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A set of creative writers here responds to the call for literature that addresses who we are by understanding where we are—where, for each of them, being somehow part of the academy. Their personal essays delineate the diverse, sometimes unexpected roles of place in shaping them, as writers and teachers in varied environments, through unique experiences and distinctive worldviews—in reconfiguring their conjunctions of identity and setting, here, there, everywhere, and in between. Offering creative comments on place, identity, and academic work are authors Charles Bergman, Mary Clearman Blew, Jayne Brim Box, Jeffrey M. Buchanan, Norma Elia Cantú, Katherine Fischer, Kathryn T. Flannery, Diana Garcia, Janice M. Gould, Seán W. Henne, Rona Kaufman, Deborah A. Miranda, Erin E. Moore, Kathleen Dean Moore, Robert Michael Pyle, Jennifer Sinor, Scott Slovic, Michael Sowder, Lee Torda, Charles Waugh, and Mitsuye Yamada.

Prometheus Rising describes the landscape of human evolution and offers the reader an opportunity to become a conscious participant. In an astoundingly useful road map infused with humor and startling insight, Robert Anton Wilson presents the Eight Circuits of the Brain model as an essential guide for the effort to break free of imprinted and programmed behavior, Bob writes, "We are all giants, raised by pygmies, who have learned to walk with a perpetual mental crouch. Unleashing our full stature—our total brain power—is what this book is all about." The Robert Anton Wilson Trust Authorized Hilaritas Press Edition

A Handful of Quiet presents one of the best known and most innovative meditation practices developed by Thich Nhat Hanh as part of the Plum Village community's practice with children. Pebble meditation is a playful and fun activity that parents and educators can do with their children to introduce them to meditation. It is designed to involve children in a hands-on and creative way that touches on their interconnection with nature. Practicing pebble meditation can help relieve stress, increase concentration, nourish gratitude, and can help children deal with difficult emotions. A Handful of Quiet is a concrete activity that parents and educators can introduce to children in school settings, in their local communities or at home, in a way that is meaningful and inviting. Any adult wishing to plant seeds of peace, relaxation, and awareness in children will find this unique meditation guide helpful. Children can also enjoy doing pebble meditation on their own. Beautiful color illustrations by Wietske

Vriezen, illustrator of *Planting Seeds* (ISBN-13: 978-1-935209-80-5) and *Mindful Movements* (978-1-888375-79-4).

In recent years scientists have discovered that mindfulness can reduce stress, improve mood, and enhance our sense of well-being. In this book, readers learn how mindfulness can be brought to bear in our relationships to increase intimacy, strengthen communication, and help us to find greater fulfillment. Topics in this collection include how to open your heart and develop lovingkindness for yourself and others, how to improve communication through mindful speech and deep listening, noticing and counteracting destructive patterns, and discovering how intimate relationships can become a rich form of spiritual practice. Chapters and contributors include: • Zen teacher Thich Nhat Hanh on what mindfulness is and why it lies at the heart real love • Psychotherapist David Richo on finding a partner • Psychotherapist and meditation teacher Tara Brach on the power of forgiveness • Rabbi Harold Kushner on striving to give love rather than get it • Novelist Jane Hamilton on a marital meltdown—and recovery • Meditation teacher Susan Piver on the value of heartbreak • Psychologist John Welwood on relationships as a path of personal and spiritual growth

Wise and witty, heartfelt and profound, this second volume in an annual series brings together the year's most notable prose and verse inspired by the power and insight of Buddhist practice. Compiled by the editors of *Shambhala Sun*, North America's oldest and most widely read Buddhist magazine, the collection offers a lively array of styles, perspectives, and concerns of contemporary Buddhists. The twenty-five talented contributors include familiar favorites as well as some surprising voices who will delight and enlighten the reader, with pieces ranging from personal memoir, adventure travelogue, prison journal, and poetry, to advice for practitioners and wisdom teachings of the masters. Among this year's outstanding selections are: Natalie Goldberg looks at the complex and troubled relationship with the two most important men in her life: her father and her Zen teacher. The Dalai Lama explains Buddhism's signature doctrine of emptiness. Dharma teacher Gaylon Ferguson writes on issues of self-worth and social justice for people of color. Journalist Joan Duncan Oliver reflects on her struggle with twin addictions: "a drink and a man." Thich Nhat Hanh offers personal meditations to help us lead a more wholesome and mindful life. Cognitive psychologist Eleanor Rosch discourses on mind, meditation, and the creative process. Peter Matthiessen ponders the long-

