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Written by the highly regarded founder of the Birth light Trust and yoga teacher, this inspiring and expert guide offers ideal exercises and routines for both pregnancy and after the birth within the therapeutic and supportive medium of water.

Welcome To Your Yoga Practice Mommy! Julie Schoen and Mommy Does Yoga proudly present the official companion guide for the Mommy Does Yoga Prenatal Yoga DVD. Complete with detailed instructions and photographs for every pose included in the video, along with helpful advice for practicing yoga while pregnant, this book is exactly what you need to deepen your practice and enjoy every special moment pregnancy has to offer! Get answers to questions like: When Should I Start Practicing Prenatal Yoga? Will Yoga Help With Morning Sickness? Which Poses Should Definitely Not Be Practiced While Pregnant? Why Is Meditation Important During Pregnancy? Are There Any Types Of Yoga That Are Unsafe For Pregnancy? And More! Pregnancy, from day one, is filled with constant changes, both physically and emotionally. Yoga is one of the best ways to help deal with these changes, keeping the body comfortable and active and the mind calm and open. Preparing for the 9-month journey of pregnancy, childbirth, and parenthood are just some of the benefits of prenatal yoga, not to mention a healthy, happy body. This Mommy Does Yoga prenatal guide is designed to be used with the companion DVD, but can absolutely be used on its own.

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Offering poses for a complete 60-minute yoga flow session, combined with a meditation and relaxing restorative poses, this guide will get you started on what is sure to be an amazing journey for both you and baby! Give the gift of yoga to you and your little one! Click "Buy Now" and begin enjoying prenatal yoga today!

Rajashree's Pregnancy Yoga is designed to help moms-to-be gain confidence and truly embrace the beneficial practice of yoga during a time of constant change, physical challenges celebration and joy. This book is a combination of Rajashree's 30 years of yoga expertise and the latest medical research to provide expectant women the definitive guide to the practice of yoga from the first trimester to postpartum.

Did you know your menstrual cycle is connected to the phases of the moon and you can enjoy greater health and vitality by practising specific yoga sequences for every changing stage of your monthly cycle? 'Moving with the Moon' introduces Ana Davis uniquely feminine approach to yoga and is the complete guide to yoga for your menstrual cycle and menopause. Showcasing a huge repertoire of yoga postures, sequences and tips on therapeutic modifications and prop-use, all overlaid with a passionately nurturing and self-sustaining approach to yoga and self-care, this comprehensive 'health bible' for women will help you fall in love with your monthly and life cycles. The director and founder of Bliss Baby Yoga offers you a deeper understanding of your cycling body, helping to balance your hormones and your life, and empowering you with dedicated practices to boost your health, energy and

wellbeing as a woman.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER - Thought leader, visionary, philanthropist, mystic, and yogi Sadhguru presents Western readers with a time-tested path to achieving absolute well-being: the classical science of yoga. **NAMED ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY SPIRITUALITY & HEALTH** The practice of hatha yoga, as we commonly know it, is but one of eight branches of the body of knowledge that is yoga. In fact, yoga is a sophisticated system of self-empowerment that is capable of harnessing and activating inner energies in such a way that your body and mind function at their optimal capacity. It is a means to create inner situations exactly the way you want them, turning you into the architect of your own joy. A yogi lives life in this expansive state, and in this transformative book Sadhguru tells the story of his own awakening, from a boy with an unusual affinity for the natural world to a young daredevil who crossed the Indian continent on his motorcycle. He relates the moment of his enlightenment on a mountaintop in southern India, where time stood still and he emerged radically changed. Today, as the founder of Isha, an organization devoted to humanitarian causes, he lights the path for millions. The term guru, he notes, means "dispeller of darkness, someone who opens the door for you. . . . As a guru, I have no doctrine to teach, no philosophy to impart, no belief to propagate. And that is because the only solution for all the ills that plague humanity is self-transformation. Self-transformation means that nothing of the old remains. It is a dimensional shift in the

