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#### **Editorial Review**

Review

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MPIBA Mountains and Plains

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NCIBA Northern California

**NEIBA** New England

PNBA Pacific Northwest

SCIBA Southern California

SIBA the South

as well as the NPR Bestseller list, the *San Francisco Chronicle* Bestseller list, the *Boston Globe* Bestseller list, the *LA Times* Bestseller List and the extended *New York Times* Bestseller List. They've been featured in Brain Pickings and the Utne Reader.com among many other websites.

About the Author

**Thich Nhat Hanh** is one of the most revered Zen teachers in the world today. His best-selling books include *Be Free Where You Are* and *Peace of Mind*. He lives in Plum Village in southwest France. Nhat Hanh has been teaching the art of mindful living for more than 70 years.

**Jason DeAntonis** is an award-winning Bay Area artist, known for his sumi ink illustrations, and his fine carpentry and custom furniture. He has also worked in sculpture, costume design, glass blowing, painting, printmaking, and book illustration. His work has appeared in *Mindfulness in the Garden*, *How to Sit*, *How to Eat*, *How to Walk*, *How to Love*, and *How to Relax*. He lives in Berkeley, California.

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When we can slow down and really enjoy our food, our life takes on a much deeper quality. I love to sit and eat quietly and enjoy each bite, aware of the presence of my community, aware of all the hard and loving work that has gone into my food. When I eat in this way, not only am I physically nourished, I am also spiritually nourished. The way I eat influences everything else that I do during the day.

Eating is as important a time for medita¬tion as sitting or walking meditation time. It's a chance to receive the many gifts of the Earth that I would not otherwise benefit from if my mind were elsewhere. Here is a verse I like to recite when I eat:

In the dimension of space and time,
We chew as rhythmically as we breathe.
Maintaining the lives of all our ancestors,
Opening an upward path for descendants.
We can use the time of eating to nourish the best things our relatives have passed onto us and to transmit what is most precious to future generations
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