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Trish Sakai has come up with three simple Christian rules for dealing with men, but she finds it difficult to stick with her plans as she is torn between Kazuo, her wealthy ex-boyfriend, whom her grandmother favors, and Spencer, a colleague of hers at work. BOROBUDUR IS NOT A BUDDHA TEMPLE When and who did Hindu / Buddhist missionaries / preachers born in pre-Islamic India enter the archipelago, so that sites in the archipelago are said to be based on one of the teachings of India?

That it is true that Hindu / Buddhist originates from India and it is not true that sites in the Indonesian Archipelago are based on Hindu / Buddhist ... in fact what is depicted on these sites is the "teaching" that underlies the birth of Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainas in India INDONĒSIARY? By : Santo Saba eBook pdf : WA +62813 2132 9787

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Completely revised and updated, Let's Go: China is your comprehensive guide to Asia's most exciting destination. Let's Go's forty-five years of travel savvy deliver must-have practical information. This edition boasts more outdoors activities, expanded must-see historical sights, and brand-new coverage of trekking, ethnic villages, and daytrips. An extensive

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chapter on alternatives to tourism helps you find ways to extend your stay and make a difference, while a phrasebook in Mandarin, Cantonese, Tibetan, and Uighur will help you get there, get around, and get busy, no matter where you may be. So, whether you'd rather chat it up with monks or trek to alpine lakes and glacier-capped peaks, Let's Go's intrepid researchers can lead the way.

26. Do NOT CLOSE THE OLD ARCHIPELAGES FACTS ... is "Lying" there is a "Porn" scene in the bas-relief of "Borobudur" This publication must be "Stop" Don't close the "Facts" to the glories of the Old Archipelago Note: There are 160 basic relief panels published with the naming

"Karmawibhangga" using an interpretation of the text "Mahakarmawibhangga", but not completely

following the text , Bernet Kempers 1970: 151 & 1976 The basic relief photographed by K. Cheppas 1890 was then closed in 1891, with the consideration that it would collapse, but no "Crack" was displayed

... ? Virupā ? Māhēçākhyā ? Vy?s?da, ābhīdya,

m?tthyādrstī ? K?s?I? ? Sûvārn?v?rn?,

?aityāvāndānā ? M?hojāskāsāmādhānā, ?u?vârâ ?

argavarga, bh? (unreadable) ? argavarga, bh? ...

(unreadable) ? Māh?s (??) khyām?dhānā ?

C?kr?v?rt? ? ?v?rggā ? M?h? (?ä)

khyāsāmāvādh?n?, ?hæntā ? Çākrāvārtī ?

?abdāsrāv?n? ? ?vārggā, bôgh? ? Prāsāditā,

vāstrādānā ? ?vārggā ? K?sālādhārmābæj?n? ?

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Bh?g? ? ?vārggā ? P?t?k? ? Ádyâbhógì ? ?vārggā ?
... t?ná ... unreadable ? ?vārggā ? ?hâtr?dānā ...
māhān? ? ?vārggā ? ?vārggā, p?sp?d?n? ? ?vārggā
? M?!?dh?nā, bhōgì, ?vārggā ? jnjālī There are 12
words "?vārggā", not written the word, "Jannah" or
"Nirvana", this proves that the language and
teachings that are the originals of ours are native to
the Indonesian Archipelago, Literacy text words
"?vārggā", these are not from Arabic or India The
word "Svargga" is the original word of the
Archipelago because it does not have a declination
in the form of a locative case, namely "Svarge" or
"Svargge", the writing of this inscription is not in
accordance with the grammatical "Sanskrit Panini"
and concerning declination if the word is nominative
with additional examples in the case 'h' or 'Visarga',
Macdonell 1954: 371 & Zoetmulder 1995: 1169 ? In
the source of the lontar quote "Geguritan Bhima
Svargga", this Svargga Loka is understood to be a
holy realm, the blessings of the Gods as a temporary
stopover for people with good spirits. "Svarggaloka"
is a third world filled with light and happiness which
is home to saints. In the "Putru Pasaji" ejection, it is
said that there is a realm of gods and goddesses
"Svargga Manik" The literary text "?vārggā" is the
native language of the Archipelago, "Suargo" or
"Svargga", Svārggāloka, K?d?wān, Kâyângân,
Svârggā ... which later were absorbed into the word
"Heaven" this is the proof ? In Islamic

