

The Monk As Man

Visionary. Iconoclast. Political Survivor. "A powerful and entertaining look" (Governor Gavin Newsom) at the extraordinary life and political career of Governor Jerry Brown. Jerry Brown is no ordinary politician. Like his state, he is eclectic, brilliant, unpredictable and sometimes weird. And, as with so much that California invents and exports, Brown's life story reveals a great deal about this country. With the exclusive cooperation of Governor Brown himself, Jim Newton has written the definitive account of Jerry Brown's life. The son of Pat Brown, who served as governor of California through the 1960s, Jerry would extend and also radically alter the legacy of his father through his own service in the governor's mansion. As governor, first in the 1970s and then again, 28 years later in his remarkable return to power, Jerry Brown would propound an alternative menu of American values: the restoration of the California economy while balancing the state budget, leadership in the international campaign to combat climate change and the aggressive defense of California's immigrants, no matter by which route they arrived. It was a blend of compassion, far-sightedness and pragmatism that the nation would be wise to consider. The story of Jerry Brown's life is in many ways the story of California and how it became the largest economy in the United States. Man of Tomorrow traces the blueprint of Jerry Brown's off beat risk-taking: equal parts fiscal conservatism and social progressivism. Jim Newton also reveals another side of Jerry Brown, the once-promising presidential candidate whose defeat on the national stage did nothing to diminish the scale of his politiical, intellectual and spiritual ambitions. To the same degree that California represents the future of America, Jim Newton's account of Jerry Brown's life offers a new way of understanding how politics works today and how it could work in the future.

Jean Francois-Revel, a pillar of French intellectual life in our time, became world famous for his challenges to both Communism and Christianity. Twenty-seven years ago, his son, Matthieu Ricard, gave up a promising career as a scientist to study Tibetan Buddhism -- not as a detached observer but by immersing himself in its practice under the guidance of its greatest living masters. Meeting in an inn overlooking Katmandu, these two profoundly thoughtful men explored the questions that have occupied humankind throughout its history. Does life have meaning? What is consciousness? Is man free? What is the value of scientific and material progress? Why is there suffering, war, and hatred? Their conversation is not merely abstract: they ask each other questions about ethics, rights, and responsibilities, about knowledge and belief, and they discuss frankly the differences in the way each has tried to make sense of his life. Utterly absorbing, inspiring, and accessible, this remarkable dialogue engages East with West, ideas with life, and science with the humanities, providing wisdom on how to enrich the way we live our lives. 1943 -- the Year of the Ram. In the Temple of Sublime Truth, high in the Himalayas, a master monk prepares to transfer an ancient scroll to his young protégé. The scroll holds the key to an unspeakable power, one which in the wrong hands could destroy the world. According to prophecy, the young monk will become the steward of the scroll for the next sixty years -- five times the Year of the Ram. But to do so, he must sacrifice everything he has -- including his name. Present day -- the Year of the Ram. It is time to pass the scroll and its secrets on to a new guardian, one chosen by destiny and revealed through the fulfillment of the three Noble Prophecies. But the bulletproof monk has no students. He's far from home, in another world, another time, and an old adversary from one of history's most evil chapters is closing in. Though he is hunted and alone, fate throws the monk together with a very talented but undisciplined -- and unorthodox -- young pickpocket named Kar. Could this be the disciple he's been searching for? Could Kar possibly have the strength and the will to be entrusted with this task? Can a common thief possibly be enlightened? Maybe -- but they may not survive long enough to find out.

"Commander William Monk has learned to live with the fact that he cannot remember the events of his life prior to a horrific carriage accident years ago. But when a ghost from his past, a man he has no recollection of, attempts to frame him for a series of murders, he must rely on the help of his wife Hester and his close friend Oliver Rathbone in order to free himself--from both the charges, and the demons that have haunted him since the accident"--

The Monk's Record Player

Thomas Merton, Bob Dylan, and the Perilous Summer of 1966

The Unknown Life of Swami Vivekananda

A Rainy Season As a Buddhist Monk at a Hilltop Temple in Northern Thailand

The Monk and the Hangman's Daughter

Sangharakshita

The Monk and the Book

A book about how to make work pay and not just in cash, but in experience, satiafaction, and joy.

