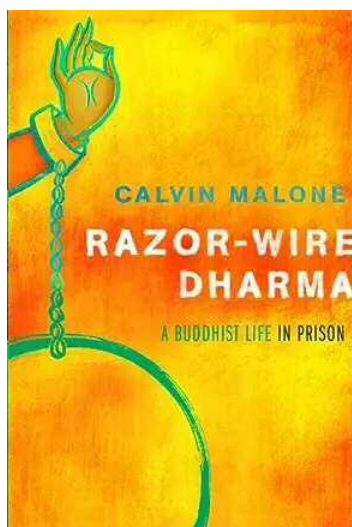


Books by Calvin Malone



Razor-Wire Dharma: A Buddhist Life in Prison by Calvin Malone

Calvin Malone has plenty to teach us all about ideas that we rarely associate with the penal system: Dignity. Compassion. Freedom behind bars. He speaks from experience: Malone was nearing the end of a 20-year prison sentence himself.

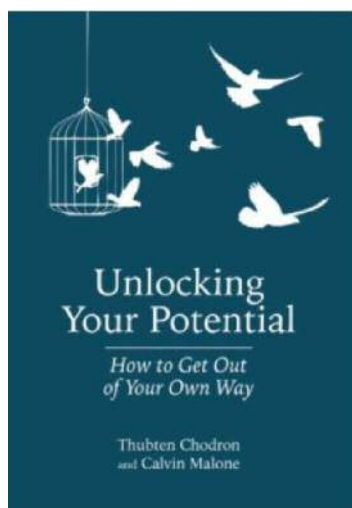
Razor-Wire Dharma is his eloquent, enlightening, and utterly inspiring personal story how he found Buddhism—and real, transformative meaning for his life—despite being in one of the world’s harshest environments.

Some of his stories are hilarious, some are harrowing, but all express Buddhist wisdom as vividly as any practitioner could hope to do. Malone is living it, and in the unlikeliest of places. For him, the choice of staying true to his principles often requires that he quite literally jeopardize his life, safety, and the few small comforts available to him to try to do what’s right.

Razor-Wire Dharma makes it clear that, if Calvin can do what’s right in jail, he can do it anywhere. What’s more, it proves that we can, too.



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Unlocking Your Potential: How to Get Out of Your Own Way by Thubten Chodron and Calvin Malone

It is well known that Michelangelo Buonarroti transformed a block of marble into the statue of David. Actually what he did was remove all that was not David from the stone. By doing so, Michelangelo made it possible for us to see the David that was already there. He freed the statue that was imprisoned in the marble by changing the way we see it.

In many ways we are like that marble block. We want to transform ourselves into something better, more useful, and kinder. But sometimes we don’t have all the skills necessary to do so. We need a skilled guide to get us going in the right direction. This booklet is designed to encourage you to examine yourself—your past, your perceptions, your thoughts, and your current conditions—and to help you decide what adjustments to make to initiate positive change and create the causes for happiness.

This booklet is a joint effort of Venerable Thubten Chodron and Mr. Calvin Malone, a former detainee at the Special Commitment Center on McNeil Island in Washington State. Venerable Chodron and Calvin have been corresponding for many years, and she has taught Dharma to the Buddhist groups in prisons where Calvin was residing. Venerable Chodron shared some of the discussion and meditation questions she used with Buddhist groups, and Calvin had the idea of incorporating them into a booklet, together with other material. This booklet could then be used by inmates to help bring more awareness to their mental states and behavior, and encourage mental and emotional transformation that would bring them and those around them more happiness and peace in their lives. Since all of us are imprisoned by our ignorance, anger, and craving, all of us — no matter which side of the razor-wire fence we’re on — could benefit from learning about and improving our perspective on life.



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