ing for adventure as he travels the Antarctic. Zen teacher John Tarrant tells how he applied a famed koan as his mother was dying. Contributors: Faith Adiele · Geoffrey Shugen Arnold · Rick Bass · Edward Espe Brown · Michael Carroll · Chokyi Nyima Rinpoche · Peter Coyote · John Daido Looi · H. H. the Dalai Lama · Scott Darnell · Gretel Ehrlich · Gaylon Ferguson · Norman Fischer · Gehlek Rinpoche · Natalie Goldberg · Joseph Goldstein · Jeff Greenwald · Erik Hansen · Sam Harris · Joan Duncan Oliver · The Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche · Barbara Rhodes · Lewis Richmond · Eleanor Rosch · Andrew Schelling · Gary Snyder · John Tarrant · Thanissaro Bhikkhu · Thich Nhat Hanh · Claude Anshin Thomas · Traleg Kyabgon Rinpoche · Francisco J. Varela

Even at twelve years old, Chris Lemig knows he's gay. He just doesn't want to believe it. Spurred on by intolerance, ignorance and fear, he takes his first steps into the closet and so begin twenty-three years of drinking, drugs and attempted suicides. It's only after he wakes up one morning, beaten and still bleeding from a hate crime, that he finally finds the courage to come out and make a change. Renewed and refreshed, he finds sanity and healing in the teachings of Tibetan Buddhism and without looking back, sets off on an inspired pilgrimage to India and Nepal. *The Narrow Way* is the harrowing and sometimes beautiful story of a man who lost his mind only to find it again in a strange new religion, in a strange new place, halfway across the world.

In this page-turning new mystery series, fraternal twins Keaton and Koby will pull double duty when they take down a killer while preparing to open their new bookstore and soul-food café, *Books & Biscuits*. When Koby Hill and Keaton Rutledge were orphaned at age two, they were separated, but their unbreakable connection lingered. Years later, they reunite and decide to make up for lost time and capitalize on their shared interests by opening up a well-stocked bookstore and cozy soul-food café in the quaint Pacific Northwest town of Timber Lake. But this new chapter of their lives could end on a cliffhanger after Koby's foster brother is found murdered. The murder, which occurred in public between light-rail stops, seems impossible for the police to solve. But as Keaton and Koby know, two heads are always better than one, especially when it comes to mysteries. With just a week to go before the grand opening of their new café, the twins will use their revitalized connection with each other to make sure this is the killer's final page.

A growing body of scientific research indicates that mindfulness can reduce stress and improve mental and physical health. Countless people who have tried it say it's improved their quality of life. Simply put, mindfulness is the practice of paying steady and full attention, without judgment or criticism, to our moment-to-moment experience. Here is a collection of the best writing on what mindfulness is, why we should practice it, and how to apply it in daily life, from leading figures in the field. Selections include: · Leading thinker Jon Kabat-Zinn on the essence of mindfulness, stress reduction, and positive change · Zen teacher Thich Nhat Hanh on the transformative power of mindful breathing · Professor of psychiatry Daniel Siegel, MD, on how mindfulness benefits the brain · Physician and meditation teacher Jan Chozen Bays, MD, on how and why to practice mindful eating · Pioneering psychologist Ellen Langer on how mindfulness can change the understanding and treatment of disease · Leadership coach Michael Carroll on practicing mindfulness at work · Psychologist Daniel Goleman on a mindful approach to shopping and consuming · Pianist Madeline Bruser on how mindfulness can help us overcome performance anxiety · and much more *The Mindfulness Revolution* also includes an in-depth discussion by writer-editor Barry Boyce about how mindfulness is being applied

in a variety of professional fields—from health care to education, from performing arts to business—to improve effectiveness and enhance well-being. Learn more at [www.mindful.org](http://www.mindful.org).

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Motherhood can be one of the most intense and transformative experiences of a woman's life. While there are many books that offer the "do's and don'ts" of effective parenting, few offer guidance on navigating the tumultuous inner experience of being a mother, with all its joy, pain, change, and uncertainty. This collection of writing by psychologists, poets, novelists, spiritual teachers, and everyday moms explores the rich, transformative journey of motherhood. • Poet and novelist Louise Erdrich captures the sheer wonder and awe of early motherhood. • Self-described "hip momma" Ariel Gore reflects on the challenges of dealing with her daughter's adolescent rebellion. • Journalist Joan Peters highlights the rise of the "Power Mom" and the risks of overparenting to our children and ourselves. • Zen teacher Cheri Huber shares a spiritual perspective: sometimes it's us parents who need a "time out" so that we can be more fully present and loving with our children. Previously published under the title *Your Children Will Raise You*.

