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Daido Looi

Discover how mindfulness can help you resolve the inevitable problems that arise in your personal and professional relationships in this “groundbreaking, creative” guide

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to Zen-based conflict resolution (Jan Chozen Bays) Conflict is going to be part of your life—as long as you have relationships, hold down a job, or have dry cleaning to be picked up. Bracing yourself against it won't make it go away, but if you

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approach it consciously, you can navigate it in a way that not only honors everyone involved but makes it a source of deep insight as well. Seasoned mediator Diane Hamilton provides the skill set you need to engage conflict with wisdom and

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compassion, and
even—sometimes—to be grateful for
it. She teaches how to:

- Cultivate the mirror-like quality of attention as your base
- Identify the three personal conflict styles and determine which one you fall into
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Recognize the three fundamental perspectives in any conflict situation and learn to inhabit each of them •
Turn conflicts in families, at work, and in every kind of interpersonal relationship into win-win situations
Full of practical exercises that can be

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applied to any kind of relationship,
Everything Is Workable gives
readers the tools they need to
cultivate dynamic, vital, and
effective relationships in their
personal lives and at work.
Invites the artist to explore the

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creative process through Zen philosophies and the creation of mandalas, still life, landscape, and figure art

There is a common misconception that to practice Zen is to practice meditation and nothing else. In

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truth, traditionally, the practice of meditation goes hand-in-hand with moral conduct. In *Invoking Reality*, John Daido Looi, one of the leading Zen teachers in America today, presents and explains the ethical precepts of Zen as essential

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aspects of Zen training and development. The Buddhist teachings on morality—the precepts—predate Zen, going all the way back to the Buddha himself. They describe, in essence, how a buddha, or awakened person, lives

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his or her life in the world. Looi provides a modern interpretation of the precepts and discusses the ethical significance of these vows as guidelines for living. "Zen is a practice that takes place within the world," he says, "based on moral

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and ethical teachings that have been handed down from generation to generation." In his view, the Buddhist precepts form one of the most vital areas of spiritual practice. A few times in your life, someone will tell you something so right, so

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deeply true that it changes you forever. That is what Anna Quindlen, author of the timeless bestseller *A Short Guide to a Happy Life*, does here. In *Being Perfect*, she shares wisdom that, perhaps without knowing it, you have longed to hear:

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about “ the perfection trap, ” the price you pay when you become ensnared in it, and the key to setting yourself free. Quindlen believes that when your success looks good to the world but doesn ’ t feel good in your heart, it isn ’ t success at all. She

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asks you to set aside your friends ' advice, what your family and co-workers demand, and what society expects, and look at the choices you make every day. When you ask yourself why you are making them, Quindlen encourages you to give

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this answer: For me. “ Because they are what I want, or wish for. Because they reflect who and what I am. . . . That way lies dancing to the melodies spun out by your own heart. ” At the core of this beautiful book lies the secret of authentic

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success, the inspiration to embrace your own uniqueness and live the life that is undeniably your own, rich in fulfillment and meaning.

A Mindful Approach to Team Creativity and Collaboration in Organizations

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A Zen Approach to Conflict
Resolution
Zen Art for Meditation
The Artist's Rule
Presentation Zen
Women Practicing Buddhism
Contemplating Nature with Words

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and Photographs

Healing Zen

The first edition of the successful Encyclopedia of Creativity served to establish the study of creativity is a field in itself. Now completely updated and revised in its second edition, coverage

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encompasses the definition of creativity, the development and expression of creativity across the lifespan, the environmental conditions that encourage or discourage creativity, creativity within specific disciplines like music, dance, film, art, literature, etc., the

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relationship of creativity and mental health, intelligence, and learning styles, and the process of being creative. This reference also appeals to a lay audience with articles specifically on the application of creativity to business settings. Available online via

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ScienceDirect and in limited print release. Named a 2012 Outstanding Academic Title by the American Library Association's Choice publication Serves as a compendium of reviews of a number of domain-specific areas, such as acting, dance, expressive arts, film, food, music,

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religion, science, sports, theater, and writing. Creativity and education are examined in articles about thought processes, such as developmental trends in creative abilities and potentials, the enhancement of creativity, intelligence, knowledge, play, prodigies, programs

