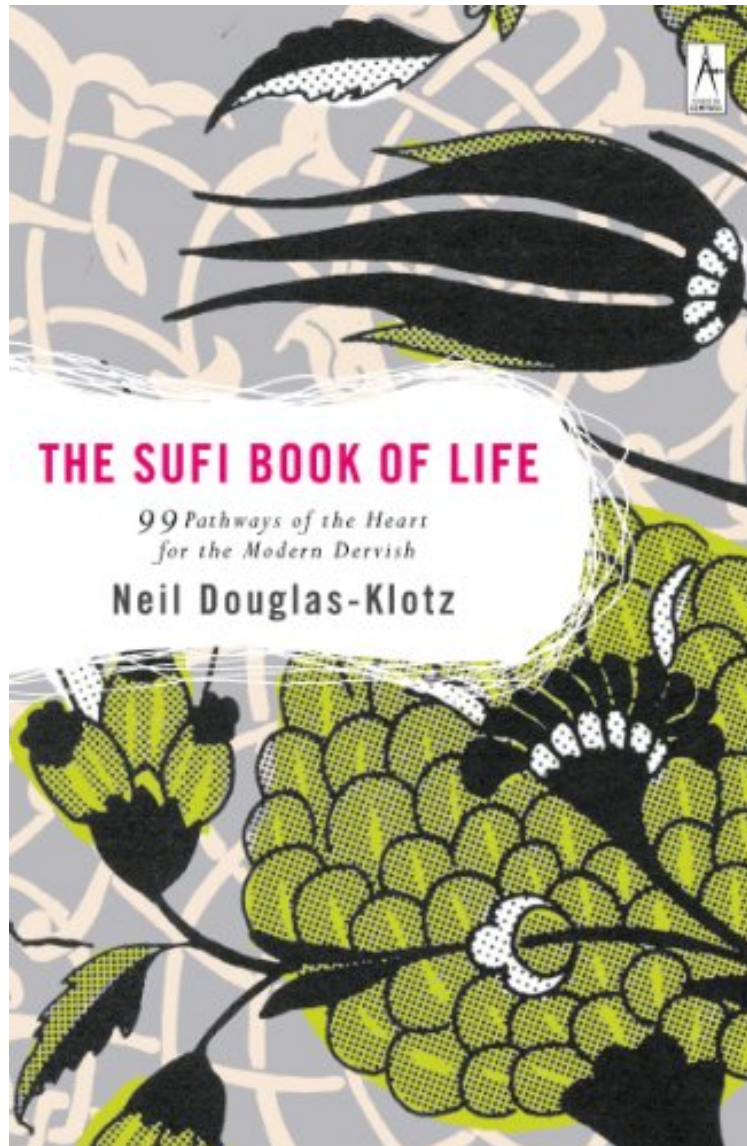


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Begleiter Von Doris Sudermann Das Sufi Book of Life begleitet mich bereits seit Jahren. Es ist voller Lebensweisheit, Humor und Liebe. Liebe zu den Menschen, Liebe zum Leben, Liebe zur Göttlichen Unendlichkeit. Darf ich auf eine Insel nur drei Bücher mitnehmen, so wäre dieses sicher eines davon. Ich empfehle das Buch allen spirituell Suchenden, interessiert an Sufismus und Islam, sowie anderen Religionen. Zu erwähnen ist auch, dass Neil Douglas-Klotz nie einen Zeigefinger erhebt, um die Leser zu ermahnen oder moralisch zurecht zu weisen. Vielmehr nimmt er den Leser, die Leserin an die Hand und betritt mit ihnen gemeinsam den wunderbaren Garten der Schöpfung. 3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Feels like a Sufi version of the I-Ching Von danwillschreiben Neil Douglas-Klotz has found a very open and contemporary way to teach Sufism by presenting a book of "99 Pathways of the Heart for the Modern Dervish." Actually, it never feels like learning but rather doing, playing, meditating. The little subtitles in the Quick-Start Guide already show the mood and playful, undogmatic ways of this meticulously assembled book: "Don't start by reading this book from the beginning" "Don't worry about 'getting the point'", "Browse consciously" and similar subtitles give us a quite extraordinary reading advice. Every chapter starts with a title which is the translation of the Arabic concept that is printed underneath. The English vocal translation of the sign is then followed by a short explanation in italics. After this, a longer, more prosaic explanation follows and gives an overall explanation of the concept. This is followed by two parables or allegories, short stories from known and unknown Sufis and other enlightened persons. This is arguably the most entertaining and at the same time most graphic part of every chapter. Every parable is followed by a few lines of questions and proposals on how to link the story to one's own life. This valuable part of the chapter is followed by a more academic or linguistic one, called Roots and Branches, which allows to see the Arabic concept in its net of interdependences and relations: It highlights certain translations within the Arabic-Semitic tradition, shows re-occurrences of roots and famous usages of important consonants in order to link this concept with other ones. A final grey box is titled "Meditation." It gives a brief but clear advice on how to meditate on the concept one has found either by erratic chance, by conscious browsing or by reading this pathway in an ordinary back to front fashion. All in all a wonderfully open, playful, light and positive yet deeply concentrated book for every English speaking person interested in these deeply philosophical and spiritual yet undogmatic Sufi teachings.

