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Proclaiming the Gospel Jan 28 2020 Scholars have long understood that the texts we now know as the Gospels were read aloud in the Greco-Roman world, but few have actually envisioned what a performance of the Gospel of Mark would have been like in the first century and how it would have shaped the experience of its audience. Proclaiming the Gospel shows us. Oral performances in the New Testament world were lively affairs. In the performance of Greco-Roman theater, readers lose their voices from the stress of emotional passages. Audiences cheer for philosophers as if at a rock concert, and in law courts, they are paid for their responses. Storytellers compete for attention with jugglers, and some speakers must fend off hostile crowds. Congregations at churches and synagogues cheer as if at the theater. Shiner reveals the ways that Mark wrote his Gospel to compete in this arena and how his audiences would have responded: applause for the miracles of Jesus, then an altogether different response at the cross. Whitney Shiner is Assistant Professor of Christian Origins at George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, and the author of Follow Me: Disciples in markan Rhetoric.

[The Embodied Path](#) May 26 2022 Our bodies have a story to tell. The Embodied Path weaves inspiring and ordinary body stories together with discussion questions, writing prompts, and breath and body practices to help anyone interested in creating more capacity for compassion for themselves and others by doing the internal work to contend with trauma and privilege.

The Trauma of Shame and the Making of the Self May 02 2020 Shame influences more of our thoughts and actions than many other emotions. Used as a punishment for bad behavior, shame acts as an incentive for us to behave in socially acceptable ways. As a common method used to regulate children's behavior, shame is by far one of the most pervasive socializing agents. Many of our more persistent, punitive, and critical feelings about ourselves stem from humiliations in early childhood even if we don't remember the specific events that prompted them. While

The Routledge International Handbook of Embodied Perspectives in Psychotherapy Aug 24 2019 There is a growing interest in embodied approaches to psychotherapy internationally. This volume focuses on the respective focal professions of dance movement psychotherapy (DMP) and body psychotherapy (BP), addressing the psychotherapeutic need for healing throughout the lifespan. Within embodied clinical approaches, the therapist and client collaborate to discover how the body and movement can be used to strengthen positive relational skills, attending to the client's immediate and long-term needs through assessment, formulation, treatment and evaluation. Both DMP and BP are based upon the capacity and authority of the body and non-verbal communication to support and heal patients with diverse conditions, including trauma, unexplained bodily symptoms and other psychological distress, and to develop the clients' emotional and relational capacities by listening to their bodies for integration and wellbeing. In *The Routledge International Handbook of Embodied Perspectives in Psychotherapy*, world leaders in

the field contribute their expertise to showcase contemporary psychotherapeutic practice. They share perspectives from multiple models that have been developed throughout the world, providing information on theoretical advances and clinical practice, as well as discourse on the processes and therapeutic techniques employed individually and in groups. Presented in three parts, the book covers underpinning embodiment concepts, potentials of dance movement psychotherapy and of body psychotherapy, each of which is introduced with a scene-setting piece to allow the reader to easily engage with the content. With a strong focus on cross- and interdisciplinary perspectives, readers will find a wide compilation of embodied approaches to psychotherapy, allowing them to deepen and further their conceptualization and support best practice. This unique handbook will be of particular interest to clinical practitioners in the fields of body psychotherapy and dance movement psychotherapy as well as professionals from psychology, medicine, social work, counselling/psychotherapy and occupational therapy, and to those from related fields who are in search of information on the basic therapeutic principles and practice of body and movement psychotherapies and seeking to further their knowledge and understanding of the discipline. It is also an essential reference for academics and students of embodied psychotherapy, embodied cognitive science and clinical professions.

Resources for Teaching Mindfulness Dec 29 2019 This master-class-in-a-book is designed to guide teachers of mindfulness-based interventions (MBI) in continuing to develop more competence while raising global standards of practice and pedagogy. Starting with the central yet elusive concept of stewardship, it then expands upon the core components of MBI pedagogy. A series of reflective essays by MBI teachers from around the world foregrounds differences and challenges in meeting participants “where they are.” Such reflections are both inspiring and thought-provoking for teachers —wherever they are. The book also provides practical guidance and tools for adjusting teaching style and content for special populations, from chronic pain patients to trauma survivors, from health care professionals to clergy, and including many others. Detailed scripts and practices, ready to adopt and adapt, offer opportunities to explore new directions in the classroom, and to continue the life-long development of the teacher. Included in the coverage: Deepening teachers’ skills of guidance of meditation practices Insights into the essential practice of inquiry and dialogue with participants New practices that allow participants to explore mindfulness together in a spoken encounter How to keep up with, review, and make clear to participants the range of scientific evidence supporting the MBIs The breadth of practical insights and hands-on strategies makes *Resources for Teaching Mindfulness* a unique developmental asset for a wide range of practitioners around the world. Among those who will benefit are physicians and other medical practitioners, health and clinical psychologists, marriage and family therapists, nurses, clinical social workers, physical and occupational therapists, health educators, and organizational development specialists.