He loved French cookbooks, invented a new way of making khichdi, was interested in the engineering behind ship-building and the technology that makes ammunition. More than 100 years after his death, do we really know or understand the bewildering, fascinating, complex man Swami Vivekananda was? Vivekananda is one of the most important figures in the modern imagination of India. He is also an utterly modern man, consistently challenging his own views, and embracing diverse, even conflicting arguments. It is his modernity that appeals to us today. He is unlike any monk we have known. He is confined neither by history nor by ritual, and is constantly questioning everything around him, including himself. It is in Vivekananda's contradictions, his doubts, his fears and his failings that he recognise his profoundly compelling divinity—he teaches us that to try and understand God, first one must truly comprehend one's own self. This book is an argument that it is not just because he is close to God but also because he is so tantalisingly immersed in being human that keeps us returning to Vivekananda and his immortal wisdom.

A masterpiece, written almost as a modern folktale. Follow the tale of the monk Ambrosius as he meets the shunned Benedicta, the local hangman's daughter. Ambrosius becomes embroiled in a dark and twisted tale of love, assault and the sins of the past.

In jail, I read the complete literature of Swami Vivekananda. One thing which impressed and amazed me very much was that Swami Vivekananda left his home and all worldly affairs to attain salvation but after travelling the whole of India for four years and seeing the poverty of our country, gave up the idea of Moksha too. On the rock of Kanyakumari, he made a historical announcement—“O Lord! I do not want salvation till every human being of my country is not free from hunger: And let me be born again and again to serve my motherland.” Not only this, he called upon all the countrymen to forget all the Gods and Goddesses for sometime as the poor countrymen are the greatest Gods and Goddesses and their service is the highest worship. He gave the Mantra of DRIDARA-NARAYANA. —Shanta Kumar

The Man Who Saved My Faith

The Legend of the Monk and the Merchant

Man of Tomorrow

THE MONK

Man, Monk, Mystic

The Karma Book

Living with the Monks

Lewis, Matthew Gregory is a famous British novelist and playwright. The Monk: A Romance is his most famous so called “gothic novel” that he wrote only in ten days. Ambrosio, once an exemplary Spanish monk, is passionate about his student: there is a beautiful woman Matilda under the monk robe. After his passion is satisfied he shifts his attention to an innocent Antonia. With Matilda’s help he rapes and kills the young woman. Later it is discovered that Antonia was hid sister and Matilda is Satan’s messenger whose aim was to seduce the devout hermit and lead him to the sin. In the end, he falls under inquisition, but...

A Man in Saffron Robes offers a unique Thai perspective on the tradition of entering the monkhood for the rainy-season retreat called phansa. It is also the story of one man's journey of exploration to the far north of Thailand and his reflections on the culture and people of the North as seen through the eyes of this southerner from Nakhon Si Thammarat then living near the bustling metropolis of Bangkok. In 1974 Maitree Limpichart, author, newspaper columnist and government official, temporarily left a wife and two children behind to put on the saffron robes of a Buddhist monk. He traveled from Bangkok to Thailand's northwestern-most province of Mae Hong Son, situated not far from the frontier with Burma (Myanmar). There, along with the other monks at the hilltop temple of Wat Phrathat Doi Kong Mu, he joined in the daily activities of the brotherhood of monks, the sangha. Maitree Limpichart's story, however, is not a scholarly explication of what it means to study the Dhamma, the Buddha's Teachings, in the contemplative environment of the temple. Rather it is the story of a lay individual's experiences with Buddhism and the sangha. Those who have visited or lived in upcountry Thailand will find sketches of life, characters and events that will no doubt trigger more than a recollection or two. Those who have no or only a passing acquaintance with Thailand or Buddhism will find stories here that are accessible, engaging, sometimes humorous, always curious and illuminating. Readers will take pleasure in this book for its humor, its poignancy, its exotic and wondrous setting, and for the likeable and interesting characters one meets along the way.

