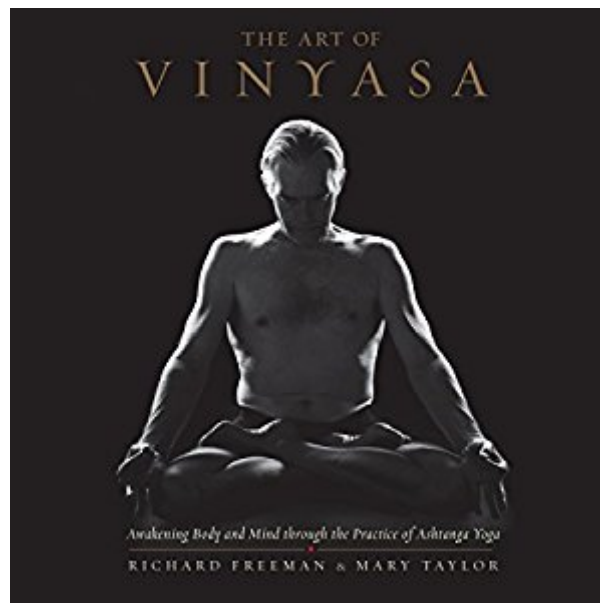


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The Art Of Vinyasa: Awakening Body And Mind Through The Practice Of Ashtanga Yoga



Synopsis

The Art of Vinyasa takes a unique look at Ashtanga yoga as meditation in motion that produces profound inner change. Two of the most well-respected teachers of the Ashtanga style of yoga, Richard Freeman and Mary Taylor, explore this rigorous practice not as a gymnastic feat but as a meditative form. They reveal that doing the practice - and particularly the vinyasa, or the breath-synchronized movements - in such a deep and focused way allows practitioners to experience a profound awakening of the body and mind. It also develops an adaptable, flexible practice that can last a lifetime. Freeman and Taylor give an in-depth explanation of form, alignment, and anatomy and how they work together in the practice. They also present a holistic approach to asana practice that includes an awareness of the subtle breath and seamlessly merges yoga philosophy with practical technique. Unlike other books on Ashtanga, The Art of Vinyasa does not follow the linear pattern of the sequences of postures that are the hallmark of Ashtanga yoga. Instead it interlinks the eight limbs - yama and niyama (ethical practices); asana (postures); pranayama (breathing); pratyahara (nongrasping of the senses); dharana (concentration); dhyana (meditation); and samadhi (harmony, insight) - and shows how to establish an internally rooted yoga practice.

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Love this book. I have practiced Ashtanga for 22 years and I am enjoying reading more on the small nuances rather than on the asana's themselves. There is so much unseen in a yoga practice and

this book brings that to the forefront.

The "theoretical" part is definitely what makes this special book even more special and unique. The "asana" part is also amazing, though the vinyasa count for some poses is quite unorthodox. Great book overall, and a must have for keen Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga practitioners.

Mr. Freeman is a master of communication and he does a great job in explaining the essence of yoga and how to apply it .

Great instructor a must have.

Excellent Book!

Richard is always amazing...

excellent!

For the past 18 years I have been reading and collecting all the highest rated yoga books available. This book has everything I've been looking for! I cannot sing its praises loudly enough!

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