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Coffee with the Buddha

Meet the Buddha and hear about his life, the Four Noble Truths, karma and the path to enlightenment.

Conversations with Buddha

A relaxed chat with the Buddha tells us what he thought about impermanence, karma, mindfulness, compassion, love, and everything else that leads us toward a true understanding of ourselves and the cosmos. We know him as the Buddha, the "Awakened One". Born Siddhartha Gautama 2,500 years ago in northern India, he became one of the world's greatest spiritual leaders. He suffered as we do, then by his own efforts found the key to liberation from the bonds of desire, hatred and ignorance. As Westerners living in relative prosperity, we can identify with this man who had it all – love, success, money, talent, privilege – but set these things aside to search for something deeper and more enduring. This book presents an account of the Buddha's life followed by a series of plausible and illuminating but imagined conversations, which probe all aspects of his philosophy for living. The insights he conveys here offer us practical wisdom for a better life.

Commit to Sit

From the pages of Tricycle, the country's most widely read Buddhist magazine, comes Commit to Sit, an introduction to the art of meditation. In recent years, interest in meditation has grown to include not only those on a spiritual search, but also those who are simply working toward a healthy and meaningful life. This book brings together a broad range of Buddhist meditative techniques that have appeared in the magazine over the years. Contributors include some of the foremost voices in contemporary Buddhism: Pema Chödrön starts our journey with an inspirational Foreword. Lama Surya Das explores the definition of meditation, while Sharon Salzberg and Joseph Goldstein lay out a 28-day program for establishing a daily practice. Wherever you are on your search, you will find plenty of guidance in this book. Learn about insight meditation from Bhante Henepola Gunaratana and Sylvia Boorstein. Or about zazen from Barry Magid and Martine Batchelor. Gil Fronsdal offers instruction in metta (lovingkindness) meditation, while Judith Simmer-Brown teaches tonglen, a Tibetan Buddhist practice for cultivating compassion. We also learn about the crucial role the body plays in meditation from S.

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A modern guide to the teachings of Buddhism *Buddhism: An Introduction to the Buddha's Life, Teachings, and Practices* is an indispensable guide to a 2,600-year-old wisdom tradition that has transformed the lives of millions across centuries and around the world. Readers will learn how Siddhartha Gautama became the Buddha, one of the most influential spiritual leaders of all time, and discover how they too can follow his revolutionary methods to attain happiness and inner freedom. Along with accessible overviews of central teachings—the Four Noble Truths, the Eightfold Path, karma, core virtues like kindness and compassion, and more—Buddhism covers such basics as: - the three main Buddhist traditions—Theravada, Mahayana, and Vajrayana—historically and their relevance today - the role of meditation and mindfulness in Buddhist practice - step-by-step instruction in key Buddhist practices Writing in an engaging, approachable style, author Joan Duncan Oliver outlines the fundamentals of Buddhism for every reader, revealing its timeless truths and their relevance for finding peace in uncertain times. A practitioner of Buddhist meditation for forty years, Oliver has written extensively on Buddhist wisdom and its application to daily life. Her practical approach makes Buddhism an essential modern guidebook to an ancient tradition.

Q and a the Buddha

Joan Duncan Oliver New York-based author of *Contemplative Living, Happiness, and Good Karma*; former editorial chief of *One Spirit Book Club* Foreword by Annie Lennox Singer/songwriter, performer, activist and mother

The Meaning of Nice

Discover the hidden power of nice. *The Meaning of Nice* is a multi-faceted exploration of a simple word and how it has developed over time and among various disciplines. With emphasis on philosophy, positive psychology and interpersonal relationships, Joan Duncan Oliver probes theories and practices to explain why and how nice girls can get the corner office and nice guys can finish first. We tend to associate "nice" people with kindness and good manners - it's an indistinct, generic kind of praise. Joan Duncan Oliver restores the power of nice, and shows how this complex quality can change your life, and has never been more crucial to our well-being as individuals and as a society.

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An Interview with The Buddha

Siddhartha Gautama (aka The Buddha) was a 6th century BCE Indian sage whose spiritual teachings led to the founding of Buddhism, the fourth-largest religion in the world.