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and courses, talent and teaching creativity. Cognitive aspects of creativity can be investigated in articles about altered and transitional states, analogies, attention, cognitive style, divergent thinking, flow and optimal experience, metacognition, metaphors, problem-

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finding, problem-solving, and remote associates. Covers business and organizational creativity in articles about advertising with art, creative visuals, business/management, creativity coaching, creativity exercises, entrepreneurship, group dynamics,

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innovation, leadership, organizational culture, organizational development, teams, and training, among others. Explicitly examines the complex interrelationship between society and creativity in articles about awards, conformity and conventionality, the

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creative sector and class of society, cultural diversity, the dark side of creativity, East vs. West, networking, social psychology, war, zeitgeist, and others. Personal and interpersonal creativity is discussed in articles relating to collaboration, family, life stages,

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mentors, networking, personal creativity and self-actualization. Focuses on scientific information about creativity, there are also articles that discuss brain and neuropsychology, concepts of creativity, definitions of creativity, expertise, longitudinal studies,

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researching art, artists and art audiences,
research methods, phenomenology
research and qualitative research. Online
version contains an additional 26
biographies of famously creative people

Discover your voice, cultivate mindful awareness, and inspire creative growth with photography

In *The Mindful Photographer*, teacher, author, and photographer David Ulrich follows up on the success of his previous

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book, Zen Camera, by offering photographers, smartphone camera users, and other cultural creatives 55 short (1-5 pages) essays on topics related to photography, mindfulness, personal growth, creativity, and cultivating personal and social awareness. Whether

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you ' re seeking to become a better
photographer, find your voice, enhance
your ability to “ see ” the world around
you, realize your full potential, or refine
your personal expression, The Mindful
Photographer can help you. You will
learn to:

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- Awaken your creative spirit
- Find joy and fulfillment with a camera
- Improve your photography

- Express your deepest vision of the world
- Learn to be more present in the moment
- Deepen your capacity for

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observation

- Gain insight into your self and others

- Cultivate mindful seeing

- Use your camera as a tool for change
- Enhance your visual literacy
- And much more

You can read this beautiful, richly illustrated book in order, following its inherent structure, or you can dive into the book anywhere that appeals to you, following your own stream of interest. No matter how you read and work through the book—many of the essays

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contain exercises, working practices, and quotes from well-known photographers—you will learn to deepen your engagement with the world and discover a rich source of creativity within you through the act of taking pictures.

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Sea of Images The Power of Art

Making with our hands taps into our innate creativity, and is uplifting, nourishing, and soothing for the mind, body, and soul. Mindful Thoughts for

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Artists is a lovingly crafted book of reflections on the joy of making and the journey of self-discovery it can take us on. Appealing to all artists, this curated collection of 25 reflections encourages creators to live in the moment, to observe the beauty in everything, and

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above all, to ensure that the creative process is driven by love and enjoyment. In the thirteenth century, Zen master Dogen—perhaps the most significant of all Japanese philosophers, and the founder of the Japanese Soto Zen sect—wrote a practical manual of

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Instructions for the Zen Cook. In drawing parallels between preparing meals for the Zen monastery and spiritual training, he reveals far more than simply the rules and manners of the Zen kitchen; he teaches us how to "cook," or refine our lives. In this volume

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Kosho Uchiyama Roshi undertakes the task of elucidating Dogen's text for the benefit of modern-day readers of Zen. Taken together, his translation and commentary truly constitute a "cookbook for life," one that shows us how to live with an unbiased mind in the

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Zen Training

How human creativity remakes the world

Invoking Reality

The Zen tradition has just two main meditative practices: shikantaza,

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or "just sitting"; and introspection guided by the powerful Zen teaching stories called koans. Following in the tradition of The Art of Just Sitting (endorsed

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as a "A book we have
needed for a long, long
time"), this new
anthology from John
Daido Looori illuminates
the subtle practice of
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student or master, Zen hinges on the question. Zen practice does not necessarily focus on the answers, but on finding a space in which we may sustain uncertainty and