Every life requires a spiritual foundation. "Grandfather, you left this..." Julio lifted the leather-bound journal and stepped toward the old man. "It is yours now," said Antonio, with a gleam in his eye. "I've lived my life according to the twelve principles recorded in it. And if you will apply its principles as I did, your success will be greater than you could ever imagine." Be a minister in the marketplace.Terry Felber has written a parable that will transform your life and your business. Many years ago, this ago book helped Dave Ramsey rediscover the marketplace as a mission field--and merchants as ministers. Now let it open your eyes to the opportunities for service and leadership all around you. Are you ready for a change?The Legend of the Monk and the Merchant will change the way you see yourself, your job, and your purpose. Now includes personal and small group study guide.

A fresh study of the groundbreaking work in genetics conducted by Gregor Mendel, acclaimed as the father of modern genetics, argues that the Moravian monk was far ahead of his time.

The Art of Creating a Life While Making a Living

Felonious Monk

The Monk and the Philosopher

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

The Monk Who Became Chief Minister

The Book of Longings

Everyday Conversations with Thomas Merton

A monk leads a simple life. He studies his books late into the evening and searches for truth in their pages. His cat, Pangur, leads a simple life, too, chasing prey in the darkness. As night turns to dawn, Pangur leads his companion to the truth he has been seeking. The White Cat and the Monk is a retelling of the classic Old Irish poem “Pangur Bán.” With Jo Ellen Bogart's simple and elegant narration and Sydney Smith's classically inspired images, this contemplative story pays tribute to the wisdom of animals and the wonders of the natural world.

The Monk and the Yak was written in Ladakh, India, inspired by the towering peaks of the Himalayas. It tells the story of a lonely monk and his huge hairy yak, who live together peacefully in the mountains. One stormy, snowy winter the monk is assailed by a mysterious illness and finds himself in dire straits. It is then that the yak proves himself to be a loyal friend with a heart of gold... Enhanced by illustrations in soft colors and charming characters, the book conveys a sense of calm and serenity. With its message that help is always available and may be found in the most unexpected places, it inspires a feeling of trust in the world. The simple, child-friendly text is a delight for people of all ages.

A page-turning biography of Sangharakshita, the gifted and controversial British Buddhist teacher In the late 1960s Sangharakshita founded the Triratna Buddhist Order and Community - now a vibrant, worldwide Buddhist movement. Nagabodhi gives a vivid account of Sangharakshita's life, what it was like to live among his committed followers, and the sexual controversies he left behind.

Founder of the renowned Ramakrishna Mission, Swami Vivekananda reconciled religion with scientific enquiry. He emphasised on inculcating, within one's self, an unwavering faith and an insatiable thirst for knowledge. He never propagated blind belief and was a successful ambassador of India's spiritual side to the west. Swami Vivekananda was also a mystic who traveled extensively, and on these journeys, which were no less than epiphanies to him, he came face to face with the stark poverty of India, which affected him deeply and defined him as a man. It turned him into a champion of the cause of the poor and made him a role model philanthropist. We are all aware of these aspects of the Swami's life. Numerous books have been written about him by his brothers, disciples, and students, and by those who simply knew him and benefited by interacting with him. Swami himself wrote various letters and gave speeches, which also serve as a peek in to his life and endeavours. Keeping all these aspects into account and indulging further into his history, Sankar has attempted to chronicle the lesser talked aspect of his life - Swami Vivekananda as a human being - in his book The Monk As Man: The Unknown Life. Journeying through the pages of these books, readers will be confronted with the tumultuous family ties of his life and his relationship with his mother will be brought to light. After Swami Vivekananda cut all family ties and set out on his mission, his brothers never as much as bothered to enquire after him. Why so? Also, as the rumours go, did Swami's sister really kill herself? Did the tedious disputes over matters of family property affect Swami's health and psychology to the point of taking a toll on his life? All these questions that had never been associated with Swami Vivekanada and deliberated here. His affinity to the Vedanta and how he got there, the sight of his second heart attack, his likes and dislikes of various fruits, and his comments on tea and even his physical appearance are also discussed. As readers take in all this information, and more, Swami Vivekananada emerges, for the first time, not as a venerated saint, but as an old friend. He comes alive through this brilliant narration, and the readers are filled with warmth and humbled at being acquainted with the more human side of the great man. It has met with astounding reviews, with its different approach to the great saint's life.

