

# Myths Of The Asanas The Ancient Origins Of Yoga

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*Beyond Asanas* Pragma Bhatt 2019-06-21 Downward dog, tree pose, Marichyasana . . . Have you ever wondered how these names for yoga poses came about, inspired from animals, nature, and even sages? Using thirty carefully researched asanas, yoga teacher Pragma Bhatt draws upon her own yoga practice and research to make a connection between ancient Indian mythology and modern yoga practice. By depicting the beauty and form of each asana through the lens of Joel Koechlin, this book intends to add meaning and value for practitioners and non-practitioners alike, shedding new light on a familiar subject.

**Ancient Roots, New Shoots** Bertus Haverkort 2003-03 Knowledge has become a buzzword of the age. In the North, people talk of the knowledge-based economy; in the South, the World Bank now defines itself as a knowledge institution. But the question is: whose knowledge? This collection of general reflections and practical experiences illustrates the inappropriateness of a Western model in many local settings, and the positive value of non-Western systems of knowledge, values and ways of doing things. It shows how traditional knowledge is being recognised in the botanical and agricultural sectors - local medicinal herbs, local seed varieties and animal breeds, local methods of pest control. The projects illustrate the notion of endogenous development, or development from within. They show how development can be based on locally available natural resources and local knowledge, values and leadership institutions; how development options can be locally determined; and how to retain the benefits of development within local areas and communities. Endogenous development is not a total solution, but complementary to ongoing modern technological and global economic processes. But the remarkable experiments described do show the rich benef

**Autobiography of a Yogi** Paramahansa Yogananda 2009-01-01 The autobiography of Paramahansa Yogananda (1893 - 1952) details his search for a guru, during which he encountered many spiritual leaders and world-renowned scientists. When it was published in 1946 it was the first introduction of many westerners to yoga and meditation. The famous opera singer Amelita Galli-Curci said about the book: "Amazing, true stories of saints and masters of India, blended with priceless superphysical information-much needed to balance the Western material efficiency with Eastern spiritual efficiency-come from the vigorous pen of Paramhansa Yogananda, whose teachings my husband and myself have had the pleasure of studying for twenty years."

**Handbook of New Age** Daren Kemp 2007 The "Handbook of New Age" is a comprehensive survey of alternative spiritualities: their history, their global impact, their cultural influence and how they are understood by scholars. Chapters by many of the leading scholars of the movement give the latest analysis of contemporary spiritual

trends, and present up-to-date observations of the interaction between the New Age movement and many different fields of knowledge and research.

All about Hinduism Swami Sivananda 1977

Scientology James R. Lewis 2009-03-11 Scientology is arguably the most persistently controversial of all contemporary New Religious Movements. James R. Lewis has assembled an unusually comprehensive anthology, incorporating a wide range of different approaches. In this book, a group of well-known scholars of New Religious Movements offers an extensive and evenhanded overview and analysis of all of these aspects of Scientology, including the controversies to which it continues to give rise.

*The Heart of Yoga* T. K. V. Desikachar 1999-03-01 The first yoga text to outline a step-by-step sequence for developing a complete practice according to viniyoga--yoga adapted to the needs of the individual. • A contemporary classic by a world-renowned teacher. • This new edition adds thirty-two poems by Krishnamacharya that capture the essence of his teachings. Sri Tirumalai Krishnamacharya, who lived to be over 100 years old, was one of the greatest yogis of the modern era. Elements of Krishnamacharya's teaching have become well known around the world through the work of B. K. S. Iyengar, Pattabhi Jois, and Indra Devi, who all studied with Krishnamacharya. Krishnamacharya's son T. K. V. Desikachar lived and studied with his father all his life and now teaches the full spectrum of Krishnamacharya's yoga. Desikachar has based his method on Krishnamacharya's fundamental concept of viniyoga, which maintains that practices must be continually adapted to the individual's changing needs to achieve the maximum therapeutic value. In *The Heart of Yoga* Desikachar offers a distillation of his father's system as well as his own practical approach, which he describes as "a program for the spine at every level--physical, mental, and spiritual." This is the first yoga text to outline a step-by-step sequence for developing a complete practice according to the age-old principles of yoga. Desikachar discusses all the elements of yoga--poses and counterposes, conscious breathing, meditation, and philosophy--and shows how the yoga student may develop a practice tailored to his or her current state of health, age, occupation, and lifestyle. This is a revised edition of *The Heart of Yoga*.