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remain present and upright in the middle of investigations. Zen Questions begins by exploring "The World of Zazen," -- the foundational practice of

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the Zen
school--presenting it as
an attitude of sustained
inquiry that offers us
an entryway into true
repose and joy. From
there, Leighton draws

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deeply on his own
experience as a Zen
scholar and teacher to
invite us into the
creativity of Zen
awareness and practice.
He explores the poetic

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mind of Dogen with the
poetry of Rumi, Mary
Oliver, Gary Snyder, and
even "the American
Dharma Bard" Bob Dylan.
What's more, Leighton
uncovers surprising

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resonances between the
writings of America's
Founding
Fathers--including
Thomas Jefferson and Ben
Franklin--and the
liberating ideals at the

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heart of Zen.

The French philosopher Gilles Deleuze, remarked in his book Negotiations that, "Things and thoughts advance or grow out from the middle, and

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that's where you have to get to work, that's where everything unfolds". This prompts the question: How does an artist get to work in the middle of a process

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that is continuously
becoming? The thesis is
an unfolding narrative
of the author's attempt
to experientially answer
the question by way of
an art practice, leading

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to an examination of the
issue of freedom:
freedom from attachments
and freedom to create
new possibilities with
all for all. The thesis
offers a view: that art

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practice exploring ways
to break free from the
bondage of the mind,
moments of freedom from
oneself is spiritual
practice is life
practice.

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Zen Training is a comprehensive handbook for zazen, seated meditation practice, and an authoritative presentation of the Zen path. The book marked a

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turning point in Zen
literature in its
critical reevaluation of
the enlightenment
experience, which the
author believes has
often been emphasized at

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the expense of other important aspects of Zen training. In addition, Zen Training goes beyond the first flashes of enlightenment to explore how one lives as well as

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trains in Zen. The author also draws many significant parallels between Zen and Western philosophy and psychology, comparing traditional Zen concepts

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Religious pluralism has characterized America almost from its seventeenth-century inception, but the past half century or so has witnessed wholesale changes in the religious landscape. Gods in America

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brings together leading scholars from a variety of disciplines to explain the historical roots of these phenomena and assess their impact on modern American society.

From the New York Times bestselling author of *A Book of Angels*, a wise and inspiring guide to strengthening one's

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intuitive abilities. Are you intuitive? Do you trust your intuitions? In *The Art of Intuition*, Sophy Burnham contends that we all have hunches and sudden insights and that we need only awaken to our inborn abilities in order to develop our inner wisdom. In this fascinating book, Burnham tells the stories of individuals

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who have "seen without seeing" to illustrate the workings of what she calls our "intuitive hearts." Exploring such topics as how loved ones are able to communicate with one another telepathically to skeptics who deny their power to see into the future, this book represents an important spiritual thinker's

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take on a subject that is vital to us all.
According to Burnham, intuition is always right, and when you receive messages from Spirit-be it in the form of a subtle impression or a thunderous bolt from the blue-you must always, always follow the call.

Before she became a Buddhist nun in the

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tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh, Sister Dang Nghiem was a doctor. She'd traveled far in her 43 years. Born during the Tet Offensive and part of the amnesty for Amerasian children of the late 1970s, Dang Nghiem arrived in this country virtually penniless and with no home. She lived with three foster families, but

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graduated high school with honors, earned two undergraduate degrees, and became a doctor. When the man she thought she'd spend her life with suddenly drowned, Sister Dang Nghiem left medicine and joined the monastic community of Thich Nhat Hanh. It is from this vantage point that Dang Nghiem writes about her

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journey of healing. Devastated by the diagnosis and symptoms of Lyme, she realized that she was also reliving many of the unresolved traumas from earlier in her life. She applied both her medical knowledge and her advanced understanding and practice of mindfulness to healing. Through meditation she finally

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came to understand what it means to "master" suffering. In *Mindfulness as Medicine* Sister Dang Nghiem leads readers through her profound journey of healing and shares step-by-step directions for the techniques she used to embrace and transform her suffering. "Suffering can be transformed and cured at its

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roots...Suffering is an art that can be learned and mastered...We do not have to run away from it anymore...The art of suffering can bring about deep appreciation for life as well as profound peace, joy, and love for ourselves and other beings."—Sister Dang Nghiem
Tracing the life stories of 12 Chinese Zen

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Masters, who, together, shaped what was to become known as Zen's Golden Age, this volume, based on scholarly and historical records, discusses how ancient Zen insight is relevant for the 21st century. Original.

