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He is the author of six best-selling books, including: *Dr. Dean Ornish's Program for Reversing Heart Disease; Eat More, Weigh Less; Love & Survival*; and his most recent book, *The Spectrum*. The Ornish diet was rated #1 for heart health by *U.S. News & World Report* in 2011.

Dr. Ornish was selected as one of the "TIME 100" in integrative medicine; recognized as "one of the most nteresting people of 1996" by *People* magazine; honored as "one of the 125 most extraordinary University of Texas alumni in the past 125 years;" chosen by *LIFE* magazine as "one of the fifty most influential members of his generation;" and by *Forbes* magazine as "one of the seven most powerful teachers in the world."