60 essays that are distinctly American yet preserve the roots of traditional Japanese Zen. Drawing from his time in the kitchen and on the cushion, Brown explores a range of topics, from basic sitting practice to making the "perfect" biscuit and much more. "In the words of my teacher," reflects Brown, "the most important point is to find out what is the most important point." Flavored with wise insights and irreverent humor, The Most Important Point brings together a treasury of teachings to inspire your own discovery.

"Like seeds on the wind, Buddhist teachings continue to reach new lands. This outstanding book brings to light, in rich detail, the current flowering of Buddhism in the West. Long a world religion, Buddhism is now a global one."—Kenneth Kraft, author of The Wheel of Engaged Buddhism "Westward Dharma deserves a place on the growing bookshelf of contemporary Buddhist studies. Prebish and Baumann broaden our horizons from North America to the wider Western world, exploring key aspects of Buddhism's most recent geographical and cultural expansion."—Paul David Numrich, coauthor of Buddhists, Hindus, and Sikhs in America.

Told through anecdotes, clinical observations, and pearls of wisdom, and drawing from broad literature in psychology, philosophy, religion, and spirituality, Wicks weaves together stories of pain, hope, healing, and strength to guide readers through the night. This text is the culmination of decades of experience of someone who trains the healers, and helps the helpers. Consequently, it affords readers the opportunity to learn the strategies that professional helpers, first responders, ministers, emergency workers, and soldiers have learned to use in dealing with loss, pain, trauma, and grief.

With over 50,000 copies sold, Riding the Dragon has for a decade made itself an indispensable spiritual and psychological guide to readers experiencing seasons of adversity. This anniversary edition includes a new introduction from the author with personal reflections and fresh perspectives on today's challenges. "Don't try to slay your dragons; learn to ride them!" Drawing on Eastern and Western traditions, psychologist Robert Wicks emboldens readers to face life's difficulties--the "dragons" that escape from the cave. Readers will find guidance and encouragement to engage problems as a means to growth and transformation, to ride their dragons rather than slay them or drive them back into their cave. Wicks fashions ten simple lessons on identifying and confronting the everyday dragons readers meet: from engaging darkness to finding simplicity to keeping perspective.

Prozac and its chemical cousins, Paxil, Celexa, and Zoloft, are some of the most profitable and most widely used drugs in America. Their use in the treatment of a multitude of disorders--from generalized anxiety disorder and premenstrual syndrome to eating disorders and sexual compulsions--has provoked a whirlwind of public debate. Talk shows ask, Why is Prozac so popular? What, exactly, do these drugs treat? But sustained critical discussion among bioethicists and medical humanists has been surprisingly absent. The eleven essays in Prozac as a Way of Life provide the groundwork for a much-needed philosophical discussion of the ethical and cultural dimensions of the popularity of SSRI antidepressants. Focusing on the increasing use of medication as a means of self-enhancement, contributors from the fields of psychiatry, psychology, bioethics, and the medical humanities address issues of identity enhancement, the elasticity of psychiatric diagnosis, and the aggressive marketing campaigns of pharmaceutical companies. They do not question the fact that these antidepressants can, in some cases, provide great benefit to alleviate real suffering. What they do question is the abundant popularity of these drugs and that popularity's relationship to American culture and ideas of selfhood. Contributors: Tod Chambers, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago David DeGrazia, George Washington University James C. Edwards, Furman University Carl Elliott, University of Minnesota Center for Bioethics David Healy, University of Wales College of Medicine Laurence J. Kirmayer, McGill University Peter D. Kramer, Brown University Erik Parens, The Hastings Center Lauren Slater, AfterCare Services, Boston Susan Squier, Pennsylvania State University Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University Center for Genetic Medicine, Chicago

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Extending their successful series of collections on Zen Buddhism, Heine and Wright present a fifth volume, on what may be the most important topic of all - Zen Masters. Following two volumes on Zen literature (Zen Classics and The Zen Canon) and two volumes on Zen practice (The Koan and Zen Ritual) they now propose a volume on the most significant product of the Zen tradition - the Zen masters who have made this kind of Buddhism the most renowned in the world by emphasizing the role of eminent spiritual leaders and their function in establishing centers, forging lineages, and creating literature and art. Zen masters in China, and later in Korea and Japan, were among the cultural leaders of their times. Stories about their comportment and powers circulated widely throughout East Asia. In this volume ten leading Zen scholars focus on the image of the Zen master as it has been projected over the last millennium by the classic literature of this tradition. Each chapter looks at a single prominent master. Authors assess the master's personality and charisma, his reported behavior and comportment, his relationships with teachers, rivals and disciplines, lines of transmission, primary teachings, the practices he emphasized, sayings and catch-phrases associated with him, his historical and social context, representations and icons, and enduring influences.