*HERE LIES MEMORY* explores the place of memory in living, daily, scarred and sacred lives. Two Pittsburgh families struggle to survive trauma and love. A man wills himself to go blind, not to forget, but to remember in new ways. Another man drinks beer after beer until he can no longer drink away what he must face directly. This novel explores what language and photographs do to memory, desire, and love, and what gentrification is doing to the souls of families and neighborhoods.

Explains how to apply Zen principles to create and maintain loving relationships, outlining thirteen essential practices that offer advice on how to overcome such challenges as miscommunication, insecurity, and jealousy. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

The heart of the Buddha's story in a handful of words—beautifully illustrated by a world-renowned artist. *The Day the Buddha Woke Up* is a board book that will captivate children of all ages. It's the perfect way to introduce young children to the story of the Buddha—the clear, gracefully written story puts the Buddha's awakening into language children can understand. The simple arc of the Buddha's questions, his quest, and his ultimate understanding will provide a meaningful and peaceful story that children—and their parents!—will love returning to again and again.

"Mommysattva is a wise, funny, and refreshingly real guide to what happens when the ideals of mindfulness practice meet the chaos of everyday motherhood." -Anne Cushman, author of *The Mama Sutra: A Story of Love, Loss, and the Path of Motherhood* In *Mommysattva*, writer, meditation teacher, nutrition therapist, and mom Jenna Hollenstein envisions motherhood as the most spontaneous, impossible, and hard-won path to wisdom and compassion. The book is not a guide to mother-

hood; it's a collection of bite-sized essays examining motherhood as a spiritual journey that includes compassion and vast expansion of the heart. It explores many of the felt experiences of those who mother—from the intense metamorphosis of becoming a mother to the practice of motherhood as a teaching on what it means to be present to a mother's innately activist role in bringing about positive change. And also irritation, resentment, endless snacks, and, sure, vomit. How to bring it all to the path without shame, virtue signaling, or setting up endless years of therapy for your kid? Hollenstein, in a deeply honest exploration of her own journey as a mother as well as her Buddhist practice, offers a view of motherhood that is deep, kind, and real. The essays shimmer with the message that every single thing we do as mothers is an opportunity to embrace the power, love, chaos, and possibility of this magnificent path.

Presenting readers with effective and easy-to-apply meditation techniques that expand present moment awareness and bring about feelings of joyfulness, this text is a resource for parents wishing for a deeper connection with children.

"Reflections on finding peace, beauty, and fulfillment in everyday life, illustrated by the author's experiences with tending her new home's venerable but neglected Japanese garden. Author is a Zen Buddhist priest and meditation teacher"--

A warm, wise and engaging new book on Buddhism for mothers by best-selling author Sarah Naphali.

As American women make decisions about anesthesia today, *Deliver Me from Pain* offers them insight into how women made this choice in the past and why each generation of mothers has made dramatically different decisions.

"Once upon a time there was a Mommy monkey And that Momma monkey had a baby monkey And that baby monkey had...Bones made for walking on two legs! And then that baby monkey grew up And SHE became a Momma monkey And that baby monkey had..." Easy for young children to understand and play along, "Momma Monkey" walks little ones through the basic concept of evolution.

Celebrated doula, healer, yoga teacher, and parenting coach Lori Bregman brings a holistic guide to being a more balanced, authentic, and joyful mother. Introducing the "five expressions of motherhood"—Action Mama, Flow Mama, Rebel Mama, Vulnerable Mama, and Free Mama—Lori offers supportive advice, exercises, meditations, and yoga practices to cultivate a healthy balanced life and stronger bonds. Accessible and encouraging, *Mamaste* provides foundational tools for parenting, relatable examples, and exercises to build self-awareness and mindfulness. Guiding new mothers along a journey of self-discovery, these practices ultimately lead to a more enriching and contented experience for both mother and child. Packaged in an inviting paperback and filled with nurturing advice, *Mamaste* is essential for any expecting or new parent.

Combining humor, honesty, and plainspoken advice, *Momma Zen* distills the doubts and frustrations of parenting into vignettes of Zen wisdom. Drawing on her experience as a first-time mother, and on her years of Zen meditation and study, Miller explores how the daily challenges of parenthood can become the most profound spiritual journey of our lives. This compelling and wise memoir follows the timeline of early motherhood from pregnancy through toddlerhood. *Momma Zen* takes readers on a transformative journey, charting a mother's growth beyond naive expectations and disorienta-

tion to finding fulfillment in ordinary tasks, developing greater self-awareness and acceptance—to the gradual discovery of "maternal bliss," a state of abiding happiness and ease that is available to us all. In her gentle and reassuring voice, Karen Miller convinces us that ancient and authentic spiritual lessons can be as familiar as a lullaby, as ordinary as pureed peas, and as frequent as a sleepless night. She offers encouragement for the hard days, consolation for the long haul, and the lightheartedness every new mom needs to face the crooked path of motherhood straight on.

