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"Rinpoche presents basic but profound Buddhist precepts in an unusually accessible way." (*New Age Retailer*)

"How to Be Happy has sharp, direct observations and advice on how to find compassion for those we perceive as enemies and for dealing with negative thoughts and difficult conditions in life. The book ends with three guided meditations that are easily followed." (Arkansas Democrat Gazette)

"How to Be Happy, is like a pocket website of pithy teachings organized for easy searching." (Shambhala Sun)

"This little treasure is perhaps the best source for us to find out what it is that will truly make us happy. *How to Be Happy* is equally valuable for both Buddhists and general seekers of peace and serenity." (*Eastern Horizon*)

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