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way you perceive and experience life." The wisdom distilled in this accessible, profound, and engaging book offers readers time-tested tools that are fresh, alive, and radiantly new. Inner Engineering presents a revolutionary way of thinking about our agency and our humanity and the opportunity to achieve nothing less than a life of joy. Praise for Sadhguru and Inner Engineering "Contrarian and consistent, ancient and contemporary, Inner Engineering is a loving invitation to live our best lives and a profound reassurance of why and how we can."--Sir Ken Robinson, author of *The Element*, *Finding Your Element*, and *Out of Our Minds: Learning to Be Creative* "I am inspired by Sadhguru's capacity for joy, his exuberance for life, and the depth and breadth of his curiosity and knowledge. His book is filled with moments of wonder, awe, and intellectual challenge. I highly recommend it for anyone interested in self-transformation."--Mark Hyman, M.D., director, Cleveland Clinic Center for Functional Medicine, and New York Times bestselling author "Inner Engineering is a fascinating read of Sadhguru's insights and his teachings. If you are ready, it is a tool to help awaken your own inner intelligence, the ultimate and supreme genius that mirrors the wisdom of the cosmos."--Deepak Chopra

Perfect for beginners and experienced yoga practitioners alike, this guide presents strengthening exercise for each stage of pregnancy and post-birth that can also be helpful when trying to conceive.

Explains the effects of regular exercise on all phases of pregnancy and offers

guidelines for developing an exercise program.

Have you ever thought why every workout you have ever done stopped at the neck? Or wondered why traditional yoga calms the mind, tones the body but forgets the face? Are you looking for a natural way to look and feel younger and healthier? Danielle Collins, TV's Face Yoga Expert, believes we should all have the opportunity to look and feel the very best we can for our age and to care for our face, body and mind using natural and holistic techniques. Her method requires just 5 minutes a day and could not be easier to get started. Integrating practical facial exercises with inspirational lifestyle tips, including diet and skincare, Danielle Collins' Face Yoga is a revolutionary new programme to help you achieve healthier, firmer, glowing skin..

A women's mental health specialist introduces yoga therapy techniques to provide solace, steadiness, and ease during the difficult stages of pregnancy and new motherhood. Pregnancy and new motherhood are often thought of as the most joyful, exciting, and blissful times in your life—but they can also be difficult and overwhelming. Perinatal mood and anxiety disorders (PMADs) are the number one “complication” of birth. They not only affect the mothers who suffer but also the families who care about and rely on them. While there is robust support and treatment options for other illnesses, moms who suffer emotionally are rarely acknowledged and often handed platitudes like, “Sleep when the baby

sleeps,” and, “Just enjoy every minute because it goes by so fast.” This can be a lonely and confusing place to be—suffering profound fear or sadness at a time when your friends and family expect you to be happy, radiant, and beatifically calm. As a therapist supporting women's mental health and recovery from PMADs since 2003, Suzannah Neufeld is keenly aware of the special needs of women during pregnancy and the first year of motherhood. Synthesizing modern psychotherapeutic research with practical yoga therapy, Neufeld offers a compassionate, acceptance-based approach that meets women (and their partners) wherever they are. *Awake at 3 a.m.* contains short, digestible chapters that are perfect for when you are feeling exhausted or overwhelmed. Neufeld skillfully dismantles the myths and internal beliefs that contribute to the suffering of new mothers and tells her own story with honesty and humor. From breathing techniques to mindfulness exercises, the yoga practices here are designed to fit into your life as it is now—no flexibility, mat, special clothes, or 90-minute yoga class required.