Coffee with Michelangelo

How would it feel to stand in the Sistine Chapel as Michelangelo painted? To watch him create his breathtaking sculptures? James Hall, an art critic, historian, and lecturer, puts us in that amazing position, and in the process reveals intriguing details on the master artist's life and thoughts. Despite a reputation for being a truculent loner, Michelangelo was an eloquent speaker in two dialogues compiled in the 1540s, and the "conversation" here comes from those and a number of other sources, including contemporary biographies, Michelangelo's many letters and poems, and anecdotes and quotations relayed by contemporaries.

Coffee with Oscar Wilde

So you've always wanted to know what it would be like to meet Oscar Wilde! Well, now you can - by a miracle of time travel. Enjoy his wit, admire his achievements on page and stage, and be moved by his poignant vulnerability.

Coffee with Aristotle

Presents a fictionalized interview with Aristotle, where the Greek philosopher discusses his life, his ideas, and his times.

Q&A the Buddha

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Lady Chatterley's Lover

Lady Chatterley's Lover is a novel by D. H. Lawrence written in 1928. Printed privately in Florence in 1928, it was not printed in the United Kingdom until 1960 (other than in an underground edition issued by Inky Stephensen's Mandrake Press in 1929). Lawrence considered calling this book *Tenderness* at one time and made significant alterations to the original manuscript in order to make it palatable to readers. It has been published in three different versions. The publication of the book caused a scandal due to its explicit sex scenes, including previously banned four-letter words, and perhaps because the lovers were a working-class male and an aristocratic female. The story is said to have originated from events in Lawrence's own unhappy domestic life, and he took inspiration for the settings of the book from Ilkeston in Derbyshire where he lived for a while. According to some critics the fling of Lady Ottoline Morrell with "Tiger"

Coffee with Mark Twain

Revel in Twain's caustic wit, tall tales, descriptive powers, and colorfully expressed opinions, all told to a distinguished professor and biographer. This master of repartee regales readers with stories about his many different guises, from humorist to riverboat pilot.

Coffee with Plato

Around 428 BC, Plato was born into one of Athens's most aristocratic families, and ultimately gathered around him some of the greatest minds of his age. Travel back to ancient Greece with Professor Emeritus of Philosophy Donald R. Moor and author Robert M. Pirsig (*Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*) to meet this legendary thinker. In addition to expanding upon his famous allegory of the

cave, Plato talks about learning through dialogue, the primacy of good and the price of wrong doing, democracy, freedom and censorship, women's equality, love, and mathematics, and the search for truth.

Auf einen Kaffee mit Buddha

Caffeine is the world's most popular drug! Almost all of us start our day with a jolt of caffeine from coffee, tea or cola. And many of us crave chocolate when we're stressed or depressed. Without it we're lethargic, head-achy and miserable. Why? Why do we crave caffeine? How much do we really know about our number one drug of choice? Here is the first natural, cultural, and artistic history of our favorite mood enhancer--how it was discovered, its early uses, and the unexpected parts it has played in medicine, religion, painting, poetry, learning, and love. Weinberg and Bealer tell an intriguing story of a remarkable substance that has figured prominently in the exchanges of trade and intelligence among nations and whose most common sources, coffee, tea, and chocolate, have been both promoted as productive of health and creativity and banned as corrupters of the body and mind or subverters of social order. Some Highlights From the World of Caffeine Balzac's addiction to caffeine drove him to eat coffee, as some schizophrenic patients are observed to do today, and may have killed him Mary Tuke breaks the male monopoly on tea in England in 1725 The ways caffeine functions as a smart pill Goethe's responsibility for the discovery of caffeine Did a mini Ice Age help bring coffee, tea and chocolate to popularity in Europe? What is the mystery of coffee's origin? As good as gold: the stories of how caffeine, in its various forms, was used as cash in China, Africa, Central America and Egypt What does the civet cat have to do with the most costly coffee on earth today? The World of Caffeine is a captivating tale of art and society -- from India to Balzac to cybercafes -- and the ultimate caffeine resource.

The World of Caffeine

Bestselling author and renowned Buddhist teacher Noah Levine adapts the Buddha's Four Noble Truths and Eight Fold Path into a proven and systematic approach to recovery from alcohol and drug addiction—an indispensable alternative to the 12-step program. While many desperately need the help of the 12-step recovery program, the traditional AA model's focus on an external higher power can alienate people who don't connect with its religious tenets. Refuge Recovery is a systematic method based on Buddhist principles, which integrates scientific, non-theistic, and psychological insight. Viewing addiction as cravings in the mind and body, Levine shows how a path of meditative awareness can alleviate those desires and ease suffering. Refuge Recovery includes daily meditation practices, written investigations that explore the causes and conditions of our addictions, and advice and inspiration for finding or creating a community to help you heal and awaken. Practical yet compassionate, Levine's successful Refuge Recovery system is designed for anyone interested in a non-theistic approach to recovery and requires no previous experience or knowledge of Buddhism or meditation.