The Fourth Way

The monk and the married man

The Lost and Found Genius of Gregor Mendel, the Father of Genetics

What Turning Off My Phone Taught Me about Happiness, Gratitude, and Focus

Train Your Mind for Peace and Purpose Every Day

Bulletproof Monk

The Billionaire and The Monk

This charming fable full of motivation and wisdom follows a billionaire and a monk who cross paths and teach each other what it means to be happy. What if you learn that everything you have been taught about happiness is false? What if you realize that happiness is not a goal and therefore it cannot be achieved? What if you discover that it is the ordinary path that leads to extraordinary treasure? This is a story about how two men from different walks of life learn that neither robes of honor nor the total renunciation of worldly life is required to enjoy the most fundamental human desire - happiness. Happiness is not a philosophical enigma but an attainable state of the mind and everyone can cherish the greatest joys through the simplest and smallest acts of daily life.

The Monk as ManThe Unknown Life of Swami VivekanandaPenguin Books India

We all have the potential for a Perfect Life - to achieve great things and live a life filled with joy, accomplishment and pure bliss. In some of us, this potential is slumbering deep inside, waiting to be tapped and tested. National Bestseller, Megaliving will quickly make things happen in every aspect of your life. With the finest strategies and techniques available to profoundly improve your mind, body and character. This book contains the revolutionary results of over ten years of research with the leading principles of personal mastery and successful living; and reveal to you the 200 master secrets for making your life a magical dream.

Equal parts memoir and road map to living a less stressful and more vibrant life, bestselling author Jesse Itzler offers an illuminating, entertaining, and unexpected trip for anyone looking to feel calmer and more controlled in our crazy, hectic world. Entrepreneur, endurance athlete, and father of four Jesse Itzler only knows one speed: Full Blast. But when he felt like the world around him was getting too hectic, he didn't take a vacation or get a massage. Instead, Jesse moved into a monastery for a self-imposed time-out. In Living with the Monks, the follow-up to his New York Times bestselling Living with a SEAL, Jesse takes us on a spiritual journey like no other. Having only been exposed to monasteries on TV, Jesse arrives at the New Skete religious community in the isolated mountains of upstate New York with a shaved head and a suitcase filled with bananas. To his surprise, New Skete monks have most of their hair. They're Russian Orthodox, not Buddhist, and they're also world-renowned German shepherd breeders and authors of dog-training books that have sold in the millions. As Jesse struggles to fit in amongst the odd but lovable monks, self-doubt begins to beat like a tribal drum. Questioning his motivation to embark on this adventure and missing his family (and phone), Jesse struggles to balance his desire for inner peace with his need to check Twitter. But in the end, Jesse discovers the undeniable power of the monks and their wisdom, and the very real benefits of taking a well-deserved break as a means of self-preservation in our fast-paced world.

A Retelling of the Poem “Pangur Bán”

A Father and Son Discuss the Meaning of Life

The Boy, the Monk, the Man

Father Joe

Jerome and the Making of Christian Scholarship

An Eastern Story That Teaches the Value of Friendship and Trust in Life. (Inspirational Children's Books) (by MeditativeStories. Com)

The Monk Woman's Daughter

The Warrior and the Monk tells the extraordinary story of a young warrior who seeks the counsel of a wise monk on a universal quest to find true happiness. On a life-changing journey, the wise monk imparts practical lessons for the young warrior

In the West, monastic ideals and scholastic pursuits are complementary; monks are popularly imagined copying classics, preserving learning through the Middle Ages, and establishing the first universities. But this dual identity is not without its contradictions. While monasticism emphasizes the virtues of poverty, chastity, and humility, the scholar, by contrast, requires expensive infrastructure—a library, a workplace, and the means of disseminating his work. In The Monk and the Book, Megan Hale Williams argues that Saint Jerome was the first to represent biblical study as a mode of asceticism appropriate for an inhabitant of a Christian monastery, thus pioneering the enduring linkage of monastic identities and institutions with scholarship. Revisiting Jerome with the analytical tools of

