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Spiritual biography meets edge-of-your-seat undercover reporting: how an American Buddhist smuggled out hard evidence of abuse and torture in Tibet. For nearly a decade, Matteo Pistono smuggled out of Tibet evidence of atrocities by the Chinese government, showing it to the U.S. government, human rights organizations, and anyone who would listen. Yet Pistono did not originally intend to fight for social justice in Tibet—he had gone there as a Buddhist pilgrim. Disillusioned by a career in American politics, he had gone to the Himalayas looking for a simpler way of life. After encountering Buddhism in Nepal, Pistono's quest led him to Tibet and to a meditation master whose spiritual brother is Sogyal Rinpoche, bestselling author of *The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying*. Pistono not only became the master's student but also couriered messages to him in Tibet from the Dalai Lama in India. This began an extraordinary, and ultimately vital, adventure. *In the Shadow of the Buddha* is a book about Tibet through the eyes of a devotee—a stranger hiding in plain sight. It's about how a culture's rich spiritual past is slipping away against the force of a tyrannical future. It's about how Tibetans live today, and the tenacity of their faith in the future in spite of dire repression and abuse. It's also about Pistono's own journey from being a frustrated political activist to becoming a practicing Buddhist mystic, a man who traveled thousands of miles and risked his own life to pursue freedom and peace. Watch a Video 'Brilliant and riveting. This book shows us that freedom is a choice we can all make' Gelong Thubten, author of *A Monk's Guide to Happiness* 'A fascinating story of an incredible life, told with unflinching honesty' Dr John Sellars author of *Lessons in Stoicism*

Lama Yeshe didn't see a car until he was fifteen years old. In his quiet village, he and other children ran through fields with yaks and mastiffs. The rhythm of life was anchored by the pastoral cycles. The arrival of Chinese army cars in 1959 changed everything. In the wake of the deadly Tibetan Uprising, he escaped to India through the Himalayas as a refugee. One of only 13 survivors out of 300 travellers, he spent the next few years in America, experiencing the excesses of the Woodstock generation before reforming in Europe. Now in his seventies and a leading monk at the Samye Ling monastery in Scotland - the first Buddhist centre in the West - Lama Yeshe casts a hopeful look back at his momentous life. From his learnings on self-compassion and discipline to his trials and tribulations with loss and failure, his poignant story mirrors our own struggles. Written with erudition and humour, *From a Mountain in Tibet* shines a light on how the most desperate of situations can help us to uncover vital life lessons and attain lasting peace and contentment. A renowned meditation master retells the stories and realization songs of Tibet's best-known and most-beloved religious figure—and reveals how they relate to our everyday lives He went from being the worst kind of malevolent sorcerer to a devoted and ascetic Buddhist practitioner to a completely enlightened being all in a single lifetime . . . The story of Milarepa (1040–1123) is a tale of such extreme and powerful transformation that it might be thought not to have much direct application to our own less dramatic lives—but Chögyam Trungpa shows otherwise. This collection of his teachings on the life and songs of the great Tibetan Buddhist poet-saint reveals how Milarepa's difficulties can be a source of guidance and inspiration for anyone. His struggles, his awakening, and the teachings from his remarkable songs provide precious wisdom for all us practitioners and show what devoted and diligent practice can achieve. The history of the book in Tibet involves more than literary trends and trade routes. Functioning as material, intellectual, and symbolic object, the book has been an instrumental tool in the construction of Tibetan power and authority, and its history opens a crucial window onto the cultural, intellectual, and economic life of an immensely influential Buddhist society. Spanning the fourteenth to the eighteenth centuries, Kurtis R. Schaeffer envisions the scholars and hermits, madmen and ministers, kings and queens who produced Tibet's massive canons. He describes how Tibetan scholars edited and printed works of religion, literature, art, and science and what this indicates about the interrelation of material and cultural practices. The Tibetan book is at once the embodiment of the Buddha's voice, a principal means of education, a source of tradition and authority, an economic product, a finely crafted aesthetic object, a medium of Buddhist written culture, and a symbol of the religion itself. Books stood at the center of debates on the role of libraries in religious institutions, the relative merits of oral and written teachings, and the economy of religion in Tibet. A meticulous study that draws on more than 150 understudied Tibetan sources, *The Culture of the Book in Tibet* is the first volume to trace this singular history. Through a single object, Schaeffer accesses a