Embodied Resilience through Yoga Jun 26 2022 30 Amazing Stories of Resilience to Help You Heal, Connect, and Thrive Featuring thirty personal essays about finding resilience through yoga, this inspiring book supports your journey to self-acceptance and empowerment. Susanna Barkataki, Zabie Yamasaki, Jan Adams, Michael Hayes, Amanda Huggins, Sarah Harry, Alli Simon, and many other renowned practitioners present extraordinary stories of overcoming addiction, working through trauma, and learning how to heal from grief. Topics of loss and hardship are often swept aside in conversations about mindfulness and yoga, but this remarkable book offers profound wisdom on how your practice can help you carry on during challenging times. Explore unique perspectives on trauma related to gender, identity, and body image. Discover uplifting messages of recovery, awakening, and belonging. This anthology encourages you to reconnect with your body and transform it into a trusted ally that provides strength you didn't realize you had. Includes a foreword by Hala Khouri, MA, cofounder of Off the Mat, Into the World.

Brain-Changing Strategies to Trauma-Proof Our Schools Nov 27 2019 Stop trauma in its tracks, address disruptive behaviors, and create a safe and nurturing school environment with a neuroscience-based approach in your classroom. More than 32 million children in the US suffer from trauma symptoms. Some have had adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), like neglect, abuse, violence, and loss, or have experienced distress from medical trauma and social injustice. Toxic traumatic stress shapes the structure and function of both brain and body, which can lead to anxiety, hyperactivity, aggression, shutting down, and acting out—emotions and behaviors that hinder learning and create classroom chaos. Maggie Kline, a family therapist, trauma specialist, school psychologist, and former teacher, gives you whole-brain, heart-centered tools to identify and reverse trauma-driven behaviors so students feel supported and safe. Her unique roadmap will empower you to facilitate positive school-wide outcomes as you learn: • How trauma alters kids' brains causing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral challenges • Evidence-based somatic, relational, and mindfulness interventions to rewire reactivity • How to manage Pre-K-12 classrooms to promote empathy, cooperation, and belonging • Social equity practices so kids from all backgrounds feel safe, valued, and joyful • Concrete steps to restore resilience following natural and man-made catastrophes

Performance in the Twenty-First Century Jun 02 2020 *Performance in the Twenty-First Century: Theatres of Engagement* addresses the reshaping of theatre and performance after postmodernism. Andy Lavender argues provocatively that after the ‘classic’ postmodern tropes of detachment, irony, and contingency, performance in the

twenty-first century engages more overtly with meaning, politics and society. It involves a newly pronounced form of personal experience, often implicating the body and/or one's sense of self. This volume examines a range of performance events, including work by both emergent and internationally significant companies and artists such as Rimini Protokoll, Blast Theory, dreamthinkspeak, Zecora Ura, Punchdrunk, Ontroerend Goed, Kris Verdonck, Dries Verhoeven, Rabih Mroué, Derren Brown and David Blaine. It also considers a wider range of cultural phenomena such as online social networking, sports events, installations, games-based work and theme parks, where principles of performance are in play. Performance in the Twenty-First Century is a compelling and provocative resource for anybody interested in discovering how performance theory can be applied to cutting-edge culture, and indeed the world around them.

Arts Integration in Education Oct 19 2021 Arts Integration in Education is an insightful, even inspiring investigation into the enormous possibilities for change that are offered by the application of arts integration in education. Presenting research from a range of settings, from preschool to university, and featuring contributions from scholars and theorists, educational psychologists, teachers and teaching artists, the book offers a comprehensive exploration and varying perspectives on theory, impact and practices for arts-based training and arts-integrated instruction across the curriculum.