recent cultural history—including the work of Bourdieu, Foucault, and Roger Chartier—Williams proposes new interpretations that remove obstacles to understanding the life and legacy of the saint. Examining issues such as the construction of Jerome ’ s literary persona, the form and contents of his library, and the intellectual framework of his commentaries, Williams shows that Jerome ’ s textual and exegetical work on the Hebrew scriptures helped to construct a new culture of learning. This fusion of the identities of scholar and monk, Williams shows, continues to reverberate in the culture of the modern university. "[Williams] has written a fascinating study, which provides a series of striking insights into the career of one of the most colorful and influential figures in Christian antiquity. Jerome’s Latin Bible would become the foundational text for the intellectual development of the West, providing words for the deepest aspirations and most intensely held convictions of an entire civilization. Williams’s book does much to illumine the circumstances in which that fundamental text was produced, and reminds us that great ideas, like great people, have particular origins, and their own complex settings."—Eamon Duffy, New York Review of Books

An intimate portrait of the little-known aspects of Swami Vivekananda ’ s life. Wandering mystic, India ’ s spiritual ambassador to the West and founder of the Ramakrishna Mission, Swami Vivekananda awakened India ’ s masses to the country ’ s spiritual richness while stressing the importance of scientific inquiry. These aspects of Swamiji ’ s life have been well chronicled by Swamiji himself, through his letters, speeches and writings; his own brothers who between them have written more than a hundred books; his co-disciples, disciples and others whose lives were enriched by their interactions with him; and, more than a century after his death, followers who had only read or heard of the magnetic personality of this revered teacher. Gleaned from all these sources, through painstaking research Sankar ’ s biography focuses on the personal life of the saint: What was Vivekananda like as a man? What role did his mother play in his life, both before and after he renounced all family ties? Could he reconcile the duties of a monk with the duties of an eldest son? What prompted him to promote Vedanta and biriyani in the West? Did the long drawn battles over family property affect his health and cut short his life? Did his sister commit suicide? Why did his brother not write a single letter for six years when he was wandering around the world? What was Swamiji ’ s favourite dish and what fruit did he like the least? What was his height? Where did he have his second heart attack? How much did the Calcutta doctor charge him at his chamber? Sankar ’ s composite picture of the monk as man has sold over one lakh copies in Bengali and this translation brings the unfamiliar Vivekananda to a larger readership.

After his memorable work in the West, Swami Vivekananda landed at Colombo on the afternoon of January 15, 1897, and was given a right royal reception by the Hindu community there.

The Monk of Mokha

The Myth, the Monk, the Man

Twelve Keys to Successful Living

The Warrior and The Monk

Lectures from Colombo to Almora

The Monk and the Riddle

The Modern Monk

The Splitting Man Henry, a gentle giant of a man, has been dealt a hand by fate that leaves him both less, and more than he was. The forces of Darkness are gathering upon a site rich with paranormal activity. Sarah and her paranormal investigation team, Haunted Hunters, are called in to investigate the terrifying reports of events happening at an alleged haunted location. What they find waiting for them is beyond anything they could ever have foreseen. Caught in the middle of a supernatural battle that has raged through the ages between the forces of good and evil, will they survive what is coming? This time, not even the dead are safe. From the twisted mind of David Monk, The author who brought you Through her Eyes, comes his new novel of supernatural terror that will leave your nerves shredded and you questioning everything you think you know. Beware The Splitting Man is coming...

Meet Tommy Martini, the monk with an anger management problem. Since killing somebody with a single punch is not a needed talent in a monastery, he spends his time praying, meditating, and taking his anger management medicine. But his meditations are interrupted by a legacy from his uncle, a crooked priest. Arriving in a New Age Arizona town to claim his inheritance, Brother Tommy meets a charismatic, smoking-hot cult leader who claims that women are being impregnated by alien beings while they sleep. Tommy’s own sleep is disturbed—by cartel hitmen, Mafia bill collectors, and women intrigued by his vow of chastity. He loses his anger management medicine in time to deal with the hitmen, but the women present an uphill battle. William Kotzwinkle’s quicksilver touch has produced an effervescent piece of entertainment filled with suspense, turns you won’t see coming, and the humor for which he is famous.