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Eschatology, "Akhirah / Akhirah" (???????) is used to term life after death, "Jannah" (?????) is the concept of "Heaven", whereas the meaning of "Jannah" in Arabic is "Gardens" not found in the text literacy of the word "heaven" in the scriptures ? In "Vedas" it is said that Swarga is a "third world" full of light and light which is the abode of the gods termed "Swarga Loka" Bhagawad Gita said: "Swarga" is a temporary stopover "After enjoying extensive Swarga, they returned to the world", Swarga as a temporary pleasure place, while true happiness is the union of "Atman" / Soul with "Brahman" the Creator ? the Venerable Siddhartha Gautama, explained "Buddhism" as a raft which, after floating on the river, would allow the passenger to attain "Nirvana / Nibbana" is the highest happiness Happiness "Nibbana" cannot be experienced by pampering the senses, but by calming it, "Nibbana" is not a place, "Nibbana" is not an absence or extinction "Nibbana" is not a "Heaven" or "Svargga" So ... the word "Paradise" is not from India or Arabic, this word is the result of absorption from the teachings and the native language of the archipelago namely Svârggã which colors India Do not close the "Facts" to the glory of the Old Archipelago, ... is "Lying" there is a "Porno" scene in the basic relief of Vhw?n? Çha?â Phal? which is now published as Borobudur ...

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Explains the activities that are performed inside a Buddhist temple, shows the typical layout of a temple, and describes who works in them.

This book explores the practices in a Zen Buddhist temple located in Northwest Ohio against the backdrop of globalization. Drawing on the previous studies on Buddhist modernization and westernization, it provides a better understanding of the westernization of Buddhism and its adapted practices and rituals in the host culture. Using rhetorical criticism methodology, the author approaches this temple as an embodiment of Buddhist rhetoric with both discursive and non-discursive expressions within the discourses of modernity. By analyzing the rhetorical practices at the temple through abbots' teaching videos, the temple website, members' dharma names, and the materiality of the temple space and artifacts, the author discovers how Buddhist rhetoric functions to constitute and negotiate the religious identities of the community members through its various rituals and activities. At the same time, the author examines how the temple's space and settings facilitate the collective the formation and preservation of the Buddhist identity. Through a nuanced discussion of Buddhist rhetoric, this book illuminates a new rhetorical methodology to understand religious identity construction. Furthermore, it offers deeper insights into the future development of modern

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Buddhism, which are also applicable to Buddhist practitioners and other major world religions.

What is a Buddhist temple? Who works there? Why is the shrine to Bodhgaya so important? Find out the answers to these and other questions in this fact-filled title.

A lavishly illustrated, updated reference to digital photography and editing electronic images covers introductory digital photography for beginners, digital image and Photoshop techniques for experienced shooters, and an advanced bonus section on taking glamour shots, producing e-books, and setting up a home studio. Original.

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In 1904, the defenses of Jiangzi were defeated by the unequipped Tibetan troops. The castle of Jiangzi was captured, the invaders were attacked by mysterious people during the looting of the Temple of the Zhongba River. The English army suffered heavy casualties, and the necromancers in the army were also severely injured. The invaders fled in a flurry, and the necromancers returned to find out the secret of Princess Wen Cheng's construction of the Twelve Towns of the Devil Temple after she entered the stronghold's stronghold. For the sake of this secret, many forces, including secret experts, Han Dynasty Warlocks, Conquerors, Northwest bandits, royalty, necromancers, Lhasa, Serpentine Tailed Land Gods, Demoness Appearance, War God's

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descendants, had launched fierce battles...

What is a synagogue? Who works in a synagogue? Where are the Torah scrolls kept? Find out the answers to these and other questions in this fact-filled title.

