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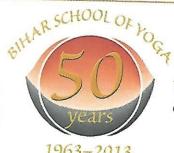
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Asanas, the yoga postures, have become the international symbol of yoga. Their unique health-promoting qualities make asanas the perfect balance for modern lifestyles. *Hatha Yoga Book 4: Asana* is a timely work, presenting both classical and modern interpretations of this ancient system which fulfils a fundamental role within the vast yogic culture. Their evolution, effects, classification and application are explained. Thirty-five asanas previously unpublished by the Bihar School of Yoga have been added to the repertoire, which is illustrated in its entirety.

Through the wisdom of these masters, a complete understanding of hatha yoga and a vision for its application in the modern era is interpreted for yoga aspirants around the world.