**The Strides of Vishnu** Ariel Glucklich 2008-05-09 An accessible and comprehensive introduction to Hinduism combines historical material with key religious and philosophical ideas, supported by substantial quotations from scriptures and other texts, emphasizing archaeological as well as textual evidence.

On Hinduism Wendy Doniger 2014-03 *On Hinduism* is a penetrating analysis of many of the most crucial and contested issues in Hinduism, from the Vedas to the present day. In a series of 63 connected essays, it discusses Hindu concepts of polytheism, death, gender, art, contemporary puritanism, non-violence, and much more.

**Downward Dogs & Warriors** Zo Newell 2007 *Downward Dogs and Warriors* demystifies traditional India stories of gods and goddesses by showing their connection to universal human emotions. Connecting these stories to common yoga poses opens a deeper dimension of practice.

*The Little Book of Hindu Deities* Sanjay Patel 2006-10-31 Pixar animator and Academy Award-nominated director Sanjay Patel (Sanjay's Super Team) brings to life Hinduism's most important gods and goddesses—and one sacred stone—in fun, full-color illustrations, each accompanied by a short, lively profile. *The Little Book of Hindu Deities* is chock-full of monsters, demons, noble warriors, and divine divas. Find out why Ganesha has an elephant's head (his father cut his off!); why Kali, the goddess of time, is known as the "Black One" (she's a bit goth); and what "Hare Krishna" really means. "Throw another ingredient in the American spirituality blender. Pop culture is veering into Hinduism."—USA Today

*Pagan Origins of the Christ Myth* John G. Jackson 2018-12-17 A classic resource that connects the cardinal doctrines of Christianity to their origins in the ancient civilizations that preceded the religion. In *Pagan Origins of the Christ Myth*, John G. Jackson sources the pagan origins of Christian doctrine with particular focus on the creation and atonement myths. Rooted in historical facts, Jackson's claims are steeped in research and demonstrate how Christianity synthesizes the rituals, beliefs, and characteristics of savior gods from ancient Egyptian, Greek, Aztec, and Hindu origins. Initially published in 1941, this concise introduction remains an insightful contribution to comparative religion studies.

**In Search of Myths & Heroes** Michael Wood 2005 The author goes in search of four of the most famous myths in the world--Shangri-la, Jason and the Golden Fleece, the Queen of Sheba, and the Holy Grail--journeying to some of the most remote regions on Earth, including Western Tibet, the mountains of Geo

*Yoga Education for Children* Swami Satyananda Saraswati 1999-01-01 Intended as a guideline for teachers of yoga to children based on the experience of the various authors who have taught yoga to children in widely differing environments for a considerable number of years. The book indicates some of the requirements of children of different age groups, abilities and disabilities, as well as some of the constraints imposed by the teaching environments. Furthermore, the book presents some of ways that teachers have adapted general yoga practices to suit their own specific requirements and constraints.

**Jivamukti Yoga** Sharon Gannon 2011-04-06 The long-awaited, complete guide to the popular, vigorous American method of yoga that is deeply rooted in ancient wisdom and scriptures "In this day and age of health and fitness trends, it is assuring to know that Sharon and David encourage their students to draw inspiration from the classical texts of Yoga and timeless scriptural sources."—Sri Swami Satchidananda Creators of the extremely popular Jivamukti Yoga method and cofounders of the New York City studios where it is taught, Sharon Gannon and David Life present their unique style of yoga for the first time in book form. As they explain their intensely physical and spiritual system of flowing postures, they provide inspiring expert instruction to guide you in your practice. Unlike many books about yoga, Jivamukti Yoga focuses not only on the physical postures but also on how they evolved—the origins of the practices in yoga's ancient sacred texts and five-thousand-year-old traditions—the psychotherapeutic benefits that accrue with a steady practice, and the spiritual power that is set free when energy flows throughout the mind and body. Jivamukti Yoga, which means "soul liberation," guides your body and soul into spiritual freedom, physical strength, peace of mind, better health, and Self-realization—the ultimate goal of any practice. Gannon and Life help you understand each of the practices that comprise the yoga path to enlightenment: AHIMSA—The Way of Compassion: choosing nonviolence, respecting all life, practicing vegetarianism, living free of prejudice ASANA—The Way of Connection to the Earth: postures and sequences, breathing, transforming energy, understanding the bandhas KARMA—The Way of Action: creating good karma, giving thanks NADAM—The Way of Sacred Music: appreciating the sacred sounds of yoga MEDITATION—The Way of the Witness: how to sit still and move inward BHAKTI—The Way of Devotion to God: living with love, grace, and peace Whatever yoga you practice, Jivamukti Yoga will help you to strengthen and deepen that practice and lead you onto a path of spiritual clarity and self-discovery. "If there is only one book you read about the practice of Yoga, this should be the one. . . . This book is for anyone who wishes to find transformation through Yoga. I'm grateful for their work and teaching."—Stephan Rechtschaffen, MD, Co-founder & CEO, Omega Institute

