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How to Practice Dharma
Lama Zopa Rinpoche 2012
This expanded edition contains both of the very popular Lama Yeshe booklets, *Becoming Your Own Therapist* and *Make Your Mind an Ocean*. *Becoming Your Own Therapist* first published in 1998, this booklet contains three public talks by Lama Yeshe on the general topic of Buddhism. Each lecture

is followed by a question and answer session. Lama and his audiences always enjoyed the give and take of these lively exchanges, and pretty much anything went. Although these talks were called lectures, Lama would have each of us use them as a mirror for our minds and look beyond the words, find ourselves, and become our own

psychologist. Make Your Mind an Ocean The talks in this booklet are on the general topic of the mind. Two were lunchtime lectures at Melbourne and Latrobe Universities. One was an evening lecture given to the general public. Perhaps of greatest interest is the lecture entitled "A Buddhist Approach to Mental Illness." Lama presented this talk to a group of psychiatrists at Prince Henry's Hospital who were delighted to meet and question Lama, and this historic exchange underscores the difference between Western and Buddhist concepts of mental health.

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Lama Mipham 1993 This text communicates the sense of Buddhism as a comprehensive whole, as it is a non-sectarian guide to the Buddha's essential teachings.

No Self, No Problem

Anam Thubten 2013-06-11 We can realize the highest truth in each moment when we learn to see through the illusion of

the self. Anam Thubten, in remarkably easy-to-understand language, provides teachings for doing exactly that, based on the wisdom of the Buddhist traditions. He illuminates the path of going beyond the misconceptions of the ego to experience the reality of our true nature, which is already enlightened. He communicates with clarity, humor, and refreshing honesty, lighting the way to a life full of love, compassion, and true satisfaction.

Lamdre, Dawn of

Enlightenment Lama

Choedak Yuthok

1997-01-01 Based on a series of talks by the author to prepare students for Lamdre, this book covers the origins of the Lamdre teachings in the Hevajra Tantra, the three vehicles of Theravada, Mahayana, and Vajrayana, the roles of teachers and disciples in Vajrayana, and the benefits of the Lamdre approach.

Journey to Enlightenment

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Rab-gsal-zla-ba (Dis-mgo Mkhyyen-brtse) 1996 A personal assistant to the late poet, scholar, and master of Tibetan Buddhism chronicles in words, photographs, and passages from Khyentse Rinpoche's writings, his journey with his mentor through Tibet, Bhutan, India, and Nepal.

Enlightened Journey

Tulku Thondup 2017-01-17 This collection of fifteen articles and talks by Tulku Thondup constitutes a manual on how to transmute the situations encountered in daily life, whether external or internal, into spiritual disciplines and experiences. Among the topics covered are: The fundamental principles of Buddhism. The practice of meditation as a means of arousing compassion. How suffering can become a more powerful tool than happiness in achieving enlightenment. The symbolic significance of holy places, temples, statues, books, and other spiritual artifacts.

The Healing Power of Mind Tulku Thondup

1998-02-03 The true nature of our minds is enlightened and peaceful, as the depth of the ocean is calm and clear. But when we mentally grasp and emotionally cling to our wants and worries with all our energy, we lose our own enlightened freedom and healing power, only to gain stress and exhaustion, suffering and overexcitement, like the turbulent waves rolling on the surface of the ocean. Our minds possess the power to heal pain and stress, and to blossom into peace and joy, by loosening the clinging attitudes that Buddhists call "grasping at self." If we apply the mind's healing power, we can heal not only our mental and emotional afflictions, but physical problems also. This book is an invitation to awaken the healing power of mind through inspiring images and sounds, mindful movements, positive perceptions, so

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feelings, trusting confidence, and the realization of openness. The healing principle on which these exercises are based is the universal nature and omnipresent power envisioned in Mahayana Buddhism. Yet for healing, we don't have to be believers in any particular faith. We can heal body and mind simply by being what we truly are, and by allowing our own natural healing qualities to manifest: a peaceful and open mind, a loving and positive attitude, and warm, joyful energy in a state of balance and harmony.

