

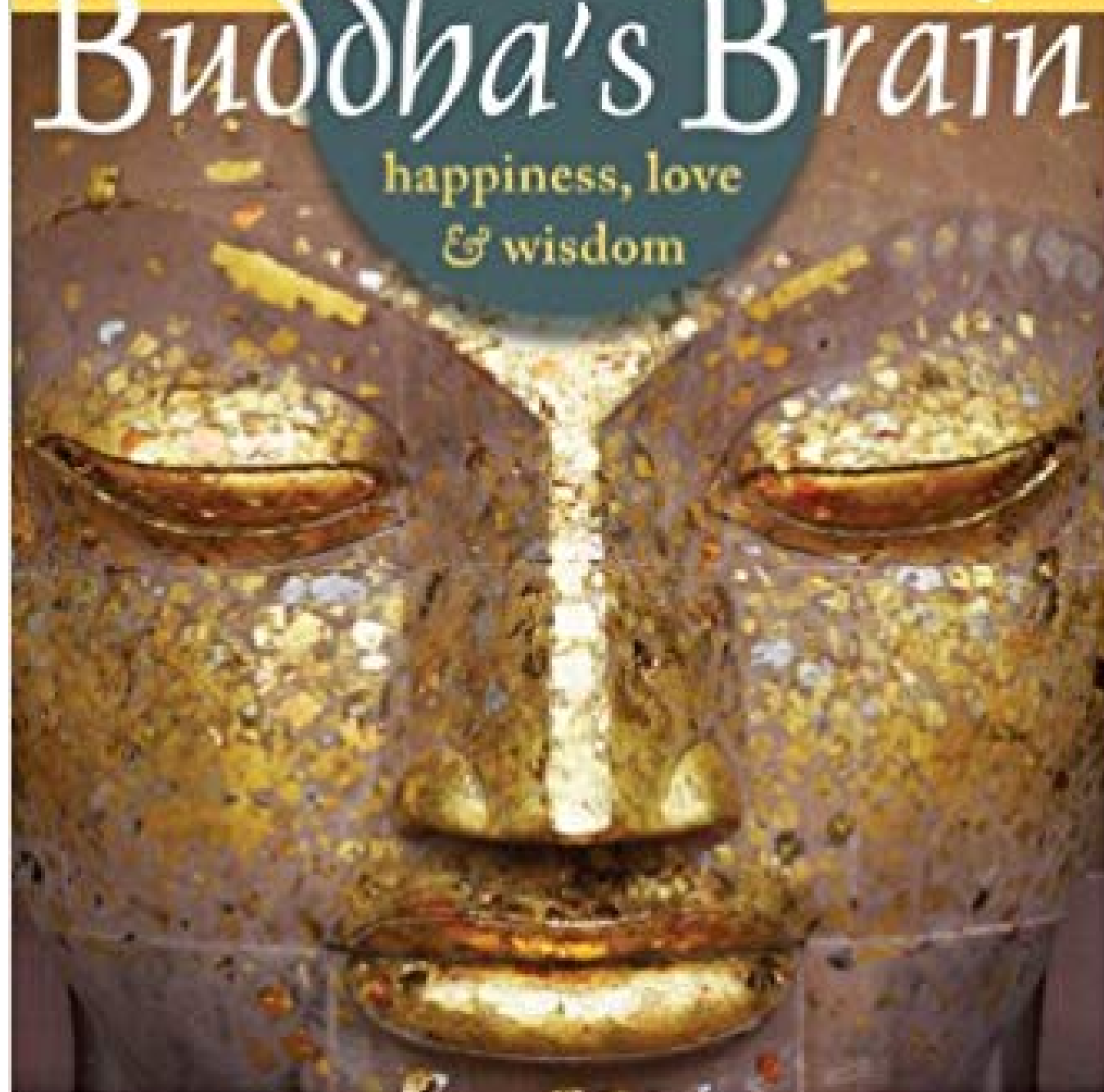
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Buddha's Brain: The Practical Neuroscience of Happiness, Love, and Wisdom