*Asanas* Dharma Mittra 2002-12 Yoga is more popular than ever and this compact, illustrated guide to hundreds of yoga postures is for practitioners across all cultures and

ages. 700 photos.

**French Horn Passages, Volume II** Max P. Pottag With the ever increasing popularity of the French horn and the demand for French horn music, this book is published for the benefit of the American student and professional, to acquaint him with the most popular French horn solo parts of symphonic and standard literature.

*A History of Mindfulness* Bhikkhu Sujato 2011-07-18 The Satipaṭṭhāna Sutta is the most influential scripture in Buddhist meditation. It is the foundation text for the modern schools of 'vipassanā' or 'insight' meditation. The well-known Pali discourse is, however, only one of many early Buddhist texts that deal with mindfulness. This is the first full-scale study to encompass all extant versions of the Satipaṭṭhāna Sutta, taking into account the dynamic evolution of the Buddhist scriptures and the broader Indian meditative culture. A new vision emerges from this groundbreaking study: mindfulness is not a system of 'dry insight' but is the 'way to convergence' leading the mind to deep states of peace.

**Yoga Sequencing** Mark Stephens 2012-09-18 *Yoga Sequencing: Designing Transformative Yoga Classes* presents the essential principles and methods for planning and sequencing yoga classes. Addressing one of the most popular topics in the yoga profession, this book offers sixty-seven model sequences of yoga poses (asanas) that cover the broad range of yoga student experience, including multiple sequences for beginning, intermediate, and advanced students; yoga for kids, teens, women across the life cycle, and seniors; classes to relieve depression and anxiety; and sequences for each of the major chakras and ayurvedic constitutions. Each sequence provides guidance for teaching the different breathing (pranayama) and meditation techniques that give yoga its transformative power. Enhanced with over 2,000 instructional photos and an elaborate guide to the constituent elements of over 150 yoga asanas, the book draws equally from ancient yoga philosophy and contemporary insights into functional anatomy, biomechanics, and kinesiology. The nuanced interrelationships among asanas within and between the seven asana families are explored and the anatomy of opening and stabilizing each pose is explained for sequences designed around specific needs and intentions. A comprehensive appendix includes a glossary of yoga-related terms, an alphabetical asana index with thumbnail photographs of each asana, a class planning worksheet, representative sequences from several popular styles of hatha yoga, and a list of resources for further exploring sequencing and the larger practice of teaching yoga.

**Sacred Sound** Alanna Kaivalya 2014-03-15 The mantra and kirtan (call-and-response devotional chants) of yoga practice sometimes get short shrift in the West because they aren't well understood. These chants are an integral part of most every Eastern spiritual practice because they are designed to provide access into the psyche while their underlying mythology helps us understand how our psychology affects daily life. *Sacred Sound* shares the myths behind the mantras, illuminating their meaning and putting their power and practicality within reach of every practitioner. Each mantra and kirtan includes the Sanskrit, the transliteration, and the translation. Clear retellings of the pertinent myths highlight modern-day applications so that readers discover their own personal connection to the practice. Alanna Kaivalya has refined her teaching over a decade with tens of thousands of diverse audience members. Her unique and popular approach to human connection and self-knowledge turns a time-tested tradition into a versatile and potent tool.

**The Monks and Me** Mary Paterson 2012-01-01 Recounts the author's experiences during forty days spent at Thich Nhat Hanh's Bordeaux retreat in France where she sought peace and perspective following the death of her father.

*The Goddess Pose* Michelle Goldberg 2015-06-09 New York Times best-selling author

Michelle Goldberg tells the globetrotting story of the incredible woman who brought yoga to the West. When Indra Devi was born in Russia in 1899, yoga was virtually unknown outside of India. By the time of her death, in 2002, it was being practiced around the world. Here Michelle Goldberg tells the globetrotting story of the incredible woman who helped usher in a craze that continues unabated to this day. A sweeping picture of the twentieth century that travels from the cabarets of Berlin to the Mysore Palace to Golden Age Hollywood and beyond, *The Goddess Pose* brings the Devi's little known but extraordinary adventures vividly to life.

