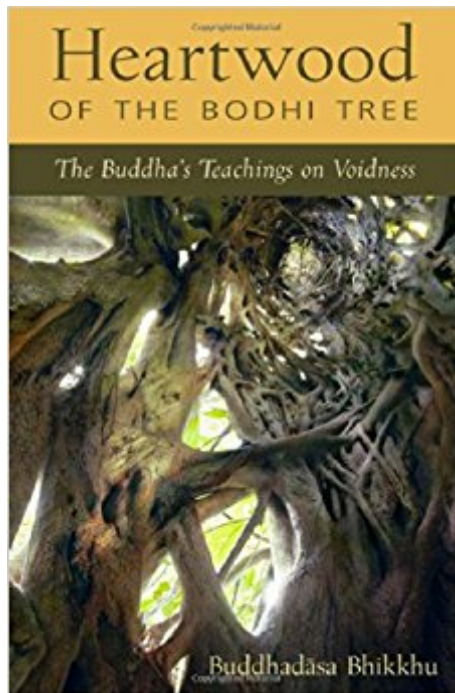




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Buddhadasa Bhikkhu (1906-1993) was a famous and influential Thai Buddhist philosopher, widely known as an innovative reinterpreter of Buddhist doctrine and Thai folk belief. Buddhadasa fostered a reformation of conventional religious perception in his home country, as well as abroad. Although he was an ordained Buddhist monk, he rejected specific religious identification and considered all faiths as principally one. Since the 1960s his work has inspired a new generation of socially concerned individuals around the world. He is the author of numerous works, including *Mindfulness with Breathing: A Manual for Serious Beginners*.

I loved this book. I engaged and read it cover to cover because I wanted to make sure that I immerse myself in this teaching. Here is the bottom line: Nothing whatsoever should be clung to as "I" or "mine". I suggest reading it cover to cover to ensure that you "got it". Simple teaching but will get you to true Nirvana or freedom. Arriving at no-self/voidness/sunata one becomes an Arahant. Also, doing this work will help in the transition process for sure. For serious humans who want freedom, this is a must.

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Incredible book, a must-read to understand most important Buddhist concepts.

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