Refuge Recovery

In 1916 Arthur Conan Doyle stated his belief in Spiritualism. "The Edge of the Unknown\

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The Five Mindfulness Trainings (also referred to as "Precepts")—not to kill, steal, commit adultery, lie, or take intoxicants—are the basic statement of ethics and morality in Buddhism. Zen Master and peace activist Thich Nhat Hanh argues eloquently for their applicability in our daily lives and on a global scale. Nhat Hanh discusses the value and meaning of each precept, offering insights into the role that it could play in our changing society. Thich Nhat Hanh calls the trainings a "diet for a mindful society." With this book he offers a Buddhist contribution to the current thinking on how we can come together to define secular, moral guidelines that will allow us to explore and sustain a sane, compassionate, and healthy way of living. The Five Mindfulness Trainings offer a path to restoring meaning and value in our world, whether called virtues, ethics, moral conduct, or precepts they are guidelines for living without bringing harm to others.

Tricycle

Challenging you to consider and to change your life, Joan Duncan Oliver leads you on a journey through a conversational journey to help you find self-understanding and happiness. The book offers guidance

and insights that will touch and transform your life: -Stop Worrying! -Be More Confident! -Conquer Your Fears! -Nurture Your Creative Side! -Get Strong Through Love!

The Mindfulness Survival Kit

We know him as Buddha, one of the world's greatest spiritual leaders. Covering topics such as suffering, karma, desire, mindfulness, compassion, love and reincarnation, this book offers insights into the Buddha's philosophy for living.

Happiness

Upton Sinclair, one of America's foremost writers, addresses the cultivation of the mind and the body in this 1922 volume. Sinclair's goal was to tell the reader how to live, how to find health, happiness and success, and how to develop fully both the mind and the body.

The Middle Way

Presents a fictionalized interview with Albert Einstein, where the physicist discusses his life and work.

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The Buddha

The Sunday Times No.4 bestseller Within the boroughs of London, nestled among its streets, hides another city, filled with magic.

Book of Life

"If you've ever wondered how a messed up kid like you or me might master the wisdom of Zen, *One Blade of Grass* is the adventure for you. It's great company—and after reading it, you might recognize that you're further along than you imagined." —David Hinton, editor and translator of *The Four Chinese Classics* and author of *The Wilds of Poetry* *One Blade of Grass* tells the story of how meditation practice helped Henry Shukman to recover from the depression, anxiety, and chronic eczema he had had since childhood and to integrate a sudden spiritual awakening into his life. By turns humorous and moving, this beautifully written memoir demystifies Zen training, casting its profound insights in simple, lucid language, and takes the reader on a journey of their own, into the hidden treasures of life that contemplative practice can reveal to any of us. "This heartfelt and beautifully written memoir provides one of the most insightful, informative, and honest accounts of Zen practice yet to appear in English." —Stephen Batchelor, author of *After Buddhism*

Coffee with Einstein

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Commit to Sit

Are you a witless cretin with no reason to live' Would you like to know more about every piece of knowledge ever' Do you have cash' Then congratulations, because just in time for the death of the print industry as we know it comes the final book ever published, and the only one you will ever need: The Onion's compendium of all things known. Replete with an astonishing assemblage of facts, illustrations, maps, charts, threats, blood, and additional fees to edify even the most simple-minded book-buyer, THE ONION BOOK OF KNOWN KNOWLEDGE is packed with valuable information-such as the life stages of an Aunt; places to kill one's self in Utica, New York; and the dimensions of a female bucket, or "pail." With hundreds of entries for all 27 letters of the alphabet, THE ONION BOOK OF KNOWN KNOWLEDGE must be purchased immediately to avoid the sting of eternal ignorance.

