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Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance Robert M. Pirsig 2009-04-21 THE CLASSIC BOOK THAT HAS INSPIRED MILLIONS A penetrating examination of how we live and how to live better Few books transform a generation and then establish themselves as touchstones for the generations that follow. Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance is one such book. This modern epic of a man's search for meaning became an instant bestseller on publication in 1974, acclaimed as one of the most exciting books in the history of American letters. It continues to inspire millions. A narration of a summer motorcycle trip undertaken by a father and his son, Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance becomes a personal and philosophical odyssey into fundamental questions on how to live. The narrator's relationship with his son leads to a powerful self-reckoning; the craft of motorcycle maintenance leads to an austere beautiful process for reconciling science, religion, and humanism. Resonant with the confusions of existence, this classic is a touching and transcendent book of life. This new edition contains an interview with Pirsig and letters and documents detailing how this extraordinary book came to be.

Secrets of the Blue Cliff Record Thomas Cleary 2002-12-10 The Blue Cliff Record is a classic text of Zen Buddhism, designed to assist in the activation of dormant human potential. The core of this extraordinary work is a collection of one hundred traditional citations and stories, selected for their ability to bring about insight and enlightenment. These vignettes are known as gongan in Chinese and koan in Japanese. Secrets of the Blue Cliff Record is a fresh translation featuring newly translated commentary from two of the greatest Zen masters of early modern Japan, Hakuin Ekaku (1685-1768) of the Rinzaï sect of Zen and Tenkei Denson (1648-1735) of the Soto sect of Zen. This translation and commentary on The Blue Cliff Record sheds new light on the meaning of this central Zen text.

Zen and the Art of Mediation Martin Plowman 2019-02-28 With a cast of characters that includes a fat cat, seventeen camels, and a man with 83 problems, and drawing inspiration from quantum physics, research on risk aversion and modern linguistic theory, this book is essential reading for mediators, mediation advocates and negotiators.

Zen and the Art of Recording Mixerman 2014-10-01 (Book). In this book, the third in the Zen and the Art Of series, Mixerman distills the inescapable technical realities of recording down to understandable and practical terms. Whether musician or self-taught recordist, whether at home or in a full-blown studio complex, you'll discover a definitive blueprint for recording within the current realities of the business, without ever losing focus on the core consideration the music itself. As Mixerman writes: "The moment you start to think in musical terms, your recordings will improve a hundredfold." This enhanced

multimedia e-book edition brings recordists deeper into the concepts covered in the text. It features over an hour's worth of supplemental videos in which Mixerman demonstrates various recording techniques in a number of recording spaces. The clips provide invaluable insight into what to listen for when choosing gear and placing mics, and Mixerman walks us through all of this in well over an hour of clips. This multimedia eBook is an absolute must-have for anyone who enjoys recording music and wants to get better doing it. "Mixerman has done it again! With his signature humorous and entertaining style, he imparts a world of invaluable information for the aspiring recordist and musician in an easy to absorb (not overly technical) common sense manner." Ron Saint Germain (300+ million in sales, U2, Whitney Houston, 311) "Zen and the Art of Recording describes an approach rather than a recipe. This is important because in the real world nothing works the same way every time. This is an excellent overview of the issues to be considered along with a broad variety of proven techniques for addressing them." Bob Olhsson (Stevie Wonder, Jackson Five, Marvin Gaye) "It's the videos here that really drive the narrative." Aardvark (Producer of The Daily Adventures of Mixerman Audiobook and Zen RPM) "In the absence of an opportunity to apprentice in a major recording studio, this book is the next best thing. A way to learn from the best." William Wittman (Cyndi Lauper, Joan Osborne, The Fixx)

Zen & the Art of the Macintosh Michael Green 1986

Hardcore Zen Brad Warner 2015-12 Zen, plain and simple, with no BS. This is not your typical Zen book. Brad Warner, a young punk who grew up to be a Zen master, spares no one. This bold new approach to the "Why?" of Zen Buddhism is as strongly grounded in the tradition of Zen as it is utterly revolutionary. Warner's voice is hilarious, and he calls on the wisdom of everyone from punk and pop culture icons to the Buddha himself to make sure his points come through loud and clear. As it prods readers to question everything, Hardcore Zen is both an approach and a departure, leaving behind the soft and lyrical for the gritty and stark perspective of a new generation. This new edition will feature an afterword from the author.