Contemporary popular culture has created a slew of stereotypical roles for girls and women to (willingly or not) play throughout their lives: The Princess, the Nymphette, the Diva, the Single Girl, the Bridezilla, the Tiger Mother, the M.I.L.F, the Cougar, and more. In this book Ames and Burcon investigate the role of cultural texts in gender socialization at specific pre-scripted stages of a woman's life (from girls to the "golden girls") and how that instruction compounds over time. By studying various texts (toys, magazines, blogs, tweets, television shows, Hollywood films, novels, and self-help books) they argue that popular culture exists as a type of funhouse mirror constantly distorting the real world conditions that exist for women, magnifying the gendered expectations they face. Despite the many problematic, conflicting messages women receive throughout their lives, this book also showcases the ways such messages are resisted, allowing women to move past the blurry reality they broadcast and toward, hopefully, gender equality.

Read Amy Tiemann's posts on the Penguin Blog. MOJO MOM helps you answer the question, "Who Am I Now that I'm A Mom?" What is Mommy Mojo? It's the feeling you get when you're a parent at the top of your game, juggling the kids and the many facets of life, and keeping your own needs in balance. Motherhood is a tremendous gift, but it's also a huge identity shift. Becoming a Mojo Mom means bringing your self and your dreams back into focus, while still giving your family the loving attention it needs. It may sound like a fantasy, but it can be done. Mojo Mom shows women practical ways to: \*Prepare to become a Mom without losing your identity \*Survive and enjoy the intense early years \*Save some of your best energy and creativity for your own ideas and dreams \*Reenter the workplace or take on a new path with confidence and ease \*Learn the key elements to the long-term success of your marriage \*Become a Naptime Activist-and change the world in just an hour a week \*Rise above the "Mommy Wars" between stay-at-home and working moms \*Use motherhood as an opportunity for reinvention Getting your mojo back is not just another item for your to-do list-it's your right. Amy Tiemann, MomsRising.org executive team member and founder of MojoMom.com, will help every woman explore her true self.

Short stories to nurture little one's imaginations.

Offers the true story of Nancy Mace, the first woman to ever graduate the once male-only military college, The Citadel. Reprint.

It's easy to think that meaning, fulfillment, and bliss are "out there," somewhere outside of our daily routine. But in this playful yet profound reflection on awareness, the compelling voice of a contemporary woman reveals the happiness at the bottom of the laundry basket, the love in the kitchen sink, and the peace possible in one's own backyard. Follow Karen Maezen Miller through youthful ambition and self-absorption, beyond a broken marriage, and into the steady calm of a so-called ordinary life. In her hands, household chores and caregiving tasks become opportunities for self-examination, lessons in relationship, and liberating moments of selflessness. With attention, it's the little things —

even the unexpected, unpleasant, and unwanted things — that count.

Pregnancy is a time of wonder and of momentous change, both emotionally and physically. For many women, it is a time like no other in their lives, filled with excitement and awe but also with great uncertainty and vulnerability. This book-and-audio program brings together writings and simple daily practices for bringing the transformative power of mindfulness to this special time. The *Mindful Way through Pregnancy* features: • Yoga and meditation teacher Anne Cushman on finding balance amid the emotional ups and downs of pregnancy • Author Celia Straus on bonding with your child during pregnancy • Yoga teacher Jennifer Brilliant on caring for your changing body • Meditation teacher Judith Lief on calming your fears about childbirth and parenthood • Author Mimi Doe on setting your intentions for parenthood • Zen teacher Karen Maezen Miller on mindfulness and the childbirth experience Also included is an audio download of guided meditation instruction for four simple meditation practices for expectant mothers. Drawn from the Buddhist tradition, these practices offer different ways to develop a sense of calm well-being throughout pregnancy.

This book—the first of its kind—will appeal to historians and religious studies scholars alike.

Examines the Zen principle of mu and presents the writings of over forty teachers on the practice of mu.

Not your typical boring diet book, this is a tart-tongued, no-holds-barred wakeup call to all women who want to be thin. With such blunt advice as, *Soda is liquid Satan and You are a total moron if you think the Atkins Diet will make you thin*, it's a rallying cry for all savvy women to start eating healthy and looking radiant. Unlike standard diet books, it actually makes the reader laugh out loud with its truthful, smart-mouthed revelations. Behind all the attitude, however, there's solid guidance. *Skinny Bitch* espouses a healthful lifestyle that promotes whole grains, fruits, and vegetables, and encourages women to get excited about feeling clean and pure and energized.