?This easy to use text provides practitioners and researchers with a global view of current and emerging issues concerned with successful pregnancy outcomes and approaches that have been successful or show promise in ensuring a successful pregnancy. The fully updated and revised second edition expands its

scope with topics not covered in the first edition including pregnancy and military service; sleep disorders during pregnancy; the gut microbiome during pregnancy and the newborn; requirement for vitamin D in pregnancy; the environment—contaminants and pregnancy; preeclampsia and new approaches to treatment; health disparities for whites, blacks, and teen pregnancies; depression in pregnancy—role of yoga; safe food handling for successful pregnancy outcome; relationship of epigenetics and diet in pregnancy; caffeine during pregnancy; polycystic ovary syndrome; US Hispanics and preterm births; celiac disease and pregnancy; cannabis use during pregnancy. The second edition of Handbook of Nutrition and Pregnancy will be a valuable resource for clinicians and other healthcare professionals who treat and counsel women of child-bearing age and pregnant women.

Pilates for Pregnancy covers the fundamentals of Pilates and includes a progressive Pilates programme tailored for each trimester – focusing on pelvic floor and abdominal strength, posture and health & fitness. Anya Hayes' insightful exercise guide will help you conquer the physical and mental stresses of pregnancy and improve your pregnancy health, mood and energy. This is a straight talking, woman-to-woman pregnancy fitness guide with a difference. Showing you: - how to optimize the position of your baby for a better birth

experience; · how to avoid succumbing to the 'pregnancy waddle' and protect your back as your bump grows; · how to deal with second pregnancy posture while knackered and running after/constantly lifting a toddler; · how to minimize the trials of pregnancy on your abdominals, pelvic floor and mind; · how to get into the right mindset for a positive labour, and release tension postnatally; · exactly what cardio exercise is safe and beneficial to you and your bump, and what you should avoid.

From internationally renowned yoga teacher Gurmukh comes a book on pregnancy unlike any other. Bountiful, Beautiful, Blissful is a treasury of wisdom, information, and inspiration for pregnancy and motherhood based on the spiritual and physical practices of Kundalini yoga, which Gurmukh has taught for the last thirty years. With illustrated, step-by-step instructions, she teaches time-tested techniques, meditations, and exercises that will help you physically, mentally, and spiritually. In the timeless way that women have passed down wisdom surrounding birth and child rearing to one another for centuries, Gurmukh weaves folk stories and contemporary testimonials into a program designed to help you get profound results in the shortest possible time. The sections in this book cover each trimester of pregnancy as well as delivery and life with the baby. In her wise, gentle, and comforting voice, Gurmukh suggests meditations, exercises,

and yoga positions to respond to the various needs of expectant and new mothers as you undergo dramatic body changes. Gurmukh also helps you explore and, when necessary, heal your own history and unconscious attitudes about pregnancy, birth, and parenting. In Bountiful, Beautiful, Blissful, Gurmukh gives you all the tools you need to have a healthy and happy pregnancy while increasing your connection to your partner and building compassion and prosperity. The ancient practices of yoga can lead you back to your own power as a woman, capable of more than you ever dreamed. All you need is a belief in the possibility of change and a commitment of as little as three minutes a day. Gurmukh has helped thousands of women and their families find fulfillment through the healing movements and meditations of Kundalini yoga---and she can help you, too!

The most remarkable natural childbirth technique to have been developed in decades. Marie Mongan takes the pregnant woman through the techniques and philosophy of a new form of gentle birthing. Drawing on self-hypnosis, guided imagery and special breathing techniques the Hypnobirthing Method can bring about a shorter, easier, more enjoyable birth, free of the drugs that can harm the mother and the baby. It also allows the mother to fully control her own birthing experience as the mother remains awake, aware and alert.

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Drawing on her experience as a mother, a yoga teacher, and a physical therapist, author Judith Lasater, PhD presents a comprehensive and easy-to-follow program of yoga poses and breathing practices. These will help the mother to stay flexible and healthy throughout the pregnancy, remain present during the challenges of labor and delivery, and care for herself during the postpartum period. In addition, the author has created a special section called "Mantras for Mom and Baby," where the mother can explore heart-centered practices, one for each month during pregnancy and baby's first year.

