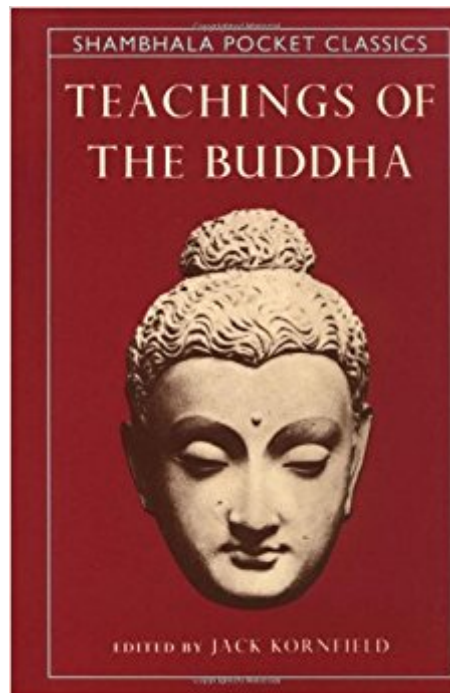




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Buddhist teacher Kornfield offers the essence of Buddhist teachings on enlightenment and transcendence in this new edition of his classic compilation of verse, parables and meditations. The selected teachings, translated by Thich Nhat Hanh, Thomas Byrom and Gil Fronsdal, a Zen priest with whom Kornfield trained in Southeast Asia, come from both ancient texts of the Buddha's lessons and the poetic instructions of bodhisattvas, or awakened teachers, from India, Tibet, China and Japan. Eschewing both luxury and asceticism, the Buddha discovered a "Middle Path" of inner and outer balance in his search for enlightenment. "The Dharma of the Buddha does not require a person to go into homelessness or to resign from the world, unless he or she feels called upon to do

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A perfect little reference - I bought this to keep in my vehicle glove compartment. A bit of wisdom and energy wherever I go!

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This was a required text for my college Business Ethics course. I found this book to be enlightening. We read these teachings and small quotes aloud and talked about personal experiences. I thoroughly enjoyed the class and this book certainly enhanced aspects of the course. Great read. Thank you

A great collection from a range of traditions. Something in there for everyone. It is nice to have a small book to take along and yet have access to so much wisdom.

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