The Nyingma School of Tibetan Buddhism Dudjom

2012-07-23 Written by a great modern Nyingma master, Dudjom Rinpoche's The Nyingma School of Tibetan Buddhism covers in detail and depth both the fundamental teachings and the history of Tibetan Buddhism's oldest school. This, the first English translation of His Holiness'

masterwork, constitutes the most complete work of its type in the West. An absolute treasure for students of the tradition, it is also an indispensable reference for anyone with an interest in Buddhism. The book includes chronologies and glossaries that elucidate Buddhist doctrine, and it provides fascinating insights into the Buddhist history of Tibet. Two treatises form the present volume, namely the Fundamentals of the Nyingma School and the History of the Nyingma School. Among the most widely read of all His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche's works, these treatises were composed during the years immediately following his arrival in India as a refugee. His intention in writing them was to preserve the precise structure of the Nyingma philosophical view within its own historical and cultural context. This is the first time this text has been available

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trade edition. Beautifully presented, this single-volume edition represents a truly wonderful gift, and features illustrations in black and white and in color, plus maps, bibliographic information, and useful annotations.

The Complete Nyingma Tradition from Sutra to Tantra, Books 1 to 10
Choying Tobden Dorje
2015-06-02 From the main practice manual studied by the lay yogi-practitioner lineages of Tibet, now in English for the first time, this volume presents the foundational stages of the Buddhist path according to the Nyingma, or Ancient, tradition of Tibetan Buddhism. In 1838, Choying Tobden Dorje, a Buddhist yogi-scholar of eastern Tibet, completed a multivolume masterwork that traces the entire path of the Nyingma tradition of Tibetan Buddhism from beginning to end. Written by a lay practitioner for laypeople, it was intended to be

accessible, informative, inspirational, and above all, practical. Its twenty-five books, or topical divisions, offer a comprehensive and detailed view of the Buddhist path according to the early translation school of Tibetan Buddhism, spanning the vast range of Buddhist teachings from the initial steps to the highest esoteric teachings of great perfection. Choying Tobden Dorje's magnum opus appears in English here for the first time. In *Foundations of the Buddhist Path*, which covers the first ten of the treatise's twenty-five books, the author surveys the scope of the entire work and then begins with the topics that set the cornerstones for all subsequent Buddhist practice: what constitutes proper spiritual apprenticeship, how to receive the teachings, how to make the best use of this life, and how to motivate ourselves to generate effort

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spiritual path. He then describes refuge and the vows that define the path of individual liberation before turning to the bodhisattva's way—buddha nature, how to uplift the mind to supreme awakening, the bodhisattva's training, and the attainments of the paths leading to supreme awakening. *Gesture of Balance* Tarthang (Tulku) 1977 An excellent introduction to the Buddhist view, with practices to awaken the body, mind and senses.

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Always Remembering Jigme Phuntsok 2019-05-28 The poems and teachings of a beloved Buddhist master, vividly presented so that readers feel they are listening to the precious and renowned teachings of His Holiness directly—and learning how to live with more joy and ease. His Holiness Jigme Phuntsok was a prominent teacher in the Nyingma tradition of Tibetan Buddhism. He was recognized as a tertön and renowned for his mastery of Dzokchen and his visionary activities, including the establishment of the nonsectarian Buddhist community of Larung Gar, one of the largest monastic settlements in the world and a vibrant

Buddhist teaching center that has contributed enormously to the resurgence of Buddhism in Tibet and China. In memory of the fifteenth anniversary of Rinpoche's passing, this book was compiled of his precious and renowned teachings. It includes stories of the lives of great masters, as well as teachings on the principle of cause and effect, keeping an open mind toward all religious traditions, spreading the Dharma and benefiting sentient beings, and mastering what to adopt and what to abandon. Readers will also learn about Tibetan culture, customs, and the many kinds of Tibetan tulkus. His Holiness Jigme Phuntsok's heartfelt advice on how to improve interpersonal relationships enables us to live with more ease and joy. Five poems by Jigme Phuntsok in both Tibetan and English translation enrich the teachings with His Holiness's poetic voice.