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In the Middle

Finding flow & creating calm

The Mindfulness Creativity Coloring
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Cultivating Your Inner Wisdom

"Art is often viewed as being inherently spiritual. But what does it mean to describe an experience of art or beauty as spiritual? Is there a relationship between the spiritual experience a person has in the presence of a work of art and the Holy

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Spirit of Christian faith? Theologian, musician, and educator Steven Guthrie examines particular areas of overlap between spirituality, human creativity, and the arts with the goal of sharpening and refining how we speak and think about the Holy Spirit. Through his exploration of the many

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different connections between art and spirituality, Guthrie uses the arts as a creative lens for exploring the Holy Spirit and offers a unique introduction to pneumatology. He also introduces an important idea from the early church that is now unfamiliar to many Christians: the Holy Spirit is the

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humanizing Spirit, whose work is to remake our humanity after the image of the perfect humanity of Jesus Christ. This clear, engaging theology of the arts will be of interest to professors and students in theology and the arts, pneumatology, and systematic theology courses as well as thoughtful

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lay readers, Christian artists, worship leaders, and pastors" -- Publisher description.

Sick of striving? Giving up on grit? Had enough of hustle culture? Daunted by the 10,000-hour rule? Relax: As the French know, it's the best way to be better at everything. In the realm of

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love, what could be less seductive than someone who's trying to seduce you? Seduction is the art of succeeding without trying, and that's a lesson the French have mastered. We can see it in their laissez-faire parenting, chic style, haute cuisine, and enviable home cooking: They

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barely seem to be trying, yet the results are world-famous--thanks to a certain je ne sais quoi that is the key to a more creative, fulfilling, and productive life. For fans of both Mark Manson's *The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck* and Alain de Botton's *How Proust Can Change Your Life*,

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philosopher Ollivier Pourriol's *The French Art of Not Trying Too Hard* draws on the examples of such French legends as Descartes, Stendhal, Rodin, Cyrano de Bergerac, and Françoise Sagan to show how to be efficient à la française, and how to effortlessly reap the rewards. A

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PENGUIN LIFE TITLE

This accessible introduction to the philosophy and practice of Zen Buddhism includes a program of study that encompasses practically every aspect of life. The American Zen teacher John Daido Looi shows us that Zen practice should include not

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only meditation, the study of Zen literature and liturgy, and moral and ethical action, but should also manifest in work, artistic, and everyday activities. The Eight Gates are: 1. Zazen, a type of meditation described as "sitting Zen" 2. Face-to-face meetings between teacher and student

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3. Academic study of the sutras related to Zen training, other schools of Buddhism, Buddhist history, psychology, and philosophy 4. Zen rites and rituals and their meaning 5. The moral and ethical requirements set in the Buddhist Precepts 6. Art practice as an extension of Zen

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practice 7. Body practice as an extension of Zen practice 8. Work as an active function of zazen Beautifully illustrated with Loori's own photographs, this edition also includes a new introduction and an updated reading list.

A collection of three hundred koans

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compiled by Eihei Dogen, the thirteenth-century founder of Soto Zen in Japan, this book presents readers with a uniquely contemporary perspective on his profound teachings and their relevance for modern Western practitioners of Zen. Following the traditional format for

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koan collections, John Daido Looi Roshi, an American Zen master, has added his own commentary and accompanying verse for each of Dogen's koans. Zen students and scholars will find *The True Dharma Eye* to be a source of deep insight into the mind of one of the world's greatest

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religious thinkers, as well as the practice of koan study itself.

The Zen of Creativity

Zazen, Dogen, and the Spirit of Creative Inquiry

Anti-Stress Guided Activities in Drawing, Lettering, and Patterns
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The French Art of Not Trying Too Hard
Changing Currents in Education and
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An Existential-Phenomenological
Study

Mindful Thoughts for Artists

This book provides a guide to the six
perfections, a set of Buddhist

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teachings designed to transform human character.

