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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

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### From the Inside Flap

In our search for happiness, we need not look far. True happiness is not found through the conquest of nature or the acquisition of wealth and fame—it is found within by realizing the potential of our own hearts and minds. In *Genuine Happiness*, Alan Wallace, scholar and longtime Buddhist practitioner, helps you embrace the joy within through the unique power of meditation. Based on his thirty-four years of study and practice

under the guidance of sixty teachers from the East and West, Alan Wallace describes a range of Tibetan meditation techniques from the simplest mindfulness of breathing to the exalted methods of Dzogchen.

Encapsulating the most promising principles of Buddhist teachings, *Genuine Happiness* outlines the five essential Tibetan meditations that will help you achieve greater happiness:

- Meditative quiescence: mindfulness of breathing, settling the mind in its natural state, and cultivating awareness of simply being aware
- The Four Applications of Mindfulness (of the body, feelings, mind, and phenomena): the fundamental teachings on the cultivation of contemplative insight
- The Four Immeasurables (compassion, loving-kindness, empathic joy, and equanimity): the heart's path to genuine happiness
- Dream yoga: both daytime and nighttime practices
- Dzogchen: the Great Perfection

Featuring a foreword from the Dalai Lama, *Genuine Happiness* will help you collect and focus your mind away from the dullness and compulsive agitation of daily life. Through these Buddhist techniques and meditations, you will discover how to train your mind to delve into deeper and deeper states of awareness. Each chapter begins with a guided meditation, introductory material, and thoughts for further contemplation.

Through practice, understanding, and Alan Wallace's guidance, you will learn to follow the path of genuine happiness to its source—by tapping your inner natural resources to the fullest.

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