Kurzbeschreibung Part meditation book, part oracle, and part collection of Sufi lore, poetry, and stories, The Sufi Book of Life offers a fresh interpretation of the fundamental spiritual practice found in all ancient and modern Sufi schools the meditations on the 99 Qualities of Unity. Unlike most books on Sufism, which are primarily collections of translated Sufi texts, this accessible guide is a handbook that explains how to apply Sufi principles to modern life. With inspirational commentary that connects each quality with contemporary concerns such as love, work, and success, as well as timeless wisdom from Sufi masters, both ancient and modern, such as Rumi, Hafiz, Shabistari, Rabiya, Inayat Khan, Indries Shah, Irina Tweedie, Bawa Muhaiyadden, and more, The Sufi Book of Life is a dervish guide to life and love for the twenty-first century. On the web: <http://sufibookoflife.com> From Publishers Weekly Douglas-Klotz, scholar and Sufi leader, uses his considerable Semitic language skills to explore the 99 pathways to God, each representing a quality of the One. Douglas-Klotz uses the root and pattern system of Arabic vowels to liberally interpret these qualities as inseparable from many other traditions, notably the Aramaic tradition of Jesus. Additionally, his exegeses draw from the tradition of diversity, inclusion and heterodoxy that has anchored Sufism since the time of Rumi. Although Douglas-Klotz states that his exegeses are meant to be deliberately multivalent and somewhat enigmatic, they may prove opaque for many readers, especially those expecting an accessible how-to handbook for the "modern dervish." Despite Douglas-Klotz's early admonishment "Don't worry about getting the point," a high level of linguistic technicality is typical of at least half the pathways, and readers will have to take him at his word when he draws complex connections. Nonetheless, his intriguing insights, meditation tips and, above all, his inclusive spirit should trump technical details to appeal to readers within many religious traditions. Appendixes offer short biographies of Sufi men and women throughout history; contact information for Sufi organizations, orders and centers; and formal transliterations of the 99 pathways. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Kurzbeschreibung Part meditation book, part oracle, and part collection of Sufi lore, poetry, and stories, The Sufi Book of Life offers a fresh interpretation of the fundamental spiritual practice found in all ancient and modern Sufi schools the meditations on the 99 Qualities of Unity. Unlike most books on Sufism, which are primarily collections of translated Sufi texts, this accessible guide is a handbook that explains how to apply Sufi principles to modern life. With inspirational commentary that connects each quality with contemporary concerns such as love, work, and success, as well as timeless wisdom from Sufi masters, both ancient and modern, such as Rumi, Hafiz, Shabistari, Rabiya, Inayat Khan, Indries Shah, Irina Tweedie, Bawa Muhaiyadden, and more, The Sufi Book of Life is a dervish guide to life and love for the twenty-first century. On the web: <http://sufibookoflife.com>