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A collection of poetry by

the renowned Zen meditation teacher, peace activist, and author of *The Miracle of Mindfulness*. Though he is best known for his groundbreaking and accessible works on

applying mindfulness to everyday life, Thich Nhat Hanh is also a distinguished poet and Nobel Peace Prize nominee. This stunning poetry collection explores

these lesser-known facets of Nhat Hanh's life, revealing not only his path to becoming a Zen meditation teacher but his skill as a poet, his achievements as a peace activist, and his experiences as a young refugee. Through over fifty poems, Nhat Hanh reveals the stories of his past—from his childhood in war-torn Vietnam to the beginnings of his own spiritual journey—and shares his ideas on how we can come together to create a more peaceful, mindful world. Uplifting,

insightful, and profound, *Call Me By My True Names* is at once an exquisite work of poetry and a portrait of one of the world's greatest Zen masters and peacemakers. "The clear, still mind of this meditation teacher gives rise to piercing images time and time again. Nhat Hanh seems an inherently skilled poet. It is these poetic works, more than his essays or lectures, that show Thich Nhat Hanh clearly to be a Zen mystic." —San Francisco Chronicle "Thich Nhat

Hanh's poems have an almost uncanny power to disarm delusion, awaken compassion, and carry the mind into the immediate presence of meditation. Thich Nhat Hanh writes with the voice of the Buddha". - Sogyal Rinpoche.

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Love in Action is a collection of over two decades of Thich Nhat Hanh's writing on nonviolence, peace, and reconciliation. Reflecting on the devastation of war, he makes the strong

argument that mindfulness, insight, and altruistic love are the only sustainable bases for political action. This timeless book is an important resource for those interested in social change.

A Rose for Your Pocket

Random House

Find peace and calm amid the busyness of your life with this new book by Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh.

Designed to be both inspiration and guidebook for those new to mindfulness practice, *Making Space* offers easy-

to-follow instructions for setting up a breathing room, listening to a bell, sitting, breathing, and walking meditations, and cooking and eating a meal in mindfulness. Whether you live alone or with a family, this beautifully illustrated book can help you create a sense of retreat and sanctuary at home.

Stories and Essential Teachings from a Monk's Life Parallax Press

"One of the most vital and original novelists of her generation." —Larissa MacFarquhar, *The New*

Yorker From the bestselling author of *Americanah* and *We Should All Be Feminists* Fifteen-year-old Kambili and her older brother Jaja lead a privileged life in Enugu, Nigeria. They live in a beautiful house, with a caring family, and attend an exclusive missionary school. They're completely shielded from the troubles of the world. Yet, as Kambili reveals in her tender-voiced account, things are less perfect than they appear. Although her Papa is generous and well

respected, he is fanatically religious and tyrannical at home—a home that is silent and suffocating. As the country begins to fall apart under a military coup, Kambili and Jaja are sent to their aunt, a university professor outside the city, where they discover a life beyond the confines of their father's authority. Books cram the shelves, curry and nutmeg permeate the air, and their cousins' laughter rings throughout the house. When they return

home, tensions within the family escalate, and Kambili must find the strength to keep her loved ones together. *Purple Hibiscus* is an exquisite novel about the emotional turmoil of adolescence, the powerful bonds of family, and the bright promise of freedom. [The Sun My Heart](#) Penguin In the mid-1960s, Thich Nhat Hanh was a little-known Vietnamese Zen monk, touring the United States on behalf of the cause of peace in his homeland. Jim Forest, a Catholic peacemaker, was

asked to accompany him on his speaking engagements. From there emerged a friendship over many decades, in which Jim learned through conversations and daily life about Nhat Hanh's spiritual teachings on mindfulness and the inner peace that is necessary for promoting world peace. Over the years Thich Nhat Hanh became one of the most influential and revered spiritual teachers in the world. Jim Forest's intimate portrait, which includes photos and other illustrations, is a

unique introduction to a modern spiritual master and his teachings.

