ADVAITA VEDANTA

Advaita Vedanta Implications - John Grimes
Avadhoota Gita - trans. Shree Purohit Swami, ed. S. Mokashi-Punekar (Dr. Mokashi-Punekar’s Introduction is fantastically informative and thorough; reading it is like taking a mini-seminar in the various traditions and approaches falling under the umbrella of Sanatana Dharma)
Bede Griffiths: A Life in Dialogue- Judson B. Trapnell
 Immediate Knowledge and Happiness (Sadhyomukti): The Vedantic Doctrine of Non-Duality - John Levy (Levy’s books are very straightforward and lucid presentations of Advaita Vedanta, almost like “Advaita for Dummies”)
Notes on Spiritual Discourses of Shri Atmananda
Shankara and Indian Philosophy- Natalia Isayeva
The Advaita Tradition in Indian Philosophy- Chandradhar Sharma
The Advaita Worldview: God, World, and Humanity- Anantanand Rambachan (excellent presentation of Advaita, which attempts to reconcile it with life in the modern world and the need for a sense of purpose in life and the valuing of creation)
The Essence of Vedanta- Brian Hodgkinson
The Essential Vedanta: A New Sourcebook on Advaita Vedanta- ed. Eliot Deutsch, Rohit Dalvi
The Typewritten Manuscripts- Sunyata
The Yoga of Truth- Peter Marchand
Vedanta: Heart of Hinduism- Hans Torwesten (there is a nice line in here about how when first encountering pure Advaita teachings, one might take them to be the writings of men who have been out in the blazing sun for too long…)

ANANDAMAYI MA

Mother of Bliss- Lisa Lassell Hollstrom (partly an anthropological approach, partly devotional)

BON

Awakening the Luminous Mind- Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche (one of those teachers whose energetic qualities shine through his writing, encouraging healing on subtle levels even via a casual read)

BUDDHISM (TIBETAN)

Carefree Dignity- Tsnokyi Rinpoche (a wonderful teacher, as are his brothers, Mingyur Rinpoche and Tsoknyi Nyima Rinpoche…)
Chenrezig: The Practice of Compassion- Ringu Tulku Rinpoche (very compassionate, wise and humble teacher; it shows through in his writing)
Foundation of Buddhist Mediation- Kalu Rinpoche
Four Illusions- Candrakirti
Into the Heart of Life- Jetsunma Tenzin Palmo (a very down-to-earth and compassionate woman)
Introduction to Tantra - Lama Yeshe (one of the best introductions to Vajrayana)
Joyful Wisdom - Mingyur Rinpoche
King of the Empty Plain: The Tibetan Iron-Bridge Builder Tangtong Gyalpo
Knowledge of Time and Space - Tarthang Tulku
Light of Fearless Indestructible Wisdom: The Life and Legacy of HH Dudjom Rinpoche - Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal
Lion of Siddhas: The Life and Teachings of Padampa Sangye
Lion’s Gaze - Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche, Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche
Mind Beyond Death - Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche
Mind Training - Ringu Tulku
Niguma, Lady of Illusion - Sarah Harding (the author is one of the greatest American scholars in the field of Tibetan Dharma)
Opening the Wisdom Door of the Madhyamaka School - Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche, Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche
Opening to Our Primordial Nature - Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche, Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche (I recommend any books by “the Khenpos”, as their students affectionately called them)
Peaceful Death, Joyful Rebirth - Tulku Thondup (I highly recommend any of his books)
Profound Wisdom of the Heart Sutra - Bokar Rinpoche
Rainbow Painting - Tulku Urgyen Rinpoche
Repeating the Words of the Buddha - Tulku Urgyen Rinpoche
Tara the Liberator - Thubten Chodron
The Courage to Feel - Rob Preece (the author is a Jungian psychologist and perhaps the best Western writer on the topic of Vajrayana. I highly recommend all of his books)
The Four-Themed Precious Garland: An Introduction to Dzogchen - Longchenpa
The Great Gate: Preliminary Practices and Daily Guru Sadhana
The Mahasiddha and His Idiot Servant - John Riley Perks (“banned” by Shambhala because it deals so straightforwardly with Trungpa’s alcoholism, among other things…)
The Nyingma School of Tibetan Buddhism: Its Fundamentals and History - Dudjom Rinpoche (a incredible master’s massive and comprehensive book about an amazing tradition)
The Seven Chapters of Prayer - Guru Rinpoche
The Smile of Sun and Moon: A Commentary on the Praise to the Twenty-One Taras - Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche
Tibetan Songs of Realization: Echoes from a Seventeenth Century Scholar and Siddha In Amdo
Tibetan Treasure Literature - Andreas Doctor
Trainings in Compassion: Manuals on the Meditation of Avalokiteshvara