*Roots of Yoga* James Mallinson 2017-01-26 'An indispensable companion for all interested in yoga, both scholars and practitioners' Professor Alexis G. J. S. Sanderson Despite yoga's huge global popularity, relatively little of its roots is known among practitioners. This compendium includes a wide range of texts from different schools of yoga, languages and eras: among others, key passages from the early Upanisads and the Mahabharata, and from the Tantric, Buddhist and Jaina traditions, with many pieces in scholarly translation for the first time. Covering yoga's varying definitions, its most important practices, such as posture, breath control, sensory withdrawal and meditation, as well as models of the esoteric and physical bodies, *Roots of Yoga* is a unique and essential source of knowledge. Translated and Edited with an Introduction by James Mallinson and Mark Singleton

*World History* Eugene Berger 2016-09-30 *World History: Cultures, States, and Societies to 1500* offers a comprehensive introduction to the history of humankind from prehistory to 1500. Authored by six USG faculty members with advance degrees in History, this textbook offers up-to-date original scholarship. It covers such cultures, states, and societies as Ancient Mesopotamia, Ancient Israel, Dynastic Egypt, India's Classical Age, the Dynasties of China, Archaic Greece, the Roman Empire, Islam, Medieval Africa, the Americas, and the Khanates of Central Asia. It includes 350 high-quality images and maps, chronologies, and learning questions to help guide student learning. Its digital nature allows students to follow links to applicable sources and videos, expanding their educational experience beyond the textbook. It provides a new and free alternative to traditional textbooks, making *World History* an invaluable resource in our modern age of technology and advancement.

**Leader** Devdutt Pattanaik 2017-06-25 What does the Biblical story of Nathan and David say about effective communication skills? How do you identify the Raja Bhoj, the Gangu Teli and the Shekchilli in your office? What is the corporate equivalent of an Ashwamedha yajna? Drawing from sources as diverse as the Mahabharata and the Bible, the Vikram-Betal stories, the Iliad and the Odyssey, Islamic tenets, the tales of rishis and kings, and fables from around the world, Devdutt Pattanaik, India's leading mythologist, provides a fascinating account of what leadership entails. How to choose the right leader, effectively communicate with a boss, maintain the right balance between discipline and leniency? In these and other workplace situations, Pattanaik shows what leaders of today can learn about the art of leadership from stories written thousands of years ago, things no management course can teach. *Leader: 50 Insights from Mythology* uses myths and legends to arrive at wisdom that is both time-worn and refreshingly new, on what makes a good leader.

*The Power of Ashtanga Yoga* Kino MacGregor 2013-06-04 A foremost Ashtanga Yoga teacher tells you "everything you ever wanted to know from a yogi" in this guide for beginners and experienced practitioners alike (Huffington Post) Go inside the philosophy, history, and practices of a popular and athletic type of yoga—with step-by-step instructions and gems of wisdom for starting your own journey to self-realization Ashtanga Yoga has become extremely popular in recent years. Here, Kino MacGregor—a

disciple of Sri K. Pattabhi Jois, the great modern guru who developed Ashtanga Yoga—gives a comprehensive view of the practice, demonstrating how Ashtanga is fundamentally a path of spiritual transformation and personal development. MacGregor delves into the history and tradition of Ashtanga Yoga and reveals how its philosophy manifests in contemporary lifestyle and dietary choices. She also explains the essential connection of breath, posture, and gaze that is the core of the practice. Her clear, step-by-step instruction of the Ashtanga Yoga Primary Series—including standing, seated, backbending, twisting, hip-opening, and closing postures—is a wonderful initiation for those who are new to the practice, and it will motivate experienced yogis toward perfection of the form. Throughout, MacGregor shares her own personal yoga journey and her devotion to yoga as a path of self-realization in a way that will inspire all practitioners.

*Yoga Body* Mark Singleton 2010-02-25 Most people assume that 'postural' yoga is an ancient Indian tradition. But in fact, as Singleton shows, this type of yoga is quite a recent development. Singleton presents a study of the origins of postural yoga, challenging many current notions about its nature and origins.

