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Master Tang Hoi presents an overview of the life, work, and thought of Tang Hoi, the earliest known Buddhist meditation master of Vietnam. Tang Hoi was born in the region that is now Vietnam three hundred years before the well-known Indian monk Bodhidharma went to China. He is revered by Vietnamese Buddhists as the first patriarch of the Vietnamese Meditation school, and his life and work tell us much about the roots of Buddhism in Vietnam and southern China. The history of Buddhism in Vietnam spans two thousand years - nearly as long as Buddhism itself has been in existence. Due to Vietnam's geographical location between India and China, Vietnamese culture and religion were enriched by these two great cultures. As the life of Tang Hoi shows, Vietnam was the fertile soil for a unique form of Buddhism that blends the teachings of both the early Buddhist Theravadin tradition and the later Mahayana. In this work two of Tang Hoi's writings are presented, both composed sometime before 229 C.E. The first is an essay, "The Way of Realizing Meditation," which is an extract from his work, *The Collection on the Six Paramitas*. The second is his Preface to the *Anapananusmriti Sutra* (*Sutra on the Full Awareness of Breathing*). Tang Hoi's writings reveal to us how second- and third-century Vietnamese Buddhists practiced meditation,

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and how their practice of the teachings contained in the Theravadin sutras was infused with the spirit of Mahayana Buddhism.

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What is healing justice? Who practices it? What does it look like? In this groundbreaking international comparative study on healing justice, Jarem Sawatsky examines traditional communities including Hollow Water - an Aboriginal and Métis community in Canada renowned for their holistic healing work in the face of 80 per cent sexual abuse rates; the Iona Community - a dispersed Christian ecumenical community in Scotland known for their work towards peace, healing and social justice, rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship; and Plum Village - a Vietnamese initiated Buddhist community in southern France, and home to Nobel Peace Prize nominated author, Thich Nhat Hanh. These case studies record a search for the kind of social, structural, and spiritual relationships necessary to sustain a healing view of justice. Through comparing cases, Sawatsky identifies the common patterns, themes, and imagination which these communities share. These commonalities among those that practice healing justice are then examined for their implications for wider society, particularly for restorative justice and criminal justice. This innovative book is accessible to those new to

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the topic, while at the same time being beneficial to experienced researchers, and will appeal internationally to practitioners, students, and anyone interested in restorative justice, law, peace building, and religious studies.

The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Religion and Social Justice brings together a team of distinguished scholars to provide a comprehensive and comparative account of social justice in the major religious traditions. The first publication to offer a comparative study of social justice for each of the major world religions, exploring viewpoints within Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Confucianism Offers a unique and enlightening volume for those studying religion and social justice - a crucially important subject within the history of religion, and a significant area of academic study in the field Brings together the beliefs of individual traditions in a comprehensive, explanatory, and informative style All essays are newly-commissioned and written by eminent scholars in the field Benefits from a distinctive four-part organization, with sections on major religions; religious movements and themes; indigenous people; and issues of social justice, from colonialism to civil rights, and AIDS through to environmental concerns

More than twenty years after the ground-breaking anthology *This Bridge Called My Back* called upon feminists to envision new forms of communities and

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practices, Gloria E. Anzaldúa and AnaLouise Keating have painstakingly assembled a new collection of over eighty original writings that offers a bold new vision of women-of-color consciousness for the twenty-first century. Written by women and men--both "of color" and "white"--this bridge we call home will challenge readers to rethink existing categories and invent new individual and collective identities.

M. Jacqui Alexander is one of the most important theorists of transnational feminism working today. *Pedagogies of Crossing* brings together essays she has written over the past decade, uniting her incisive critiques, which have had such a profound impact on feminist, queer, and critical race theories, with some of her more recent work. In this landmark interdisciplinary volume, Alexander points to a number of critical imperatives made all the more urgent by contemporary manifestations of neoimperialism and neocolonialism. Among these are the need for North American feminism and queer studies to take up transnational frameworks that foreground questions of colonialism, political economy, and racial formation; for a thorough re-conceptualization of modernity to account for the heteronormative regulatory practices of modern state formations; and for feminists to wrestle with the spiritual dimensions of experience and the meaning of sacred subjectivity. In these meditations,

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teachers. Her book is filled with new perspectives and simple techniques that anyone can easily grasp.

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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.