This book is about emptiness and silence—the mind-expanding emptiness of Zen painting, and the reverberating silence of haiku poetry. Through imaginative participation in the visions of painters and poets, its readers are

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led to the realization that, in the author's words, "emptiness, silence, is not nothingness, but fullness. Your fullness." This cultural tradition has informed many distinguished lives and works of art. The work of painters like Niten, Liang K'ai, and Toba, and of painters like Basho, Buson, and Issa

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reflects the wholeness, spontaneity, and humanity of the Zen vision. Those who desire a glimpse into the world of intuitive contact with nature offered by Zen meditation will find these paintings, commentaries, and haiku poems especially rewarding. They enable the reader to experience the

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unique power of Zen art—it's capacity to fuse esthetic appreciation, personal intuition, and knowledge of life into one creative event.

'Creativity and Entrepreneurship speaks to an experiment in which we are all today participating' in academia, in research, in commercial

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enterprise and in culture. Moving beyond traditional borders, sometimes because we must and other times simple

This ground-breaking book provides a unique insight into artistic creativity that lays the foundation for a new theory. Through a review of

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documents such as essays, published interviews, lecture notes, and more, the book uses case studies of six contemporary artists to provide a detailed phenomenological study of artistic creativity. The book offers a narrative account of six contemporary artists and their ways of approaching

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art-making. Through comprehensive accounts based on the individual artist's descriptions, the book reveals an existential dimension of art-making that explores the inspirational moment, the state of mind during creativity, how creativity can originate in a spontaneous stream of

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consciousness, and how emotions play a major role in the creative process. The book sets out a unique understanding of artistic creativity as an alternative to the prevailing cognitive conceptions within psychology. Offering novel insights into how art is created and can

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influence the human psyche, the book will primarily appeal to academics, scholars, and post-graduate students within the area of creativity research, psychological aesthetics, and the psychology of art, as well as those with an interest in art and artistic work.

Methods and Philosophy

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The Psychology of Artistic Creativity
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Selfless Insight
Zen Master Dogen's Three Hundred
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Shikantaza--or "just sitting"--is one of the simplest, most subtle forms of meditation, and one of the most easily misunderstood. This peerless volume brings together a wealth of writings, from the Buddha himself to Bodhidharma and Dogen and many of modern Zen Buddhism's most

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influential masters, all pointing directly to the heart of this powerful practice. Edited by one of America's pre-eminent Zen teachers, this book is a rich resource for wisdom seekers and scholars alike.

Let your imagination roam free and color your way to calm Mindfulness is

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the antidote to stress—but in stressful times, it can seem just out of reach. Enter *The Mindfulness Creativity Coloring Book*, here to soothe your anxiety and help you find “flow,” with adult coloring and guided activities. Internationally celebrated illustrator Emma Farrarons invites you to

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complete drawings in perfect symmetry, create patterns, practice hand-lettering, and, of course, do lots of coloring—from adorable woodland creatures to Scandinavian motifs. Perfectly sized to carry with you, this inspiring little book puts art therapy right in your pocket

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Collects 40 famous examples of brush painting and calligraphy that demonstrate Buddhist applications of instructive art, complementing each piece with decoding information and Dharma commentary. Original.

This book grew out of the conference, Women Practicing Buddhism:

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American Experiences, held at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, in 2005. The conference brought together students, scholars, Buddhist teachers, practitioners, artists, activists, and healers to explore the diverse experiences of women practising

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Buddhism in contemporary America. The pieces here centre on issues of practice, bringing to bear women's particular experiences of Buddhism as it is spreading to North America and taking root in new contexts. They celebrate the ways in which women are changing Buddhism and explore

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the array of issues that women as Buddhists face today. Contributors include those recognizable as Buddhist teachers, as well as well-known (and even famous) practitioners.