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Michael Mahana's personal disclosure to his parents

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leads to the uncovering of another family secret - about his uncle, Sam, who had fought in the Vietnam War. Now, armed with his uncle's diary, Michael goes searching for the truth about his uncle, about the secret the Mahana family has kept hidden for over thirty years, and what happened to Sam. Set in the war-torn jungles of Vietnam and in present-day New Zealand and North America, Witi Ihimaera's dramatic novel combines the superb story-telling of *Bulibasha, King of the Gypsies* with the unflinching realism of *Nights in the Gardens of Spain*. A powerful love story, it courageously confronts Maori attitudes to sexuality and masculinity and contains some of Ihimaera's most passionate writing to date. Also available as an eBook

This volume contains all of Sanghrakshita's poems and six short stories. It is prefaced by a foreword and two essays introducing the poems in different ways. It also includes edited versions of two talks Sangharakshita gave about specific poems, and a sequence of conversations about his poetry that were recorded towards the end of his life.
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Matt Severnson has assembled a team of hard-working, quasi-geek individuals to build a revolutionary website for a northern Michigan city. The system becomes a big hit despite the group members' idiosyncratic traits. Fast food addiction, incessant sexual tension and heated bingo

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competition constantly distract the team. While the opportunity arises to build the first nationwide, government-sponsored high-speed Internet portal, the issue comes second to Matt's relationship with Katy, the team's co-leader. They cannot hate each other enough to halt their steamy romance, but they can't love each other enough to share anything but a fish dinner. The Developers mixes the insane and obscene with technology, romance and pop culture. Computer novices (the ones who confuse their CD drive with a cup holder) and experts (the ones who talk to themselves in code that most of mankind has yet to translate) will easily understand the group's urgency and hilarity as it tries to make its mark on the virtual world.

For over a thousand years, history has kept secret the Lotus Cross""an artifact with a hidden treasure within it. Now that its existence has been confirmed, many will do anything to have it. Join Michael Drake as he sets off to find the artifact with the help of two archaeologists, the British Secret Service, and members of a secret group in India. Brimming with danger, intrigue, and suspense, this novel is a thriller that will keep you engrossed until you turn the last page.

Teaching children about peace and peaceful strategies, learning to handle conflict creatively, tackling injustice and racial prejudice, is imperative and relevant for today's children. Packed with topical

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ideas for the primary school teacher, this book offers material for 40+ primary assemblies, easy to use in an assembly or for preparation. A great resource to dip into for one-off assemblies or follow as a programme of themed assemblies for a term, it is helpfully split into topic areas on peace which include: Cooperation Children's writing Places and challenges Assembly plays Environment Stories. Each assembly starts with a drama, story or interactive activity, followed by a prayer and 'reflection' and a hymn or a song. There are suggestions for questions and ideas for developing the theme which include using masks and puppets, as well as stories from six major world religions: Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism. The book will be invaluable to headteachers, deputy headteachers, primary schools teacher or any trainee teacher who is looking for a collection of assembly ideas that promote peace, tolerance and understanding in the widest possible context and in a variety of different ways.

Built around the teachings of the Buddha, who lived in modern-day Nepal about 2,500 years ago, Buddhism is one of the world's largest and oldest spiritual traditions. In addition to its adherents in southern, central, and eastern Asia, today Buddhism has many followers in the Western world who seek through it a peaceful mind, freedom from

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expectations, and spiritual enlightenment. In this accessible text, the basic beliefs of Buddhism, including the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path, are presented in concise language accompanied by sidebar features defining key vocabulary terms and encouraging readers to think critically beyond the text.

The story of Xuanzang, the monk who went from China to India in quest of Buddhist scriptures.

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You have the power to lower stress and balance your emotions. Grounded in evidence-based mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR), this engaging and empowering workbook will show you how. Are you stressed out or overwhelmed? If so, you're far from alone. More than ever, teens are feeling the stress of academic pressure; high expectations from family, friends, and social media; and an increasingly uncertain future. This workbook will show you how mindful breathing exercises and self-care strategies can help you curb stress and difficult emotions, so you can be your best and reach your goals. In *The Mindful Breathing Workbook for Teens*, you'll learn breathing skills rooted in mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR), so you can stay grounded, find calm, and shift out of bad moods quickly. By developing your own internal strategies for managing stress, you will feel more empowered and in control—even when faced with difficult situations beyond your control. It's kind of like having your own stress-busting superpower! As a teen, you're faced with more changes than ever—in both body and mind. The good news is that there are real tools you can use to manage life's changes, challenges, and setbacks. This workbook will be your guide. In these increasingly challenging times,

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teens need mental health resources more than ever. With more than 1.6 million copies sold worldwide, Instant Help Books for teens are easy to use, proven-effective, and recommended by therapists.