Arthur Lessac's Embodied Actor Training Aug 29 2022 Arthur Lessac's Embodied Actor Training situates the work of renowned voice and movement trainer Arthur Lessac in the context of contemporary actor training. Supported by the work of Constantin Stanislavsky and Maurice Merleau-Ponty's theories of embodiment, the book explores Lessac's practice in terms of embodied acting, a key subject in contemporary performance. In doing so, the author explains how the actor can come to experience both skill and expression as a subjective whole through active meditation and spatial attunement. As well as feeding this psychophysical approach into a wider discussion of embodiment, the book provides concrete examples of how the practice can be put into effect. Using insights gleaned from interviews conducted with Lessac and his Master Teachers, the author enlightens our own understanding of Lessac's practices. Three valuable appendices enhance the reader's experience. These include: a biographical timeline of Lessac's life and career sample curricula and a lesson plan for teachers at university level explorations for personal discovery Melissa Hurt is a Lessac Certified Trainer and has taught acting and Lessac's voice, speech, and movement work at colleges across the United States. She has a PhD from the University of Oregon and an MFA from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Experiencing ACT from the Inside Out Feb 08 2021 "This book invites therapists to enhance their effectiveness "from the inside out" using self-practice/self-reflection. It leads therapists through a structured three-stage process of focusing on a personal or professional issue they want to change, practicing therapeutic techniques on themselves (self-practice), and reflecting on the experience (self-reflection). Research supports the unique benefits of SP/SR for providing insights and skills not readily available through more conventional training procedures. The approach is suitable for therapists at all levels of experience, from trainees to experienced supervisors"--

On Being Stuck Apr 12 2021 Writer's block. If you are a writer, you know it can be a haunting, terrifying force—a wolf at the door, a vast conspiracy, something that keeps you up at night, spinning your wheels, going nowhere. But what if we've been thinking about writer's block all wrong? What if, by paying attention to its qualities and inquiring into its hidden gifts, we can release that power? *On Being Stuck* is an empowering guide to working with your blocks and finding the friend within the beast. Using deep inquiry, writing prompts, body and breath exercises, and a range of interdisciplinary approaches, *On Being Stuck* will help you uncover the gifts hidden within your creative blocks, while also deepening your relationship to your work and reawakening your creative process.

Power Yoga Dec 09 2020 Expand your energy and raise your sense of personal power with power yoga, the athletic and dynamic style of yoga that delivers high intensity and quick results. In *Power Yoga: Strength, Sweat, and Spirit*, you will learn the poses, practices, and philosophy of this fitness- and focus-boosting training method to strengthen your body and awaken your spirit. This potent practice is a complete workout on its own, but it also offers tremendous benefits when combined with other workouts and sports. In addition to physical strength, stamina, and flexibility, the dynamic movements of power yoga challenge you to develop focus, balance, and purpose that extend to life beyond the yoga mat. Dozens of warm-up, power, peak, and cool-down poses are presented in full color, and adaptations to modify or intensify each pose allow you to customize your practice for maximum effectiveness and safety. Sequences ranging from 5 to 60 minutes—including sport-specific sequences for running, cycling, team sports, and high-intensity activities—offer options that match your goals and lifestyle, and the 28-day plan can be adjusted into a plan that works for you, based on the results you want. *Power Yoga: Strength, Sweat, and Spirit* is your vehicle for creating extraordinary physical and spiritual results that you will notice quickly and be able to maintain for a lifetime. Become your most powerful self with power yoga. CE exam available! For certified professionals, a companion continuing education exam can be completed after reading this book. The *Power Yoga Online CE Exam* may be purchased separately or as part of the *Power Yoga With CE Exam* package, which includes both the book and the exam.

Sacred Time Jul 04 2020 We live in a world where there never seems to be enough time for all we want and need to do. In *Sacred Time: Embracing an Intentional Way of Life*, Christine Valters Paintner guides us as we move beyond our own lives and embrace a world that urges us toward rest, reflection, and growth. In *Sacred Time*, Paintner, abbess of the online Abbey of the Arts, shows us how by becoming in tune with the rhythms of the natural world, we can live more intentionally and experience a conversion toward a more expansive way of being. Paintner introduces us to the eight cycles of sacred time that exist in our everyday lives. These cycles that can ground us through our busy lives are breath, rhythms of the day, weekly rhythms and Sabbath rest, waxing and waning lunar cycles, seasons of the year, seasons of a lifetime, ancestral time, and cosmic time. Each cycle encourages us to mindfully consider the time that passes as quickly as each breath and as slowly as the passing of generations. Within each cycle, we find wisdom from sacred tradition and the saints, including St. Benedict, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and St. Hildegard of Bingen; room for growth; and the presence of the Divine. Along the way, we are also given scriptural guidance, and we are invited to spiritual practices and creative explorations that will help deepen our understanding of each cycle, allow that understanding to take root in our lives, and expand our lives beyond the pressures of each day.

49 Ways to Write Yourself Well Aug 17 2021 With the rise of the digital age, writing as a form of inquiry and reflection is fast becoming a forgotten art. Written by an experienced executive coach and writer, this book is full of information and exercises to build and maintain a regular writing practice for enhancing well-being, as well as set up and maintain a journal.

