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The *Feminine Face of Buddhism* celebrates the contribution of women to Buddhism. From Mahamaya, the Buddha's mother, to contemporary Buddhist women, this book honors Buddhist feminine archetypes and acknowledges women's teachings and experiences. It also documents the critical role they have played, and are playing, in the development of Buddhism through their lives, their work, their meditation and Buddhist practice, and their art.

Based on the author's previous publication *The Encyclopedia of Tibetan Symbols and Motifs*, this handbook contains an array of symbols and motifs, accompanied by succinct explanations. It provides treatment of the essential Tibetan religious figures, themes and motifs, both secular and religious.

The study of Cambodian religion has long been hampered by a lack of easily accessible scholarship. This impressive new work by Ian Harris thus fills a major gap and offers English-language scholars a booklength, up-to-date treatment of the religious aspects of Cambodian culture. Beginning with a coherent history of the presence of religion in the country from its inception to the present day, the book goes on to furnish insights into the distinctive nature of Cambodia's important yet overlooked manifestation of Theravada Buddhist tradition and to show how it reestablished itself following almost total annihilation during the Pol Pot period.

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Historical sections cover the dominant role of tantric Mahayana concepts and rituals under the last great king of Angkor, Jayavarman VII (1181–c. 1220); the rise of Theravada traditions after the collapse of the Angkorian civilization; the impact of foreign influences on the development of the nineteenth-century monastic order; and politicized Buddhism and the Buddhist contribution to an emerging sense of Khmer nationhood. The Buddhism practiced in Cambodia has much in common with parallel traditions in Thailand and Sri Lanka, yet there are also significant differences. The book concentrates on these and illustrates how a distinctly Cambodian Theravada developed by accommodating itself to premodern Khmer modes of thought. Following the overthrow of Prince Sihanouk in 1970, Cambodia slid rapidly into disorder and violence. Later chapters chart the elimination of institutional Buddhism under the Khmer Rouge and its gradual reemergence after Pol Pot, the restoration of the monastic order's prerevolutionary institutional forms, and the emergence of contemporary Buddhist groupings.

Miracles of Book and Body is the first book to explore the intersection of two key genres of sacred literature in medieval Japan: sutras, or sacred Buddhist texts, and setsuwa, or "explanatory tales," used in sermons and collected in written compilations. For most of East Asia, Buddhist sutras were written in Classical Chinese and inaccessible to many devotees. How, then, did such devotees access these texts? Charlotte Eubanks argues that the medieval genre of "explanatory tales" illuminates the link between human body (devotee) and sacred text (sutra). She focuses on the sensual aspects of religious experience and on the act of reading, understood as the literal incorporation of sutra texts into the body and thus a bridge between text and flesh. Eubanks's highly original approach to understanding Buddhist

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textuality also looks beyond Japan to explore pre-modern book history, practices of preaching, miracles of reading, and the Mah y na Buddhist "cult of the book."

With over one billion followers around the world, Buddhism, with its many schools and cultural forms, is a vast and complex field of study. This title offers both general and specialist readers an accessible and concise introduction to the essential features of Buddhism.

Looks at the contributions of a major figure in Buddhism and provides translations of his writings.

This is the first definitive guide to the complete panorama of Buddhist teaching, practice, schools, and history. One of the fastest growing religions in the world, Buddhism includes with its scope numerous traditions. The Buddhist Handbook provides a comprehensive and nonsectarian survey of these traditions and their contemporary exponents throughout the world, providing necessary information for those who wish to explore the various options thoroughly and find one that is suited to their needs. For those already practicing in a particular school of Buddhism, it offers illuminating insight into the teachings of other schools for a more holistic view.

According to legend, when the founder of Zen Buddhism was asked about the main principle of his holy teaching, he replied that there was "nothing holy about it!" Now, a millennium and a half later, Tim Burkett reveals how and why the wisdom of nonholiness is the key to a joyful heart. You don't need to go looking for something sacred—the happiness you seek is right where you are. In this book, a concise summary of Zen teachings unfolds within the ordinary comedies and tragedies of everyday life,

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beginning with the delightful nonholiness Burkett experienced in the presence of his original teacher, Shunryu Suzuki.