With its allopathic medical vetting, and more than 400 illustrations, this guide is intended for every yoga instructor, mother-to-be, and new mum who wants to continue her practice. It features instructions and hints, notes on the position's positive effects and contra-indications, and advice on "checking yourself" for proper form and technique.

The author is a childbirth educator and the founder of the International Active Birth Movement. This practical and compassionate handbook is designed to help women prepare for active childbirth.

"Designed as an informational resource for patients, *Your Pregnancy and Childbirth: Month to Month* Seventh Edition sets forth current information and clinical opinions on subjects related to women's health and reproduction. *Your pregnancy and Childbirth:*

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Month to Month is a resource for informational purposes. Topics include getting ready for pregnancy choosing an obstetric care provider what to expect during each month of pregnancy exercise during pregnancy work and travel during pregnancy pain relief during childbirth labor and delivery cesarean delivery postpartum care and taking care of the baby after birth, birth control after pregnancy"--

Tiffany M. Field, PhD, is the director of the Touch Research Institutes at the University of Miami School of Medicine and Fielding Graduate University. She is recipient of the American Psychological Association Distinguished Young Scientist Award and has had a Research Scientist Award from the NIH for her research career. She is the author of *Infancy*, *The Amazing Infant*, *Children A to Z*, *Adolescents A to Z*, *Heartbreak*, *Advances in Touch*, *Touch Therapy*, *Massage Therapy Research*, and *Complementary and Alternative Therapies*, the editor of a series of volumes on *High-Risk Infants*, and on *Stress & Coping*, and the author of over 450 journal papers. This book is a review of recent literature on yoga research. First, the review covers the physiological effects of yoga on heartrate and blood pressure followed by the physical effects on balance and flexibility, muscle strength, weight loss and sexual function. Psychological problems that are affected by yoga are then summarized including anxiety, posttraumatic stress disorder and depression, as well as physical conditions including pain syndromes, cardiovascular, autoimmune and immune conditions. Finally, separate sections are devoted to yoga effects on pregnancy, children and adolescents and the aging.

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Potential underlying mechanisms are proposed including the stimulation of pressure receptors leading to enhanced vagal activity and reduced cortisol. The reduction in that stress hormone may, in turn, contribute to several positive effects including enhanced immune function and lower prematurity rates.

Pregnancy is an extraordinary time of transformation and a profound rite of passage that requires special care and guidance. The complementary tools and practices of Ayurveda and yoga have been used together for thousands of years to support a healthy body, balanced mind, and higher consciousness. With *Yoga Mama, Yoga Baby*, Margo Shapiro Bachman brings readers the first book to show how these "sister sciences" can support the miraculous journey of pregnancy. This thoroughly detailed guidebook shares practical and easy-to-apply teachings and information to help women experience pregnancy with radiant health and abundant joy, including: The basics of Ayurveda, yoga, diet, and lifestyle—cornerstone principles, basic terms and concepts, essential self-assessments, and more Month-by-month exercises and practices, including meditation, mantra, breathwork, asana, journaling, and massage Practical tips to encourage natural labor and delivery Guidance on staying healthy and happy in the precious first postpartum weeks with baby For women everywhere, *Yoga Mama, Yoga Baby* is an indispensable resource for treasuring every moment of pregnancy and blessing the mother and child with health, happiness, consciousness, and love. A New York Times bestseller from the yoga instructor who inspires more than one

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million followers on Instagram every day. Whether she's practicing handstands on her stand-up paddleboard or teaching Downward-Facing Dog to the masses, Rachel Brathen—Instagram's @Yoga_Girl—has made it her mission to share inspirational messages with people from all corners of the world. In *Yoga Girl*, Brathen takes readers beyond her Instagram feed and shares her journey like never before—from her self-destructive teenage years in her hometown in Sweden to her adventures in the jungles of Costa Rica, and finally to the beautiful and bohemian life she's built through yoga and meditation in Aruba today. Featuring spectacular photos of Brathen practicing yoga with breathtaking tropical backdrops, along with step-by-step yoga sequences and simple recipes for a healthy, happy, and fearless lifestyle—*Yoga Girl* is like an armchair vacation to a Caribbean spa.

