



Spokane Public Library

Presents

David Chadwick

Author Reading and Lecture

Reading selected passages from his recent nonfiction work, *THANK YOU AND OKAY!: An American Zen Failure In Japan*.

David Chadwick, a Texas-raised wanderer, college dropout, bumbling social activist, and hobbyhorse musician, began his Zen study under Shunryu Suzuki Roshi in 1966. Much later, Suzuki Roshi's American successor said of Chadwick, "Years of expensive Zen training gone to waste." In 1988, Chadwick ventured to Japan for an open-ended period of remedial education and voluntary exile. He recounts his experiences in *THANK YOU AND OKAY!: An American Zen Failure In Japan*.

THANK YOU AND OKAY!, an irresistibly funny and moving cult classic-in-the-making about one man's offbeat experiences of Zen training and neighborhood life in Japan takes readers inside and beyond the monastery walls. Chadwick's observations are humanistic, yet realistic, as he paints his portrait of daily life in Japan.

Kirkus Reviews calls this book, "An affectionate glimpse at the worlds of Japan and Zen... Vivid, light-hearted, and unself-consciously profound." According to Viking Penguin Press, "No one interested in Buddhism, Japan, or the workings of human nature will soon forget Chadwick's tale."

Wednesday, August 24, 1994

7:00 p.m.

Downtown Library

906 West Main

This program is free and open to the public.
Disabled access available.



Fulfilling the Promise