Writing Begins with the Breath Nov 07 2020 Herrings unique approach to creative writing focuses on the importance of body and breath as a way to access deep writing--that authentic voice that emerges when the ego is quiet, the mind is still, and the heart is open.

Return of the embodied feminine Feb 29 2020 *Return Of The Embodied Feminine* is a story about remembering the forgotten knowledge of the feminine whilst growing up and living in the western world as a woman. Sifra Nooter questions how to do this and what it means. She iterates the confusion of living in this masculine orientated world that seems to dominantly value the thinking mind with its main focus on having targets and goals. This is one woman's own story about her body, sexuality and the forgotten intuitive knowledge of women. Taking us on an intimate journey of remembering magical sexual connective feminine power, through sisterhood and womb-wisdom. This is a compelling journey of awakening through rituals, moon circles, and self examination. This powerful and raw story changes lives, especially those of women. By reading it, women say that something transforms deeply within, as Sifra Nooter has the talent to translate what happened in her personal life with words that emanate, heal and inspire the lives of others and resonate into the collective field. Sifra gives workshops and has developed training programs especially for women to get in touch with their body, womb and female sexuality. Through this work and together with her partner, they invite people to experience a deeper intimacy with themselves, in partnership and with the world around them. Her work is based on the shamanic idea that everything is connected with everything and the importance of our primal need to experience this connection, combined with the tantric idea that sexuality needs to be a healing act and experienced in a ritual space as a spiritual practice.

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The Great Book of Journaling Jul 28 2022 *Journaling Techniques for Growing, Healing, and Creativity* “When Lynda [Monk] talks about her own journaling practice, a spirit of flexibility infuses her approach.”—Rebecca Kochenderfer, *Journaling.com* #1 New Release in Nonfiction Writing Reference and Writing Skills *The Great Book of Journaling* provides calming tools for quelling worry and anxiety from psychotherapist Eric Maisel. As well as expert writing tips from Lynda Monk, Director of the International Association for Journal Writing. *Journal Writing for High Self-Esteem*. This is the next-generation book on journaling techniques that introduces a younger generation to the immense benefits of journaling and provides all journal writers with the tools they need to grow, heal, and deepen their personal writing experience. *Utilize Therapeutic Writing*. Journal writing can promote individual healing, creativity, and community-building. *The Great Book of Journaling* offers multiple perspectives on journaling techniques in an easy-to-use, practical format, along with providing a comprehensive introduction to various techniques and methods for deepening your personal writing. *Learn from the Best*. We’ve rounded up 40 of the top journal experts in the world to explain exactly what journal writing can do for you! *The Great Book of Journaling* is full of practical tips, evidence-based research, and rich anecdotes from their coaching, teaching, therapy work with journal writers, or their personal journal writing. *The Great Book of Journaling* can help: • Create high self-esteem, self-love, and self-confidence • Improve your health and your sense of wellbeing • Calm your worry and anxiety • Serve your creative needs • Deepen your personal writing *Readers of books on journal writing such as Mindfulness Journal, The Self-Discovery Journal, or No Worries will love The Great Book of Journaling.*

The Energetic Performer Oct 26 2019 A new approach to actor training by a senior teacher, this illustrated manual shows how to use the body to produce rich, varied and truthful performances. The approach, rooted in the Michael Chekhov Technique, integrates ancient Qigong knowledge with somatic psychology and western actor training

methods to identify the links between physical shape, emotion and feeling in performance. Supporting and illustrating the text, extensive practical exercises developed through actor training classes provide techniques to tune and adapt the body in preparation for creative work. This book will enhance your understanding of the actor's craft, offering the opportunity to grow and advance your pre-existing skills. Warm ups and sequences of exercises will enable you to implement and fully understand this innovative approach. All of the work can be applied to live and screen performances.

Embodied Communities Jul 16 2021 Court dance in Java has changed from a colonial ceremonial tradition into a national artistic classicism. Central to this general transformation has been dance's role in personal transformation, developing appropriate forms of everyday behaviour and strengthening the powers of persuasion that come from the skillful manipulation of both physical and verbal forms of politeness. This account of dance's significance in performance and in everyday life draws on extensive research, including dance training in Java, and builds on how practitioners interpret and explain the repertoire. The Javanese case is contextualized in relation to social values, religion, philosophy, and commoditization arising from tourism. It also raises fundamental questions about the theorization of culture, society and the body during a period of radical change.