Zen and the Art of Mixing Mixerman 2010 (Technical Reference). In his first book, *The Daily Adventures of Mixerman*, the author detailed the frustrating and often hilarious goings on during the process of recording a major-label band. Musicians, engineers, and producers laughed and cried at the crazy goings-on they'd never imagined or recognized all too well. Now Mixerman turns his razor-sharp gaze to the art of mixing and gives followers and the uninitiated reason to hope if not for logic and civility in the recording studio then at least for a good sounding record. With a firm commitment to art over technology and to maintaining a grasp of each, Mixerman outlines his own approach to recording success, based on his years mixing records in all genres of music for all kinds of artists, often under trying circumstances. As he states in his introduction to the new volume, "Even if you're not a professional mixer, even if you're a musician trying to mix your own work or a studio owner in a smaller market, you have your own set of pressures to deal with while you're mixing. Regardless of what those pressures are, it's important to identify and recognize them, if for no other reason than so you can learn to completely ignore them." But how? "That's where the Zen comes in."

Zen and the Fine Arts Shin'ichi Hisamatsu 1982 Examples of painting, architecture, gardens, drama and ceramics probe the relationship between Zen Buddhism and the fine arts

Zen Sand Victor Sogen Hori 2003-02-28 Zen Sand is a classic collection of verses aimed at aiding practitioners of kôan meditation to negotiate the difficult relationship between insight and language. As such it represents a major contribution to both Western Zen practice and English-language Zen scholarship. In Japan the traditional Rinzai Zen kôan curriculum includes the use of jakugo, or "capping

phrases." Once a monk has successfully replied to a kōan, the Zen master orders the search for a classical verse to express the monk's insight into the kōan. Special collections of these jakugo were compiled as handbooks to aid in that search. Until now, Zen students in the West, lacking this important resource, have been severely limited in carrying out this practice. Zen Sand combines and translates two standard jakugo handbooks and opens the way for incorporating this important tradition fully into Western Zen practice. For the scholar, Zen Sand provides a detailed description of the jakugo practice and its place in the overall kōan curriculum, as well as a brief history of the Zen phrase book. This volume also contributes to the understanding of East Asian culture in a broader sense.

Zen Psychosis Shana Nys Dambrot 2019-10 [Zen Psychosis] is a work of experimental fiction: the attempt to construct a personal memoir culled not from diaries, but dreams. In a way, as the scenes are taken from my own journals, this book is not fiction at all; the dreams are real, their meanings form a story. As a critic of art and an amateur student of Jungian psychoanalysis, I am often compelled to decode intuitive, inscrutable symbols and assemble meaning from the clues the dream or the artist leaves behind. In this novel, I'm applying the technique to my own inner self. This was directly inspired by Henry Miller, who in 1923 slipped an account of a vivid dream into a collection of short stories in [Black Spring]. "Into the Nightlife: A Coney Island of the Mind" later became an illustrated book in a collaboration between Miller and the artist Bezalel Schatz in 1947, as its tantalizing surrealism and literary voice actively blurred the boundaries between experience and imagination. The accompaniment of fantastical pinhole photographs by Osceola Refetoff augments and expands on this dynamic; bringing a beguiling dreamlike quality to what are in fact, people and places in the real world outside ourselves. As an artist and student of cinema, Refetoff has long been fascinated with the conventional visual language of what dreams are supposed to look like.

Zen and the Art of Producing Mixerman 2012-07-01 (Book). Here, in a replica of a recently exhumed tome (discovered in reverb chamber #4 beneath the Capitol Studios lot), we present to you the companion book to Mixerman's popular *Zen and the Art of Mixing*. Providing valuable insights for both neophyte and veteran alike, Mixerman reveals all that goes into the most coveted job in record-making producing. In his signature style, Mixerman provides us a comprehensive blueprint for all that the job entails from the organizational discipline needed to run a successful recording session, to the visionary leadership required to inspire great performances. This enhanced multimedia edition brings producers deeper into the concepts covered in the text. In over an hour's worth of supplemental video clips, Mixerman gives added insight into the various aspects of producing, from choosing songs and deciding on arrangements to managing production budgets. As Mixerman points out, "It doesn't matter if you're producing a country album or a hard-rock album: the goal is to communicate with the audience in a manner they understand."