The Stupa Elizabeth

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1997 Over 200 photographs illustrate the development of the stupa from the time of the Buddha onwards, in all Buddhist lands.

Gesar 1999

Pith Instructions Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche 2015-10-06 This small collection of commentaries and verse by Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche, one of the greatest spiritual leaders of the twentieth century, contains exposition on different stages of the Buddhist path from the perspective of meditative experience and actually putting the teachings into practice. Originally given orally to Western students, the texts afford a rare glimpse into the direct transmissions of a master teacher. The commentaries are on ? • The Wheel of Investigation and Meditation That Thoroughly Purifies Mental Activity by Jamgön Mipham • The Lamp That Dispels Darkness by Jamgön Mipham • A Wondrous Ocean of Advice

for the Practice of Retreat in Solitude by Jigme Lingpa. These, along with the five selected poems in the final section, provide an introduction to the wisdom and compassion of Khyentse Rinpoche.

The Door to Satisfaction Thubten Zopa 2014-05-01

In *Door to Satisfaction* Lama Zopa Rinpoche reveals a text he discovered in a cave in the Himalayas that captures the essential point of Buddhist training. Rinpoche says, "Only when I read this text did I come to know what the practice of Dharma really means." Without proper motivation, it does not matter what we do. Whether reciting prayers, meditating, or enduring great hardships, if our actions are devoid of good intention they will not become Dharma practice. Proper motivation transcends our ordinary, ephemeral desires and ultimately seeks the happiness of all living beings. "In your life," say

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Rinpoche, "there is nothing to do other than to work for others, to cherish others. There is nothing more important in your life than this." This powerful, simple message applies to Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike--we all have the power to unlock our greatest potential. Open this book and open the door to a timeless path leading to wisdom and joy.

Everyday Consciousness and Primordial Awareness
Khenchen Thrangu

2011-10-16 This introduction to Buddhist psychology supplies essential instructions for successful meditation practice.

Rinpoche presents meditation practices that can powerfully influence and ultimately transform the mind into the purified mind of a Buddha. He clearly describes how consciousnesses operate in everyday perception and how at the time of Buddhahood, these same consciousnesses express the five primordial wisdoms of the five

Buddha families.

Dakini Power Michaela Haas 2013-04-09 What drives a young London librarian to board a ship to India, meditate in a remote cave by herself for twelve years, and then build a flourishing nunnery in the Himalayas? How does a surfer girl from Malibu become the head of the main international organization for Buddhist women? Why does the daughter of a music executive in Santa Monica dream so vividly of peacocks one night that she chases these images to Nepal, where she finds the love of her life in an unconventional young Tibetan master? The women featured in *Dakini Power*—contemporary teachers of Tibetan Buddhism, both Asians and Westerners, who teach in the West—have been universally recognized as accomplished practitioners and brilliant teachers whose life stories demonstrate their immense

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determination and bravery. Meeting them in this book, readers will be inspired to let go of old fears, explore new paths, and lead the lives they envision. Featured here are: • Jetsun Khandro Rinpoche (This Precious Life) • Dagmola Sakya (Princess in the Land of Snows) • Jetsun Tenzin Palmo (Diane Perry) (Into the Heart of Life) • Pema Chödrön (Deirdre Blomfield-Brown) (When Things Fall Apart; Start Where You Are) • Khandro Tsering Chödrön (most familiar to readers as the late aunt of Sogyal Rinpoche, author of The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying) • Thubten Chodron (Cherry Greene) (Buddhism for Beginners; Taming the Mind) • Karma Lekshe Tsomo (Patricia Zenn) (Buddhism Through American Women's Eyes) • Chagdud Khadro (Jane Dedman) (P'howa Commentary; Life in Relation to Death) • Sangye Khandro (Nanci Gay Gustafson) (Meditation, Transformation, and Dream Yoga) • Roshi Joan