The Hindus Wendy Doniger 2010-09-30 An engrossing and definitive narrative account of history and myth that offers a new way of understanding one of the world's oldest major religions, *The Hindus* elucidates the relationship between recorded history and imaginary worlds. Hinduism does not lend itself easily to a strictly chronological account: many of its central texts cannot be reliably dated even within a century; its central tenets karma, dharma, to name just two arise at particular moments in Indian history and differ in each era, between genders, and caste to caste; and what is shared among Hindus is overwhelmingly outnumbered by the things that are unique to one group or another. Yet the greatness of Hinduism - its vitality, its earthiness, its vividness - lies precisely in many of those idiosyncratic qualities that continue to inspire debate today. Wendy Doniger is one of the foremost scholars of Hinduism in the world. With her inimitable insight and expertise Doniger illuminates those moments within the tradition that resist forces that would standardize or establish a canon. Without reversing or misrepresenting the historical hierarchies, she reveals how Sanskrit and vernacular sources are rich in knowledge of and compassion toward women and lower castes; how they debate tensions surrounding religion, violence, and tolerance; and how animals are the key to important shifts in attitudes toward different social classes. *The Hindus* brings a fascinating multiplicity of actors and stories to the stage to show how brilliant and creative thinkers - many of them far removed from Brahmin authors of Sanskrit texts - have kept Hinduism alive in ways that other scholars have not fully explored. In this unique and authoritative account, debates about Hindu traditions become platforms from which to consider the ironies, and overlooked epiphanies, of history.

Yoga Mythology Devdutt Pattanaik 2019-06-21 The popular names of many yogic asanas -- from Virbhadra-asana and Hanuman-asana to Matsyendra-asana, Kurma-asana and Ananta-asana -- are based on characters and personages from Indian mythology. Who were these mythological characters, what were their stories, and how are they connected to yogic postures? Devdutt Pattanaik's newest book *Yoga Mythology* (co-written with international yoga practitioner Matt Rulli) retells the fascinating tales from Hindu, Buddhist and Jain lore that lie behind the yogic asanas the world knows so well; in the process he draws attention to an Indic worldview based on the concepts of eternity, rebirth, liberation and empathy that has nurtured yoga for thousands of years.

**Myths of the Asanas** Alanna Kaivalya 2010-05-05 Practitioners around the world reap the physical benefits of yoga, assuming poses and frequently calling them by their Sanskrit names. While many know that hanumanasana is named for the deity Hanuman,

few understand why this is the case. Behind each asana and its corresponding movements is an ancient story about a god, sage, or sacred animal, much like Aesop's fables or European folktales. *Myths of the Asanas* is the first book to collect and retell these ancient stories. The myths behind yoga's spiritual tradition have the power to help students of all levels realize their full potential. Meditating on the tolerance of trees while standing in tree pose can help one become more tolerant. Learning how the disfigured sage Astavakra came to be the teacher of a king can liberate us from anxieties about our external appearance and our self-imposed limitations. Marveling at Hanuman's devotion to Ram can serve as a source of spiritual strength and determination. With more than sixty beautiful illustrations to frame the stories, *Myths of the Asanas* will add a new dimension to your practice and study of yoga.

**Scorpion** Louise M. Pryke 2016-06-15 No creature has quite the sting in our mythology and folklore as the scorpion. From the dawn of human civilization they have been a dangerous figure in our imaginations—poisonous, precise, and deadly quiet—but as Louise M. Pryke shows in this book, their bad reputation has overshadowed many exceptional qualities. Scurrying across hundreds of millions of years and across every continent except Antarctica, this book gives the scorpion its due as one of nature's longest-lasting survivors. Indeed, scorpions are older than dinosaurs. An ancient arthropod, their form—notable for its pair of pincers and an elegant tail that holds a menacing stinger high in the air in a permanent striking position—hasn't changed since prehistoric times, though today there are some 1700 different species. Throughout our existence, scorpions have served as a powerful cultural and religious symbol—sometimes dangerous, sometimes protecting—from the Egyptian goddess Serket to Zodiac astrology to folk medicine. A fascinating tour that takes us from the art of North Africa to the American Civil War to the markets of Beijing, *Scorpion* is an homage to one of earth's oldest residents.

*The Complete Illustrated Book of Yoga* Swami Vishnu Devananda 2011-02-23 Since 1960, more than 1 million people have used this classic guide to tap the incredible power of yoga. The attractive new edition, in a new size, will appeal to a wide audience of contemporary yoga students.