The Art of Just Sitting John Daido Looi 2005-06-10 Shikantaza--or "just sitting"--is one of the simplest, most subtle forms of meditation, and one of the most easily misunderstood. This peerless volume brings together a wealth of writings, from the Buddha himself to Bodhidharma and Dogen and many of modern Zen Buddhism's most influential masters, all pointing directly to the heart of this powerful practice. Edited by one of America's pre-eminent Zen teachers, this book is a rich resource for wisdom seekers and scholars alike.

Where the Heart Beats Kay Larson 2013-07-30 A "heroic" biography of John Cage and his "awakening through Zen Buddhism"—"a kind of love story" about a brilliant American pioneer of the creative arts who transformed himself and his culture (The New York Times) Composer John Cage sought the silence of a mind at peace with itself—and found it in Zen Buddhism, a spiritual path that changed both his

music and his view of the universe. “Remarkably researched, exquisitely written,” *Where the Heart Beats* weaves together “a great many threads of cultural history” (Maria Popova, *Brain Pickings*) to illuminate Cage’s struggle to accept himself and his relationship with choreographer Merce Cunningham. Freed to be his own man, Cage originated exciting experiments that set him at the epicenter of a new avant-garde forming in the 1950s. Robert Rauschenberg, Jasper Johns, Andy Warhol, Yoko Ono, Allan Kaprow, Morton Feldman, and Leo Castelli were among those influenced by his ‘teaching’ and ‘preaching.’ *Where the Heart Beats* shows the blossoming of Zen in the very heart of American culture.

Zen Guitar Philip Toshio Sudo 2013-08-27 Unleash the song of your soul with *Zen Guitar*, a contemplative handbook that draws on ancient Eastern wisdom and applies it to music and performance. Each of us carries a song inside us, the song that makes us human. *Zen Guitar* provides the key to unlocking this song—a series of life lessons presented through the metaphor of music. Philip Sudo offers his own experiences with music to enable us to rediscover the harmony in each of our lives and open ourselves to Zen awareness uniquely suited to the Western Mind. Through fifty-eight lessons that provide focus and a guide, the reader is led through to Zen awareness. This harmony is further illuminated through quotes from sources ranging from Eric Clapton and Jimi Hendrix to Miles Davis. From those who have never strummed a guitar to the more experienced, *Zen Guitar* shows how the path of music offers fulfillment in all aspects of life—a winning idea and an instant classic.

Mountain Record of Zen Talks John Daido Looi 2008-12-02 In this treasury of Zen wisdom based on his talks, the abbot of Zen Mountain Monastery in Mt. Tremper, New York, explores the eight areas of study that are the focus for training in his community: meditation, study with the teacher, liturgy, art practice, body practice, the study of scriptures, work practice, and the moral and ethical teachings. John Daido Looi also covers such topics as koans, the martial arts, and illness and healing, and he makes intriguing observations about the spirit and requirements of Zen in America.

Musician's Survival Guide to a Killer Record Mixerman 2018-10-10 It takes many years to excel at recording, and if your goal is to become an engineer then that's what's required. But if you're a musician who wants to garner a reaction to your song, then you don't have time for that. You need to make a Killer Record right now. But how? First, stop thinking like a recordist. The stated goal of this book is to convert recording decisions into musical ones, and technical decisions into practical ones. Not only do I explain the musical strategies for making a Killer Record, I also break the technical information down to its core so that you can strategize based on your recording reality. So long as you have what you need to make a record, I can help you make it a Killer Record. This is the only gear you'll need. Who am I? I'm Mixerman, a gold and multi-platinum award winning producer, mixer, and recordist. I'm also a published author, and I have a number of very popular books written on the recording arts. I was in precisely your position at the early stages of my career. I was a musician, frustrated that I could write a good song, only to feel the record itself fell short of it's potential. Over the course of my decades recording, I noticed that the performance and arrangement had a far greater impact on the sound than anything I did on the engineering side. This field manual is chock full of recording, mixing, and producing strategies designed to keep recording a fun and focused process. You will return to this manual time and time again to help you overcome any impediment-technical or musical-that might prevent you from achieving the results you seek, regardless of your recording environment, regardless of what equipment you're using, and regardless of your current skillset. You can make a Killer Record under nearly any circumstance. It just requires the right mindset.