JEAN KLEIN
I Am
The Ease of Being
Transmission of the Flame
JOEL S. GOLDSMITH
A Parenthesis in Eternity
The Mystical I

KASHMIRI SHAIVISM
Chidakasha Gita- Nityananda
God Inside Out: Siva's Game of Dice- Don Handelman, David Shulman
Kashmir Shaivism: The Secret Supreme- Swami Lakshmanjoo
Pratyabhihnahrdayam: The Secret of Self-Recognition- Jaideva Singh
Spiritual Initiation and the Breakthrough of Consciousness- Joseph Chilton Pearce (much in here about transmissions he received from Muktananda)
Vijnanabhairava, or Divine Consciousness- Jaideva Singh

MEHER BABA
God Speaks: The Theme of Creation and its Purpose
Sparks of the Truth- From Dissertations of Meher Baba
The Everything and the Nothing
The Path of Love

MISC.
50 Spiritual Classics- Tom Butler-Bowdon
A Reader’s Guide to Dag Hammarskjold’s Waymarks- Bernhard Erling
Abandonment to Divine Providence- Jean-Pierre de Cassaude
Chinese Martial Arts Cinema: The Wuxia Tradition- Stephen Teo
Happiness and the Good Life- Mike Martin
Radical Grace: How Belief in a Benevolent God Benefits Our Health- J. Harold Ellens
The 99th Monkey: A Spiritual Journalist’s Misadventures with Gurus, Messiahs, Sex, Psychedelics and Other Consciousness-Raising Experiments- Eliezer Sobel
Trusting Others, Trusting God: Concepts of Faith, Belief, and Rationality- Sheela Pawar

MYSTICISM
Concerning the Inner Life, The House of the Soul- Evelyn Underhill
Cosmic Consciousness- Richard M. Bucke
Mysticism- Evelyn Underhill
Practical Mysticism- Evelyn Underhill
The Greatest Achievement in Life: Five Traditions of Mysticism, Mystical Approaches to Life- R.D. Kruppos

NAVNATH SAMPRADAYA/NISARGADATTA MAHARAJ

Consciousness and the Absolute: The Final Talks of Sri Nisargadatta Maharaj- ed. Jean Dunn
Gleanings from Nisargadatta- Mark West
I AM THAT: Talks with Sri Nisargadatta Maharaj- trans. Maurice Frydman
Pointers from Nisargadatta Maharaj- Ramesh Balsekar
Prior to Consciousness: Talks with Sri Nisargadatta Maharaj- ed. Jean Dunn
Self-Knowledge and Self-Realization- Nisargadatta Maharaj, ed. Jean Dunn *(written in the early sixties, this shows a rather different side of Nisargadatta than one might be familiar with from the books of his transcribed dialogues)*
Teachings: Master of Self-Realization- Siddharameshwar Maharaj *(Nisargadatta’s transcriptions of his guru’s at times rather folksy presentation of the teachings)*
The Nectar of Immortality: Discourses on the Eternal- Sri Nisargadatta Maharaj, ed. Robert Powell, Ph.D.
The Ultimate Medicine: Dialogues with a Realized Master- Sri Nisargadatta Maharaj, ed. Robert Powell, Ph.D.
Way of the Bird- Shri Ranjit Maharaj *(very straightforward presentation; might be particularly helpful for anyone confused by Nisargadatta’s expression of the teachings)*