The *Belligerent Buddha* by Norma Alford is a delightful work of crime and mystery encircling a quirky detective by the name of J.T. Stretcher, who works for the Jericho Popplar Detective Agency. She is introduced to a chic middle-aged widow by the name of Zelda Morgenstern, who wishes to hire her to find an unusual piece of art that has disappeared from her home. She refers to it as the 'Belligerent Buddha' and describes it as a 500-lb. statue made of green jade, which appears to have a scowl on its face, hence, the name. J.T. endeavors to determine how such a large piece could possibly be removed from a second-floor ballroom without someone noticing. With very little to go on, she dives into the middle of an ever growing pool of deceit and subterfuge, and realizes that someone from an unlikely cast of characters is responsible for the portly icon's disappearance. When one of them is murdered, the investigation takes a turn, requiring Detective Stretcher and her associates to come together, with the assistance of the police, to solve this crime. Through several twists and turns and by the process of elimination, J.T. narrows the search, but can she trick the thieves into tipping their hand? About the Author Norma Alford is a lifelong resident

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of Texas, currently residing in Austin as the mother of two, with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A graduate of Waco High School and Central City Commercial College in Waco, Texas, she also attended Lamar University in Beaumont. A former legal/executive secretary, she is a retired pilot and has maintained an interest in flying, the arts, sports, and writing. Fifty years ago, the author began writing short stories, novels, poetry, and plays, several of which were produced by a small theater group. Her interest in writing mysteries stems from her curiosity about puzzles and solving them.

Volume One: Mia Saunders needs money. A lot of money. She has one year to pay off the loan shark who has threatened her father's life and is coming after his unpaid gambling debts. One million dollars to be exact. Her mission is simple—serve as a high-priced escort for her aunt's Los Angeles-based company and pay monthly against the debt. Spend a month with a rich man whom she doesn't have to sleep with if she doesn't want to? Easy money.

Unlucky in love with a spirit that never gives up, this curvy motorcycle-riding vixen plans to get in, make her money, and get out. Part of that goal is keeping her heart locked up tight and her eye on the prize. At least that's the way it's supposed to go... Volume Two: Unwilling escort Mia Saunders's journey continues in the second anthology of the Calendar Girl series! In the next three months, Mia heads to

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Boston, Oahu, and Washington DC. In April, she poses as girlfriend to philandering Mason Murphy, a professional baseball player who needs a better image, only to find he's not at all what she expected. May finds Mia turning up the heat with Samoan model and fire-dancer Tai Niko as she participates in a swimsuit campaign designed to prove that beauty really does come in all sizes. Mia rounds out June as the arm candy for Warren Shipley, a member of the wealthy one percenters. Although she's pretending to be a gold-digger, Warren turns out to have a heart of gold. However, his devastatingly handsome son, Aaron, a California Senator, is nowhere near as kind. Volume Three: Mia Saunders journey continues in the third wicked hot anthology of the Calendar Girl Series! In the next three months, Mia heads to Miami, Texas, and her hometown, Las Vegas. In July, she serves as the seductress in a music video to platinum selling hip hop artist Anton Santiago. Still dealing with the trauma from June, our girl opens her heart and finds that taking risks in life and love could give her all that she ever needed and more. In August, Mia heads to Texas to put on her acting hat and pretend to be the long lost sister of oil tycoon and big business man Maxwell Cunningham. The job should have been a snap, only secrets are revealed from her past that change everything she knew to be true. In September, Mia dashes home to sin city where the world around her seems to

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implode. The people she loves are fighting battles she isn't prepared for, but desperate to solve before she loses it all. Volume Four: Calendar Girl Mia Saunders has come a long way. She rounds out the end of her year-long journey in Hollywood, New York City, and Aspen. In October, Mia starts her new life working on a celebrity daytime television show where she runs a regular segment about living beautiful. Her guy deals with the aftermath of captivity, and together they find a way to fight through the storms. Next, Mia travels to the Big Apple to tape a program about being thankful. All of her dreams are coming true...except for one. Finally, in December, our girl finds herself in the winter wonderland of Aspen, Colorado to film a segment on local artists under rather unique circumstances. Prepare to be wowed as Mia's journey merges into the ending everyone has been waiting for.