A much-needed antidote to our modern, assembly-line approach to childbirth, this new book is designed as a guide for all who wish to participate in the wondrous process of bringing new life into the world. Its ideas derive from two sources: the ancient wisdom of Ayurveda, with its emphasis on body, mind, and spirit, and the latest Western scientific prenatal research. By integrating the best information from these two very different perspectives, this remarkable book gives readers the tools to ensure that our children are nourished by thoughts, words, and actions from the very moment of conception. *Magical Beginnings, Enchanted Lives* is rich in practical information, including strategies to help enliven the body intelligence of unborn babies by nourishing

each of their five senses, as well as through Ayurvedically balanced nutrition and eating with awareness. Specific yoga poses and meditation techniques reduce the mother's stress and improve the infant's emotional environment, as do tips for conscious communication with a partner. Exercises prepare parents for the experience of childbirth itself, followed by natural approaches to dealing with the first weeks of parenting, from healing herbs to enhancing your milk supply to coping with postpartum depression. Inspiring, expansive, and remarkably informative, this unique book from acclaimed experts in mind-body medicine will profoundly enhance the experience of pregnancy and birth for both parents and baby.

Background Exercise is an important part of keeping women healthy during pregnancy, yet only 15% of women meet the current recommendations for moderate intensity activity. Exercise can also help to reduce the most common pregnancy complications including gestational diabetes, depression, and preeclampsia. **Prenatal yoga** is a style of yoga catered to pregnant women that is low impact, although there is little research on the cardiovascular and psychological effects. **Purpose** The purpose of this study was to assess heart rate responses and perceived stress among healthy pregnant women in their second trimester during prenatal yoga classes. **Materials and Methods** Women who were pregnant and in their second trimester were included in the study. A certified prenatal yoga teacher instructed the 60-75-minute prenatal yoga class that was held in the San Diego area. Participants completed surveys before and after class and wore an

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armband heart rate monitor to collect heart rate data during class. Results A total of 12 participants completed the study. All heart rates remained in the light intensity zone throughout the entirety of class. There was a significant decrease in perceived state anxiety and Total Mood Disturbance (TMD) from pre to post yoga class (p

The only book that gives you a mindful guide to yoga to help future-proof your body. Avoid putting stress on your joints and heart with this slower yoga style. In today's fast-paced world it's easy to lose the balance in our lives and the connection with our bodies. Yin Yoga offers a remedy to the stress and hustle of everyday life. As yin balances yang in Taoist philosophies, so the slower yin-style yoga offers an alternative to the faster, more active forms of yoga such as ashtanga. Yin yoga concentrates on holding and breathing through floor-based poses, allowing you the time and space to clear your mind and stretch your body. The 54 meditative poses and 20 targeted sequences will help you attain a sense of mindfulness and physical well-being, making it the perfect complement to a busy, active yang lifestyle and bringing you back into balance.

In today's western cultures, the typical pregnancy focuses on the baby to the exclusion of the woman herself, so that the entire experience has become more about preparing for the baby's arrival than looking closely at oneself to prepare emotionally for all of the changes that creating a new life brings. Sacred Pregnancy was written to help the pregnant woman journey within herself to prepare for the birth of her baby. Sacred

