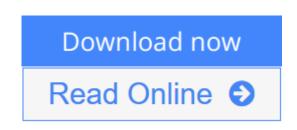


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-Sogyal Rinpoche, author of The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying

"Tulku Urgyen Rinpoche was among Tibetan Buddhism's greatest teachers of the 20th century. His memoir, *Blazing Splendor*, invites us to join him as he looks back over a life that put him at the center of an unparalleled spiritual abundance. Through his unblinking eyes we meet remarkable contemplative adepts. And through the lens of his awakened awareness, we see the world from a fresh, eye-opening perspective. It is a sweeping account that shares with readers a world where miracles, mystery and deep insight are the order of the day-a world as reflected through the open, lucid quality of Tulku Urgyen's mind." - Daniel Goleman, author of *Emotional Intelligence* 

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Tulku Urgyen Rinpoche (1920-1996) is recognized as one of the greatest 20th-century masters of Tibetan Buddhism and one of the first to bring the essential teachings of Buddhism beyond Tibet. Born into an illustrious family, he took as the core of his own practice the indivisibility of the three great traditions: the Dzogchen view of primordial purity and perfection, the Mahamudra view of mental non-doing, and the Middle Way view of holding no mental constructs. After fleeing Tibet shortly before the Dalai Lama, Tulku Urgyen Rinpoche devoted the rest of his life to trying to keep the spirit of the classical Tibetan spiritual system alive. Blazing Splendor is a translation of the name he was given by the head of the Kagyu Order of Tibetan Buddhism, the name referring to the qualities of a realized master. He was a teacher without peer, who transformed the lives of those who came to him from the world over, among them Joseph Goldstein, Sharon Salzberg, Tara Bennett-Goleman, and Lama Surya Das.

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