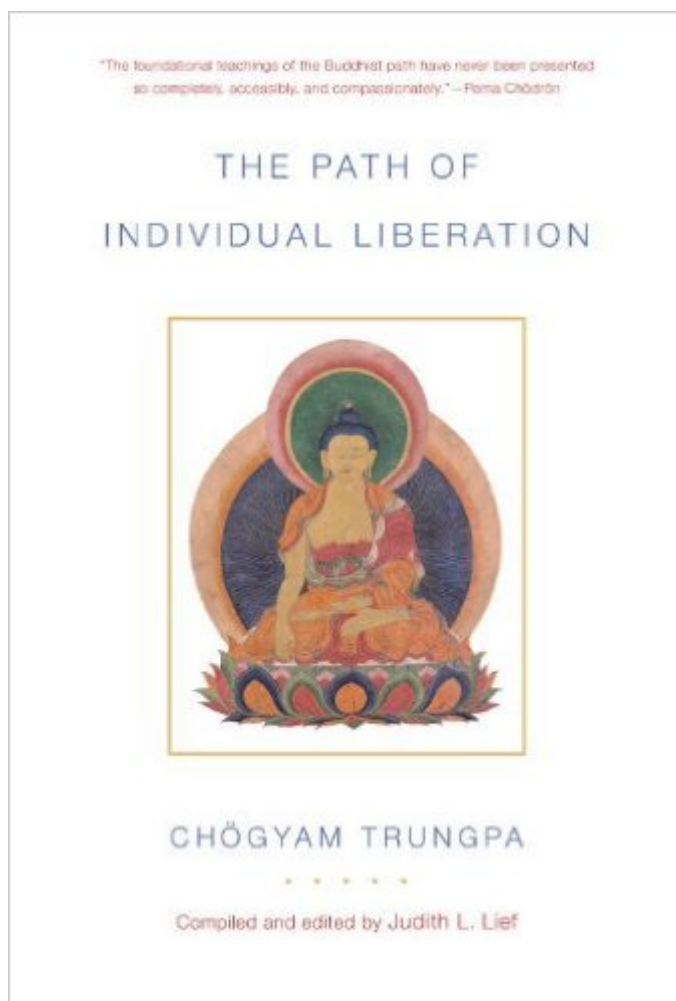


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I respectfully disagree with another reviewer who called this "tough reading". I had assumed since it was so thick, and compiled from Tibetan teachings, that it would be a bit difficult to absorb, but it's quite the opposite actually. I credit both Chogyam Trungpa and editor Judy Lief for this, him for his down to earth relaying of otherwise complex teachings, and her in her style of editing and formatting for this book: each section is broken into subsections and the result is only a page or two for each topic. One can easily view the Table of Contents, choose a topic of interest and easily and quickly read what he had to say on that topic. Chogyam Trungpa himself was rather controversial, but I'll leave that for anyone interested to google for specifics. I personally have only mild curiosities about his eccentricities and don't take offense by any of them because he offered SO much GOOD to this world through his teachings. So I opt to take what is useful and leave what isn't, and his teachings were very useful indeed. He had a very good understanding of western ways, of western mentality. He had a keen way of wording things, using simple metaphors and examples that everyone can understand, regardless of geographical origin. He has managed to take extensive historical teachings and make them completely digestible and relate-able for the modern practitioner. The three volumes are parts of a Tibetan Path of practice, the Yanas. Hinayana (path of the Arhat, "the worthy one"), Mahayana (way of the bodhisattva, "the awake being"), and Vajrayana (path of the siddha, "holder of spiritual power").

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