Halifax (Being with Dying) • Lama Tsultrim Allione (Joan Rousmanière Ewing) (Women of Wisdom; Feeding Your Demons) • Elizabeth Mattis-Namgyel (The Power of an Open Question) Enlightenment and the Gasping City Saskia Abrahms-Kavunenko 2019-06-15 With air pollution now intimately affecting every resident of Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia, Saskia Abrahms-Kavunenko seeks to understand how, as a physical constant throughout the winter months, the murky and obscuring nature of air pollution has become an active part of Mongolian religious and ritual life. Enlightenment and the Gasping City identifies air pollution as a boundary between the physical and the immaterial, showing how air pollution impresses itself on the urban environment as stagnation and blur. She explores how air pollution and related phenomena exist in dynamic tension

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Buddhist ideas and practices concerning purification, revitalisation and enlightenment. By focusing on light, its intersections and its oppositions, she illuminates Buddhist practices and beliefs as they interact with the pressing urban issues of air pollution, post-socialist economic vacillations, urban development, nationalism, and climate change.

Enlightened Courage Rab-gsal-zla-ba (Dil-mgo Mkhyen-brtse) 1994 Kyabje Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche, whose remarkable life came to an end in September, 1991, was one of the foremost poets, scholars, philosophers and meditation masters of the Mahayana, Mahamudra and Great Perfection traditions of Vajrayana Buddhism. He was highly respected by thousands of students in Tibet and throughout the world. The text he presents here is the Seven Point Mind Training, brought to

Tibet by the Indian Master Atisha. This teaching is the very core of the entire practice of Tibetan Buddhism. It condenses the compassionate path to Buddhahood into practical instructions which make use of all the circumstances of everyday life. Khyentse Rinpoche gave this commentary in the Dordogone, France, during his last visit to the West. He speaks frankly from his heart, drawing on his own life long experience. The fact that Rinpoche has departed from this world adds much poignancy to his words, which many of his students regard as his parting gift.

Portraits of Tibetan Buddhist Masters Don Farber 2005-10-03 Color photographs of some of the most influential masters of contemporary Tibetan Buddhism and quotations from each of them are presented in this testament to the compassion that is at the heart of Tibetan Buddhist tradition.

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Khandro 2005-02-15 Using the traditional Tibetan Buddhist framework of the Four Reminders—the preciousness of human birth, the truth of impermanence, the reality of suffering, and the inescapability of karma—Khandro Rinpoche explains why and how we could all better use this short life to pursue a spiritual path and make the world a better place. The book includes contemplative exercises that encourage us to appreciate the tremendous potential of the human body and mind.

Enlightened Living

Harold Talbott 2004-05 This collection of translated writings addresses the issue of engaging in secular life with Buddhist intentions. It includes practical advice by great Tibetan teachers such as Paltrul Rinpoche and Jigme Lingpa. Combining folktales and poetry, their teachings impart the essence of spirituality in a pithy, direct fashion. "There are

three things that you should place: Your body on the seat; Your mind in your body; And relaxation in the mind. There are three things that should be in conformity: Conversations with friends; Clothes with the country; And mind with the Dharma." Paltrul Rinpoche Tulku Thondup is a living advocate of the Tibetan tradition, He has translated and published many books and has taught at Harvard University. He is the author of the Healing Power of Mind.