What if we truly belong to each other? What if we are all walking around shining like the sun? Mystic, monk, and activist Thomas Merton asked those questions in the twentieth century. Writer Sophronia Scott is asking them today. In The Seeker and the Monk, Scott mines the extensive private journals of one of the most influential contemplative thinkers of the past for guidance on how to live in these fraught times. As a black woman who is not Catholic, Scott both learns from and pushes back against Merton, holding spirited, and intimate conversations on race, ambition, faith, activism, nature, prayer, friendship, and love. She asks: What is the connection between contemplation and action? Is there ever such a thing as a wrong answer to a spiritual question? How do we care about the brutality in the world while not becoming overwhelmed by it? By engaging in this lively discourse, readers will gain a steady sense of how to dwell more deeply within--and even to love--this despairing and radiant world.

The story of a monk, a minstrel, and the music that brought them together In 1965 writer-activist-monk Thomas Merton fulfilled a twenty-four-year dream and went to live as a hermit beyond the walls of his Trappist monastery. Seven months later, after a secret romance with a woman half his age, he was in danger of losing it all. Yet on the very day that his abbot uncovered the affair, Merton found solace in an unlikely place—the songs of Bob Dylan, who, as fate would have it, was experiencing his own personal and creative crises during the summer of 1966. In this striking parallel biography of two countercultural icons, Robert Hudson plumbs the depths of Dylan’s surprising influence on Merton’s life and writing, recounts each man’s interactions with the woman who linked them together—Joan Baez—and shows how each transcended his immediate troubles and went on to new heights of spiritual and artistic genius. Readers will discover here a riveting story of creativity and crisis, burnout and redemption, in the tumultuous era of 1960s America.

Splitting Man

Revenge in a Cold River

Swami Vivekananda

A Fable About Fulfilling Your Potential And Finding True Happiness

The Feasting, Fasting Monk

A Novel

The Monk and the Yak

Jay Shetty, social media superstar and host of the #1 podcast On Purpose, distills the timeless wisdom he learned as a monk into practical steps anyone can take every day to live a less anxious, more meaningful life. When you think like a monk, you’ll understand: -How to overcome negativity -How to stop overthinking -Why comparison kills love -How to use your fear -Why you can’t find happiness by looking for it -How to learn from everyone you meet -Why you are not your thoughts -How to find your purpose -Why kindness is crucial to success -And much more... Shetty grew up in a family where you could become one of three things—a doctor, a lawyer, or a failure. His family was convinced he had chosen option three: instead of attending his college graduation ceremony, he headed to India to become a monk, to meditate every day for four to eight hours, and devote his life to helping others. After three years, one of his teachers told him that he would have more impact on the world if he left the monk’s path to share his experience and wisdom with others. Heavily in debt, and with no recognizable skills on his résumé, he moved back home in north London with his parents. Shetty reconnected with old school friends—many working for some of the world’s largest corporations—who were experiencing tremendous stress, pressure, and unhappiness, and they invited Shetty to coach them on well-being, purpose, and mindfulness. Since then, Shetty has become one of the world’s most popular influencers. In 2017, he was named in the Forbes magazine 30-under-30 for being a game-changer in the world of media. In 2018, he had the #1 video on Facebook with over 360 million views. His social media following totals over 38 million, he has produced over 400 viral videos which have amassed more than 8 billion views, and his podcast, On Purpose, is consistently ranked the world’s #1 Health and Wellness podcast. In this inspiring, empowering book, Shetty draws on his time as a monk to show us how we can clear the roadblocks to our potential and power. Combining ancient wisdom and his own rich experiences in the ashram, Think Like a Monk reveals how to overcome negative thoughts and habits, and access the calm and purpose that lie within all of us. He transforms abstract lessons into advice and exercises we can all apply to reduce stress, improve relationships, and give the gifts we find in ourselves to the world. Shetty proves that everyone can—and should—think like a monk.