Cook fresh and vibrant dishes with this easy-to-follow and comprehensive Asian cookbook. In *Heavenly Fragrance*, award-winning chef and author Carol Selva Rajah brings you on an unforgettable journey of aromatic discovery in the preparation of foods from different parts of Asia. Inspired by fond memories of fragrant dishes from her childhood,

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Carol has always believed that what sets Asian cooking apart from other traditions is its vast array of highly fragrant and aromatic ingredients. In this book she sets out her definitive collection of new and classic recipes for cooks who wish to recreate the memorable flavors and aromas of Asia at home. The recipes in *Heavenly Fragrance* are organized according to the aromatic ingredients used—Asian Herbs, Fruits, Spices and Seasonings—which makes the creation of a meal as simple as picking and choosing from what you've already got stocked in your pantry. Delicious recipes include: Spring Rolls with Orange Chili Sauce Pineapple Lime Salsa with Mint Chicken Satay with Fragrant Spices and Coconut Eggplant Sambal with Black Mustard and Cashews Crab Soup with Lemongrass, Tamarind and Mint Green Mango and Saffron Lassi

A collection of real-life Buddhist love stories, with commentary and guided exercises for couples developed by Peggy Rowe-Ward and Larry Ward, senior students and ordained Dharma teachers in the tradition of Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh. These personal stories, from couples of a range of different ages and experiences, illustrate how Buddhist principles can help couples navigate any stage of their relationship. It took the authors some good living and good loving before they realized that the love that they were seeking was already present and available in the depths of their hearts and mind. Love

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behind a swathe of richly endowed fruit-bearing trees and flowers of glorious color. We are still blinking from the powerful sunlight on that figure. The DESIGNER on a hillside bluff, bright as the noonday sun, listens with fatherly enjoyment. (we're enjoying clairvoyance in this enchanting place.) We record Adam's voice as he exclaims over a male giraffe, 'GOREF.' We hear him "I'll, call you "Scruff." Aramaic- Hebrew found in the writings from which the 1611 King James Bible was taken. We'll hear the consonants in English as 'giraffe'. At least a dozen concurrent nations use a similar word today. To be listed later. Now Several Middle Eastern and other nations will mime the sound. Turkic: purpuruk; Assyrian: pirrpirraa; Persian: parvane; Hindi, parvana and Arabic p to f (a lingual 'bilabial switch' to be explained later) as farasha. Now he singles out a butterfly that flutters near his face. I'll call you 'parpar' meaning to flutter. We remember words like the French 'parlay' of the fluttering tongue and the English word 'Parliament' for fluttering tongues. English words like parrot and parakeet for fluttering tongue birds quickly come to mind. We trip the shutter to capture the flight of the delicate creature which is now wandering over our heads. Later we'll find other Aramaic biblical Hebrew animal names, which the King James Bible or Strong's Bible Concordance may contain. I'm removing this too warm jacket and rolling up the heavy camouflage

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pants. Happy creation hunting!

Nothing Ever Dies, Viet Thanh Nguyen writes. All wars are fought twice, the first time on the battlefield, the second time in memory. From the author of the bestselling novel *The Sympathizer* comes a searching exploration of a conflict that lives on in the collective memory of both the Americans and the Vietnamese.

The power of capital is the power to target our attention, mould market-ready identities, and reduce the public realm to an endless series of choices. This has far-reaching implications for our psychological, physical and spiritual well-being, and ultimately for our global ecology. In this consumer age, the underlying teachings of Buddhist mindfulness offer more than individual well-being and resilience. They also offer new sources of critical inquiry into our collective condition, and may point, in time, to regulatory initiatives in the field of well-being. This book draws together lively debates from the new economics of transition, commons and well-being, consumerism, and the emerging role of mindfulness in popular culture. Engaged Buddhist practices and teachings correspond closely to insights in contemporary political philosophical investigations into the nature of power, notably by Michel Foucault. The 'attention economy' can be understood as a new arena of struggle in our age of neoliberal governmentality; as the forces of enclosure – having

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colonized forests, land and the bodies of workers – are now extended to the realm of our minds and subjectivity. This poses questions about the recovery of the 'mindful commons': the practices we must cultivate to reclaim our attention, time and lives from the forces of capitalization. This is a valuable resource for students and scholars of environmental philosophy, environmental psychology, environmental sociology, well-being and new economics, political economy, environmental politics, the commons and law, as well as Buddhist theory and philosophy.

Set against the lush backdrop of rural El Salvador at the turn of the century, Claudia Lars' richly evocative memoir is a simple, yet profound tribute to the folklore, customs, and traditions of her people. It is a lyrical exaltation of her land's beauty, brimming with warm, vibrant imagery.