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Pregnancy is a gorgeous four-color book especially created for mothers-to-be to reflect on the many personal milestones of the full gestation period of a pregnancy. With beautiful professional photos that correspond to each topic, Sacred Pregnancy also features a journal space for the pregnant woman to record her thoughts and feelings. Each week the mother-to-be is given information on her baby, her body, and her spirit and is asked to reflect on these via the topic of the week, which touches on a variety of issues such as sexuality, fears about labor, becoming a mother, courage, rite of passage, adornment, body image, meditation, and sisterhood to name a few. Mothers-to-be are invited to look deeply at the issues unique to their journey and find a centered, peaceful place to live their pregnancy fully. Lastly, Sacred Pregnancy includes place for the new mother to record her birth story and a large resource section on various birthing options and supports for pregnant women. “From the spiritual (how to visualize your perfect birth) to the practical (a large section on birthing options), this pregnancy journal is a spiritual adviser and supportive doula all in one.” —Fit Pregnancy magazine For more information, visit the Sacred Pregnancy website.

Birthing Mama offers a holistic approach to the transformative experience of pregnancy. Author Corinne Andrews, a yoga teacher since 2003 and creator of Birthing Mama® Prenatal Yoga and Wellness, guides women through each week of the nine-month journey, integrating body, mind, and spirit through reflection, yoga postures and breath practices, self-care activities, and creative projects.

Whether expectant mothers are setting up a Pregnancy Altar to focus their hopes and dreams for the baby-to-be, writing a Pregnancy Affirmation Statement, blending an herbal tea formula, or breathing into mountain pose for strength and healing, they will find a blend of self-nourishment and self-discovery, contemplation, and celebration through Andrews's gentle, empowering style. "Mama Natural's Week to Week Guide to Pregnancy is the modern (and yet ancient) approach to pregnancy and childbirth. "Natural" recognizes that pregnancy and birth are normal, and that having a baby is a wondrous biological process and rite of passage--not a medical condition. This book draws upon the latest research showing how beneficial and life-changing natural birth is for both babies and moms. Full of weekly advice and tips for a healthy pregnancy, Grace details vital nutrition to take, natural remedies for common and troublesome symptoms, as well as the appropriate (and inappropriate) use of interventions. Pregnancy, childbirth, health, health and wellness, parenting, family"--

Authoritative yet thoroughly accessible, this user-friendly book provides yoga techniques for your journey from bump to birth and beyond, helping you to deal with all the physical and emotional changes you experience along the way. The authors explain the importance of breathwork to relax your body and reduce stress. They also provide guided meditations and visualisations to help you feel

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calm and positive, as well as fully illustrated step-by-step routines to energise you and relieve muscle tension and pain. There's a guide to the beneficial postures for a range of common pregnancy-related conditions, including back pain, breathlessness and swollen ankles, and there's detailed advice on preparing for labour and childbirth. The book concludes with a range of post-natal exercises to get you back in shape and energised as a new mum. Throughout, the emphasis is on how every woman can take charge of her whole self to ensure a happy and healthy pregnancy and birth. The foreword by internationally celebrated Dr Gowri Motha, creator of the Gentle Birth Method, reinforces the message that pregnancy and childbirth is a positive experience to cherish and enjoy. Book description to come.

A practical, step-by-step photographic guide to yoga poses specifically chosen to support you safely through pregnancy and the first months following the birth. Yoga is more important during pregnancy than at any other time of your life. As your body becomes unfamiliar to you from trimester to trimester and as labor approaches, you need safe, strengthening, and supportive sequences to guide you on your journey. This book gives you step-by-step yoga postures specially adapted for each trimester, and relaxation techniques and simple breathing exercises will show you how to adjust to the physical demands of labor and give

birth with confidence. From conception to birth, help develop shared well-being and continue to reap the benefits of yoga after the birth as you bond with your new baby and regain your shape.