Zen and Material Culture Pamela D. Winfield 2017-06-07 The stereotype of Zen Buddhism as a

minimalistic or even immaterial meditative tradition persists in the Euro-American cultural imagination. This volume calls attention to the vast range of "stuff" in Zen by highlighting the material abundance and iconic range of the Soto, Rinzai, and Obaku sects in Japan. Chapters on beads, bowls, buildings, staffs, statues, rags, robes, and even retail commodities in America all shed new light on overlooked items of lay and monastic practice in both historical and contemporary perspectives. Nine authors from the cognate fields of art history, religious studies, and the history of material culture analyze these "Zen matters" in all four senses of the phrase: the interdisciplinary study of Zen's matters (objects and images) ultimately speaks to larger Zen matters (ideas, ideals) that matter (in the predicate sense) to both male and female practitioners, often because such matters (economic considerations) help to ensure the cultural and institutional survival of the tradition. *Zen and Material Culture* expands the study of Japanese Zen Buddhism to include material inquiry as an important complement to mainly textual, institutional, or ritual studies. It also broadens the traditional purview of art history by incorporating the visual culture of everyday Zen objects and images into the canon of recognized masterpieces by elite artists. Finally, the volume extends Japanese material and visual cultural studies into new research territory by taking up Zen's rich trove of *materia liturgica* and supplementing the largely secular approach to studying Japanese popular culture. This groundbreaking volume will be a resource for anyone whose interests lie at the intersection of Zen art, architecture, history, ritual, tea ceremony, women's studies, and the fine line between Buddhist materiality and materialism.

The Daily Adventures of Mixerman Mixerman 2009-05-01 (Book). Mixerman is a recording engineer working with a famous producer on the debut album of an unknown band with a giant recording budget. Mixerman is supposed to be writing about recording techniques, but somehow, through that prism, he has hit upon a gripping story. Like all great narratives, *Mixerman's* diary has many anti-heroes for whom we, the readers, can have nothing but contempt. The band consists of the four most dislikable human beings you can imagine. The singer is vain and pretentious. The guitarist is a serious depressive. The drummer is as "dumb as cotton," and the bassist is merely mean and petty, making him the only one that Mixerman can stand. All four of them hate each other's guts, and they haven't even been on tour yet. Mixerman takes you through the recording process of a bidding war band in over their heads with a famous record producer (also in over his head). Many find *Mixerman's* diary entries side-splittingly funny. Some find them maddening. And a select few feel they are the most despicable accountings of record-making ever documented.

Transmission of Light Keizan 2002-07-16 A translation of the classic *Denkoroku* by one of the premier translators of Buddhist and Taoist texts illustrates how to arrive at the epiphanic Zen awakening known as *satori*. The essential initiatory experience of Zen, *satori* is believed to open up the direct perception of things as they are. "Even if you sit until your seat breaks through, even if you persevere mindless of fatigue, even if you are a person of lofty deeds and pure behavior, if you haven't reached this realm of *satori*, you still can't get out of the prison of the world." Deliberately cultivated and employed to awaken the dormant potency of the mind, *satori* is said to be accessible to all people, transcending time, history, culture, race, gender, and personality. Attributed to the thirteenth-century Zen Master Keizan (1268-1325), *Transmission of Light* (along with *The Blue Cliff Record* and *The Gateless Barrier*) is one of three essential koan texts used by Zen students. Techniques for reaching the enlightening experience of *satori* are revealed through fifty-three short tales about the awakenings of successive generations of masters, beginning with the twelfth-century Zen master Ejo, dharma heir to Dogen. The translator's introduction establishes the context for *Transmission of Light* within the Zen canon and elucidates central themes of the work, including the essential idea that genuine *satori* "is not the end of Zen; it is more properly the true beginning."

Zen and the Art of Happiness Chris Prentiss 2006-10-01 The gentle wisdom of "Zen and the Art of Happiness" shows how to invite magnificent experiences into your life and create a philosophy that will sustain you through anything. The Zen of doing anything is to behave with a particular state of mind that brings the experience of enlightenment to even everyday facts -- and through that experience, happiness.