The Six Perfections

Creativity and Entrepreneurship

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How to Cook Your Life
The Runaway Species
The Zen of Creative Painting
Buddhism and the Cultivation of
Character
Zen Questions
The Art of Enlightenment
A nurse and Zen teacher introduces

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readers to the practice of awareness and meditation techniques designed to help restore wholeness and health, tracing the links between spirituality and overall wellness. Reprint. This book examines how

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contemplative arts practice and a mindful approach to creativity, can be used to offer new possibilities for facilitating team creativity and collaboration in organizational settings. The author employs a qualitative, action research

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paradigm, using arts-based and ethnographic methods, to explore the perceived effects of a contemplative arts workshop process on team creativity and collaboration within an organization. The book demonstrates how a

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contemplative arts workshop
process may be used to facilitate
mindfulness, trust, communication,
collaboration, and creative insights
among teams and working groups.
It explores each of these themes in
depth and develops a model based

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on those findings. The model includes five elements: 1. Individual-Level Mindfulness, 2. Trust and Authentic Communication, 3. Team Cohesion and Collaboration, 4. Creative Ideation and Insights, and 5. Leadership: Creating a Culture of

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Innovation. Combining theory and practice, the book offers a series of mindfulness and contemplative arts exercises that facilitators can use to address each of the five levels of the model. This book weaves together contemporary

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psychological research on
mindfulness and organizational
creativity along with practical
applications and contemplative arts
exercises for practitioners and
scholars of workplace creativity,
management and organisational

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and industrial psychology.
For many of us, the return of Zen conjures up images of rock gardens and gently flowing waterfalls. We think of mindfulness and meditation, immersion in a state of being where meaning is found

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through simplicity. Zen lore has been absorbed by Western practitioners and pop culture alike, yet there is a specific area of this ancient tradition that hasn't been fully explored in the West. Now, in *The Zen of Creativity*, American

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Zen master John Daido Looi presents a book that taps the principles of the Zen arts and aesthetic as a means to unlock creativity and find freedom in the various dimensions of our existence. Looi dissolves the

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barriers between art and spirituality, opening up the possibility of meeting life with spontaneity, grace, and peace. Zen Buddhism is steeped in the arts. In spiritual ways, calligraphy, poetry, painting, the tea ceremony, and flower

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arranging can point us toward our essential, boundless nature. Brilliantly interpreting the teachings of the artless arts, Loori illuminates various elements that awaken our creativity, among them still point, the center of each moment that

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focuses on the tranquility within;
simplicity, in which the creative
process is uncluttered and
unlimited, like a cloudless sky;
spontaneity, a way to navigate
through life without preconceptions,
with a freshness in which

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everything becomes new; mystery,
a sense of trust in the unknown;
creative feedback, the systematic
use of an audience to receive
noncritical input about our art; art
koans, exercises based on
paradoxical questions that can be

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resolved only through artistic expression. Loori shows how these elements interpenetrate and function not only in art, but in all our endeavors. Beautifully illustrated and punctuated with poems and reflections from Loori's own

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spiritual journey, *The Zen of Creativity* presents a multilayered, bottomless source of insight into our creativity. Appealing equally to spiritual seekers, artists, and veteran Buddhist practitioners, this book is perfect for those wishing to

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discover new means of self-awareness and expression—and to restore equanimity and freedom amid the vicissitudes of our lives. Buddhism and Christianity are ancient, rich, and multivalent wisdom spirituality traditions that

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often have insightful similarities as well as distinct perspectives from entirely different starting points. Fragrant Rivers of Wisdom explores some of these paths and encourages readers to gain, as far as is possible, a participant's

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appreciation of another faith. This book aims to help readers celebrate and enjoy the rich wisdom legacies of a teacher revealing a pure lotus blossoming from mud and the legacies of a peasant Jewish carpenter from Galilee revealing

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love on a cross. Both teachers share the power of love, the joys of healing encouragement, and the creative resources of spirit-filled living. Their ancient words and their modern communities still following these paths are dynamically

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relevant for our modern context of
confusion and challenge.