The Monk of Mokha is the exhilarating true story of a young Yemeni American man, raised in San Francisco, who dreams of resurrecting the ancient art of Yemeni coffee but finds himself trapped in Sana’a by civil war. Mokhtar Alkhanshali is twenty-four and working as a doorman when he discovers the astonishing history of coffee and Yemen’s central place in it. He leaves San Francisco and travels deep into his ancestral homeland to tour terraced farms high in the country’s rugged mountains and meet beleaguered but determined farmers. But when war engulfs the country and Saudi bombs rain down, Mokhtar has to find a way out of Yemen without sacrificing his dreams or abandoning his people.

A key comic writer of the past three decades has created his most heartfelt and hard-hitting book. Father Joe is Tony Hendra’s inspiring true story of finding faith, friendship, and family through the decades-long influence of a surpassingly wise Benedictine monk named Father Joseph Warrillow. Like everything human, it started with sex. In 1955, fourteen-year-old Tony found himself entangled with a married Catholic woman. In Cold War England, where Catholicism was the subject of news stories and Graham Greene bestsellers, Tony was whisked off by the woman’s husband to see a priest and be saved. Yet what he found was a far cry from the priests he’d known at Catholic school, where boys were beaten with belts or set upon by dogs. Instead, he met Father Joe, a gentle, stammering, ungainly Benedictine who never used the words “wrong” or “guilt,” who believed that God was in everyone and that “the only sin was selfishness.” During the next forty years, as his life and career drastically ebbed and flowed, Tony discovered that his visits to Father Joe remained the one constant in his life—the relationship that, in the most serious sense, saved it. From the fifties and his adolescent desire to join an abbey himself; to the sixties, when attending Cambridge and seeing the satire of Beyond the Fringe convinced him to change the world with laughter, not prayer; to the seventies and successful stints as an original editor of National Lampoon and a writer of Lemmings, the off-Broadway smash that introduced John Belushi and Chevy Chase; to professional disaster after co-creating the legendary English series Spitting Image; from drinking to drugs, from a failed first marriage to a successful second and the miracle of parenthood—the years only deepened Tony’s need for the wisdom of his other and more real father, creating a bond that could not be broken, even by death. A startling departure for this acclaimed satirist, Father Joe is a sincere account of how Tony Hendra learned to love. It’s the story of a whole generation looking for a way back from mockery and irony, looking for its own Father Joe, and a testament to one of the most charismatic mentors in modern literature.

“An extraordinary novel . . . a triumph of insight and storytelling.” —Associated Press “A true masterpiece.” —Glennon Doyle, author of Untamed An extraordinary story set in the first century about a woman who finds her voice and her destiny, from the celebrated number one New York Times bestselling author of The Secret Life of Bees and The Invention of Wings In her mesmerizing fourth work of fiction, Sue Monk Kidd takes an audacious approach to history and brings her acclaimed narrative gifts to imagine the story of a young woman named Ana. Raised in a wealthy family with ties to the ruler of Galilee, she is rebellious and ambitious, with a brilliant mind and a daring spirit. She engages in furtive scholarly pursuits and writes narratives about neglected and silenced women. Ana is expected to marry an older widower, a prospect that horrifies her. An encounter with eighteen-year-old Jesus changes everything. Their marriage evolves with love and conflict, humor and pathos in Nazareth, where Ana makes a home with Jesus, his brothers, and their mother, Mary. Ana’s pent-up longings intensify amid the turbulent resistance to Rome’s occupation of Israel, partially led by her brother, Judas. She is sustained by her fearless aunt Yaltha, who harbors a compelling secret. When Ana commits a brazen act that puts her in peril, she flees to Alexandria, where startling revelations and greater dangers unfold, and she finds refuge in unexpected surroundings. Ana determines her fate during a stunning convergence of events considered among the most impactful in human history. Grounded in meticulous research and written with a reverential approach to Jesus’s life that focuses on his humanity, The Book of Longings is an inspiring, unforgettable account of one woman’s bold struggle to realize the passion and potential inside her, while living in a time, place and culture devised to silence her. It is a triumph of storytelling both timely and timeless, from a masterful writer at the height of her powers.