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A brilliantly colorful memoir of becoming a monk and a young man's spiritual journey in India. Nikolai Grozni, a Boston jazz piano prodigy struck by spiritual ennui, suddenly abandoned 15 years of music studies to seek out the Dalai Lama's university in India, where he began his quest for the ultimate truth. Instead of finding answers, Grozni fell in with an unusual

cast of characters, and struggled with Buddhist logic and with the many small challenges to life as a monk in a community of Tibetan refugees. *Turtle Feet* is his bittersweet and funny memoir about the search for higher power, and the discovery of oneself amidst teeming, chaotic, and glorious humanity.

[Zen and the Art of Living with Fearlessness and](#)

[Grace](#) Harmony

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Leaves|Journals

1962-1966Parallax Press

Scattered Memories

Parallax Press

Best known for his Buddhist teachings, Thich Nhat Hanh has lived in exile from his native Vietnam since 1966. These remarkable early journals reveal not only an exquisite portrait of the Zen master as a young man, but the emergence of a great poet and literary voice of Vietnam. From his years as a student and teaching assistant at Princeton and Columbia, to his efforts to negotiate peace and a better life for the Vietnamese, Fragrant

Palm Leaves offers an elegant and profound glimpse into the heart and mind of one of the world's most beloved spiritual teachers.

Eyes of Compassion

Parallax Press

Published here for the first time, these fifty poems, explore his journey from young boy in Vietnam to being a leader in Thich Nhat Hanh's monastic community. The early poems reflect childhood memories of war and destruction yet are also full of romantic and poetic imagery. His later poems

convey a profound wisdom and spaciousness of heart. A Zen Master in his own right, he led a life committed to cultivating great compassion and liberation through inner discovery. Light in spirit, loving and wise, sometimes strict, and often humorous, these poems perfectly capture Giac Thanh's clarity, wisdom, and kindness. *Creating a Home Meditation Practice* Parallax Press Zen Master, poet and peace and human rights activist Thich Nhat Hanh

was born in central Vietnam in 1926 and joined the monkhood at the age of sixteen. Written by the author in his late twenties, My Master's Robe is set in the heart of a peaceful monastery that is surrounded by war during the years from 1942-1947.

How to Love Parallax Press

This compendium of the core teachings of Thich Nhat Hanh, based on a talk given at a prison, shows how mindfulness practice can cultivate

freedom no matter where you are. So many of us, inmates and outsiders alike, are in prisons of our own making.... The miracle of mindfulness can free us all Shepherds town Chronicle....
A Skeptic's Journey to Mindfulness Parallax Press
 "Honest, courageous... Williams has committed an act of love."—Alice Walker "A classic."—Jack Kornfield There truly is an art to being here in this world, and like any art, it can be mastered. In this elegant, practical book,
 Angel Kyodo Williams

combines the universal wisdom of Buddhism with an inspirational call for self-acceptance and community empowerment. Written by a woman who grew up facing the challenges that confront African-Americans every day, *Being Black* teaches us how a "warrior spirit" of truth and responsibility can be developed into the foundation for real happiness and personal transformation. With her eloquent, hip, and honest perspective, Williams—a Zen priest, social activist,

and entrepreneur—shares personal stories, time-tested teachings, and simple guidelines that invite readers of all faiths to step into the freedom of a life lived with fearlessness and grace.
An Historical Novel of Fourteenth Century Vietnam
 ReadHowYouWant.com
 In *Touching Peace*, Thich Nhat Hanh expands the teachings on practicing the art of mindful living begun in the best selling *Being Peace* by giving specific, practical instructions on extending

our meditation practice into our daily lives. The book reminds us to focus on what is refreshing and healing within and all around us, and how, paired with the practice of mindful breathing, it can be used as the basis for examining the roots of war and violence, alcoholism and drug abuse, and social alienation. Touching Peace offers Thich Nhat Hanh's vision for rebuilding society through strengthening our families and communities, and realizing the ultimate

dimension of reality in each act of our daily lives. The book concludes with the author's profound vision and determination to make efforts to alleviate the suffering of all people. Included are such classic Thich Nhat Hanh practices as the conflict resolution tool of the Peace Treaty; his thoughts on a "diet for a mindful society" based on his interpretation of the 5 Mindfulness Trainings, and his early writings on the environment. "When we touch peace everything becomes real."