The Epic of Gesar of Ling 2013-07-09 The Gesar of Ling epic is the Tibetan equivalent of The Arabian Nights. For hundreds of years, versions of it have been known in oral and written form in Tibet, China, Central Asia, and across the eastern Silk Route. King Gesar, renowned throughout these areas, represents the ideal warrior. As a leader with his people's loyalty and trust, he conquers all the

enemies and protects the peace. His life story, which is full of miracles and magic, is an inspiration and a spiritual example to the people of Tibet and Central Asia even today; Gesar's warrior mask can be seen in the town square and on the door of homes in towns and villages throughout this area. As a Buddhist teaching story, the example of King Gesar is also understood as a spiritual allegory. The "enemies" in the stories represent the emotional and psychological challenges that turn people's minds toward greed, aggression, and envy, and away from the true teachings of Buddhism. These enemies graphically represent the different manifestations of the untamed mind. The teaching is that genuine warriors are not aggressive, but that they subjugate negative emotions in order to put the concerns of others before their own. The ideal of warriorship that Gesar represents is

that of a person who, by facing personal challenges with gentleness and intelligence, can attain spiritual realization. This book contains volumes one through three, which tell of Gesar's birth, his mischievous childhood, his youth spent in exile, and his rivalry for the throne with his treacherous uncle. The Gesar epic tells how the king, an enlightened warrior, in order to defend Tibet and the Buddhist religion from the attacks of surrounding demon kings, conquers his enemies one by one in a series of adventures and campaigns that take him all over the Eastern world. He is assisted in his adventures by a cast of heroes and magical characters who include the major deities of Tibetan Buddhism as well as the native religion of Tibet. Gesar fulfills the Silk Route ideal of a king by being both a warrior and a magician. As a magician he combines the power

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an enlightened Buddhist master with those of a shamanic sorcerer. In fact, at times the epic almost seems like a manual to train such a Buddhist warrior-magician. In the story, the people and nation of Ling represent the East Asian notion of an enlightened society. There, meditation, magic, and the oral folk wisdom of a communal nomadic society are synchronized in a lifestyle harmonious with the environment, but ambitious for growth and learning and refined literate culture. Filled with magic, adventure, and the triumphs of this great warrior-king, the stories will delight all-young and old alike. The Gesar epic is still sung by bards in Tibet. The words of the Gesar epic have never been translated into a Western language before. *American Book Publishing Record* 2003
Buddhism in a Nutshell eBook Lama Thubten Yeshe 2019-05-20 This ebook combines well-chosen essential teachings by

the Tibetan masters Lama Thubten Yeshe and Lama Zopa Rinpoche supplemented with teachings by American nun, Ven. Amy Miller, to provide a wonderful overview of many of the key points of the path to enlightenment (lamrim). This title covers the following topics: - What is Buddhism? - Who was the Buddha? - What is Dharma? - What is Buddhist Refuge? - The Fundamentals of Karma - What are the Four Noble Truths? - What is Meditation? - Understanding the Mind - Understanding the Teachings - The Importance of a Qualified Teacher - What is the Purpose of Life? - Death and Impermanence - What is Renunciation? - How to Serve Others - What is Emptiness? - Introducing Tantra - Advice for Bringing These Teachings into Your Daily Life - How to Dedicate Your Virtue Each of these sections in this title concludes with a meditation on the subject. Included

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this eBook is complimentary access to the online version of Buddhism in a Nutshell, which is available on the FPMT Online Learning Center. This FPMT introductory course consists of 11 hours of clear and accessible teachings and guided meditations by Ven. Amy Miller. These teachings are intended for people encountering Buddhism for the first time, as well as for people who are already familiar with Buddha's teachings but would like a more structured approach to understanding the whole path to enlightenment. They cover the life of Shakyamuni Buddha, the four noble truths, and the stages of the path to enlightenment (lamrim) based on an explanation of the short poem Foundation of All Good Qualities by Lama Tsongkhapa. In addition, the online course includes transcripts of Ven. Amy Miller's teachings and meditations together with other online resources, such as

points for reflection to help course participants think about the teachings in relation to their own lives. A discussion forum allows course participants to interact with each other and the course elder. A Certificate of Achievement is available to participants who complete all the course requirements. Together the book and the online course provide a comprehensive overview of Buddhism as taught and practiced in the Tibetan Mahayana tradition of Lama Tsongkhapa (Gelug). The teachings by Lama Thubten Yeshe and Lama Zopa Rinpoche are a must-read for all of their disciples. 243 pages, 2010 edition. Everyday Consciousness and Buddha-awakening Rinpoche Thrangu 2002 This book is an introduction to Buddhist psychology and supplies essential instructions for successful meditation practice. Practicing Wisdom Dalai Lama 2012-06-25 Like the bestselling A F