The Embodied Teen Oct 31 2022 The first book to offer a somatic movement education curriculum adapted to the unique needs of adolescents Susan Bauer presents a groundbreaking curriculum for teaching teens how to integrate body and mind, enhance kinesthetic intelligence, and develop the inner resilience they need to thrive, now and into adulthood. Designed for educators, therapists, counselors, and movement practitioners, *The Embodied Teen* presents a pioneering introductory, student-centered program in somatic movement education. Using the student's own body as the lab through which to learn self-care, injury prevention, body awareness, and emotional resilience, Bauer teaches basic embodiment practices that establish the foundation for further skill development in sports, dance, and leisure activities. Students learn the basics of anatomy and physiology, and unlearn self-defeating habits that impact body image and self-esteem. By examining their cultural perceptions, they discover their body prejudices, helping them to both respect diversity and gain compassion for themselves and others. Concise and accessible, the lessons presented in this book will empower teens as they navigate the volatile physical and emotional challenges they face during this vibrant, powerful stage of life.

Embodying Sociology Mar 31 2020 With contributions from Europe, America and Asia, this text brings together a series of theoretical, methodological and empirical analyses by leading international exponents of body studies and scholars concerned with exploring the structural, interactional and phenomenological features of human embodiment.

Summary of Deirdre Fay's Becoming Safely Embodied Dec 21 2021 Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 I'm interested in how we become solid, steady, and secure inside our own body, mind, and heart. I believe that simple, practical skills can help us live a full, rich, and satisfying life inside our skin connected to others and the world we live in.

Walking with Spirits Jun 22 2019 In *Walking with Spirits*, I share my process for connecting and working with spirits that enables you to get consistent results, while building collaborative relationships with the spirits you work with. Working with spirits doesn't have to involve the coercion of spirits that you find in conventional approaches to spirit work. What I share is an alternative approach that enables you to develop a friendly relationship with the spirits you work with and allows you to get results. Instead of trying to force a spirit to do something for you, you'll learn the following: How to create a rapport with spirits that allows you to become allies. Why a co-equal relationship with spirits is better than any other type of relationship you could form. What the problems are with conventional Western spirit work techniques such as what you find in the grimoires. How to use experiential embodiment to connect with spirits. How to use a simplified approach to invocation and evocation that allows you to work with spirits and get results. If you're ready to learn a different approach to working with spirits, where you don't create enemies, and instead have life long relationships where you and the spirits from working with each other, *Walking with Spirits* will show you a different path for working with spirits that gets you results.

Sensorimotor Psychotherapy: Interventions for Trauma and Attachment (Norton Series on Interpersonal Neurobiology) Sep 25 2019 A book for clinicians and clients to use together that explains key concepts of body psychotherapy. The body's intelligence is largely an untapped resource in psychotherapy, yet the story told by the "somatic narrative"-- gesture, posture, prosody, facial expressions, eye gaze, and movement -- is arguably more significant than the story told by the words. The language of the body communicates implicit meanings and reveals the legacy of trauma and of early or forgotten dynamics with attachment figures. To omit the body as a target of therapeutic action is an unfortunate oversight that deprives clients of a vital avenue of self-knowledge and change. Written for therapists and clients to explore together in therapy, this book is a practical guide to the language of the body. It begins with a section that orients therapists and clients to the volume and how to use it, followed by an overview of the role of the brain and the use of mindfulness. The last three sections are organized according to a phase approach to therapy, focusing first on developing personal resources, particularly somatic ones; second on

utilizing a bottom-up, somatic approach to memory; and third on exploring the impact of attachment on procedural learning, emotional biases, and cognitive distortions. Each chapter is accompanied by a guide to help therapists apply the chapter's teachings in clinical practice and by worksheets to help clients integrate the material on a personal level. The concepts, interventions, and worksheets introduced in this book are designed as an adjunct to, and in support of, other methods of treatment rather than as a stand-alone treatment or manualized approach. By drawing on the therapeutic relationship and adjusting interventions to the particular needs of each client, thoughtful attention to what is being spoken beneath the words through the body can heighten the intimacy of the therapist/client journey and help change take place more easily in the hidden recesses of the self.

Breathe Feb 20 2022 Breathe will teach you how targeted breathwork affects the body and mind and how to make the most of it with simple, hassle-free exercises.