A Program of Zen Training

Zen Camera

From the Zen Kitchen to

Enlightenment

Sitting with Koans

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The Eight Gates of Zen
The True Dharma Eye
Creator Spirit
Everything Is Workable
Christine Valters Paintner, author of
Water, Wind, Earth, and Fire,
invites readers to discover and

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develop their creative gifts in a spirit of prayer and reflection. This twelve-week course draws on the insights and practices of Benedictine spirituality to explore the interplay between contemplation and creativity. Summarized in the

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phrase "pray and work," The Rule of St. Benedict provides the inspiration for Christine Valters Paintner's newest exploration of the mutually nourishing relationship between contemplative practices and creative expression. Artists of

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all stripes and stations in life--poets
or painters, potters or
photographers--will discover how
traditions of Benedictine, Celtic,
and desert spirituality can offer new
sources of inspiration for their work.
Through this twelve-week course,

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themes like "Sacred Tools and Sacred Space," "Creative Solitude and Community," and "Nature as a Source of Revelation and Inspiration" are enriched by Paintner's perceptive discussion and enhanced by insightful

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quotations from well-known artists and writers. Each week offers suggestions for grounding both the creative and the spiritual life through three basic practices: walking, lectio divina, and journaling. In sync with Paintner's

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vibrant Internet presence, The Artist's Rule is supplemented with online resources, including guided meditation podcasts, video lessons, and discussions.

“The authors look at art and science together to examine how

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innovations—from Picasso’s initially offensive paintings to Steve Jobs’s startling iPhone—build on what already exists and rely on three brain operations: bending, breaking and blending. This manifesto . . . shows how both disciplines foster

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creativity.” —The Wall Street Journal The Runaway Species is a deep dive into the creative mind, a celebration of the human spirit, and a vision of how we can improve our future by understanding and embracing our ability to innovate.

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David Eagleman and Anthony Brandt seek to answer the question: what lies at the heart of humanity's ability—and drive—to create? Our ability to remake our world is unique among all living things. But where does our

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creativity come from, how does it work, and how can we harness it to improve our lives, schools, businesses, and institutions? Eagleman and Brandt examine hundreds of examples of human creativity through dramatic

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storytelling and stunning images in this beautiful, full-color volume. By drawing out what creative acts have in common and viewing them through the lens of cutting-edge neuroscience, they uncover the essential elements of this critical

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human ability, and encourage a more creative future for all of us. “The Runaway Species approach[es] creativity scientifically but sensitively, feeling its roots without pulling them out.” —The Economist

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One of the simplest, easiest-to-understand guides to Zen meditation--with audio exercises to serve as meditation companions. Through Zen meditation it is possible to find stillness of mind even amidst our everyday

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activities--and this book reveals how. With easy-to-understand instructions, practical lessons, and short-but-sweet tid-bits of useful information, beloved Zen master John Daido Looi shares the way of Zen meditation in terms that even

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those starting from the very beginning can understand. Guided audio instructions--available for download online--supplement the teachings throughout the book, giving beginners the tools they need to take that first step into Zen

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practice and meditation.
Zen Camera is an unprecedented
photography practice that guides
you to the creativity at your
fingertips, calling for nothing more
than your vision and any camera,
even the one embedded in your

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phone. David Ulrich draws on the principles of Zen practice as well as forty years of teaching photography to offer six profound lessons for developing your self-expression. Doing for photography what *The Artist's Way* and *Drawing on the*

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Right Side of the Brain did for their respective crafts, Zen Camera encourages you to build a visual journaling practice called your Daily Record in which photography can become a path of self-discovery. Beautifully illustrated with 83

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photographs, its insights into the nature of seeing, art, and personal growth allow you to create photographs that are beautiful, meaningful, and uniquely your own. You'll ultimately learn to change the way you interact with

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technology—transforming it into a way to uncover your innate power of attention and mindfulness, to see creatively, and to live authentically.