*Accessible Yoga* Jivana Heyman 2019-11-05 This daring, visionary book revolutionizes yoga practice—and makes it truly accessible to everyone, in every body, at any age, and in any state of health. Yoga practice has so much to offer us physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. But many of us feel discouraged to practice because we see young, slim, flexible, well, and able-bodied people dominating yoga spaces. Yet, yoga is truly a practice for all—conferring enormous benefits to our overall well-being as our bodies change, age, and navigate various health challenges. Jivana Heyman, founder of Accessible Yoga, views yoga as a basic human right—saying we all deserve to practice it in whatever state we find our body or mind. Accessible Yoga offers a simple, clear, and wonderfully adaptable practice for all people regardless of ability, health, and body type. Heyman has spent over twenty years sharing yoga with people of all abilities and backgrounds, and in this book, he shares his knowledge by breaking down complex yoga poses, breathing practices, meditation techniques, and yoga teachings into clearly understandable and practical tools we can use every day, regardless of our limitations or challenges.

**Ancient Pakistan - An Archaeological History** Mukhtar Ahmed 2014-10-18 This is the fourth volume of the *Ancient Pakistan - An Archaeological History*. It deals with a number of issues of the Indus Civilization, which are primarily of theoretical importance. The main topics that have been discussed are the social and political organization of the Harappan society, the Harappan religion, the Indus script and language, the beginning

and the end of this vast civilization, and the recent attempts in creating some myths around the Indus Civilization. Since this volume is primarily dedicated to the theoretical and the abstract, descriptive material is kept to a minimum.

**Yoga Beyond the Mat** Alanna Kaivalya 2016-10-08 While many engage in asana, the physical practice, yoga's most transformative effects are found in the realms of the spiritual and psychological. *Yoga Beyond the Mat* shows you how to develop a personal, holistic yoga practice to achieve lasting and permanent transformation. Join Alanna Kaivalya as she guides you through a complete range of topics, including Removing Obstacles Appreciating the Present Moment Balancing the Chakras Healing Childhood Wounds Creating Your Own Rituals Transforming Your Archetypal Energy Entering the Blissful State This book shows you that yoga doesn't make your life easier; it makes you better at your life. Through ritual, meditation, journaling, asana, and other spiritual practices, *Yoga Beyond the Mat* provides techniques for developing a personal mythology and allowing the ego to rest, leading modern-day yogis toward what they have been missing: the realization of personal bliss. Praise: "[Alanna] guides and inspires students and teachers alike toward their own liberation, with patience, generosity, and wholehearted enthusiasm."—Linda Sparrowe, former editor-in-chief of *Yoga International* and author of *Yoga At Home* "This is the book I dreamed of when I started my yoga path...[*Yoga Beyond the Mat* includes] all the steps, tools, rituals, and wisdom for lasting bliss."—Dana Flynn, founder of Laughing Lotus Yoga "Alanna has pioneered a relevant, educational book; deep thinking and laced humor."—Ana T. Forrest, founder of Forrest Yoga and author of *Fierce Medicine* "Alanna reveals with great clarity and approachable language the nuances, shadings and shadows of this ancient ritual of wellness. I highly recommend it."—Dennis Patrick Slattery, PhD, author of *Riting Myth* "Alanna's rigorous scholarship interweaves with applicable and tangible to-do's that brings reality to your spirituality."—Jill Miller, creator of Yoga Tune Up® and bestselling author of *The Roll Model* "In today's hectic life, the revival of yoga-past when combined with soul centered engagement offers the remedy we seek...a breakthrough book."—Stephen Aizenstat, PhD, chancellor of Pacifica Graduate Institute "In this groundbreaking book integrating yoga, Jungian psychology, and personal mythology, Alanna Kaivalya recovers the spiritual dimension of yoga for contemporary Western practitioners."—Dr. Patrick Mahaffey, professor and associate chair of Mythological Studies Program at Pacifica Graduate Institute and author of *Evolving God-Images* "Alanna writes with honesty and clarity about the quest to find self-knowledge and bliss, perfectly balancing skepticism and enthusiasm. The result is a practical guide to the history and philosophy of yoga, and a useful map to living an integrated, satisfying and richly meaningful life."—Dave Stringer, Grammy-nominated Kirtan artist "Drawing on yoga, psychology, mythology, and ritual, Alanna guides readers on a transformative journey toward self-awareness and 'personal bliss,' through an amazing array of practices. *Yoga Beyond the Mat* is like a library of ideas for studying your self."—Kaitlin Quistgaard, writer and former editor-in-chief of *Yoga Journal*

**The Complete Guide to Yin Yoga** Bernie Clark 2019-09 This second edition of this bestseller provides an in-depth look at the philosophy and practice of Yin Yoga with illustrated how-to sections, including detailed descriptions and photographs of more than 30 asanas.

