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**The Fearless Heart** Pasquale De Marco, 2025-05-04 The Fearless Heart is a comprehensive and accessible guide to the Profound View and Vast Conduct, essential teachings of the Bodhisattva path in Tibetan Buddhism. Renowned teacher and practitioner Pasquale De Marco offers clear and concise explanations of these teachings, along with a wealth of meditations and exercises to help readers integrate them into their own lives. The Profound View is a non-dualistic understanding of reality that sees all beings as interconnected and interdependent. It teaches that the self is not a fixed and separate entity but rather a fluid and ever-changing process. When we realize the true nature of reality, we can let go of our attachments and fears and experience a deep sense of peace and freedom. The Vast Conduct is the ethical and compassionate expression of the Profound View. It teaches us how to cultivate loving-kindness, compassion, joy, and equanimity in all our interactions with others. By practicing the Vast Conduct, we can create a more harmonious and compassionate world. This book is divided into 10 chapters, each of which focuses on a different aspect of the Profound View and Vast Conduct. The chapters cover topics such as: The nature of fear and its causes; The benefits of fearlessness; How to cultivate fearlessness in our own lives; The role of meditation in developing fearlessness; The power of love and compassion to overcome fear; How to overcome obstacles to fearlessness; The fruits of fearlessness; Fearlessness in the face of death; Bringing fearlessness into the world. This book is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to live a more fearless and fulfilling life. Pasquale De Marco offers clear and concise explanations of the Buddhist teachings on fearlessness, and he provides a wealth of meditations and exercises to help readers integrate these teachings into their own lives. Whether you are new to Buddhism or have been

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