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Description:

From *Starred Review* Are wishes mere child's play, or "does a wish have power?" Finding herself alone and unmoored after passion laid waste to her marriage and her California Zen Buddhist community, Oxenhandler decided to conduct a personal inquiry into the art and consequences of serious wishing. She chronicles her surprising findings in 12 scintillating chapters that mark a year spent wishing for a man, a house of her own, and spiritual healing. A writer of unusual perspectives, ruminating habits of thought, practiced skepticism, and pirouetting prose, Oxenhandler delves into the realms of magic, spirituality, philosophy, and psychology as she analyzes her reluctance to wish for money or material things; excavates the meanings of archetypal figures, symbols, and rituals; explores dreams and mind-over-matter belief systems; portrays a constellation of amazingly intuitive

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Review "Inspiring . . . fascinating . . . Similar in style to Elizabeth Gilbert's *Eat, Pray, Love*, **The Wishing Year** offers a thoughtful approach to the notion that we can create change simply by signifying our intent."—*Sunday Oregonian*

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"Recommended . . . joyful and humorous reading."—*Library Journal*

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