Complex Integration of Multiple Brain Systems in Therapy (IPNB) Jul 24 2019 Enabling patients' minds to change the structure of their brains. Beatriz and Albert Sheldon have spent the last 20 years developing the novel therapeutic paradigm called Complex Integration of Multiple Brain Systems (CIMBS). They have pioneered new methodology for "reading" and assessing emotional states using their patients' carefully observed psychophysiological phenomena as empirical evidence. CIMBS also incorporates the latest groundbreaking research on neuroplasticity, brain development, and therapeutic change. This book details their novel neurobiological and psychotherapeutic paradigm—and reveals how therapists can use it for more successful treatment. Clients come to therapy troubled by deeply ingrained neural circuits and emotional habits. The authors demonstrate how they use psychophysiological perspectives to recognize limitations in brain systems that are interfering with their patients' functioning. And through "physiopsychotherapy," they activate self-affirming, nonconscious emotional resources to change rigid, maladaptive neural circuits. CIMBS offers a way of "integrating" these [brain system] resources to foster more complex and flexible mental functioning and to produce more successful psychotherapeutic outcomes. The therapeutic attachment relationship between therapist and patient, and "present moment" experiences within the session rather than recollections of past trauma, are key elements in this unique emotional resource-based mode of therapy. This book is wide-ranging in documenting CIMBS' success at operationalizing neuroscience research. Translating their academic, scientific, and clinical research and successful training courses into a reference work that you can hold in your hands and savor at leisure, the Sheldons have produced an approachable, intriguing, yet comprehensive milestone in the psychotherapeutic literature.

Sharing Breath May 14 2021 Treating bodies as more than discursive in social research can feel out of place in academia. As a result, embodiment studies remain on the outside of academic knowledge construction and critical scholarship. However, embodiment scholars suggest that investigations into the profound division created by privileging the mind-intellect over the body-spirit are integral to the project of decolonization. The field of embodiment theorizes bodies as knowledgeable in ways that include but are not solely cognitive. The contributors to this collection suggest developing embodied ways of teaching, learning, and knowing through embodied experiences such as yoga, mindfulness, illness, and trauma. Although the contributors challenge Western educational frameworks from within and beyond academic settings, they also acknowledge and draw attention to the incommensurability between decolonization and aspects of social justice projects in education. By addressing this tension ethically and deliberately, the contributors engage thoughtfully with decolonization and make a substantial, and sometimes unsettling, contribution to critical studies in education.

The Circle Apr 24 2022 The "New York Times" bestselling author of "Practical Intuition" shows readers how one carefully crafted wish can serve as a match to ignite potent and lasting transformation in their lives.

Real-Self Expression Exploring the Dimensionalities of Who We Are From the Authors of Letting Go and Taking the Chance to be Real Oct 07 2020 This book is about exploring the dimensionalities of who we are as we strive to communicate the deeper aspects of our being. Giving creative voice to "real-self expression" requires our establishing true communication with a deeper consciousness within us — a turning inward to capture and seize the thoughts, experiences, emotions, and myriad of memories that reside inside our mind — to push beyond the limitation of words and to stand in the spaces between what may seem to be inharmonious aspects of our self to find synchrony. This is the gift of our psychic symphony. The only question is one of what we will compose. Sherron Lewis and Shelley Stokes The authors, Shelley Stokes, Ph.D. and Sherron Lewis, LMFT, have been pursuing a conceptual, clinical and experiential exploration of the many dimensions and phenomena contained in the human struggles inherent in knowing, being, expressing and living as an expression of SELF that is more REAL and less a manifestation of distorting, inhibiting, fear inducing and submissiveness to accommodate to the perceived demands and expectations of external forces and emotionally important relationships. In this, their latest effort in this endeavor, they continue to employ a methodology that includes clinical theoretical formulations, neuropsychological findings, poetic and philosophical offerings, spiritual references, clinical therapeutic vignettes, and personal reflections. Throughout their writings, Lewis and Stokes, creatively share aspects of their own personal explorations and reflections on their journeys to greater self-authenticity and freedom of expressions of the self. In fact, it is

