

Training The Mind And Cultivating Loving-Kindness



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Chögyam Trungpa (1940–1987) was a meditation master, teacher, and artist who founded Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado, the first Buddhist-inspired university in North America; the Shambhala Training program; and an international association of meditation centers known as Shambhala International. He is the author of numerous books including *Shambhala: The Sacred Path of the Warrior*, *Cutting Through Spiritual Materialism*, and *The Myth of Freedom*.

Trungpa Rinpoche is always lucid and to the point. In this book he explains the "tong-len" practice, which was once given only privately to advanced disciples. Even Trungpa Rinpoche himself originally adhered to that tradition, presumably because the practice could be dangerous to those who don't know what they're doing. Therefore: if you practice tong-len from this book, be careful. The point of the practice is to relieve the suffering of others by taking it on oneself. Be sure you are willing to do that before you start.

This is a must have for anyone interested in the study of Buddhism and the Lojong slogans. If you study only this, you get the gist of the whole Tibetan Buddhist path. Broken down into parts and discussion of each slogan. I found this useful along with other teachings on the subject. However, if you're just starting to study Tibetan Buddhist philosophy, I would suggest Mingyur Rinpoche's "Joy of Living", anything by Pema Chodron, Tsoknyi Rinpoche's "Open Heart, Open Mind".

Daily read, full of wit and surprising twists. Keeps me on my toes as a meditator and invigorated my slogan practice.

One of the best books I have ever read. Great merge of psychology and buddhism.

This is another of Chogyams books on basic Buddhist principles of loving kindness and bodhisattva training. He is at times confusing but having studied and read him for years I learned from his original students that this was by design. It is meant to be confusing to allow one to consider what is being presented. We are using it as a group and it has sparked insightful discussions.

I was pleasantly surprised by the quality of the advice given in this book. Having heard of the controversies surround Chogyam Rinpoche I didn't expect to find much wisdom here but it appears I was mistaken.

Best buy!

A revolutionary approach to meditation in which the individual extends loving kindness into the universe and to fellow humans and absorbs and handles negative energy in a healing manner. In the process one gains inner strength along with greater capacity for healing. Excellent writing by Trungpa, and quite readable as he uses American vernacular to convey ageless Tibetan wisdom.

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