NDE’s/AFTERLIFE

Destiny of Souls- Michael Newton
Journey of Souls- Michael Newton

“NEO-ADVAINA”

Dancing Beyond Thought: Bhagavad Gita Verses and Dialogues on Awakening- Gary Weber
Enlightenment Blues- Andre van der Braak *(ex-student of Andrew Cohen’s story of his time spent with Cohen’s organization)*
Happiness Beyond Thought- Gary Weber
Happiness is Free- Hale Dwoskin, Lester Levenson
Keys to the Ultimate Freedom- Lester Levenson
Life Without a Centre- Jeff Foster
No Attachments, No Aversions- Lester Levenson *(guy who cribbed some of Ramana Maharshi and others’ teachings, blended it with a hodgepodge of positive thinking-type systems and eventually created “The Sedona Method”)*
Oneness- John Greven
Real, Whole, Here and Happy!- James Waite
Self to Self- Leo Hartong
Shining in Plain View- John Wheeler
The Book of Not Knowing- Peter Ralston
The Outrageous Myths of Enlightenment- Stephen Wingate
You Were Never Born- John Wheeler

NEW THOUGHT
The Power of Your Subconscious Mind- Joseph Murphy
The Science of Mind- Ernest Holmes

OCCULT/PARANORMAL/UFO’S
Magia Sexualis: Sex, Magic, and Liberation in Modern Western Esotericism- Hugh B. Urban (interesting study of some little-known Western “sex magic” groups)
Messengers of Deception: UFO Contacts and Cults- Jacques Vallee (classic text which was one of the first to present the idea that the UFO phenomenon is something other than ET’s from outer space visiting Earth... plus warns about the people responsible for Heaven’s Gate almost two decades before the suicides associated with that cult)
They Know Us Better Than We Know Ourselves: The History and Politics of Alien Abduction- Bridget Brown (fascinating book which calls into question the whole abduction phenomenon, and its researchers/promoters, as well as examining some of the bizarre cults and mythologies that have sprung up in the wake of abduction literature)

PAPAJI
The Truth Is
Wake Up and Roar vol. 1
Wake Up and Roar vol. 2

PSYCHOLOGY/SELF-HELP/RECOVERY
50 Psychology Classics- Tom Butler-Bowdon
50 Self-Help Classics- Tom Butler-Bowdon
50 Success Classics- Tom Butler-Bowdon
A Psychotherapy of Love: Psychosynthesis in Practice- John Firman, Ann Gila (good book for therapists, based on Roberto Assagioli’s theories)
Addiction and Grace: Love and Spirituality in the Healing of Addiction- Gerald May
Anger, Guilt and Shame: Reclaiming Power and Choice- Liv Larsson
Be Happy- Robert Holden
Changing Course: Healing from Loss, Abandonment and Fear- Claudia Black, Ph.D.
Creative Visualization- Shakti Gawain
Heart Wisdom: Your Transformation Guide to Joyful Living and Loving- Russell P. Feingold
In Spite of- John Cowper Powys (hilarious and at-times bizarre “self-help” book by one of the most unique literary personalities of the twentieth century)
It Will Never Happen to Me: Growing Up with Addictions as Youngsters, Adolescents, Adults- Claudia Black, Ph.D
Last Call: Alcoholism and Recovery- Jack H. Hedblom
Positive Thinking- Susan Quilliam
The Power of Intention- Wayne Dyer
Why Your Life Sucks, and What You Can Do About It- Alan H. Cohen