In this charming and accessible picture book, Ian Lendler and Xanthe Bouma offer a heart-warming account of the childhood of the Buddha. A spoiled young prince, Siddhartha got everything he ever asked for, until he asked for what couldn't be given—happiness. Join Little Sid as he sets off on a journey of discovery and encounters mysterious wise-folk, terrifying tigers, and one very annoying mouse. With Lendler's delightful prose and Bouma's lyrical artwork, Little Sid weaves traditional Buddhist fables into a classic new tale of mindfulness, the meaning of life, and an awakening that is as profound today as it was 2,500 years ago.

This text offers an inspirational introduction to the practice of meditation, offering a guide to the ancient practice and how to enjoy its benefits.

An ideal introduction to the history of Buddhism. Andrew Skilton - a writer on and practitioner of Buddhism - explains the development of the basic concepts of Buddhism during its 2,500 years of history and describes its varied developments in India, Buddhism's homeland, as well as its spread across Asia, from Mongolia to Sri Lanka and from Japan to the Middle East. A fascinating insight into the historical progress of one of the world's great religions.

Describes the history, life and teachings of Buddha, denominations, religious beliefs, practices, lifestyle, and followers of Buddhism.

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Over 1,700 alphabetically-arranged entries cover the beliefs, practices, significant movements, organizations, and personalities associated with Zen Buddhism.

Buddhist parables for children.

Therefore we know that, unawakened, even Buddha is a sentient being, and that even a sentient being, if he is awakened in an instant of thought, is a Buddha."

-Hui Neng A Gift of Awakening is part of an inspirational series that delivers greater understanding, harmony, and enlightenment for all who journey through life. Each volume of the series, which also includes A Gift of Happiness and A Gift of Inner Peace, combines author Gill Farrer-Halls's Buddhist-focused concepts with British artist Robert Beer's exquisite color illustrations inspired by the natural world. Book jackets boast an eye-catching translucent cover with metallic inks. A Gift of Awakening opens the doors of enlightenment to all, overcoming the thought that this higher state of awareness is only accessible to those who sacrifice everything to find it. All who are willing to open their minds, this book explains, are free to pursue and achieve this awakening. This collection of inspirational thoughts, quotations, and guidance can be the beginning of a very personal journey.

A celebration of Buddha in art, brings together centuries of beautiful sculpture and painting from the East, including bronzes, paintings, embroidered silk

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hangings, and rock carvings.

These fun, retro guides provide commonsense advice and practical solutions to promote healthy and efficient maintenance of oneself and one's surroundings. Vintage artwork, including photos, posters, and cartoons, complement a wealth of remarkably effective old-fashioned hints and tips. Time-tested, back-to-basics skills such as creating a healthy and productive garden, removing tough laundry stains, choosing the best seasonal produce, and mixing up home remedies for common health ailments are explained and illustrated.

Why the "life story" of the Dalai Lama? It is a story of one man taking on an empire, calling for truth, peace, and justice for his Tibetan people. Here, in full color for the first time, people can come to know the whole drama of his lifelong struggle. Since the age of 15, the Dalai Lama has defended his people against one of the last great empires, the People's Republic of China. Under its "dictatorship of the proletariat," China began to invade Tibet in 1950, decimating and then continually oppressing its people. Since colonialism cannot be practiced in our era of self-determined nations, China always maintains that the Tibetans are a type of Chinese, using propaganda and military power to crush Tibet's unique culture and identity. Yet the Dalai Lama resists by using only the weapon of truth--along with resolute nonviolence--even worrying some of his own people

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by seeking dialogue and reconciliation based on his more realistic vision. The great 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet has become the first global Dalai Lama, a prominent transnational leader of all who want to make the dramatic changes actually necessary for life on earth to thrive for centuries to come. Considered the incarnation of the Buddhist savior Chenrezig or Avalokiteshvara--archangel of universal compassion--he is believed to appear in many forms, at many different times, whenever and wherever beings suffer. Representing the plight of his beloved Tibetan people to the world, he has also engaged with all people who suffer oppression and injustice, as recognized in 1989 by his being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Most importantly, the Dalai Lama walks his talk throughout these pages, as he has throughout his life, and he radiates a powerful hope that we can and will prevail. Man of Peace presents the inside story of his amazing life and vision, in the high tension of the military occupation of Tibet and the ongoing genocide of its people--a moving work of political and historical nonfiction brought to life in the graphic novel form--here for all to see.