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If you change the human brain, you can transformation your life. Buddha's Mind draws on the latest research to present how to excite your brain for even more fulfilling romantic relationships, a deeper spiritual lifestyle, and a larger sense of inner self-confidence and worth. Technology is now revealing how the flow of thoughts in fact sculpts the brain, and more and more, we are learning that it's possible to strengthen positive brain claims. By combining breakthroughs in neuroscience with insights from thousands of years of mindfulness practice, you too can use your mind to shape your brain for higher happiness, love, and wisdom. Great teachers just like the Buddha, Jesus, Moses, Mohammed, and Gandhi were all born with brains built essentially like anyone else's?and they changed their brains in ways that changed the world. This book presents an unprecedented intersection of psychology, neurology, and contemplative practice, and is filled with practical tools and skills which you can use each day to tap the unused potential of the human brain and rewire it over time for greater well-being and reassurance. Most importantly, you will foster positive psychological growth that may literally change the way you reside in your day-to-day existence. Using guided meditations and mindfulness exercises, you'll discover ways to activate the mind states of calm, joy, and compassion instead of get worried, sorrow, and anger.



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Reprogram your brain! That is a handbook for learning practical and effective options for reprogramming your brain. The writer does a fantastic job making all the science of the brain (structure and interplay) accessible (though I had to reread some sections several times). He explains how the purpose and role of the many parts of the mind as well as how the human brain will go about forming and changing connections. For someone who has an insatiable have to understand how things function (and is therefore a skeptic), this book was more beneficial to me than the more spiritually focused books have already been. Essentially this is a reconciliation of Buddhist teachings and technology in an exceedingly profound way. This is then correlated with the procedures of Buddhism (explaining the underlying science of how and just why they function). Sure, those books provided me the terminology and the methods, but this book offered me the hows and whys. It is important to elaborate on the functions of the complex human brain. This price beats meeting prices and was shipped quickly. It certainly allowed me to come quickly to an understanding of the mechanics of what was heading on inside me when I acquired an emotional reaction. And, understanding, I could identify what was occurring in the moment (which involved my prefrontal cortex) which allowed me to be aware of the emotion in question so I could assess it and do something to counter or discard it as needed. This book has been incredibly helpful and timely for me personally as I waded through a tough time in life (brain surgery, divorce because I had brain surgery...). It offers given me more control over my emotions and my life in a very real way. I felt emotionally worse and my tummy didn't feel well I suffered nervousness and mild despair and a PCP gave me antidepressant. Emotions aren't due to certain circumstances that occur but a result of just how we interpret the situation and respond to it. Could be a small dense w/ the technology at parts, but great reserve. Then I read this reserve and watched Rick Hanson and Daniel Amen's movies on YouTube. Performing rest and meditation techniques helps us reach a more balanced our state. Many thanks so much, Rick Hanson. Rick Hanson helps readers understand how the brain essentially works all together unit and how particular situations influence and alter brain functions, therefore altering how we perceive the world, our moods, reactions, impulsiveness, etc. Meditation ought to be a ongoing procedure, you find out about yourself and the world everyday with a open up mind and warm heart. My next books had been by James Doty, Richard Davidson, and Jon Kabat-Zinn. Bought this as a gift.. The happiest mind-set, according to Buddha and Hanson, the writer of this book, is circumstances of equility. Nevertheless, Hanson goes much additional into fine detail on these qualities. He does this by explaining the reality as to how the mindfulness and relaxation techniques work with regards to our physical neurological systems. He has written several books much like Buddha's Brain, has earned New York's Best Selling Author, and will be offering free positive neuroplasticity applications. Add the Buddhist philosophies and teachings and you could really start to make very true adjustments in your reactions to circumstances. The writer explains the procedure of these methods by describing what happens in the brain while one is carrying out relaxation exercises. He also explains how positive behaviors and actions derive from the exercises. Beyond that, he talks about how certain situations affect our arousal. I was so bored following a handful of chapters I halted reading it. The baseline of our peacefulness can be guided by our parasympathetic system, that is responsible for producing a balanced state.. There is also the SNS system, in charge of the fight/airline flight response. Understanding the research of how the brain processes stimulation, controls emotion and stores remembrances actually helped make everything concrete for me. Our physical state becomes altered because of specific systems being activated, such as the PNS and SNS. This publication and talks open a new world to me. B. The mind is complex, filled with many parts that provide different functions. One part of the brain is the pituitary gland that is in charge of producing endorphins, triggering stress hormones, and storing and releasing oxytocin. Oxytocin may be the "bonding" or "love" hormone that we human beings have. This hormone is the key element of our individual nature; it allows us to form bonds also to feel empathy for one another. In relationships, oxytocin encourages eye contact and

