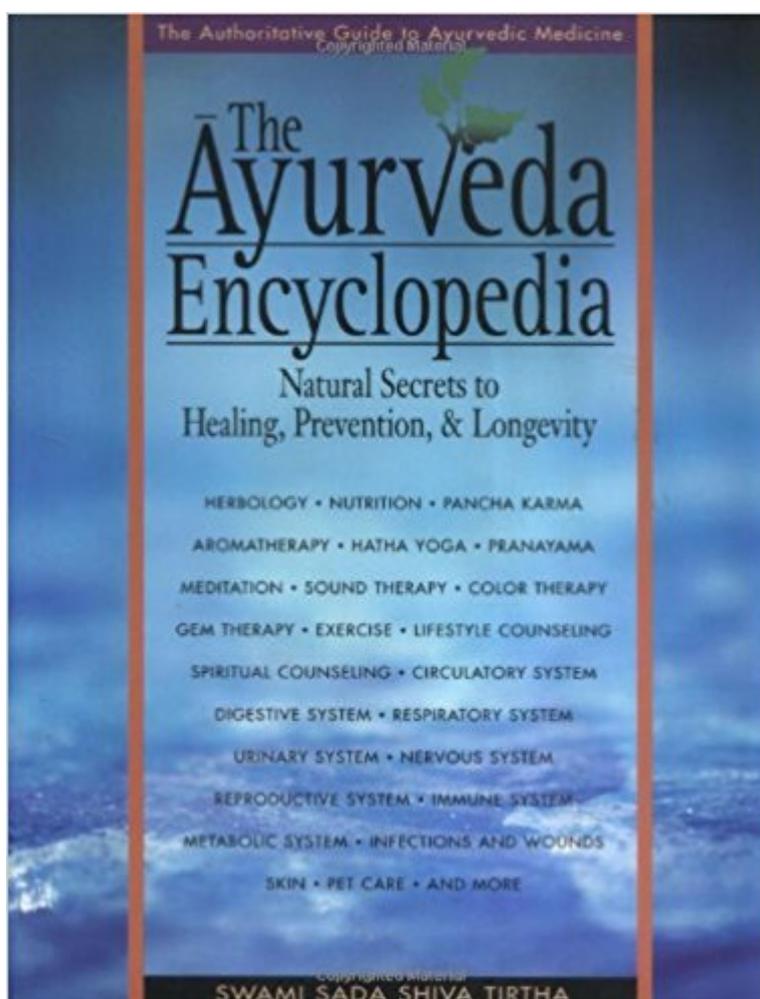


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# The Ayurveda Encyclopedia: Natural Secrets To Healing, Prevention & Longevity



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Here is an all-inclusive reference to ayurveda beneficial for families as well as health practitioners. Included are the basic principles of ayurveda; its history; and a generous selection of therapies including herbs, nutrition, aromas, meditation, colors, gems, exercise, special message techniques, and rejuvenating measures known as pancha karma. Pathology and diagnosis are covered in plain English along with a discussion of the most commonly used ayurvedic herbs. Other new information includes ayurvedic hatha yoga, general healing, pregnancy and post-partum, and stress reduction.

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