Zen Lessons 2007 Gathers the political, social, and psychological teachings of Chinese Zen masters from the tenth to the thirteenth centuries.

Zen and the Art of Recording Mixerman 2014 (Book). A unique take on the art of recording by a renowned music producer and mixer, this third book in Mixerman's popular Zen and the Art of series breaks down good recording practices from a source-centric position. Written with the musician or recordist in mind, Mixerman walks readers through the recording process, elaborating on various micing techniques and revealing many studio secrets. This guide also features instructional videos with full audio fidelity to provide both visual and audible demonstrations to the reader. With an engaging narrative infused with Mixerman's inimitable style, *Zen and the Art of Recording* is like no other recording book ever written.

Bankei Zen Yoshito Hakeda 2007-12-01 The teachings of the groundbreaking Buddhist Zen Master: "Should remain for years to come the standard source book for the Western student of Zen" (Douglas Harding, *The Middle Way*). The eccentric Bankei (1622–1693) has long been an underground hero in the world of Zen. At a time when Zen was becoming overly formalized in Japan, he stressed its relevance to everyday life, insisting on the importance of naturalness and spontaneity. This volume presents his teachings—as refreshing and iconoclastic today as they were three hundred years ago—in a fluent translation by Peter Haskel, accompanied by a vivid account of Bankei's life and times, illustrations, and extensive notes for the scholar. "Mr. Haskel has furnished us with an accurate and polished translation that fully captures the lively colloquial style of the original. The late Professor Hakeda has rendered invaluable assistance in resolving many linguistic problems and in furnishing important insights into the text itself." —Philip Yampolsky "A splendid record of a dramatically different Zen master." —Huston Smith "Bankei Zen has given us the essence of Bankei's unique teaching . . . one which seems particularly appropriate to our time." —Nancy Wilson Ross

Zen and the Art of Falling in Love Brenda Shoshanna 2004-02-02 Explains how to apply Zen principles to create and maintain loving relationships, outlining thirteen essential practices that offer advice on how to overcome such challenges as miscommunication, insecurity, and jealousy. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

The One Taste of Truth William Scott Wilson 2013-01-08 This heartfelt ode to the meditative practice of drinking tea examines the origins of traditional tea culture in the East, revealing how a good cuppa can elevate both the mind and spirit. Traditionally in China and Japan, drinking a cup of tea was an opportunity for contemplation, meditation, and an elevation of mind and spirit. Here, renowned translator William Scott Wilson distills what is singular and precious about this traditional tea culture, and he explores the fascinating connection between Zen and tea drinking. He unpacks the most common phrases from Zen and Chinese philosophy—usually found in Asia printed on hanging scrolls in tea rooms, restaurant alcoves, family rooms, and martial arts dojos—that have traditionally served as points of contemplation to encourage the appropriate atmosphere for drinking tea or silent meditation. Part history, part philosophy, part inspirational guide, *The One Taste of Truth* will connect you to the distinctive pleasure of sipping tea and allowing it to transport your mind and thoughts. This beautifully

written book will appeal to tea lovers and anyone interested in tea culture, Chinese philosophy, and Zen.

Zen in the Art of Archery Herrigel Eugen 2021-04 A fascinating introduction to Zen principles and learning.

Zen and the Art of Faking It Jordan Sonnenblick 2010-02-01 From masterfully funny and poignant Jordan Sonnenblick, a story that will have everyone searching for their inner Zen. Meet San Lee, a (sort of) innocent teenager, who moves against his will to a new town. Things get interesting when he (sort of) invents a new past for himself, which makes him incredibly popular. In fact, his whole school starts to (sort of) worship him, just because he (sort of) accidentally gave the impression that he's a reincarnated mystic. When things start to unravel, San needs to find some real wisdom in a hurry. Can he patch things up with his family, save himself from bodily harm, stop being an outcast, and maybe even get the girl?

Zen and the Art of Postmodern Philosophy Carl Olson 2000-08-24 Carl Olson is Professor of Religious Studies at Allegheny College in Pennsylvania. His previous books include *The Indian Renouncer* and *Postmodern Poison: A Cross-Cultural Encounter* and *The Theology and Philosophy of Eliade: A Search for the Centre*.

