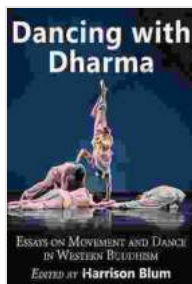


# Essays On Movement And Dance In Western Buddhism



## Dancing with Dharma: Essays on Movement and Dance in Western Buddhism by Leticia Ordaz

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Through a collection of insightful essays, this book explores the ways in which movement and dance can enhance our understanding and practice of Buddhism. From the ancient traditions of Tibetan Buddhism to the contemporary innovations of Western teachers, the authors provide a multifaceted examination of the role of the body in spiritual development.

Essays on Movement and Dance in Western Buddhism offers a unique contribution to the study of Buddhism and the body. By bringing together

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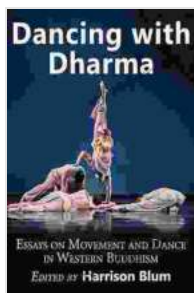
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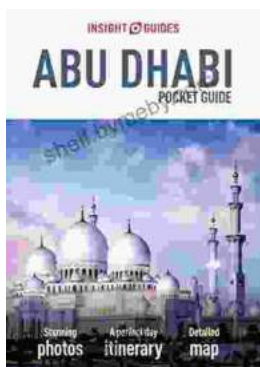
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