-Thich Nhat Hanh With 10 original illustrations by Mayumi Oda
Turtle Feet Penguin
 Regarded by many as Thich Nhat Hanh's most personally revealing and endearing book, these collected journals chronicle the first-hand experiences of the Zen Master as a young man in both the United States and Vietnam, just as his home country is plunged into war and turmoil. "It isn't likely that this collection of journal entries, which I'm calling Fragrant Palm Leaves, will

pass the censors... I'll leave Vietnam tomorrow." Thus Thich Nhat Hanh begins his May 11, 1966 journal entry. After leaving Vietnam, he was exiled for calling for peace, and was unable to visit his homeland again until 2004. In the interim, Thich Nhat Hanh continued to practice and teach in the United States and Europe, and became one of the world's most respected spiritual leaders. But when these journals are written, all of that is still to come. Fragrant Palm Leaves

reveals a vulnerable and questioning young man, a student and teaching assistant at Princeton and Columbia Universities from 1962-1963, homesick and reflecting on the many difficulties he and his fellow monks faced at home trying to make Buddhism relevant to the people's needs. We also follow Thich Nhat Hanh as he returns to Vietnam in 1964, and helps establish the movement known as Engaged Buddhism. A rare window into the early life of a spiritual icon,

Fragrant Palm Leaves provides a model of how to live fully, with awareness, during a time of change and upheaval. *At Home in the World* Parallax Press
'It isn't likely that this collection of journal entries will pass the censors. If it can't be published, I hope my friends will circulate it among themselves. I'll leave Vietnam tomorrow...' Thus Thich Nhat Hanh begins his 11 May 1966 journal entry. Since that time, he has been unable to return to

his homeland but, now based in France, he has become one of the world's most respected spiritual leaders. Fragrant Palm Leaves reveals a vulnerable and questioning young man reflecting on the many difficulties he and his fellow monks faced in Vietnam trying to make Buddhism relevant to the people's needs. We follow him, in 1964, as he helps establish the movement known as 'engaged Buddhism': starting self-help villages, a new university, a Buddhist

order and many other efforts for peace. Fragrant Palm Leaves is regarded by many Vietnamese as Thich Nhat Hanh's most endearing and stimulating book. It offers readers a glimpse into the mind of a great thinker and activist and shows how to live fully, with awareness, during a time of challenge and upheaval.

Present Moment

Wonderful Moment

Parallax Press

Taming the Tiger Within is a handbook of meditations, analogies, and reflections that offer

pragmatic techniques for diffusing anger, converting fear, and cultivating love in every arena of life—a wise and exquisite guide for bringing harmony and healing to one's life and relationships. Acclaimed scholar, peace activist, and Buddhist master revered by people of all faiths, Thich Nhat Hanh has inspired millions worldwide with his insight into the human heart and mind. Now he focuses his profound spiritual wisdom on the basic human emotions everyone

struggles with on a daily basis.

Writings on Nonviolent Social Change Penguin

This beautifully designed book will be cherished for generations. Written in the summer of 2013, *Inside the Now* contains the most recent, never before published commentaries and reflections of Thich Nhat Hanh on living in stillness and timelessness. The book begins with an autobiographical reflection in which we hear the voice of the young monk, poet, and

community-builder struggling in war-torn Vietnam to develop a Buddhism relevant to the suffering of his time. These early experiences lay the groundwork for Thich Nhat Hanh's insights into the nature of time and interbeing. In part two, we hear the clear, direct voice of the Zen Master challenging us to open our hearts, seize the moment, and touch the now. The book is interspersed with poetry from other Zen masters as well as the author's own verse and

calligraphy.

