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STUMBLING INTO INFINITY

An Ordinary Man in the Sphere of Enlightenment By Michael Fischman

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Enclosed please find a copy of Michael Fischman's *Stumbling Into Infinity: An Ordinary Man in the Sphere of Enlightenment* (Morgan James Publishing, Oct. 22, 2010).

Says Deepak Chopra: "Michael Fischman's journey reveals how fears and negative emotions can be transformed into love, compassion, and higher consciousness when a student has an authentic relationship with a wise teacher."

Stumbling Into Infinity is a compelling narrative that blends remarkable experiences with an inner struggle and search for meaning. With elements of Autobiography of a Yogi and Eat, Pray, Love, Michael Fischman's memoir begins with a childhood as the son of an Orthodox Jewish Holocaust survivor. As an adult, Fischman gives up a successful career as a Madison Avenue advertising executive, and, through a mysterious turn of events, ends up in the unlikely position of friend and helper to a great humanitarian and spiritual leader — multiple Nobel Peace Prize nominee Sri Sri Ravi Shankar (who got warring parties in India to lay down their arms after decades of bloody conflict). Fischman eventually becomes the head of Sri Sri's U.S. organization.

Stumbling Into Infinity offers a unique, up-close perspective of life with a spiritual master. It joins a long tradition of spiritual memoirs that have opened readers to new experiences and ways of seeing the world by letting them live the experience with the author. Readers are exposed to spiritual experience and challenges in the context of the traditions of India, Israel, and modern America.

With inner traumas, failed attractions, a fight at an Indian ashram, and a blossoming of love and wisdom, Fischman's story will appeal to a range of memoir readers, as well as the large mind/body/spirit/"new religions" readership, people interested in spirituality, and those with an interest in Jewish, Hindu, and other Eastern traditions.

Publicity includes a 15-city author tour, a national print and broadcast campaign, targeted online and social media, and workshops and events organized by the author's nationwide network of volunteers, students, and newsletter recipients (60,000).

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