Yoga MamaThe Practitioner's Guide to Prenatal YogaShambhala Publications
The first pre- and postnatal book geared specifically to experienced yoga practitioners—from an established author, with contributions from the leaders in the field. You've been practicing yoga for years. It is a part of the way you live, move, and breathe. And then . . . you get pregnant. Pregnancy can throw any woman a curve ball. Even established and experienced yoga practitioners will likely find that their body, mind, and practice are challenged during pregnancy, birth, and motherhood. This book is the yoga practitioner's companion through this period, offering practical advice, step-by-step asana sequences, pranayama practices, and meditation techniques, all of which are designed to help new mothers connect more deeply to their experience and prepare for their journey—physically, mentally, and spiritually. Grounded in both ancient wisdom and contemporary knowledge, Yoga Mama covers each trimester, labor and birth, and the postpartum years. The beautifully photographed sequences include modifications and suggestions to accommodate a growing belly and to address the concerns or challenges that may arise during this time. Holistic and ayurvedic

medicine perspectives help women understand what is happening in their bodies at every juncture, and personal stories connect them to pregnant women everywhere. Through practice, self-reflection, and learning how to let go, yoga gives us the opportunity to be an active, informed participant in the birthing of our baby and a healthy, happy parent. Yoga Mama is the perfect companion for the experienced yoga practitioner during her pregnancy and on into motherhood. This pre- and postnatal book offers practical advice and inspiration, asana sequences, pranayama practices, and meditation techniques, all of which speak to and help new mothers connect more deeply to their experience and prepare for their journey--physically, mentally, and spiritually. Grounded in ancient wisdom and contemporary knowledge, the book covers each trimester, labor and birth, and the postpartum years. It includes:

- Flowing sequences that emphasize self-awareness and promote strength, flexibility, and balance
- Modifications that accommodate a pregnant woman's growing belly, recalibrate her balance, and honor fluctuations in her energy levels
- Mini sequences for specific trimester challenges: morning sickness, fatigue, anxiety, low-back issues, etc.
- Asana, pranayama, and meditation practices designed to deeply connect mother and baby from the beginning of pregnancy through the postpartum years
- A dedicated section on the pelvic floor to encourage women to let go and prepare

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for labor and birth • Special breathing techniques for labor that encourage natural childbirth • Deeper practices and ancient teachings that can help women tap into their strength and create a prenatal and birthing experience that is empowering and unique • Postpartum advice and sequences designed to help knit things back together, address postpartum challenges, and offer tips for bonding, nursing, self-care, and nutrition • Information (from a Western holistic and ayurvedic perspective) on what is happening in the body at every juncture--prenatal, labor and birth, and postpartum • Personal advice and stories from a wide array of pre- and postnatal experts With contributions from: • Elena Brower: founder and director of Virayoga in New York City, prenatal teacher for YogaGlo.com, and author of Art of Attention • Stephanie Snyder: teacher in San Francisco, pre- and postnatal teacher for YogaGlo.com • Jane Austin: pre- and postnatal yoga teacher, midwife, childbirth educator, and director of Mama Tree prenatal teacher training programs in San Francisco • Margi Young: OM yoga teacher in New York and San Francisco • De West: pre- and postnatal yoga teacher and childbirth educator in Boulder • Dustienne Miller: certified physical therapist and Kripalu yoga teacher in Boston • Kate Hanley: OM yoga teacher, mind-body coach, and author of The 28 Days Lighter Diet • Melissa Billie Williams: pre- and postnatal teacher and director of Yoga Junction studio in

Louisville, Colorado

Revised and updated edition, includes new preface: "Author's Warning" In this courageous and radical book, Uma Dinsmore-Tuli explores the sexual politics of yoga from a perspective that sees women's spiritual transformation as the most revolutionary force. Packed with fascinating real life stories and vibrant testimony, as well as history and philosophy and practical guidance, Yoni Shakti is about freedom and power, encompassing yoga, sex, health and spirituality. Always refreshing, irreverent and inspiring, Yoni Shakti brings womb yoga, Goddess-focused tantra and vibrant feminism together in an astonishingly potent combination.