Become a calmer and happier mother with *Buddhism for Mothers*. 'This is an excellent, practical guide to everyday Buddhism not just for mothers, but for everyone who has ever had a mother.' Vicki Mackenzie, author of the bestselling *Why Buddhism Parenthood* can be a time of great inner turmoil for a woman yet parenting books invariably focus on nurturing children rather than the mothers who struggle to raise them. This book is different. It is a book for mothers. *Buddhism for Mothers* explores the potential to be with your children in the all-important present moment; to gain the most joy out of being with them. How can this be done calmly and with a minimum of anger, worry and negative thinking? How can mothers negotiate the changed conditions of their relationships with partners, family and even with friends? Using Buddhist practices, Sarah Naphali offers ways of coping with the day-to-day challenges of motherhood. Ways that also allow space for the deeper reflections about who we are and what makes us happy. By acknowledging the sorrows as well as the joys of mothering *Buddhism for Mothers* can help you shift your perspective so that your mind actually helps you through your day rather than dragging you down. This is Buddhism at its most accessible, applied to the daily realities of ordinary parents. Even if exploring Buddhism at this busy stage of your life is not where you thought you'd be, it's well worthwhile reading this book. It can make a difference.

Offers advice on how high school students can explore global education opportunities, avoid debt, and find a sense of purpose, based on the author's own experience traveling and educating her four

daughters overseas.

"A combination of personal narrative and stories gathered from mothers, this guide shows how spiritual and mindful parenting can help all mothers: Buddhists and non Buddhists, be more open, attentive, and content. By guiding mothers on a spiritual path, this evocation also helps them cultivate wisdom, open-heartedness, and a better understanding of themselves and their children. The Buddhist teachings and principles help answer questions that all mothers face, especially those with young children: Who are my children? Who am I? How can I do my best by my children and myself? What to do about all that housework? Written in a clear and engaging style, this warm and simple meditation facilitates parenting with awareness, purpose, and love."--Global Books in Print.

*Punk, politics, and parenting: a guide for moms (and dads) who want it all.*

Alan Watts is "the perfect guide for a course correction in life, away from materialism and its empty promise" (Deepak Chopra). Here he shows us how—in an age of unprecedented anxiety—we must embrace the present and live fully in the now in order to live a fulfilling life. Spending all our time trying to anticipate and plan for the future and to lamenting the past, we forget to embrace the here and now. We are so concerned with tomorrow that we forget to enjoy today. Drawing from Eastern philosophy and religion, Alan Watts shows that it is only by acknowledging what we do not—and cannot—know that we can learn anything truly worth knowing. "Perhaps the foremost interpreter of Eastern disciplines for the contemporary West, Watts had the rare gift of 'writing beautifully the unwritable.'" —Los Angeles Times

Thirteen-year-old Maxine Russell, a self-described feminist, writes a book for children ages 4-10, introducing them to feminism and clearing up common misconceptions.

A Zen teacher and mother explains how the daily challenges of mothering can lead one to discover greater equanimity, fearlessness, and compassion--a work of uncommon insight written for new mothers of any background. 25,000.

A gargantuan, mind-altering comedy about the Pursuit of Happiness in America Set in an addicts' halfway house and a tennis academy, and featuring the most endearingly screwed-up family to come along in recent fiction, *Infinite Jest* explores essential questions about what entertainment is and why it has come to so dominate our lives; about how our desire for entertainment affects our need to connect with other people; and about what the pleasures we choose say about who we are. Equal parts philosophical quest and screwball comedy, *Infinite Jest* bends every rule of fiction without sacrificing for a moment its own entertainment value. It is an exuberant, uniquely American exploration of the passions that make us human - and one of those rare books that renew the idea of what a novel can do. "The next step in fiction...Edgy, accurate, and darkly witty...Think Beckett, think Pynchon, think Gaddis. Think." --Sven Birkerts, *The Atlantic*

Life is rising up to meet us at every moment. The question is: Are we there to meet it or not? Diane Rizzetto presents a simple but supremely effective practice for meeting every moment of our lives with mindfulness, using the Zen precepts as tools to develop a keen awareness of the motivations behind every aspect of our behavior—to "wake up to what we do"—from moment to moment. As we train in mindfulness of our actions, every situation of our lives becomes our teacher, offering priceless insight into what it really means to be happy. It's a simple practice with transformative poten-

tial, enabling us to break through our habitual reactions and to see clearly how our own happiness and well-being are intimately, inevitably connected to the happiness and well-being of everyone around us.