Hinduism is perhaps the world's oldest major religion. This comprehensive book explores its rich historical and cultural development, from its Indian roots to its vibrant application in the present, global context. The first section examines the origins of Hinduism, exploring the holy texts and their teachings about the self,

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the law of karma, and the cycle of birth and death. The second part focuses on spiritual practices - the four main paths and the many Hindu deities. The final section analyses Hindu society, culture and arts. This accessible book provides the perfect reference for anyone wishing to explore the compelling faith and culture that is Hinduism.

A detailed introduction to Buddhist philosophy and teachings, history, and Buddhism around the world today.

Reflects the current state of scholarship in Buddhist Studies, its entries being written by specialists in many areas, presenting an accurate overview of Buddhist history, thought and practices, most entries having cross-referencing to others and bibliographical references. Contain around 1000 pages and 500,000 words, totalling around 1200 entries.

Lists more than one thousand Buddhist centers and retreats in the U.S. and Canada, and describes the philosophy and facilities at each institution

In nearly 1500 entries, many of them strikingly and often surprisingly illustrated, J. C. Cooper has documented the history and evolution of symbols from prehistory to our own day. With over 200 illustrations and lively, informative and often ironic texts, she discusses and explains an enormous variety of symbols extending from the Arctic to Dahomey, from the Iroquois to Oceania, and coming from systems as diverse as Tao,

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Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Tantra, the cult of Cybele and the Great Goddess, the Pre-Columbian religions of the Western Hemisphere and the Voodoo cults of Brazil and West Africa.

Provides background information on Buddha and the Four Noble Truths, and describes meditation and Buddhist principles of the Theraveda, Zen, and Tibetan traditions.

From the teachings of the early masters to the growth of the tradition in the West, this authoritative new reference tool contains over 900 entries supplying information on all the key doctrines, practices, and figures central to Buddhism.

In this fascinating study, Dargyab Rinpoche not only explains the nine best-known groups of Tibetan Buddhist symbols but also shows how they serve as bridges between our inner and outer worlds. As such, they can be used to point the way to ultimate reality and to transmit a reservoir of deep knowledge formed over thousands of years. Inside that bottle of essential oil lies the key to beauty, health, and wellbeing-and this comprehensive illustrated reference contains the information needed to work aromatherapy's magic. It includes a directory of essential oils plus recipes for creams and lotions; remedies to overcome negative emotions; first aid therapies; and techniques to enhance meditation and massages.

An extraordinary encyclopedia of Buddhist icons. Illustrating the Rin 'byung brgya rtsa, the Nar thang brgya rtsa, and the Vajravali, the book is based on a collection of over five hundred images of Tibetan deities. The images, presented in the book at full scale,

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were originally created by a master artist in the early nineteenth century to serve as initiation cards (tsakli). The original tsakli were woodblock prints, hand colored at the request of a Ch'ing Dynasty nobleman who had received the initiations. Such cards are used in ceremonies to introduce the practitioner to the deity and his or her practice. The paintings are housed in the Ethnographic Museum of the University of Zurich. Deities of Tibetan Buddhism is also an indispensable reference tool for Tibetologists, students of Mahayana Buddhism, and museum curators. Its extensive supplementary materials include English translations of the basic invocation texts; the associated visualization with descriptions of the deities' postures, attributes, and colors; and the dharanis and mantras used in their invocation. Co-editor Martin Willson spent more than a decade translating and documenting this work. He has provided detailed explanations of technical terms, enlightening explanatory notes, and glossaries documenting the discrepancies in the depictions. The extensive pictorial index, featuring drawings and text by Robert Beer, explains the symbolic meaning behind the deities' implements and adornments. The cross-referenced indices for Tibetan, Sanskrit, Mongolian, and English names and terms provide quick access to vast amounts of information. Co-editor Martin Brauen and the technical staff of the Ethnographic Museum of the University of Zurich have documented the relationship between this and other sets of initiation cards that exist elsewhere, as well as detailing the construction materials and methods involved in producing this set. Deities of Tibetan Buddhism is a reference book

