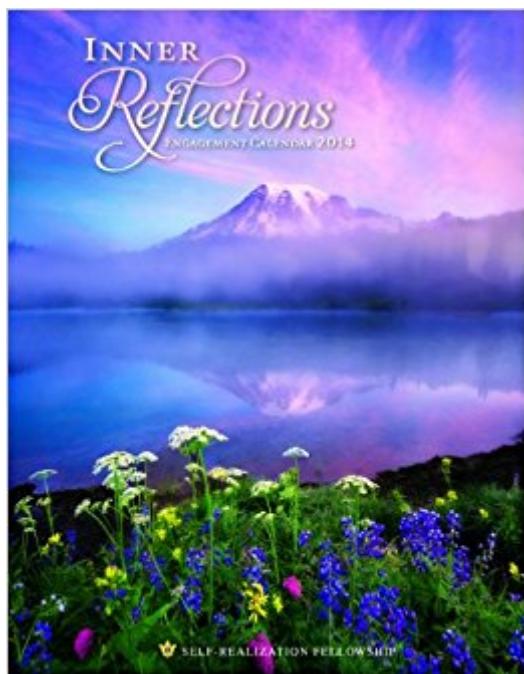


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# Inner Reflections 2014 Engagement Calendar



## **Synopsis**

Inner Reflections has gained a reputation as one of the most stunning and beautiful Inspirational Engagement Calendars available. Inspiring quotations from Paramahansa Yogananda are magically blended with images from the world's top nature photographers. With annual print runs of over 50,000, Inner Reflections continues year after year to be a best-selling engagement calendar. This exquisite calendar is as fulfilling to produce as it is to sell...each year we review over 20,000 of the world's finest images, rejecting all but 53! It's no wonder that since 1990, Inner Reflections has won more gold medals in national and international calendar competitions than any other calendar.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Hailed as "the father of Yoga in the West", Paramahansa Yogananda is regarded as one of the great spiritual figures of our time. Born in northern India, he came to the United States in 1920, where for more than 30 years he taught the ancient science of Kriya Yoga meditation and the art of balanced spiritual living. That same year he founded Self-Realization Fellowship, to disseminate his writings and teachings worldwide. Through his best-selling classic, Autobiography of a Yogi, and his numerous other books, he has introduced millions throughout the world to the spiritual principles of yoga meditation and the universal truths underlying all world religions.

For those of you who have been getting this calendar for years, you will find some changes in the color and format. The photos are still back to back but they seem to be so vivid in color. My favorite photos were winter and fall but overall, I did not think the photos were as spectacular as years past.

The date and photo pages are now cream colored instead of whitish. The days of the week are black but the day numbers are darker beige so they are not as quickly visible. That is a feature I do not like. Three full months are in a column instead of two like 2013. That may be why the spacing to write in each day is smaller. The font for the month at the top of the page is different and in a beige color. It is a pleasing font to me but again harder to read. The quotes from Paramahansa Yogananda are still inspiring. Hope this helps because I do look to the reviews to help me when purchasing items.

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it." I have been buying Inner Reflections calendars every year since 2000 and I am extremely disappointed in the 2014 edition. There's lots of empty, wasted space at the top of the page which means the amount of room available to make daily notations has decreased. And if this wasn't bad enough, they placed three monthly insets between the spine and days area which even further dramatically reduced the space to make daily notes. With all the empty space at the top, they could have put the insets up there. I will think twice before I buy their 2015 calendar. I gave it 2 stars because the pictures are beautiful as always.

I agree with the critical comments concerning poor formatting and over saturation of photos. I was also surprised to see the new formatting of photos which no longer has a framed appearance. Vertical photos go to the top of the page and landscape ones go from one side of the page to the other with many of the photos continuing through the spiraled binding. All of these factors contribute to taking away from the simple harmony of these previously balanced calendars. Yoganandaji's quotes are, of course, as inspiring as ever and the heart and soul of these calendars.

I started getting the Inner Reflections Engagement Calendar in 2008 and have purchased one every year since. I don't even look at other engagement calendars, because this is the one for me. I love the great photography, the thought-provoking quotes from Paramahansa Yogananda, having holidays listed on the weekly pages, and having pages that cover a week, pages that cover a whole month, and pages with yearly calendars. Like many other reviewers, I noticed immediately that the calendar had changed this year, the difference being that, while I loved the old format, I like the new one even better! I love the new colors of paper, the new colors of type, the more saturated photos. While some of the points made by reviewers who gave the calendar a poor review are true, I think the calendar is even more beautiful, and I will have no problem in making small - if any - adjustments to the new format in terms of how I actually use the engagement calendar. Life is

change, and every new year brings some change into life. This year's calendar is only reflecting that.

I have also loved this calendar for many years now, and thought buying a new one was a no-brainer... until the back page of 2014 would no longer remain attached to the book. Did anyone else have this problem? I also noted the change in photograph color and the layout changes, but I was ready to accept them... until it seemed as if my appointment book was less expertly bound as well! I don't know why all the changes were made to an already best-selling product, but I'm sad to say I'm truly reticent to buy the 2015 edition. I've been searching for a new planner as nice as this one \*used\* to be, for weeks.

I have been a dedicated purchaser of this engagement calendar for over a dozen years. This years however, was a big let down. Two things, first the paper quality was immediately apparent as the book arrived wavey and the edges were roughly cut. Secondly the printing is clearly a cheap one as the colors are Gaulish and rather awful as compared to what I am used to enjoying from this company. The care of image choice and words fall flat in the absence of excellence in print and paper quality. This will be the last year I will purchase this particular calendar.

I have used this Engagement Calendar for the past 4 years, and in the past gave it 5 stars. This year's version is a bit disappointing because of the new layout. There is MUCH less space to write for each day, both in vertical spacing and in horizontal spacing. They've also included 3 months of dates on each page, unlike the 2 months included in the past (all unnecessary in my opinion). Even many of the photo pages are not as attractive due to new layouts without any borders or framing. Still, beautiful and inspiring...

I wait for this calendar to appear. Seems like about 10 years now and every one has been a winner. As a serious outdoor photographer it is unusual to find a calendar whose every picture makes you wish you had taken it!

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