The Zen of Seeing 1973 A Dutch artist offers his concept of seeing and drawing as a discipline by which the world may be rediscovered, a way of experiencing Zen.

Zen and the Art of the Internet Brendan P. Kehoe 1993 A readable introduction to the Internet explains how to use this worldwide system of computer networks, examining the various available networks and explaining how to use as E-mail, File Transfer Protocol, and special commercial services via Internet.

The Zen of Creativity John Daido Looi 2005-05-31 For many of us, the return of Zen conjures up images of rock gardens and gently flowing waterfalls. We think of mindfulness and meditation, immersion in a state of being where meaning is found through simplicity. Zen lore has been absorbed by Western practitioners and pop culture alike, yet there is a specific area of this ancient tradition that hasn't been fully explored in the West. Now, in *The Zen of Creativity*, American Zen master John Daido Looi presents a book that taps the principles of the Zen arts and aesthetic as a means to unlock creativity and find freedom in the various dimensions of our existence. Looi dissolves the barriers between art and spirituality, opening up the possibility of meeting life with spontaneity, grace, and peace. Zen Buddhism is steeped in the arts. In spiritual ways, calligraphy, poetry, painting, the tea ceremony, and flower arranging can point us toward our essential, boundless nature. Brilliantly interpreting the teachings of the artless arts, Looi illuminates various elements that awaken our creativity, among them still point, the center of each moment that focuses on the tranquility within; simplicity, in which the creative process is uncluttered and unlimited, like a cloudless sky; spontaneity, a way to navigate through life without preconceptions, with a freshness in which everything becomes new; mystery, a sense of trust in the unknown; creative feedback, the systematic use of an audience to receive noncritical input about our art; art koans, exercises based on paradoxical questions that can be resolved only through artistic expression. Looi shows how these elements interpenetrate and function not only in art, but in all our endeavors. Beautifully illustrated and punctuated with poems and reflections from Looi's own spiritual journey, *The Zen of Creativity* presents a multilayered, bottomless source of insight into our creativity. Appealing equally to spiritual seekers, artists, and veteran Buddhist

practitioners, this book is perfect for those wishing to discover new means of self-awareness and expression—and to restore equanimity and freedom amid the vicissitudes of our lives.

What Universe Are You Creating? Cheri Huber 2014-09-01 This book and card deck is structured as a daily game in which readers randomly choose a card from the deck and then read the corresponding pages in the book. The intention is to broaden perspective, lift spirits, and improve the quality of one's life. Zen is the practice of presence, in which we are free from the conditioned mind's anxiety, fear, depression, and worry. Choosing presence over misery is impossible without the ability to direct our attention at will; without the skill of directing our attention to how we want our lives to be, we remain victim to habitual patterns of thinking that keep us stuck in suffering. *What Universe Are You Creating?* is a playful, powerful tool for learning the skill that frees us. Recording and Listening is a revolutionary tool for practicing turning attention from incessant, haranguing, karmically conditioned patterns of thought and action to the peace of presence. Recording in our own voice and then listening to kind words, encouragement, inspirational readings, favorite songs, gratitude lists, meditations—in short, being our own mentor—turns attention away from the constant stream of negative self-talk, revealing its illusory nature.

The Little Book of Zen David Schiller 2021-08-31 A taste of Zen for the seeker and the curious alike. This small but wise book collects Eastern and Western sayings, haiku, poetry, and inspiring quotations from ancient and modern thinkers. Its aim is not to define Zen or answer its famous koan—What is the sound of one hand clapping?—but rather to point to a fresh way of looking at the world: with mindfulness, clarity, and joy. “Do not seek to follow in the footsteps of the wise. Seek what they sought” —Bashō New material is taken from contemporary spiritual leaders, writers, meditation teachers, and others with an emphasis on the practice of mindfulness—on the heart, rather than the head. Pen and ink illustrations from the author bring an additional layer of feeling and beauty.

Zen Seeing, Zen Drawing Frederick Franck 1993 Franck, the author of *Zen of Seeing*, the classic guide, returns with more teachings and instructions.