Describes the kind of activities that are performed inside a Christian church and why, shows the typical layout of a church, and tells who works in a church.

Structured as a patchwork of conversations, recollections, and lyrical encounters, this rich spiritual autobiography allows readers to eavesdrop on a restless soul in quest of self, God, and home. The memoir tells the story of an American who became intrigued by Buddhism through his love of Asian art and who decided to study the discipline in a Japanese Soto Zen monastery. In Part One, the author gives an account of his life in the Hosshinji monastery in Obama, Japan, detailing his daily routine and his participation in a traditional Takuhatsu almsgiving ceremony, a Sesshin period of

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intensive meditation, and a Jukai Buddhist initiation ceremony. Part Two describes the author's difficult search for a Buddhist temple to continue his religious practices upon returning to the United States. Part Three deals with the author's involvement in the International Institute for Field-Being and details how his Buddhist training helped prepare him for that venture. Part Four describes obstacles the author has encountered as a lone Buddhism practitioner since his training.

Set in the early years of the 20th Century, when travel was measured in increments of days and weeks rather than hours and minutes, this epic family saga transports readers across three continents—Europe, Australia, and North America. It chronicles not just the disparate climates and lifestyles encountered in such far-flung places and the long passages between them, but the lives that are changed by these travels. We follow Anne Roberts and Frank Evans from their first encounter on Anne's family farm in North Wales, through the evolution of their friendship, romance, and eventual marriage. While Frank goes off in a multi-continent search for affordable land where he can support the young couple and fulfill his dream of starting a dairy, Anne defies society's expectations and, acting upon her considerable drive, intelligence, and independence, becomes a school teacher. When the two finally relocate to Canada and marry, Anne demonstrates the same determination, will, and adaptability that allowed her to flourish during Frank's long travels and many travails and commits all her energy to making their marriage and their future successful. With *Passages*, Anne Hamre offers an intricately researched, authentically rendered portrait of both the hardships and the triumphs of the age. Readers will share in the longing felt while desperately waiting for letters bearing news of a distant lover and in the joy—and the uncertain dangers—of discovering friendship

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among strangers when travelling in faraway lands and across oceans. They will experience the piercing ache of loss near and afar, recognize the myriad sources of a spouse's worry, feel the lifting of spirit that is found in community, and celebrate the enduring steadiness of a couple's true love.

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Buddhism in the United States is often viewed in connection with practitioners in the Northeast and on the West Coast, but in fact, it has been spreading and evolving throughout the United States since the mid-nineteenth century. In *Dixie Dharma*, Jeff Wilson argues that region is crucial to understanding American Buddhism. Through the lens of a multid denominational Buddhist temple in Richmond, Virginia, Wilson explores how Buddhists are adapting to life in the conservative evangelical Christian culture of the South, and how traditional Southerners are adjusting to these newer

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members on the religious landscape. Introducing a host of overlooked characters, including Buddhist circuit riders, modernist Pure Land priests, and pluralistic Buddhists, Wilson shows how regional specificity manifests itself through such practices as meditation vigils to heal the wounds of the slave trade. He argues that southern Buddhists at once use bodily practices, iconography, and meditation tools to enact distinct sectarian identities even as they enjoy a creative hybridity. *A Record of Buddhist Monasteries in Lo-yang* (the *Lo-Yang ch'ieh-lan chi*) is a major document of Chinese history and literature. This translation of the sixth-century A.D. classic describes the main Buddhist monasteries and nunneries of Lo-yang and the political, economic, and social conditions at a time when that city was the capital of the Northern Wei Dynasty. Originally published in 1984. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.

A Chinese Lord of the Rings and one of the all-time great fantasy novels--which Neil Gaiman has said "is in the DNA of 1.5 billion people"--now in a thrilling new one-volume translation A Penguin Classics Hardcover A shape-shifting trickster on a kung-fu quest for eternal life, Sun Wukong, or Monkey King, is one of the most memorable superheroes in world literature. High-spirited and omni-talented, he amasses dazzling weapons and skills on his journey to immortality: a gold-hooped staff that can grow as tall as the sky and shrink to the size of a needle; the ability to travel 108,000 miles in a