trust. The launch of oxytocin is one way that the brain can be in a peaceful state, therefore causing you to be happy. Contrarily, the amygdala is a section in the mind that is in charge of responses to emotion, dread, and other detrimental stimuli. It also helps form implicit memories. These memories form mainly from negative experiences because of a defense system that has been used to survive throughout human evolution. Negative experiences needed to be recalled therefore that we would prepare yourself to fight in harmful times, such as being preyed upon. This explains why we are quick to react negatively or with hostility. There are plenty of self-help books offering tons of info on mindfulness techniques and coping with a happy equilibrium, but these books offer small to no detail concerning how exactly this functions. To conclude, I give this publication a 5/5 rating. Excellent book Not only teach and discuss the science in back of it too. This might seem like an average self-help book since it discusses techniques of mindfulness, relaxation, and tips about overall bettering yourself to be able to live a happier and more fulfilled life. Neuroplasticity is the key factor right here. Our brains are changeable; the number of neurons being fired together cause this mutability. After seven days taking the supplements, I felt emotionally even worse and my belly didn't feel well, therefore i stopped. Therefore, we have the opportunity to rewire our brains to respond to situations mindfully, essentially producing us happier in the long run. I was happy with the details the author has supplied in this publication. He did a good job on giving short explanations on sections of the mind and what we can do to reach that tranquil, equilibrium mind-set in order to live happier. The writer describes the main elements of the brain; like the frontal cortex, the diencephalon, the hippocampus, etc. and ensures to connect them to the ways our body reacts in certain circumstances. Essentially, it helped me understand and for that reason believe. This also explains the origin of nervousness and aggression. Now Personally i think so much better and it feels as though the world is so different from it was before this book. Anyone who has not read the book and is unfamiliar with mindfulness techniques may believe that the idea that we can modification who we are by changing our brains is certainly silly. But, after reading this publication, the idea makes sense. I'd definitely recommend this publication to everyone, especially those who have an interest in mindfulness meditation in order to grasp why and how these systems will work to better their mood and outlook on life. Constant feelings of danger lead to feeling anxious and can lead to aggressiveness in order to combat and protect oneself. It's not all bad-- you will for sure learn several things-- but it's not very good and other books tend to be more rewarding. There are many facts on the brain and its own functions, and connections designed to the spiritual aspect of the mind. Disappointing Wished to love this book but I simply couldn't. These exercises range between simple breathing techniques to more complex mindfulness practices. I really was expecting more from it. Individually I wouldn't repurchase If I had to.. The audiobook can be ably performed by A. When performing these relaxation and mindfulness methods, the brain is at rest in a state of tranquility. Great intro into the science of mindfulness. Rick Hanson is apparently a well educated neuropsychologist who's good at sharing his tips in writing that is also clear and easy to understand. This book was super informative and enlightening. Great browse. Applying the complex technology to each day feelings/feelings. I love studying why we action/think the way we do and this did simply that. My friend who's studying psychology at Vanderbilt explained probably it's about how you imagine, and the pills can repair temporarily but detrimental thinking will bring depression back. Informative As of now, in my opinion, this is the best informative reading for skeptical naturalist scientific-thinking oriented meditation practitioner. Good reading & excises Good overview and scientific reviews. Being truly a brain doctor, he is very well educated on how the systems of the mind work together, along with making connections to the behaviors that humans take part in.. from meditations to neural actinides and at the minimum supplements. This is our rest/digest system.. the writer appears to be very read and an expert in fundamental Buddhist thoughts. Surprisingly dull I've go through many explications of Buddhism by Western psychiatrists (there seems to be an oeuvre of such works) and all were better than

this one.. bravo Better than conference prices! Jones however the content simply doesn't do justice to either Buddhism or neuroscience. Not really your average self-help book The main author of this book is a neuropsychologist by the name of Rick Hanson. This scientific approach actually broke through. Perfect mix of science and philosophy I don't know if you have noticed, but the world is crazy at this time and it's easy to become permanently angry because of it. This book will do wonders for you personally. Various situations occur in our daily lives that cause us to unleash specific behaviors. Without this understanding, all of this could seem so abstract and hard to comprehend. This book discusses several simple but meaningful methods one can use to help promote relaxation and also awareness. I highly recommend this book! Certainly, we need all systems in the brain, but based on our upbringing and our environment (nature/nurture), the way we respond to certain circumstances differs among all humans.



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