Born to an Irish-American father and a Salvadoran mother, Lars takes readers on an enchanting journey that celebrates her dual heritage and reveals, with innocence and charm, the gradual self-awareness of a child who, from a very young age, was endowed with the soul of a poet. *Land of Childhood* was first published in El Salvador in 1958. Currently in its seventeenth edition, it is an award-winning book that has become a beloved national classic as well as required reading for students in secondary schools and university classrooms.

This Summer 2008 (VI, 3) issue of *Human Architecture: Journal of the Sociology of Self-Knowledge* is dedicated to an exploration of Thich Nhat Hanh's *Engaged*

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Buddhist philosophy and spiritual theory and practice from a sociological and social scientific vantage point, to highlight the significance his teaching bears for the development of a self-reflective, globally humanist, and environmentally concerned, sociological imagination. Included are several talks, letters, and a poem, by Thich Nhat Hanh on the meaning and practice of Engaged Buddhism—in regard to issues ranging from war and conflict, the environment, food industry and consumption, and history of Engaged Buddhism. Other articles put his views in social science and sociological contexts, specifically exploring the overlapping landscapes of Engaged Buddhism with Pragmatism, Deep Ecology, sociological imagination, and ideological analysis. Other contributions are illustrative of the ways in which Thich Nhat Hanh's teachings have engaged contexts such as: international conflict; the classroom; urban policing; traumatized populations; economic theory; environmental crisis; and family loss and trauma. A critical commentary by a participant's experience of attending one of Thich Nhat Hanh's retreats in 2005 is also included, followed by a response from a representative of the Plum Village community in France. Contributors include: Thich Nhat Hanh, Winston Langley, Michael C. Adorjan, Benjamin W. Kelly, Julie Gregory, Samah Sabra, Darren Noy, Sujin Choi, Marc Black, Samiyeh Sharqawi, Richard Brady, Michael J. DeValve, Cary D. Adkinson, Robert Brian Wall, Glenn Manga, Angela Tam, Karen Hilsberg, Lisa Kemmerer, Bhikshuni Chan Tung Nghiem (Barbara Newell), Robert Andrew Parker, and Mohammad H. Tamdgidi (also as journal

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There's a fresh take on an old standby, the book of quotations. The difference with *Wisdom for the Soul* is in the selection and organization of the quotations. Each has been chosen for its universal application and poetic quality, grouped into one of 220 themes. While the usual subjects, are represented, the collection encompasses newer psychological territory such as Actualization, Avoidance/Denial, Chaos/Uncertainty, Polarity, Synergy, Unconscious, and more. Although the primary aim of the collection is self-help for the individual, with extensive cross-references to factors that foster or deter growth and well-being, the material will appeal to the quotation collector, speech-writer, and the general reader.

'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'Li 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

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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.

"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.

Covers shared logics of spiritual efficacy across a range of practices, which include ancestor veneration, spirit mediumship, Buddhist sectarianism and Catholic myths and miracles. Defines, documents, and discusses each issue relating to Vietnam studies.

Like *Letters in Running Water* explores ways in which fiction (prose, drama, poetry, myth, fairytale) yields transformative insights for educational theory and practice. Through a series of intensely original, powerful essays drawing on curriculum theory, literary analysis, psychology, and feminist theory and practice, Doll seeks

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to confront a commonly held bias that reading literary fictions is "mere" entertainment (not a learning experience). She suggests that fiction has immense teaching power because it connects readers with their alliances within themselves and this connection attends to social, outer issues addressed by traditional pedagogies with greater, deeper awareness. Her elaboration in this book of the concept of currere--the lived experience of curriculum--through literature, drama, and myth is a major contribution to the field of curriculum theory.

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This extraordinary book tackles head-on the existence and meaning of spirit forces in Australia. Haunted Earth asks a few key questions: Is Australia haunted? If so,

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where, and with what? Are there spiritual or otherwise 'special' places in Australia? Each chapter follows a round-the-clock journey, from midnight to midnight, charting the activities of Australians of many different experiences and cultures: there are Aboriginal spirits on Flinders Island at daybreak, the summoning of a Chinese ancestor spirit at noon in Perth, an exorcism in New South Wales in early afternoon.

Fragrant Palm Leaves Journals 1962-1966 Vintage/Ebury (a Division of Random

A collection of sixteen writings on nonviolence, peace, and reconciliation, composed by Vietnamese Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh over the course of two decades. Jeff Wilson explores the diverse ways in which the Buddhist-derived practice of mindfulness meditation has been applied in American culture.

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