RAMANA MAHARSHI
A Sadhu’s Reminiscences of Ramana Maharshi- Major Chadwick
Be As You Are- ed. David Godman
Crumbs from His Table- Ramanananda Swamagiri
Day by Day with Bhagavan- A. Devaraja Mudaliar
Face to Face with Sri Ramana Maharshi- ed. Professor Laxmi Narain, Sri Ramana Jyothi (beautiful, fairly pithy firsthand accounts by people from a variety of walks of life who sat before and interacted with Bhagavan during his lifetime. Some arrived at Ramanashram as rather virulent skeptics but then ended up melting before his incredible presence…)
Guru Ramana Memories and Notes- S.S. Cohen
Guru Vachaka Kovai- Sri Muruganar (beautiful teachings of Bhagavan, presented by the sublime poet/devotee)
Happiness and the Art of Being- Michael James
In Days of Great Peace- Mouni Sadhu
Letters from Sri Ramanashram- Suri Nagamma
Maha Yoga- Sri Lakshmana Sarma
My Life and Quest- Arthur Osborne
Ramana Maharshi and the Path of Self-Knowledge- Arthur Osborne
Ramana Periya Puraanam- Inner Journey of 75 Old Devotees- S. Ganesan (contains many, many rare and beautiful photos of Bhagavan and devotees, plus stories never previously presented regarding persons such as Maurice Frydman, Yogi Ramsuratkumar, Robert Adams, Wolter Keers…)
Ramana Puranam- Sri Muruganar
Reflections on Talks with Sri Ramana Maharshi- S.S. Cohen
Sadhana Saram- Sri Sadhu Om
Spiritual Stories as Told by Ramana Maharshi (traditional Tamil and other stories that were often told by Bhagavan to devotees. At times he would be moved to tears while relating or acting out parts from them…)
Sri Maharshi’s Way: A Translation and Commentary on Upadesa Saram- D.M. Sastri
Sri Ramanopadesa Noonmalai
Surpassing Love and Grace
Talks with Sri Ramana Maharshi
The Path of Sri Ramana part 1- Sri Sadhu Om (excellent presentation of atma vichara)
The Path of Sri Ramana part 2- Sri Sadhu Om (excellent presentation of bhakti/surrender)
The Teachings of Ramana Maharshi in His Own Words- ed. Arthur Osborne (similar to David Godman’s “Be As You Are “in its straightforward, helpfully organized presentation of the teachings)
Upadesa Saram- commentary by Dr. P.V.S. Suryararanaya Raju

RICHARD S.T. FRANCIS (I highly recommend any of his books, he has a knack for using language in such a way that it opens your heart, while presenting the truths of mysticism in a unique and uncompromising fashion. In fact, I like his writings so much that I started a blog about him: luminousjewelsoflove.wordpress.com)

Brother Bird, Sister Blossom: Meanderings of a Franciscan Taoist
Falling in Love with Yourself: Love and the Inner Beloved
Jehovah Goodbye (a refutation of God as the angry psychopathic character who appears in the Old Testament and a celebration of the God of unconditional Love taught by Jesus. N.B., Francis was formerly a Jehovah’s Witness, and his negative experiences with that group doubtless informs this work…)
Journey to the Center of the Soul: Mysticism Made Simple (great presentation of the mystical path, loosely based on Evelyn Underhill’s classic)
Luminous Ecstasies and Passions: Journeys Into Afterlife
Luminous Jewels of Love and Light vol. 1
Luminous Jewels of Love and Light vol. 2 (a rendition and commentary on the Gospel of John, the Dao De Jing, plus an essay on the Upanishads)
Simplicity Made Simple: The Economics of Compassion
Superlove: A Thousand Mystic Jewels from a Spiritual Megatrend (1000 quotes from Francis and various representatives of the great mystical traditions)
The Mystic Gospels of Jesus the Christ

