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I’ve always wanted to learn to meditate but was daunted by the thought of pretzel-like positions or hours of sitting. But the heart rhythm meditation presented in this book by Puran & Susanna Bair includes a few minutes of normal sitting position while simply breathing in time with your heart beat. I was so relieved to find it simple to follow and was surprised at the results. It really is true that when you focus on your heart, it will reveal to you its secrets. What a blessing. I recommend this book to anyone wanting to reconnect with his/her heart.
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