

PRAISE FOR  
TASSAJARA STORIES

“I have great respect for David Chadwick. He is one of the pioneers spreading dharma in the West. All my students study his books. I know all readers will love this book and these stories.” —**Natalie Goldberg**, author of *Writing Down the Bones*

“Two in three Americans today say they are ‘spiritual,’ while one in four identifies as ‘spiritual but not religious.’ For full immersion in one of the deepest well-springs of this widespread cultural revolution, dive into these stories of free spirits and seekers creating a uniquely western monastic community rooted in centuries of Zen Buddhist practice and led by a teacher true to the moment. No one tells it better than David Chadwick, with a firsthand feel for the high adventure and deep play of mind-changing history embodied in the making.” —**Steven M. Tipton**, author of *In and Out of Church: The Moral Arc of Spiritual Change in America*

“For those who care about the genesis of Tassajara and Zen in America, this is a fun read. David serves up a rich well of details and memories and a window into a very creative time.” —**Jack Kornfield**, author of *A Path With Heart*

“This book is as priceless as discovering a previously unknown time capsule. David Chadwick, widely known as one of Suzuki Roshi’s favorites, captures the wacky spirit, the dedication, and the courage required to leap into the unknown that characterized the earliest Zen students surrounding Suzuki Roshi. (Full disclosure: David became one of my earliest friends when I began my practice in 1974.) Fifty-one years later, an ordained priest and transmitted teacher, I still look up to David as an original member of the A-team. This book, in his authentic and unduplicable voice, is an absolute treasure. Read it. Give a copy to a friend.” —**Peter Coyote** (Hosho Jishi), actor, director, author

“I had a good time reading *Tassajara Stories* and hoped they would never end. Just as you can’t learn Zen from a book, you can’t really know the Tassajara experience even through this amazing memoir. But you can get caught up in it, especially when it is written with such immediacy and love as David Chadwick has done it. There are valuable lessons galore and more colorful personalities that you could ever hope to find in a faraway haven in the enchanting but haunted woods” —**Thomas Moore**, author of *Care of the Soul*