The Art of Fielding Chad Harbach 2011-09-07 At Westish College, a small school on the shore of Lake Michigan, baseball star Henry Skrimshander seems destined for big league stardom. But when a routine throw goes disastrously off course, the fates of five people are upended. Henry's fight against self-doubt threatens to ruin his future. College president Guert Affenlight, a longtime bachelor, has fallen unexpectedly and helplessly in love. Owen Dunne, Henry's gay roommate and teammate, becomes caught up in a dangerous affair. Mike Schwartz, the Harpooners' team captain and Henry's best friend, realizes he has guided Henry's career at the expense of his own. And Pella Affenlight, Guert's daughter, returns to Westish after escaping an ill-fated marriage, determined to start a new life. As the season counts down to its climactic final game, these five are forced to confront their deepest hopes, anxieties, and secrets. In the process they forge new bonds, and help one another find their true paths. Written with boundless intelligence and filled with the tenderness of youth, *The Art of Fielding* is an expansive, warmhearted novel about ambition and its limits, about family and friendship and love, and about commitment—to oneself and to others.

Zen and Now Mark Richardson 2009-09-08 On the Trail of Robert Pirsig's *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, *Zen and Now* is the story of a story that will appeal to the 5 million readers of the original and serve as an initiation to a whole new generation. Since its original publication in 1968, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance: An Inquiry into Values* has touched whole generations of readers with its serious attempt to define “quality” in a world that seems indifferent to the responsibilities that

quality brings. Mark Richardson expands that journey with an investigation of his own - to find the enigmatic author of *Zen and the Art*, ask him a few questions, and place his classic book in context. The result manages to be a biography of Pirsig himself - in the discovery of an unknown life of madness, murder and eventual resolution - and a splendid meditation on creativity and problem-solving, sanity and insanity.

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Sword of Zen Peter Haskel 2012-10-25 Takuan Sōho's (1573-1645) two works on Zen and swordsmanship are among the most straightforward and lively presentations of Zen ever written and have enjoyed great popularity in both premodern and modern Japan. Although dealing ostensibly with the art of the sword, *Record of Immovable Wisdom* and *On the Sword Taie* are basic guides to Zen—"user's manuals" for Zen mind that show one how to manifest it not only in sword play but from moment to moment in everyday life. Along with translations of *Record of Immovable Wisdom* and *On the Sword Taie* (the former, composed in all likelihood for the shogun Tokugawa Iemitsu and his fencing master, Yagyū Munenori), this book includes an introduction to Takuan's distinctive approach to Zen, drawing on excerpts from the master's other writings. It also offers an accessible overview of the actual role of the sword in Takuan's day, a period that witnessed both a bloody age of civil warfare and Japan's final unification under the Tokugawa shoguns. Takuan was arguably the most famous Zen priest of his time, and as a pivotal figure, bridging the Zen of the late medieval and early modern periods, his story (presented in the book's biographical section) offers a rare picture of Japanese Zen in transition. For modern readers, whether practitioners of Zen or the martial arts, Takuan's emphasis on freedom of mind as the crux of his teaching resonates as powerfully as it did with the samurai and swordsmen of Tokugawa Japan. Scholars will welcome this new, annotated translation of Takuan's sword-related works as well as the host of detail it provides, illuminating an obscure period in Zen's history in Japan.

Immovable Wisdom Nobuko Hirose 1992 The Zen Master Takuan Sono (1573-1645) was a master of calligraphy, painting, gardening, martial arts, and the teacher of the Shogun Iemitsu, Yagyū Tajima-no-Kami (founder of Japan's greatest swordsmanship school) and Miyamoto Musashi (author of *The Book of Five Rings*).

Lila Robert Pirsig 2013-11-06 In this bestselling new book, his first in seventeen years, Robert M. Pirsig, author of *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, takes us on a poignant and passionate journey as mysterious and compelling as his first life-changing work. Instead of a motorcycle, a sailboat carries his philosopher-narrator Phaedrus down the Hudson River as winter closes in. Along the way he picks up a most unlikely traveling companion: a woman named Lila who in her desperate sexuality, hostility, and oncoming madness threatens to disrupt his life. In *Lila* Robert M. Pirsig has crafted a unique work of adventure and ideas that examines the essential issues of the nineties as his previous classic did the seventies.