Reading and Rereading Thomas Merton

The Monk in the Garden

The Monk as Man

A Man in Saffron Robes

Think Like a Monk

The White Cat and the Monk

A William Monk Novel

What did Swami Vivekananda recommend about the eating of vegetarian and non-vegetarian food? Which of these did Swamiji enjoy the most: his mother's chorchori (a mixed vegetable delicacy), his father's pulao or his own khichuri? Was he fond of spicy food, sweets, or ice cream? During his days of hunger and want, for how many days at a stretch did Swamiji have to go without food? Over the last 150 years, writings on Swami Vivekananda's culinary interests have intrigued a wide spectrum of people across the world. This includes hitherto unknown stories of his spreading the art of making pulao and khichuri along with his propagation of the Vedas, in the United States of America. While many thinkers wonder at Swamiji's immense enthusiasm for teaching Indian cooking, yet it is not quite clear why no complete book about our culinary-enthusiast monk Vivekananda has ever been published in any language. Swami Vivekananda: The Feasting, Fasting Monk is the humble, illumination of a thousand faceted diamond by Sankar.

Authorised Biography of His Holiness, The Dalai Lama In 1997, the Indian journalist Mayank Chhaya was authorised by the Dalai Lama to write about his life and times. The only authorised biographer of His Holiness who is not a Buddhist, Chhaya conducted more than a dozen personal interviews with the Dalai Lama in McLeod Ganj in India s Himalayan north, home to Tibet s government-in-exile. In DALAI LAMA: MAN, MONK, MYSTIC Chhaya presents an in-depth, insightful portrait of a figure of perennial interest to people all over the world. Chhaya writes about Tibet and the Buddhist tradition from which the Dalai Lama emerged, helping readers understand the context that shaped his beliefs, politics, and ideals. Adding depth and nuance to his portrait, Chhaya depicts the Dalai Lama in the light of his life in exile and the various roles he has had to assume for his followers. He writes about the complex conflict between China and Tibet, and offers insights into the growing discontent among young Tibetans who are frustrated with the non-violent approach to Chinese occupation that the Dalai Lama advocates. A balanced, informative view of the Dalai Lama and his work, this biography is both a compelling profile of a remarkable spiritual leader and his mission, and an engaging look at how the current unrest in his country will affect its future.

This story is a reflection of the Buddha’s most vital lesson during his entire teaching lifetime, Karma. This book was created with the main purpose to give my readers the true meaning of Karma. This book is a combination of fantasy and reality, it allows my readers to understand a little bit more about Buddhism especially Karma. I created this book in the hope that I can change the views of the entire world toward Buddhism. This book is another new idea that can bring many cultures together and an attempt to create unity and peace between different religions.This story is simply a metaphor for Karma. This story is a tale within a tale narrated by a Buddhist monk, his purpose to construct this fantasy was to help his people visualize Karma better. The story was mainly about a man who had to travel into a dark forest full of danger to run away from the violence of his warlord, but on the way into the wood, he lost his wife and the old man must find her. Going through the forest to seek his wife, the man faced all kinds of dangers, but with the help of a god and the guidance of a Bodhisatva, he was able to surpass all the threats.

"My mother said she was a nun. That may have been a lie." So begins the eye-opening and entertaining tale of Vera St. John's chaotic upbringing amid the turbulence of nineteenth-century urban America. Sometimes rollicking and sometimes terrifying, Vera's story features a fascinating array of characters: the troubled woman who bore her, the charming Irishman she marries, the African-American freedman struggling to rescue his wife from slavery, the beautiful high-priced prostitute she befriends, and the washerwoman who stands by her in a quixotic quest. From the squalid streets of 1840s New York to the devastation of post-Civil War Memphis, Vera threads her way through the powerful conflicts of American history to find where she belongs. Along the way, she discovers the nature of power and the true meaning of freedom. The Monk Woman's Daughter was a Distinguished Favorite in the New York City Big Book Awards, and a finalist in the Pacific Northwest Writers Association Nancy Pearl Contest.

A Story of A Buddhist Monk, A Warrior, And A Demon

Dalai Lama

The Definitive Biography Of Yogi Adityanath

The Relentless Life of Jerry Brown

MegaLiving: 30 Days To A Perfect Life

A Patriot Monk Swami Vivekananda