through their use of personal self-disclosures, that they offer the reader a form of interpersonal experiential intimacy in teaching and encouraging the same in the reader's journey of self-discovering and expression, thus making accessible to the reader, especially the non-clinical professionals, a greater access to integrated knowing through concepts, emotions, reflections and experiences. Through this unique approach, the authors engage in a powerful means of communication by inviting the reader to personally engage in the demanding, complex, exciting, energizing and releasing effort to get beyond habitual ways of being in finding, creating and expressing that which has been waiting to be brought to greater fruition in REAL-SELF expression. Errol F. Leifer, PhD., ABPP ABN FABN Sherron Lewis is a licensed marriage and family therapist in private practice in Northern California. She specializes in individual and interpersonal conflict and personal development. Her theoretical orientation is a blend of psychodynamic, attachment, and family systems theories. She has enjoyed conducting many workshops on a variety of topics relating to parenting, shame, and real self-expression. The focal areas of her practice are: individual, couples, and family therapy, multilevel intervention, and clinical consultation. She also has enjoyed being a freelance artist for the past thirty-five years. Shelley Stokes is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Northern California. He received his certification in psychoanalytic psychotherapy from the Masterson Institute in 1994 and has had a long-standing practice treating adults and families. He has conducted many workshops and taught extensively on a variety of topics related to understanding and treating disorders of the self. In addition to coauthoring three recent books with Sherron, his other writings have included *Disorders of the Self: Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment of Borderline Personality Organization*, *Non-Pathologic Object Use in the Process of Therapeutic Change: Winnicott Revisited*, and *The Culturally Different Patient in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy*. *Wisdom Wide and Deep* Sep 05 2020 "If you are interested in Dharma study, this book belongs in your library."--- Phillip Moffitt, author of *Dancing with Life* "This book can be the guide for cultivating the inner calm we long for."---Christina Feldman, author of *Compassion: Listening to the Cries of the World* "This handbook respects both the ancient tradition and the needs of contemporary lay practitioners, without compromising either. Shaila Catherine blends scriptural references, personal examples, and timeless stories with detailed meditation instructions. The combination of pragmatic style and theoretical knowledge produces a striking invitation for the reader to apply these instructions and master the complete practice for awakening."---from the foreword by Pa-Auk Sayadaw, author of *The Workings of Kamma* "Catherine has managed a difficult feat---to be simultaneously encyclopedic and charming, all with extraordinary clarity. This meditation manual is a first for the West and will surely become a classic and a support for generations of practitioners."---Kate Wheeler, editor of *In This Very Life: Liberation Teachings of the Buddha* "Wisdom Wide and Deep is a powerful inspiration both for those who would like a glimpse of what's possible and for those intrepid explorers of the mind who want to bring these teachings to fulfillment. Highly recommended."---Joseph Goldstein, author of *A Heart Full of Peace* "Written in clear, practical language, this book converts theory into direct experience. It is a detailed exploration of deep calmness as well as insight. The West needs such manuals."---Christopher Titmuss, author of *Light on Enlightenment* "A valuable work as both a practice guide and a reference manual."---Guy Armstrong, insight meditation teacher

If the Body Politic Could Breathe in the Age of the Refugee Aug 05 2020 This book posits that the 'refugee crisis' may actually be a crisis of identity in a rapidly changing world. It argues that Western conceptions of the individual 'Self' shape metaphors of political homes, and thus the geopolitics of belonging and exclusion. Metzger-Traber creatively re-conceives political belonging by perceiving the interconnection of each 'Self' through its most immediate home – the breathing body. On an experimental literary journey through her own past and that of Germany, she puts political philosophy in conversation with somatic and spiritual insight to expand notions of 'Self' and 'Home'. Then she asks: What ethical imperatives arise? What kinds of homes and homelands would we create if we no longer thought we ended at our skin?

Embodied Inquiry Sep 29 2022 "Embodied Inquiry is offered to all who want to deepen the connection to their bodies. Here is the inspiration to see your body as a place of inquiry, learning, understanding and perceiving. Listening to the sensual knowing and aliveness within the body can inform our personal and professional lives and reveal the connections between living, being, and creating. Snowber writes this book in poetic and visceral language as a love letter from the body wooing readers to inhabit their own skins and celebrate the beautiful and paradoxical place where limitations and joy dwell together. Touching on the vastness of our body's call to us, Embodied Inquiry explores solitude, paradox, inspiration, lament, waking up to the sensuous, ecology, listening, and writing from the body. This is not a manual, but a book to accompany you in befriending the body and let your own gestures, stories and bodily ways of being lead you to listen to your own rhythm. Whether an artist or educator, researcher or administrator, performer or poet, seeker or scientist, you will find this book as a companion to sustain a vibrant life and co-create a better world. "A beautiful, creative and highly original book. Written with passion and wisdom, this book makes significant contributions to arts-based research, artistic research practice, embodiment, and living artful, intentional and connected lives. A stunning achievement." – Patricia Leavy, Ph.D., author of *Method Meets Art* and editor of the *Social Fictions* series "Snowber offers wisdom for learning to live exotically, erotically, emotionally,

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Finding Voice Nov 19 2021 In *Finding Voice*, Kincaid employs an often used but somewhat elusive metaphor, "voice," as a way of speaking of pastoral identity and contends that a lively, imaginative pastoral voice emerges from a thorough grasp of context, theology, pastoral roles, personal journey, and systemic dynamics. Designed as a text for the field education, contextual education, and supervised ministry experiences of seminary students and others preparing for congregational leadership, *Finding Voice* examines in depth how people are experiencing each of these constituent parts of pastoral voice at their student ministry sites not only to learn about each of the areas, but also to recognize and understand what is being called forth in the students as they engage these five key experiences and begin to visualize their future ministry. The book further explores the opportunities created when the five aspects of pastoral identity are in conflict with one another. In the absence of any one of these or the imbalance of them, pastoral voice gets skewed, and vibrant, effective ministry is undermined. *Finding Voice* urges students to begin now, with field education, to engage a practice of ministry that is imaginative, courageous, nimble, and faithful.