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This is the extended and annotated edition including * an extensive annotation of more than 10.000 words about the history and basics of Buddhism * many illustrations * an interactive table-of-contents * perfect formatting for electronic reading devices The best evidence that this book characterizes the spirit of Buddhism correctly can be found in the welcome it has received throughout the entire Buddhist world. It has even been officially introduced in Buddhist schools and temples of Japan and Ceylon. The eminent feature of the work is its grasp of the difficult subject and the clear enunciation of the doctrine of the most puzzling problem of tman, as taught in Buddhism. So far as we have examined the question of tman ourselves from the works of the Southern canon, the view taken by Dr. Paul Cams is accurate, and we venture to think that it is not opposed to the doctrine of Northern Buddhism. Contents: Buddhism Rejoice! Sams ra And Nirv na. Truth The Saviour. Prince Siddhattha Becomes Buddha The Bodhisatta's Birth The Ties Of Life. The Three Woes. The Bodhisatta's Renunciation. King Bimbis ra. The Bodhisatta's Search. Uruvel , The Place Of Mortification. M ra The Evil One. Enlightenment. The First Converts. Brahm s Request. The Foundation Of The Kingdom Of Righteousness. Upaka. The Sermon At Benares. The Sangha. Yasa, The Youth Of Benares. Kassapa. The Sermon At R jagaha. The King's Gift. S riputta And Moggall na. An thapindika. The Sermon On Charity. Jetavana. The Three Characteristics And The Uncreate. The Buddha's Father. Yasodhar . R hula. Consolidation Of The Buddha's Religion. J+vaka, The Physician. The Buddha's Parents Attain Nirv na. Women Admitted To The Sangha. The Bhikkhus' Conduct Toward Women. Vis kh . The Uposatha And P timokkha. The Schism. The Re-Establishment Of Concord. The Bhikkhus Rebuked. Devadatta. Name And Form. The Goal. Miracles Forbidden. The Vanity Of Worldliness. Secrecy And Publicity. The Annihilation Of Suffering. Avoiding The Ten Evils. The Preacher's Mission. The Teacher. The Dhammapada. The Two Brahmans. Guard The Six Quarters. Simha's Question Concerning Annihilation. All Existence Is Spiritual. Identity And Non-Identity. The Buddha Omnipresent. One Essence, One Law, One Aim. The Lesson Given To R hula. The Sermon On Abuse. The Buddha Replies To The Deva. Words Of Instruction. Amit bha. The Teacher Unknown. Parables And Stories. Parables. The Widow's Two Mites And The Parable Of The Three Merchants. The Man Born Blind. The Lost Son. The Giddy Fish. The Cruel Crane Outwitted. Four Kinds Of Merit. The Light Of The World. Luxurious Living. The Communication Of Bliss. The Listless Fool. Rescue In The Desert. The Sower. The Outcast. The Woman At The Well. The Peacemaker. The Hungry Dog. The Despot. V savadatt . The Marriage-Feast In Jambknada. A Party In Search Of A Thief. In The Realm Of Yamar ja. The Mustard Seed. Following The Master Over The Stream. The Sick Bhikkhu. The Patient Elephant. The Last Days. The Conditions Of Welfare. S riputta's Faith. P taliputta. The Mirror Of Truth. Ambap I+. The Buddha's Farewell Address. The Buddha Announces His Death. Chunda, The Smith. Metteyya. The Buddha's Final Entering Into Nirv na. Conclusion. The Three Personalities Of The Buddha. The Purpose Of Being. The Praise Of All The Buddhas.

One Blade of Grass

Engaged Buddhism is founded on the belief that genuine spiritual practice requires an active involvement in society. Engaged Buddhism in the West illuminates the evolution of this new chapter in the

Buddhist tradition - including its history, leadership, and teachings - and addresses issues such as violence and peace, race and gender, homelessness, prisons, and the environment. Eighteen new studies explore the activism of renowned leaders and organizations, such as Thich Nhat Hanh, Bernard Glassman, Joanna Macy, the Buddhist Peace Fellowship, and the Free Tibet Movement, and the emergence of a new Buddhism in North America, Europe, South Africa, and Australia.

Raymond, Or, Life and Death

Each volume in the series is written by an Omega board or faculty member committed to presenting the most effective and inspiring information and skills from all of the world's wisdom traditions. Each book incorporates interviews with influential thinkers who have taught at Omega over the years and include comprehensive resource lists of books, videos, and retreat centers nationwide to which readers can turn for additional information. The perfect guide for everyone seeking sanctuary or looking for ways to slow down, "Contemplative Living" shows readers how to step back from the daily hubbub, and find a deeper meaning in life. In addition to presenting time-honored practices from great teachers past and present, including the basics of meditation, prayer, chanting, contemplation, and movement, "Contemplative Living" also contains "Inspiration" sidebars for reflection and "Try This" boxes to get readers started. This essential spiritual primer also has practical tips on such basics as setting aside a time for meditation and finding a supportive environment for your practice.