The physical, emotional, and spiritual benefits of yoga are invaluable during the profound journey of pregnancy. From increased strength and balance to a deeper feeling of connection with the life growing inside you, prenatal yoga will help you feel your best during this sacred time. Yoga for Pregnancy offers detailed, precise instruction for over a hundred yoga poses to support you during pregnancy, labor, and postpartum. Accompanying sequences focus on a range of applications, from quick daily practices to poses for common pregnancy ailments. Woven throughout the book, you'll find resources to help prepare you for an empowered labor. Filled with modifications, tips, and abundant illustrations, this is an indispensable text for both beginners and advanced practitioners alike. Going beyond physical posture practice, Yoga for Pregnancy also includes guidance on meditation, visualization, devotional chanting, nutrition,

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herbal remedies, and other tools to inspire and nourish you and your baby.

Self Care During Pregnancy: Self-care is gentle; it is not strict or regimented. It is not another line item to add to your "to-do" list. It is moment-by-moment, day-by-day, relaxing into what is and allowing yourself to feel loved and taken care of. Just as you will love and take care of your baby, you first give the same care and attention to you.

"Giving birth is the pivotal moment of a woman's life but it is often treated as a medical procedure, and not as a rite of passage. Birthing from Within offers parents engaging and memorable ways for pregnant women, and their partners, to activate personal, social and spiritual resources that will guide them through labour and afterwards. Many birth classes teach from the 'outside', from the perspective of the professional. Yet, knowledge of anatomy and the stages of labour can often seem irrelevant in the intensity of contraction. The pregnant woman needs to know about labour and birth from her own perspective, she needs to be prepared for birthing from within. Pam England offers a method that allows a woman to fully understand her own strengths and resources. The self-discoveries made during pregnancy makes birth life-enhancing and empowers the future of the family. It is a multi-sensory and holistic approach that aims to make parents feel positively informed about what they are about to experience, confident about the birth of their child. Pain is an inevitable part of childbirth but Birthing from Within provides resources for building pain-coping confidence in parents. It gives detailed instructions on dealing with normal labour pain and when the humane use of drugs may be called for."--Cover.

Feel confident and capable as a mom-to-be with **Your Strong, Sexy Pregnancy: A Yoga and Fitness Plan**. Desi Bartlett, founder of the popular Mothers Into Living Fit program, guides you

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through your pregnancy. You will feel great in your own body, have the strength to deliver your baby, and recover quickly. With the 3 + 1 Total Body Fitness philosophy, Bartlett combines yoga, resistance training, cardiovascular training, and nutrition. The emphasis on yoga improves posture, increases flexibility, and relieves low back pain and tension throughout your body. You'll discover the techniques to nurture your mental well-being, allowing you to manage the emotional highs and lows of pregnancy and motherhood. You'll find a plan for each stage of pregnancy and postpartum recovery, as well as the following: Over 100 exercises and yoga poses with appropriate safety guidelines 16 ready-to-use practices for various stages of pregnancy Desi's quick tips and advice, including features like Mommy Move, Information No One Tells You, Love-Your-Baby Visualization, and Fun Foods A truly fit, confident mom is created from the inside out. Let Your Strong, Sexy Pregnancy teach you how to prioritize your health and happiness, Cultivate your inner power and be a fierce, strong, sexy mom! CE exam available! For certified professionals, a companion continuing education exam can be completed after reading this book. The Your Strong, Sexy Pregnancy Online CE Exam may be purchased separately or as part of the Your Strong, Sexy Pregnancy With CE Exam package that includes both the book and the exam.

Yoga Sadhana for Mothers is far more than just a how-to yoga manual. Although the book includes clear, illustrated guidelines on modifying the Ashtanga yoga primary series during pregnancy, at its heart are intimate first-hand accounts from prominent members of the Ashtanga yoga community of their experiences of conception, pregnancy, birth and motherhood. Additional material includes interviews with the Jois family and essential guidance for pregnancy and postnatal care. Beautifully presented, with treasured family photos