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without peer, essential for any serious student of Tibetan and East Asian art and religion.

An ultimate sourcebook to the symbolic language of Tibetan art. Hundreds of author Robert Beer's own exquisite line drawings depict major Tibetan symbols and motifs--landscapes, deities, animals, plants, gurus, mudras (ritual hand gestures), dragons and other mythic creatures--ranging from complex mythological scenes to small, simple ornaments. Line art throughout.

Edited by Jonathan A. Silk Leiden University, Editor-in-Chief. Editors: Richard Bowring, University of Cambridge , Vincent Eltschinger, EPHE, Paris, and Michael Radich, Heidelberg University There is no Buddhism without Buddhists, without monks and poets and philosophers, just as there is no Buddhism without the Buddha and the hosts of figures who populate the Buddhist Universe. This second volume of Brill's Encyclopedia of Buddhism, devoted to Lives, offers a wide array of entries devoted both to the Buddhist pantheon and to historical Buddhists from throughout Asia in the pre-modern period. Following on the 2015 publication of Volume I, dedicated primarily to Buddhist literature, this volume offers in its first section entries on Buddhas, bodhisattvas, deities and other transhistorical and translocal figures, while the second section presents accounts of historical or semi-historical individuals, organized by geographic region.

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This is the extended and annotated edition including * an extensive annotation of more than 10.000 words about the history and basics of Buddhism, written by Thomas William Rhys Davids * an interactive table-of-contents * perfect formatting for electronic reading devices

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According to tradition, Menander embraced the Buddhist faith, as described in the Milinda Panha, a classical Pali Buddhist text on the discussions between Milinda and the Buddhist sage N?gasena. He is described as constantly accompanied by a guard of 500 Greek ("Yonaka") soldiers, and two of his counsellors are named Demetrius and Antiochus. This type of discussion was known to ancient Greeks as a "sozo", it is important for Buddhists to understand the cultural context in which this discussion was held. (from wikipedia.com)

Robert Baker Aitken's correspondence with Buddhist sympathizers and solo practitioners reveals a significant, little-understood aspect of American Buddhism. Love, R?shi explores the relationship between Robert Baker Aitken (1917–2010), American Zen teacher and author, and his distant correspondents, individuals drawn to Zen teachings and practice through books. Aitken, founder of the Honolulu Diamond Sangha, promoted Zen to a wide audience in works such as Taking the Path of Zen and The Mind of Clover. Aitken's twentieth-century American Zen valued social justice and was compatible with work and family life. Helen J. Baroni makes use of Aitken's extensive correspondence preserved in an archive at the University of Hawai'i to provide a window to view the beliefs and practices of the least-studied—and a difficult to study—segment of the Western Buddhist community, Buddhist sympathizers and solo practitioners. The book looks at the concerns of these correspondents, which included questions on meditation, dealing with isolation as a Buddhist, finding teachers and disillusion with teachers, and being a Buddhist in prison, among a myriad of other matters. The writers' letters reveal much about their notion of Zen and their image of a "Zen master." Coverage of Aitken's responses provides insight into the accommodation of solo practitioners and into the development of a particular strain of American Buddhism.

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Written in English by a Japanese scholar in 1906, ""The Book of Tea"" is an elegant attempt to explain the philosophy of the Japanese Tea Ceremony, with its Taoist and Zen Buddhist roots, to a Western audience in clear and simple terms. One of the most widely-read English works about Japan, it had a profound influence on western undertsanding of East Asian tradition.

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