Teachings on Love

Harper Collins

The secret to happiness is to acknowledge and transform suffering, not to run away from it. In *No Mud, No Lotus*, Thich Nhat Hanh offers practices and inspiration transforming suffering and finding true joy. Thich Nhat Hanh acknowledges that because suffering can feel so bad, we try to run away from it or cover it up by consuming. We find something to eat or turn on the television. But unless we're able to face

our suffering, we can't be present and available to life, and happiness will continue to elude us. Nhat Hanh shares how the practices of stopping, mindful breathing, and deep concentration can generate the energy of mindfulness within our daily lives. With that energy, we can embrace pain and calm it down, instantly bringing a measure of freedom and a clearer mind. No Mud, No Lotus introduces ways to be in touch with suffering without being overwhelmed by it. "When

we know how to suffer," Nhat Hanh says, "we suffer much, much less." With his signature clarity and sense of joy, Thich Nhat Hanh helps us recognize the wonders inside us and around us that we tend to take for granted and teaches us the art of happiness.

Discover the Joys of Growing and Collecting Itty-Bitty Houseplants

Fragrant Palm Leaves Journals 1962-1966
In her twenties, journalist Sarah Macdonald backpacked around India and came away with a

lasting impression of heat, pollution and poverty. So when an airport beggar read her palm and told her she would return to India—and for love—she screamed, "Never!" and gave the country, and him, the finger. But eleven years later, the prophecy comes true. When the love of Sarah's life is posted to India, she quits her dream job to move to the most polluted city on earth, New Delhi. For Sarah this seems like the ultimate sacrifice for love, and it almost kills her, literally. Just settled,

she falls dangerously ill with double pneumonia, an experience that compels her to face some serious questions about her own fragile mortality and inner spiritual void. "I must find peace in the only place possible in India," she concludes. "Within." Thus begins her journey of discovery through India in search of the meaning of life and death. Holy Cow is Macdonald's often hilarious chronicle of her adventures in a land of chaos and contradiction, of encounters with

Hinduism, Islam and Jainism, Sufis, Sikhs, Parsis and Christians and a kaleidoscope of yogis, swamis and Bollywood stars. From spiritual retreats and crumbling nirvanas to war zones and New Delhi nightclubs, it is a journey that only a woman on a mission to save her soul, her love life—and her sanity—can survive.

Mindfulness Verses for Daily Living: Easy Read Comfort Edition Parallax Press

"A startling other-view of the war in Vietnam....

Essential reading for the informed."—Kirkus Reviews This stunning commentary on the cultural and political background to the war in Vietnam resonates deeply as the first work of Vietnamese writer, peace activist, and Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh This rare book from 1967 is one of the very few written in English giving a Vietnamese perspective on the Indochina Wars. Many years ahead of its time, Vietnam: Lotus in a Sea of Fire will be welcomed by historians

and readers of contemporary Vietnamese narratives. As war raged in Vietnam, the Zen monk Thich Nhat Hanh became a leading figure in the Buddhist peace movement. With the help of friends like Catholic monk Thomas Merton, he published *Vietnam: Lotus in a Sea of Fire* in 1967 in the US (and underground in Vietnam as *Hoa Sen Trong Biển Lửa*), his uncompromising and radical call for peace. It gave voice to the majority of Vietnamese people who did not take sides and

who wanted the bombing to stop. Thomas Merton wrote the foreword, believing it had the power to show Americans that the more America continued to bomb Vietnam, the more communists it would create. This was Thich Nhat Hanh's first book in English and made waves in the growing anti-war movement in the United States at the time. Thich Nhat Hanh's portrayal of the plight of the Vietnamese people during the Indochina Wars is required reading now as

the United States and Europe continue to grapple with their roles as global powers—and the human effects of their military policies. *Vietnam: Lotus in a Sea of Fire* is of special interest for students of peace and conflict studies and Southeast Asian history. It also gives the reader insights into the thought of the young Thich Nhat Hanh, who would later go on to found—in exile—Plum Village in France, the largest Buddhist monastery outside Asia, and influence millions

with his teachings on the path of peace and mindfulness.