**Sacred Body, Sacred Spirit** Ramesh Bjonnes 2012-11-01 *Sacred Body, Sacred Spirit* is a book about transforming our ordinary lives into a sacred experience. You will be introduced to Tantra as the essence of yogic practice and philosophy. Known by the ancient yogis as a powerful conduit for personal transformation, Tantra holds the secret to turning our longings into love and our feelings of separation into spiritual union.

Generally known in the West as "the yoga of sex," in this book, you will encounter a more integral form of Tantra. Some yogis call this ancient wisdom "the yoga of everything." Because, Tantric yoga is about seeing and realizing that everything we do can become a sacred, spiritual act. This form of alchemical spirituality is insightfully and poetically articulated in this book by Ramesh Bjonnes, a popular yoga blogger, workshop leader and cofounder of the Prama Institute. "An insightful, balanced approach to the frequently misunderstood pursuit of spiritual growth and personal well-being." --Kirkus Review "This book is a source that any person, lay or scholar, will benefit from reading, because here is a practitioner whose fine mind reaches into his heart, converging one into the other. Bjonnes is now an important voice for the study of living Tantra." Douglas Brooks, Professor of Religion, Rochester University, author of *Auspicious Wisdom* "The writings of Ramesh Bjonnes cut right to the core of the spiritual journey. His essays enter through my mind and then travel to my heart, where they blossom like beautiful flowers of love and truth." Jai Uttal, Grammy-nominated world musician "Sacred Body, Sacred Spirit is an inspiring and provocative book. These essays have been among the most consistently popular ever on our website." Bob Weisenberg, Associate Publisher, *Elephant Journal* "[Ganesha Goes to Lunch](#) Kamla K. Kapur 2007-01 Epics of ancient India rank with the timeless myths of classical Greece and Rome in the power of their language and the underlying moral lessons. The Ramayana and Mahabharata, both written in Sanskrit, contain vibrant stories of kings and princes, sages and tricksters, demons and gods, damsels in distress and mighty heroes. *Ganesha Goes to Lunch* collects some of the most vivid stories from these and other early Indian folklore and spiritual texts including the Vedas, the Puranas, and Sikh writings. These stories feature the gods of India in their celestial and earthly abodes, hapless humans struggling with life's many problems, and gods and humans interacting. Assembled by Kamla Kapur, these stories illustrate the great spiritual and practical themes of the human condition. Kamla Kupur brings her poet's eye and ear to the retelling of these stories, recreating and dramatizing them to illuminate their relevance to modern times.

[Reconceiving My Body](#) Gil Hedley 2000-05-01 *Reconceiving My Body: Take Two*, from the Heart, is the first volume of a multi-part, multi-genre series I have planned to develop the more general theme, *Reconceiving Our Bodies*. I decided I needed to "walk the talk" before inviting anyone to join me. The idea that we can actually grow new bodies by shifting the way that we conceive of our bodies and ourselves is one over which I have thought for a long time. But thinking about it only got me outlines on paper. The real thing has come for me from the heart, feeling my way into new and more pleasurable ways of being in the world as a whole person, embodied. The first volume is a bit of a romp. In it, I invite my readers to laugh with me over the silliness and pathos of my own life in order to provide an accessible and compelling backdrop for exploring the overarching theme of the book. No one is spared, least of all me. I figure that if I just go ahead and offend everyone, it will make the class-action suit that much more lucrative. I certainly had fun writing this book, and sincerely hope you enjoy reading it for your own sake as well.

**A Handbook of Chakra Healing** Kalashatra Govinda 2004 Chakra work benefits body, mind and spirit and leads to a greater sense of harmony and inner balance. *A Handbook of Chakra Healing* is a practical guide that applies ancient wisdom to the problems and stresses of modern life. It tells you all you need to know about the seven chakras, the vital energy centers in the human body. It teaches you what the chakras are and how they function, and it offers effective programs for harmonizing the energy of the chakras that will change your entire outlook on life.

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