The Onion Book of Known Knowledge

The start of a brand NEW series from bestselling author Rosie Clarke Cambridgeshire - March 1939 As the clouds of war begin to gather in Europe, the Talbot family of rural Blackberry Farm will be torn apart, just as so many families all over the world will be. Life will never be the same again. Whilst in London, the Salmons family will feel the pain of parting and loss. Brought together by war, the two families become intertwined and, as the outlook looks bleak, they must draw on each other's strength to fight through the hard times. Lizzie Johnson and Tom were sweethearts until a mistake caused a terrible rift. Lizzie takes herself off to London to heal the pain in a glamorous new job but she still loves Tom. His pride has been hurt – but deep down inside Tom still cares. Can they find happiness before their chance is gone and the whole world is swept into the terrible madness of war?

The Gospel of Buddha

Offering a glimpse inside the high-stakes world of real estate development, from finding a property to securing financing to hiring an architect to constructing the building to seeing it profitably occupied, this is a history of New York in the 1970s and 1980s, from one of the people most responsible for its changing cityscape. In 1986, the New York Times called William Zeckendorf Jr. Manhattan's most active real-estate developer, a judgement borne out by Zeckendorf's fascinating memoir. The second generation of a legendary family of developers, Bill Zeckendorf was a developer with a social conscience, not only putting up buildings but opening neglected parts of the city and transforming whole communities. Among the projects Zeckendorf chronicles in detail - and with rich documentary illustrations - are the Columbia, which set off a building boom on the Upper West Side; the four-acre Worldwide Plaza, a landmark in West Midtown; Queens West, the first residential project on the waterfront in Queens; the enormous Ronald Reagan Office Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.; and numerous projects in Santa Fe, his beloved second home.

Engaged Buddhism in the West

How could Max Miller reduce an audience to helpless laughter just by talking about a fan dancer and her fan? Why do club audiences howl with glee at Bernard Manning's violent jokes about Pakistanis? What made audiences break out into fights at Alexei Sayle's early gigs? How did stand-up comedy begin and why has it exploded into such a huge industry now encompassing a criss-crossing network of clubs, concerts, television and radio? And what happens to a comedian when he or she steps out onto a stage and begins performing in front of an audience? *Stand-Up!* is the first book to both analyse the background of stand-up and take us inside the world of being a solo comedian. Oliver Double writes a lively history of the traditions of British stand-up comedy - from its roots in music hall and variety to today's club and alternative comedy scene - and also a serious exploration of what it is like to be a comedian on-stage in front of a sometimes adoring and sometimes hostile audience. He looks critically at the work of such stand-up stars as Frankie Howerd, Les Dawson, Billy Connolly, Victoria Wood, Ben Elton and Eddie Izzard. And he looks at himself as a performer.

Contemplative Living

His Holiness the Dalai Lama presents the perfect introduction to traditional Tibetan Buddhist thought and practice, covering the Four Noble Truths and two essential texts. There is no one more suited to introduce beginners—and remind seasoned practitioners—of the fundamentals of Tibetan Buddhism than His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Speaking to an audience of Western students, the Dalai Lama shows us how to apply basic Buddhist principles to our day-to-day lives. Starting with the very foundation of Buddhism, the Four Noble Truths, he provides the framework for understanding the Buddha's first teachings on suffering, happiness, and peace. He follows with commentary on two of Buddhism's most profound texts: *The Eight Verses on Training the Mind* and *Atisha's Lamp for the Path to Enlightenment*, often referring to the former as one of his main sources of inspiration for the practice of compassion. With clear, accessible language and the familiar sense of humor that infuses nearly all of his work, the Dalai Lama invites us all to develop innermost awareness, a proper understanding of the nature of reality, and heartfelt compassion for all beings. This book was previously published under the title *Lighting the Way*.

War Clouds Over Blackberry Farm

Loos shares her collection of memories, photos, and anecdotes of a life spanning over 80 years, roamign from New York to Hollywood, to Paris, Berlin and Rome. It features a case of the most famous and fabulous personalities of the stage and screen.

Developing

Stand Up