ROBERT ADAMS

Robert Adams Complete Works (transcriptions of every available satsang, a genuine treasure)
Silence of the Heart- Robert Adams

SANATANA DHARMA (GENERAL/OTHER)

Ganapati: Song of the Self- John Grimes
Nectar of Spiritual Instructions- Sri 1008 Swami Purushottamanand Ji Maharaj
Tantra: Sex, Secrecy, Politics and Power in the Study of Religion- Hugh B. Urban
The Power of Tantra: Religion Sexuality and the Politics of South Asian Studies- Hugh B. Urban
The Yoga of the Nine Emotions- Peter Marchand
SEX
Sex and the Intelligence of the Heart- Julie McIntyre
Sex in the Bible: A New Consideration- J. Harold Ellens
Sexual Liberation: The Scandal of Christendom- Raymond J. Lawrence, Jr

SHAMANISM/ENTHEOGENS
Psychology of the Future: Lessons from Modern Consciousness Research- Stanislav Grof
Shamanism: A Biopsychosocial Paradigm- Michael Winkelman
The Hummingbird’s Journey to God: Perspectives on San Pedro, the Cactus of Vision- Ross Heaven
The Shaman and Ayahuasca- Don Jose Campos

SHIRDI SAI BABA
Shri Sai Satcharitra
Saint of Shirdi- Mani Sahukar

SIR JOHN TEMPLETON
Agape Love: A Tradition Found in Eight World Religions
Golden Nuggets from Sir John Templeton
Pure Unlimited Love: An Eternal Creative Force and Blessing Taught by All Religions
Why We Are Created- Increasing Our Understanding of Humanity’s Purpose on Earth
Wisdom from World Religions- Pathways Toward Heaven on Earth

SOREN KIERKEGAARD
Kierkegaard and the Treachery of Love- Amy Laurie Hall
Spiritual Writings- Soren Kierkegaard

SUBUD
My Stairway to Subud- Anthony Bright-Paul

TAIJIQUAN/QIGONG/TCM
Bagua Daoyin- He Jinghan
Chi Kung: Way of Power- Master Lam Kam Chuen
Energy Medicine East and West: A Natural History of Qi- David F. Mayor, Marc S. Micozzi
Life More Abundant: The Science of Zhineng Qigong- Xiaoguang Jin, Joseph Marcello
Listen to Your Body: The Wisdom of the Dao- Bisong Guo, Andrew Powell
Qigong Empowerment: A Guide to Medical, Taoist, Buddhist and Wushu Energy Cultivation
Secrets of Longevity: Dr. Mao’s Eight-Week Program- Dr. Maoshing Ni
Secrets of Self-Healing- Dr. Maoshing Ni
Tai Chi: The Perfect Exercise- Arthur Rosenfeld
Taichi: Health for Life- Bruce Frantzis
Taijiquan and the Search for the Little Old Chinese Man- Adam D. Frank
The Essence of Tai Chi Chi Gung- Dr. Yang Jwing-Ming
The Reference Book of Authentic Healing: Dachengquan- Li Zhaoshan

TAMIL SAINTS
The Tiruvacagam, or Sacred Utterances of the Tamil- Manikkavacakar, trans. G.U. Upton (translation is in somewhat quaint English, but nonetheless fails to obscure the fact that this is one of the most beautiful outpourings of devotional poetry ever)

YOGASWAMI
Natchintanai: Songs and Saying of Yogaswami
Words of Our Master: The Illumined Sayings of Satguru Siva Yogaswami

YOGI RAMSURATKUMAR
Biography of Yogi Ramsuratkumar- Amarakavyam
Ma Devaki’s Diary
Meetings with Yogi Ramsuratkumar- Will Zulkowsky
Waves of Love
Yogi Ramsuratkuma: The Divine Beggar- Ma Devaki
Yogi Ramsuratkuma: The Mystery of Becoming God- Olga Ammann
Shri Sukhavanam’s Diary