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Lightning in the Dark of the Night, Practicing Wisdom focuses on Shantideva's Way of the Bodhisattva. While the former includes only a brief introduction to Shantideva's complex and crucial ninth chapter on insight, Practicing Wisdom is a full and detailed follow-up commentary, making it an invaluable statement on the fundamental concept behind Buddhist thought and practice. Shantideva says at the beginning of the final chapter of his Guide to the Bodhisattva Way of Life: "All branches of the Buddha's teachings are taught for the sake of wisdom. If you wish to bring an end to suffering, you must develop wisdom." Shantideva's ninth chapter is revered in Tibetan Buddhist circles as one of the most authoritative expositions of the Buddha's core insight, and all other Buddhist practices are means to support the generation of this wisdom within the practitioner. In Practicing Wisdom, the

Dalai Lama reaffirms his reputation as a great scholar, communicator, and embodiment of the Buddha's Way by illuminating Shantideva's verses, drawing on contrasting commentaries from the Nyingma and Gelug lineages, and leading the reader through the stages of insight up to the highest view of emptiness. These teachings, delivered in southern France in 1993, have been masterfully translated, edited, and annotated by Geshe Thupten Jinpa, the Dalai Lama's primary translator and founder of the Institute of Tibetan Classics.

Education and Sustainability Seonaigh MacPherson 2012-03-28 This book critically explores the impact of migration, education, development, and the spread of English on global bio-linguistic and cultural diversity, examining the overlapping and distinctive sustainability challenges facing

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Indigenous and minority communities when they are connected by and within diasporas.

Annals of the Nyingma

Lineage in America 1969
Strand of Jewels Khetsun

Sangpo 2016-02-02 This book is a translation of a teaching text and commentary by the Nyingma master Khetsun Sangpo Rinpoche (1920-2009). It's also the latest offering from well-known Tibetan translator and scholar Anne Carolyn Klein, professor of religious studies at Rice University in Houston, Texas. For anyone interested in Tibetan Buddhist practice and philosophy, particularly the Dzogchen teachings of the Nyingma lineage, this book gives detailed instruction and friendly and inspiring advice, offering guidance on how to approach the path and giving instruction for specific meditation and contemplation techniques.

Education about Asia
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A Buddhist Sensibility
Dominique Townsend

2021-03-09 Founded in 1676 during a cosmopolitan early modern period, Mindröling monastery became a key site for Buddhist education and a Tibetan civilizational center. Its founders sought to systematize and institutionalize a worldview rooted in Buddhist philosophy, engaging with contemporaries from across Tibetan Buddhist schools while crystallizing what it meant to be part of their own Nyingma school. At the monastery, ritual performance, meditation, renunciation, and training in the skills of a bureaucrat or member of the literati went hand in hand. Studying at Mindröling entailed training the senses and cultivating the objects of the senses through poetry, ritual music, monastic dance, visual arts, and incense production, as well as medicine and astrology. Dominique Townsend investigates the ritual, art, and

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and cultural practices inculcated at Mindröling to demonstrate how early modern Tibetans integrated Buddhist and worldly activities through training in aesthetics. Considering laypeople as well as monastics and women as well as men, *A Buddhist Sensibility* sheds new light on the forms of knowledge valued in early modern Tibetan societies, especially among the ruling classes. Townsend traces how tastes, values, and sensibilities were cultivated and spread, showing what it meant for a person, lay or monastic, to be deemed well educated. Combining historical and literary analysis with fieldwork in Tibetan Buddhist communities, this book reveals how monastic institutions work as centers of cultural production beyond the boundaries of what is conventionally deemed Buddhist.

