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"Craig has paid his dues in many years of exploring the field, from the arts to psychotherapy to the biomechanical sciences. His book is a breath of fresh air—an appeal to the innate but largely unused power of our kinesthetic intelligence to heal and 'right' ourselves."—Tom Myers, LMT, NCTMB, author of *Anatomy Trains*

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"Craig Williamson's *Muscular Retraining for Pain-Free Living* is a revelation for people who seek relief from chronic bodily pain. It is a book about healing that works, because Craig knows the vital importance of awareness to healthy living."—Robert K. Hall, MD, cofounder Lomi School; author of *Out of Nowhere*; Dharma teacher

"*Muscular Retraining for Pain-Free Living* opens the door to healing through increased awareness—for professionals, athletes, dancers, and people in the street. Author Craig Williamson extends an invitation to all readers to discover their own habitual patterns and transform connections between their minds and bodies. I recommend it to students and teachers alike as an accessible and useful guide to come back to again and again."—June Vail, Professor of Dance, Bowdoin College

About the Author

Craig Williamson, MSOT, is an occupational therapist who treats patients with persistent pain problems. He is the pioneer of Somatic Integration (www.somaticintegration.com), an approach to muscular pain relief that includes muscular retraining techniques and specific, targeted exercises. He lives and practices in Portland, Maine.

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