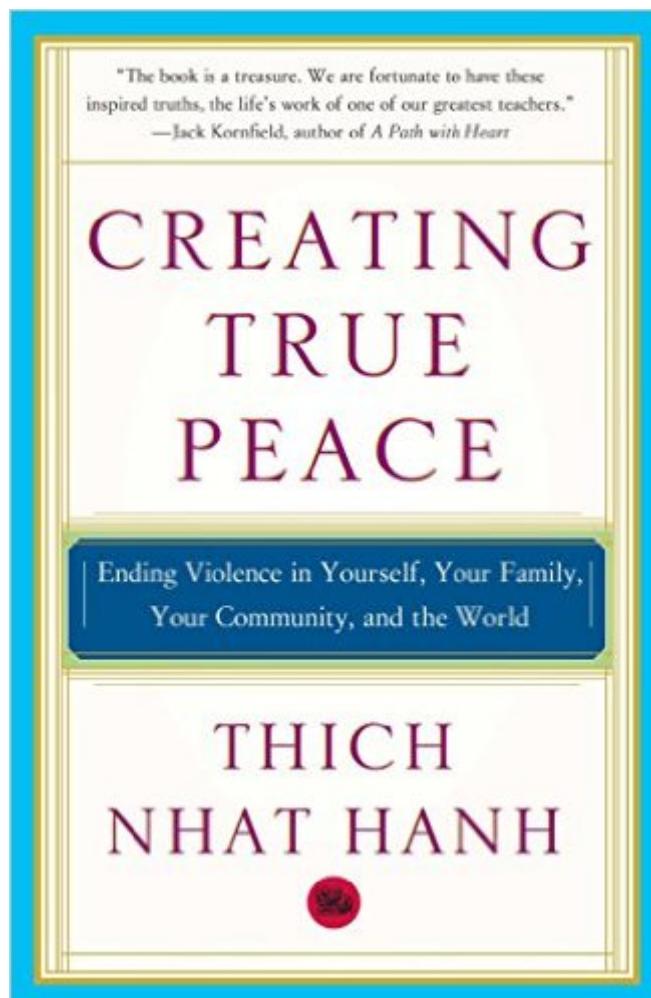


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Creating True Peace: Ending Violence In Yourself, Your Family, Your Community, And The World



Synopsis

Creating True Peace is both a profound work of spiritual guidance and a practical blueprint for peaceful inner change and global change. It is the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh's answer to our deep-rooted crisis of violence and our feelings of helplessness, victimization, and fear. As a world-renowned writer, scholar, spiritual leader, and Zen Buddhist monk, Thich Nhat Hanh is one of the most visible, revered activists for peace and Engaged Buddhism -- the practice he created that combines mindful living and social action. Having lived through two wars in his native Vietnam, he works to prevent conflict of all kinds -- from the internal violence of individual thoughts to interpersonal and international aggression. Now, in this new book, perhaps his most important work to date, Thich Nhat Hanh uses a beautiful blend of visionary insight, inspiring stories of peacemaking, and a combination of meditation practices and instruction to show us how to take Right Action. A book for people of all faiths, it is a magnum opus -- a compendium of peace practices that can help anyone practice nonviolent thought and behavior, even in the midst of world upheaval. More than any of his previous books, Creating True Peace tells stories of Thich Nhat Hanh and his students practicing peace during wartime. These demonstrate that violence is an outmoded response we can no longer afford. The simple, but powerful daily actions and everyday interactions that Thich Nhat Hanh recommends can root out violence where it lives in our hearts and minds and help us discover the power to create peace at every level of life -- personal, family, neighborhood, community, state, nation, and world. Whether dealing with extreme emotions and challenging situations or managing interpersonal and international conflicts, Thich Nhat Hanh relies on the 2,600-year-old traditional wisdom and scholarship of the Buddha, as well as other great scriptures. He teaches us to look more deeply into our thoughts and lives so that we can know what to do and what not to do to transform them into something better. With a combination of courage, sweetness, and candor, he tells us that we can make a difference; we are not helpless; we can create peace here and now. Creating True Peace shows us how.

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Customer Reviews

If you are one of those who feels you never have a moment's peace, then it's obvious that you need to simplify your life. While Thich Nhat Hanh is considered the world's foremost peace activist, he is perhaps its foremost simplicity activist as well and a prime example that simplicity engenders peace. He is a simple monk who leads a plain and simple life and writes the same way. I have always admired his style for its ease and clarity in pointing to the plain truths behind the often didactic tenants of Buddhism. Using very clear and yet subtle metaphors and personal anecdotes, he points to the basic truths beyond the dicotomies of the sutras and koans. In fact, many academicians, scholars and Buddhist teachers would do well to emulate his style. Because Nhat Hanh's writing is so simplistic, many pass off his ideas as being too naïve. After all, how can anyone ever hope to achieve world peace? But Nhat Hanh's writing is deceptive in its subtlety. In his newest book, *CREATING TRUE PEACE: Ending Violence in Yourself, Your Family, Your Community, and the World*, Nhat Hanh teaches how the seed of peace planted within one individual with proper nurturing can bloom into a peaceful family and then a peaceful community and later a peaceful country, and finally turn the entire world into a garden of peace. *CREATING TRUE PEACE* is a compilation of his teachings from other works such as *Peace Is Every Step*, *Miracle of Mindfulness*, and *Interbeing* to name a few. As usual, he uses metaphors, personal anecdotes, commentaries and meditations, many from past lectures and texts, to show us how such an improbable task is truly possible. He discusses his usual topics: breathing, sitting and walking meditation, the five mindfulness trainings, listening and more.

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