A comprehensive, accessible guide to the fascinating history of Zen Buddhism--including important figures, schools, foundational texts, practices, and politics. Zen Buddhism has a storied history--Bodhidharma sitting in meditation in a cave for nine years; a would-be disciple cutting off his own arm to get the master's attention; the proliferating schools and intense Dharma combat of the Tang and Song Dynasties; Zen nuns and laypeople holding their own against patriarchal lineages; the appearance of new masters in the Zen schools of Korea, Japan, Vietnam, and later the Western world. In *The Circle of the Way*, Zen practitioner and popular religion writer Barbara O'Brien brings clarity to this huge swath of history by charting a middle way between Zen's traditional lore and the findings of modern historical scholarship. In a clear and often funny style, O'Brien parses fact from fiction while always attending to the greatest interest of contemporary practitioners--the development of Zen doctrine and practice as a living tradition across cultures and centuries.

Bundel oefeningen en meditatie om aandachtig te leven.

Drag queen. Prostitute. Drug addict. American bodhisattva. These words describe the unlikely persona of Issan Dorsey, one of the most beloved teachers to emerge in American Zen. From his early days as a gorgeous female impersonator to the LSD experiences that set him on the spiritual path, Issan's life was never conventional. In 1989, after twenty years of Zen practice, he became the Founding Abbot of San Francisco's Hartford Street Zen Center, where he established Maitri Hospice for AIDS patients. Featuring Bernie Glassman's foreword to the second edition, as well as a new foreword by Koshin Paley Ellison, *Street Zen* paints a vivid portrait of a teacher whose creativity, honesty, joy, and compassion awakened new possibilities for American Buddhism.

In 1969, Paul Breiter was among the throngs of disaffected youth who traveled to the exotic East, seeking to escape the cultural and spiritual upheavals at home. He traveled first to India, thinking that indulging the senses would be his means of finding God. Instead, he found himself at a monastery in Thailand, taking the precepts of a Buddhist monk. He would spend the next seven years in robes, not indulging the senses, but depriving them. *One Monk, Many Masters: The Wanderings of a Simple Buddhist Traveler* is an account of Breiter's life as a monk and his ongoing search for enlightenment after leaving the monastic robes. Breiter's spiritual wanderings weave through the Theravada, Zen, and Tibetan Buddhist traditions under such great teachers as Ajahn Chah, Ajahn Sumedho, Kobun Chino, Lama Gonpo, and the 16th Karmapa. "Breiter relates his journey with self-effacing modesty. His knack for unadorned observation takes the reader on a worthwhile trek through modern Buddhism as journeyed by a Western layman turned monk and back again." —Sakula Mary Reinard, Spiritual Director, Portland Friends of the Dharma "Breiter's experience with [Buddhist] teachers, expressed in this book with honesty and insight, is a pleasure to read. The Dharma emerges throughout his memories as a sincere gift, and a teaching for all who are fortunate to read it." —Angie (Zuiko Enji) Boissevain

In *Love and Compassion*, John P. Miller explores different forms of love, including self-love, the love of others, compassion, the love of learning, as well as nonviolence, and how they have the potential to improve education.

Why a journey from Zen to Methodism? Two friends embark on a dual path of discovery while driving from Portland to Denver. The miles take them through the beautiful scenery of the Pacific Northwest as their souls traverse the spiritual landscapes of a lifetime. The journey begins in the San Francisco Bay Area of the 1960s with the nascent American Zen movement led by Shunryu Suzuki. From there it winds through the years, passing through Christianity and pop culture, John Cage and avant-garde music, the haunting beauty of Taizé worship, Celtic Christianity, spiritual naturalism, the painful failures of the modern church, and the promise the church may still hold. The barren landscape of southern Wyoming becomes a fitting backdrop for one friend's growing skepticism as the spiritual past seems more and more disconnected from the present uncertainty. Unexpectedly, the practical theology of eighteenth-century theologian John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, offers the possibility of merging these disparate spiritual experiences together into a single pathway. Transformation, however, inevitably involves loss when the friends find their roads diverging as the destination approaches: one branching towards hope, and the other towards despair.