A Beginner's Guide to Zen
Meditation

The Zen Art Book

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Nurturing Your Creative Soul with
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Art and Meditation
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Age Ancestors
Being Perfect
An Elegant Design for Revealing
Your Muse
Attention, self-consciousness,
insight, wisdom, emotional
maturity: how Zen teachings can

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illuminate the way our brains function and vice-versa. When neurology researcher James Austin began Zen training, he found that his medical education was inadequate. During the past three decades, he has been at

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the cutting edge of both Zen and neuroscience, constantly discovering new examples of how these two large fields each illuminate the other. Now, in *Selfless Insight*, Austin arrives at a fresh synthesis, one that

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invokes the latest brain research to explain the basis for meditative states and clarifies what Zen awakening implies for our understanding of consciousness. Austin, author of the widely read *Zen and the*

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Brain, reminds us why Zen meditation is not only mindfully attentive but evolves to become increasingly selfless and intuitive. Meditators are gradually learning how to replace over-emotionality with calm, clear

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objective comprehension. In this new book, Austin discusses how meditation trains our attention, reprogramming it toward subtle forms of awareness that are more openly mindful. He explains how our maladaptive

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notions of self are rooted in interactive brain functions. And he describes how, after the extraordinary, deep states of kensho-satori strike off the roots of the self, a flash of transforming insight-wisdom

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leads toward ways of living more harmoniously and selflessly. Selfless Insight is the capstone to Austin's journey both as a creative neuroscientist and as a Zen practitioner. His quest has spanned an era of

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unprecedented progress in brain research and has helped define the exciting new field of contemplative neuroscience. This book of exquisite photographs arises from the premise that unless we love

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nature, we will not work to save it from exploitation and eventual destruction. The rich mixture of photographs, Zen poems and essays presented on these pages is intended to open our hearts to the wild and the

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wilderness, and to direct us to the ways in which we can heal the earth. The author is an award-winning photographer and videographer and his art and wildlife photography from the core of a unique teaching

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programme that integrates art and wilderness training and cultivates an experiential appreciation of the relationship of Zen spirituality to our natural environment.

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KAWASAKI Presentation
designer and internationally
acclaimed communications
expert Garr Reynolds, creator of
the most popular Web site on
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presentationzen.com — shares his experience in a provocative mix of illumination, inspiration, education, and guidance that will change the way you think about making presentations with PowerPoint or Keynote.

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Presentation Zen challenges the conventional wisdom of making "slide presentations" in today's world and encourages you to think differently and more creatively about the preparation, design, and delivery of your

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presentations. Garr shares lessons and perspectives that draw upon practical advice from the fields of communication and business. Combining solid principles of design with the tenets of Zen simplicity, this book

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will help you along the path to simpler, more effective presentations.

"Drawing Your Own Path is a smart, subtle, sophisticated, compassionate, radically eye-opening and mind-altering guide

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to creative and artistic liberation.
Thank you, John Simon!"—Ruth
Ozeki, *A Tale for the Time Being*
"John F. Simon, Jr., widely
recognized as an early pioneer in
the use of computer-generated
imagery in contemporary art, has

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turned his attention to the act
mark-making as a doorway into
self-awareness and the essential
touchstone of visual creativity.
He leads us through a sequence
of meditative drawing exercises,
and shares insightful, touching

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anecdotes of his many years of experience as a practicing artist."—Peter Halley, Artist "The mysteries of the mind and universe are coupled with a very practical guide to drawing. It is an unlikely but wonderfully fruitful

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combination, a step-by-step approach to awareness and art."—Lawrence Rinder, Director, UC Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive "John's marvelous artwork emerges from a deeply inspired and intuitive

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unfolding. His gift of finding one's own creative process is beautifully transmitted in this delightful guide."—Jon Bernie, Ordinary Freedom "Drawing Your Own Path is an invitation to those who have never drawn

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before and a warm, informative, intelligent and lovely book to read. It offers refreshing, new ways to look at and experience the steps to make drawings today."—Sharon Loudon, Artist, Editor of *Living and Sustaining a*

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Creative Life Drawing Your Own Path is an account of how multi-media artist John Simon's daily drawing discipline became a meditation practice, and how that meditation illuminated his creative source. A practical

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guidebook full of Simon's own art, *Drawing Your Own Path* offers meditators an alternative path to 'just sitting' and offers artists a way to mindfully examine and deepen the source of their creative ideas. Readers

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are guided through thirty–three meditation and drawing exercises, exploring concentrated looking, mindful sketching, and improvisational awareness, all designed to help practitioners discover the vast

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creativity within themselves and
in their daily lives. From the
Trade Paperback edition.
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