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“For those unlucky enough to have missed him in the flesh, this text offers the next best thing: a distillation of Ganesh Baba’s most fundamental teachings, his unique and prophetic synthesis of East and West, science and spirituality, madness and method. Through personal narrative Eve portrays the fun and frustrations of learning from a crazy guru whose profound and mischievous ways blew our minds to infinity!” (*Roxanne Kamayani Gupta, Ph.D., author of A Yoga of Indian Classical Dance*)

“Add this endearing, wise, and well-named ‘Trickster’ to the list of great teachers. His message was clear: mind can only point to the Truth, to find it you have to live it truly and fully for yourself!” (*Alice O. Howell, author of The Heavens Declare*)

“In this loving and insightful spiritual memoir, author Eve Baumohl Neuhaus introduces us to her larger-than-life, iconoclastic spiritual teacher and his all-encompassing Cycle of Synthesis. True to his name, Ganesh Baba, he bursts through the barriers of any preconceived Western notions of a guru. She offers a simple yet profound spiritual practice based on his teachings that would delight her teacher and draws together contemporary Western spiritual seekers with the ancient wisdom of the East.” (*Heather Mendel, author of Dancing in the Footsteps of Eve and Towards Freedom*)

“A treasure chest of Ganeshian Wisdom from the original psychedelic guru, himself.” (*Shri Mahant Baba Rampuri, author of Autobiography of a Sadhu*)

“I love every page. Though Baba was a master of beautiful prose, Eve pulls together, clarity, and makes sense of his teaching in a concise way much more accessible, I think, to a current reader. What a triumph!” (*Deniz Tekiner, Ph.D, author of Modern Art and the Romantic Vision, June 2010*)

“*The Crazy Wisdom of Ganesh Baba* is very inspiring and touchingly human. Eve has provided a book full of divine wisdom embodied in Ganesh Baba’s radiant presence which shines on every page.” (*Mark Dyzckowski, author of The Doctrine of Vibration, June 2010*)

“Today there is a growing movement, an extension of the spirit of the 1960s in which the specialist is giving way to the generalist and the generalist is yielding to the holistic individual, an amalgam of various ways of knowing and being that allows the body its due in one’s spiritual process. Eve Baumohl Neuhaus’s *The Crazy Wisdom of Ganesh Baba* offers an exciting synthesis of this Bengali wise man’s practice that encourages unity of body, mind, and spirit. Her creative synthesis of his teachings offers the initiate a superb introduction to another way of pilgraming to wholeness.” (*Dennis Patrick Slattery, Ph.D., author of Grace in the Desert and co-editor of Reimagining Education*)

“For Yoga aficionados, the book is a wonderful addition to your library, filled with pearls of wisdom and

reminders of how daily practice of the body and the mind lead to living in spirit, beyond the illusion of time." (Kala Ambrose, *examiner.com*, June 2010)

"This book is laid out to reflect Ganesh Baba's scattered, but repetitive teaching style. Pictures, diagrams, drawings, fonts, quotes, and more have been used to give both authenticity to the complexity of his teachings as well as the multidimensional aspects of life itself." (Victoria Holmberg, *New Age Retailer*, October 2010)

"... has enough to keep the serious seeker as well as those just curious, engrossed. Written by Eve Baumohl Neuhaus, one of Baba's many students, this unusually candid book throws light on the life and times of Baba . . ." (The Times of India, August 2011)

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