In a world that increasingly searches for moral wisdom, David Chadwick reflects on over five decades of love and learning from his dad. The wisdom gleaned from his dad is here passed down to future fathers and all people who long for principles by which to live and raise their children. Whether it's relationships, marriage, parenting, or simple counsel about everyday life, David captures his father's words as a legacy for the twenty-first century. *My Father, My Friend: Lessons on Life and Love* offers a series of pithy quotes divided into five sections: marriage, parenting, relationships, personal counsel, and faith. David tells a story of growing up with his dad that illustrates the nature and character of any good father. As we eagerly seek the generational truth that sustained our country through the Depression and World War II, David points us to his own hero as a pattern of practical courage. In a time when dads who didn't have dads are being called to raise their kids, this book offers help from the person David Chadwick considers the greatest man in the greatest generation, his Father.

The spiritual journey is perhaps the most personal experience of our lives—but does that mean we have to go it alone? With *The Guru Question*, award-winning author Mariana Caplan brings you a unique and much-needed guide for deciding whether you need a dedicated mentor to help illuminate your path to awakening—and if so, how to navigate the deep complexities of the guru-disciple relationship. For those seeking a teacher worthy of their trust and devotion, or anyone who has been frustrated by their experiences with a spiritual teacher, Caplan offers a candid, practical, and daringly personal examination of the student-teacher dynamic, including: Are you ready to be a student? If and when you should consider making a commitment to a spiritual teacher The path of the conscious learner—how to retain your power and autonomy while accepting a mentor's authority Tips for the wounded seeker—the valuable lessons we learn from our encounters with false teachers Spiritual scandals and predatory gurus—guidance for avoiding the inherent pitfalls in the student-teacher relationship How to recognize the inner light of divinity as it manifests in the imperfect human guise of your teacher—and yourself In a time when a distrust of authority has been proven to be a healthy trait, we tend to be justifiably suspicious of

those who present themselves as gurus and spiritual masters. Drawing upon her knowledge as both a scholar of mysticism and lifelong practitioner of spiritual traditions, Mariana Caplan helps readers develop the discernment that is crucial when seeking an authentic teacher—and reveals the immeasurable rewards that can come from having a trustworthy guide on the spiritual path. Rukhsana is journaliste in Afghanistan, en zorgt voor haar zieke moeder en jongere broer. Dan wordt ze opgeroepen door de taliban en erop gewezen dat ze alleen onder hun toezicht haar beroep zou mogen uitoefenen. Ook wordt ze op de hoogte gesteld van het nieuwste plan van de talibanleiders. De minister wil een crickettoernooi organiseren om de buitenwereld te laten zien dat de taliban een open regime bepleiten. Maar niemand weet hoe je cricket speelt, behalve Rukhsana. In het geheim traint ze een team van bekenden dat het op moet gaan nemen tegen het staatsteam. Als ze winnen, mogen ze een bezoek brengen aan Pakistan en krijgen ze de kans uit Afghanistan te ontsnappen. Voor Rukhsana staat er echter nog meer op het spel als blijkt dat een van de ministers zijn oog op haar heeft laten vallen. De Taliban Cricketclub is een liefdevol verhaal over de moed van een vrouw onder een dwingend regime.

Heartstorming encourages us to be more mindful of how the spiritual impregnates all of life's joys, sorrows, and even unexciting times if we have the eyes to see.

Creativity begins with you. Through a series of 20 practical and effective exercises, all using a unique visual approach, Michael Atavar challenges you to open your mind, shift your perspective and ignite your creativity. Whatever your passion, craft or aims, this book will expertly guide you from bright idea, through the tricky stages of development, to making your concepts a reality.

We often treat creativity as if it was something separate from us – in fact it is, as this book demonstrates, incredibly simple: creativity is nothing other than the very core of 'you'.

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