Faces of Your Soul Sep 17 2021 In *Faces of Your Soul*, Elise Dirlam Ching and Kaleo Ching combine art and archetypes, meditation and acupressure, guided imagery, journaling, and many different creative processes in a collage of healing knowledge and wisdom. The authors start by stressing the balance of complementary opposites—left brain/right brain, challenge/comfort, practicality/the sacred—as crucial to beginning the journey. Then through guided imagery, they lead readers through subconscious realms to connect with archetypal sources of inner wisdom. This process frees the creative and healing spirit, connecting explorers with the body's instinctive intelligence, which expresses itself through the creation of art. Central to this process is a detailed description of maskmaking—including how to work with a partner to mold each other's gauze mask—balanced with self-explorations of the inner experience of this event. Poetry, personal stories, photographs, and a gallery of Kaleo Ching's evocative totemic masks expand the reader's experience of this richly resonant journey to self.

Neural Mechanisms Underlying Movement-Based Embodied Contemplative Practices Jan 10 2021 Relative to the extensive neuroscientific work on seated meditation practices, far less studies have investigated the neural mechanisms underlying movement-based contemplative practices such as yoga or tai chi. Movement-based practices have, however, been found to be effective for relieving the symptoms of several clinical conditions, and to elicit measurable changes in physiological, neural, and behavioral parameters in healthy individuals. An important challenge for neuroscience is therefore to advance our understanding of the neurophysiological and neurocognitive mechanisms underlying these observed effects, and this Research Topic aims to make a contribution in this regard. It showcases the current state of the art of investigations on movement-based practices including yoga, tai chi, the Feldenkrais Method, as well as dance. Featured contributions include empirical research, proposals of theoretical frameworks, as well as novel perspectives on a variety of issues relevant to the field. This Research Topic is the first of its kind to specifically attempt a neurophysiological and neurocognitive characterization that spans multiple mindful movement approaches, and we trust it will be of interest to basic scientists, clinical researchers, and contemplative practitioners alike.

Embodied Mar 24 2022 For the most part bodies have been neglected and ignored in psychology, thought of merely as a taxi for the mind, dwarfed by the study of observable behaviour, of action and agency, motivation and performance, or of cognition and emotion. 'Embodied' is a fascinating guide to how we experience our bodies and how our bodies experience the world.

A Plea for Embodied Spirituality Jan 22 2022 The body is crucial to religious life, but there has been little practical attention to how to make a helpful reality of this fact. Strong forms of philosophical dualism have been widely abandoned by post-war theologians in favour of a more integrated view of human nature, but guidance on the role of the body in Christian spirituality remains fragmentary. Focusing particularly on drawing out practical implications for religious life and ministry, this book will survey the many ways in which the body plays an important role in religions and spiritual life, drawing on scientific research, theology and philosophy.

Soul-Centered Jun 14 2021 *Soul-Centered: Transform Your Life in 8 Weeks with Meditation* presents a secular, mainstream view of meditation and applies it practically as a tool for personal transformation. Each week's lesson in the 8-week program contains a key for navigating the journey of self-awareness, and each week's meditation practice builds on those of the previous weeks, making the process accessible and enjoyable for novices and experts alike. Inspiring stories from Sarah's own experience and from the students she's taught in her 20-year career as a meditation teacher further enrich the text. Her approach is grounded in leading-edge brain research that shows

meditating for 27 minutes a day over 8 weeks can make a huge difference by altering the gray matter in areas of the brain that govern learning, memory, empathy, and stress. Each of the lessons in the 8-week program is designed to provide a structure for creating a successful and sustainable meditation practice. As the readers build their meditation practice, they learn to undo stressful habits that don't serve them, cultivate compassion for themselves and others, and listen to and trust their inner wisdom. The Soul-Centered journey is one of finding out who you really are; navigating your life based on that peaceful, loving, wise part of yourself; then fully and fearlessly expressing yourself in the world.

Letting Go and Taking the Chance to be Real Mar 12 2021 Who are we really? The image we have of our 'self' is derived largely from our experiences of who we are, from who we would like to be, and from who we are told we are by others. It is a sense that changes over the years that begins to develop in early childhood and grows (or is stunted) through experimenting and testing in early relationships and later relationships in life, composed of various images which we strive to integrate over time. It is that core 'someone

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