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single somersault. A master of subterfuge, he can transform himself into whomever or whatever he chooses and turn each of his body's 84,000 hairs into an army of clones. But his penchant for mischief repeatedly gets him into trouble, and when he raids Heaven's Orchard of Immortal Peaches and gorges himself on the elixirs of the gods, the Buddha pins him beneath a mountain, freeing him only five hundred years later for a chance to redeem himself: He is to protect the pious monk Tripitaka on his fourteen-year journey to India in search of precious Buddhist sutras that will bring enlightenment to the Chinese empire. Joined by two other fallen immortals--Pigsy, a rice-loving pig able to fly with its ears, and Sandy, a depressive man-eating river-sand monster--Monkey King undergoes eighty-one trials, doing battle with Red Boy, Princess Jade-Face, the Monstress Dowager, and all manner of dragons, ogres, wizards, and femmes fatales, navigating the perils of Fire-Cloud Cave, the River of Flowing Sand, the Water-Crystal Palace, and Casserole Mountain, and being serially captured, lacquered, sautéed, steamed, and liquefied, but always hatching an ingenious plan to get himself and his fellow pilgrims out of their latest jam. *Monkey King: Journey to the West* is at once a rollicking adventure, a comic satire of Chinese bureaucracy, and a spring of spiritual insight. With this new translation, the irrepressible rogue hero of one of the Four Great Classical Novels of Chinese literature has the potential to vault, with his signature cloud-somersault and unerring sense for fun, into the hearts of millions of Americans.

Jon Burrow-Branine challenges common narratives about what it means to be LGBTQ and Christian in the contemporary United States.

The brand-new, shiny Eiffel Tower is the pride and glory of the 1889 World Exposition. But one sunny

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afternoon, as visitors are crowding the viewing platforms, a woman collapses and dies on this great Paris landmark. Can a bee sting really be the cause of death? Or is there a more sinister explanation? Enter young bookseller Victor Legris. Present on the tower at the time of the incident, and appalled by the media coverage of the occurrence, he is determined to find out what actually happened. In this dazzling evocation of late nineteenth-century Paris, we follow Victor as his investigation takes him all over the city and he suspects an ever-changing list of possible perpetrators. Could mysterious Kenji Mori, his surrogate father and business partner at the bookstore Legris operates, be involved in the crime? Why are beautiful Russian illustrator Tasha and her colleagues at the newly launched sensationalist newspaper *Passepartout* always up-to-date in their reporting? And what will Legris do when the deaths begin to multiply and he is caught in a race against time? *Murder on the Eiffel Tower* is painstakingly researched, an effortless evocation of the glorious City of Light, and an exciting opening to a promising series of eight books featuring Victor Legris.

Analyzes the Salem Witch Trials to offer key insights into the role of women in its events while explaining how its tragedies became possible.

What is a mandir? Who works in a mandir? What is a shikhara? Find out the answers to these and other questions in this fact-filled title.

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Upon entering a Japanese Buddhist temple in Hawai'i, most people—whether first-time visitors or lifelong members—are overwhelmed by the elaborate and complex display of golden ornaments, intricately carved altar tables and incense burners, and images of venerable masters and bodhisattvas. These objects, as well as the architectural elements of the temple itself, have meanings that are often hidden in ancient symbolisms. This book, written by two local authorities on Japanese art and religion, provides a thorough yet accessible overview of Buddhism in Hawai'i followed by a temple-by-temple guide to the remaining structures across the state. Introductory chapters cover the basic history, teachings, and practices of various denominations and the meanings of objects commonly found in temples. Taken together, they form a short primer on Buddhism in Japan and Hawai'i. The heart of the book is a narrative description of the ninety temples still extant in Hawai'i. Augmented by over 350 color photographs, each entry begins with historical background information and continues with descriptions of architecture, sanctuaries, statuary and ritual implements, columbariums, and grounds. Appended at the end is a chart listing each temple's denomination, membership number, and architectural type. While many Buddhist temples in Hawai'i are active social and religious centers, a good number are in serious decline. In addition to

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being an introduction to Buddhism and a guide book, *Japanese Buddhist Temples in Hawai'i* is an indispensable historical record of what exists today and what may be gone tomorrow. It will appeal to temple members, pilgrims, residents and tourists interested in local cultural and historic sites, and historians of Buddhism in Hawai'i.

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