Kindness, Clarity, and Insight Dalai Lama XIV
Bstan-'dzin-rgya-mtsho
2006 A series of

lectures on the teachings of Tibetan Buddhism includes discussions of meditation, karma, compassion, gods, enlightenment, and death.

Ways of Enlightenment

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1993 "Ways of enlightenment encourages Western students of the Dharma to explore the teachings of Buddha in their own experience and discover for themselves the ways of enlightenment. Inspired by Lama Mipham's *Gateway to Expertise* (Khenjug), *Ways of Enlightenment* introduces basic concepts, terminology, and maps of consciousness essential for independent study and practice."--Page [4] of cover.

The Way of the

Bodhisattva Shantideva
2008-10-14 Treasured by Buddhists of all traditions, *The Way of the Bodhisattva* (Bodhicharyavatara) is a guide to cultivating the mind of enlightenment and to generating the qualities of love.

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compassion, generosity, and patience. This text has been studied, practiced, and expounded upon in an unbroken tradition for centuries. Presented in the form of a personal meditation in verse, it outlines the path of the Bodhisattvas—those who renounce the peace of individual enlightenment and vow to work for the liberation of all beings and to attain buddhahood for their sake. This version is translated from the Tibetan and includes a foreword by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, a translator's preface, a thorough introduction, a note on the translation, and three appendices of commentary by the Nyingma master Kunzang Pelden.

How the Swans Came to the Lake Rick Fields
2022-02-08 This new updated edition of *How the Swans Came to the Lake* includes much new information about recent events in Buddhist groups in America and discusses such issues as spiritual authority, the

role of women, and social action.
Preparing to Die Andrew Holecek 2013-07-09 We all face death, but how many of us are actually ready for it? Whether our own death or that of a loved one comes first, how prepared are we, spiritually or practically? In *Preparing to Die*, Andrew Holecek presents a wide array of resources to help the reader address this unfinished business. Part One shows how to prepare one's mind and how to help others, before, during, and after death. The author explains how spiritual preparation for death can completely transform our relationship to the end of life, dissolving our fear and helping us to feel open and receptive to letting go in the dying process. Daily meditation practices, the stages of dying and how to work with them, and after-death experiences are all detailed in ways that will be particularly helpful for those

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an interest in Tibetan Buddhism and in Tibetan approaches to conscious dying. Part Two addresses the practical issues that surround death. Experts in grief, hospice, the funeral business, and the medical and legal issues of death contribute chapters to prepare the reader for every practical concern, including advance directives, green funerals, the signs of death, warnings about the funeral industry, the stages of grief, and practical care for the dying. Part Three contains heart-advice from twenty of the best-known Tibetan Buddhist masters now teaching in the West. These brief interviews provide words of solace and wisdom to guide the dying and their caregivers during this challenging time. *Preparing to Die* is for anyone interested in learning how to prepare for death from a Buddhist perspective, both spiritually and practically. It is also for those who want to

learn how to help someone else who is dying, both during the time of illness and death as well as after death.

Groundless Paths Karl Brunnholzl 2012-08-14 The Abhisamayalamkara summarizes all the topics in the vast body of the prajñāparamita sutras. Resembling a zip-file, it comes to life only through its Indian and Tibetan commentaries. Together, these texts not only discuss the "hidden meaning" of the prajñāparamita sutras—the paths and bhūmis of śrāvakas, pratyekabuddhas, and bodhisattvas—but also serve as contemplative manuals for the explicit topic of these sutras—emptiness—and how it is to be understood on the progressive levels of realization of bodhisattvas. Thus these texts describe what happens in the mind of a bodhisattva who meditates on emptiness, making it a living experience from the beginner's stage.

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