greater understanding of the cultural and social history of the Tibetan plateau. Chogyam Trungpa was identified at the age of thirteen months as an important tulka or reincarnation of an enlightened teacher. Born in Tibet offers a rare glimpse into the life of a Tibetan tulku -- his education and early life in a Tibetan monastery, his duties as the abbot and spiritual head of a great monastery, and his intimate and moving relationships with his teachers. The memoir concludes with Trungpa's daring escape from Tibet to India. In an epilogue he describes his emigration to the West, where he encountered many people who were eager to learn the ancient wisdom of Tibetan Buddhism. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved. In *Power Objects in Tibetan Buddhism: The Life, Writings, and Legacy of Sokdokpa Lodrö Gyeltsen*, James Duncan Gentry explores how objects of power figure in Tibetan Buddhist societies through a study of the life of Sokdokpa Lodrö Gyeltsen (1552–1624). This book provides a clear and comprehensive introduction to Tibet, its culture and history. A clear and comprehensive overview of Tibet, its culture and history. Responds to current interest in Tibet due to continuing publicity about Chinese rule and growing interest in Tibetan Buddhism. Explains recent events within the context of Tibetan history. Situates Tibet in relation to other Asian civilizations through the ages. Draws on the most recent scholarly and archaeological research. Introduces Tibetan culture – particularly social institutions, religious and political traditions, the arts and medical lore. An epilogue considers the fragile position of Tibetan civilization in the modern world. Chögyam Trungpa—meditation master, scholar, and artist—was identified at the age of only thirteen months as a major tulku, or reincarnation of an enlightened teacher. As the eleventh in the teaching lineage known as the Trungpa tulkus, he underwent a period of intensive training in meditation, philosophy, and fine arts, receiving full ordination as a monk in 1958 at the age of eighteen. The following year, the Chinese Communists invaded Tibet, and the young Trungpa spent many harrowing months trekking over the Himalayas, narrowly escaping capture. Trungpa's account of his experiences as a young monk, his duties as the abbot and spiritual head of a great monastery, and his moving relationships with his teachers offers a rare and intimate glimpse into the life of a Tibetan lama. The memoir concludes with his daring escape from Tibet to India. In an epilogue, he describes his emigration to the West, where he encountered many people eager to learn about the ancient wisdom of Tibetan Buddhism. Originally published in 1906, *Four Years In Tibet* follows the travels of Ahmad Shah through Tibet and Ladakh. A Christian missionary, Shah investigates claims made in the book "The Unknown Life of Jesus Christ" by Nikolai Notovich, which made claims that there is a lost gospel of Jesus' life in India and Tibet. Aside from his investigation into Notovich's claims, Shah makes observations of the Tibetan culture of the time. Written more than a century ago, Shah provides an interesting look at life in Tibet, including its inhabitants, religion, burial customs, and marriage among other topics. Due to its age, the language used is occasionally dated. Excerpt from first chapter: "It was on the 20th of March 1894, a friend with whom I was staying at Bandar received a telegram from Ajmer to say that Mr. Andrews of America and Pandita Rama Bai wanted to see him at Agra the next day. It was already nine o'clock at night and there were only two hours before the train was to start. I determined to accompany my friend. We hastily packed for the journey, started at once and reached Jhansi the next morning where we changed for Agra. Unfortunately it was the season for some great Kind pilgrimage and the trains were crammed from roof to-floor with passengers who were hastening on. We were to travel second class, but on that day there were no second class carriages provided, so we entered a first which was almost empty-there being in it only one gentleman who was engaged in perusing the columns of the great Indian daily the "Pioneer." An interesting story of a European cremation was going the round of the papers at that time. A civilian of note in Meerut had willed to-be cremated instead of being, buried, and the ceremony, which had been performed, created a great sensation. A cremation is a very common thing in India. Every Hindu is cremated'. But for a European to be cremated on Indian soil is a rare event. Of course in France or in England no one would be startled by such a method of disposing of the dead; in those countries in fact we read of Christian, cremation as a Christian-rite. Both, of us were interested in the story and the Parsee gentleman having offered the paper to us, I read it through and then cast a glance over the advertisement column. My eye was attracted by the words: " WANTED, a medical man of experience." I was out of employment, but as my wife had just recovered from a long illness and was still at Banda for a change, I was not just then prepared to accept a post. But some how or other I thought it worthwhile just to try for it. I therefore, drafted an application while the train was in motion. I posted it at once, to see what would come of it. I thought there would be sufficient time to consider the matter before I received the reply." In 2002 Xinran's *Good Women of China* became an international bestseller, revealing startling new truths about Chinese life to the West. Now she returns with an epic story of love, friendship, courage and sacrifice set in Chinese-occupied Tibet. Based on a true story, Xinran's extraordinary second book takes the reader right to the hidden heart of one of the world's most mysterious and inaccessible countries. In March 1958, Shu Wen learns that her husband, an idealistic army doctor, has died while serving in Tibet. Determined to find out what happened to him, she courageously sets off to join his regiment. But to her horror, instead of finding a Tibetan people happily welcoming their Chinese "liberators" as she expected, she walks into a bloody conflict, with the Chinese subject to terrifying attacks from Tibetan guerrillas. It seems that her husband may have died as a result of this clash of cultures, this disastrous misunderstanding. But before she can know his fate, she is taken hostage and embarks on a life-changing journey through the Tibetan countryside — a journey that will last twenty years and lead her to a deep appreciation of Tibet in all its beauty and brutality. Sadly, when she finally discovers the truth about her husband, she must carry her knowledge back to a China that, in her absence, has experienced the Cultural Revolution and changed beyond recognition. . . This book offers a collection of magnificent photographs depicting Tibet -- its breathtaking landscape, the grandeur and sanctity of its monasteries, and the lives of the people engaged in different economic activities -- interwoven with lucidly written short explanatory texts on Buddhist ideals and the Tibetans treading on the path of Buddhism. The book consists of two sections -- the first a collection of the teachings of His Holiness the fourteenth Dalai Lama which reflects on the happiness of the human mind and the spiritual uplift of mankind. The second elaborates on the way of life in Tibet, throwing light on

economic and social aspects, particularly the part played by religion. 25th Anniversary Edition Over 3 Million Copies Sold 'I couldn't give this book a higher recommendation' BILLY CONNOLLY Written by the Buddhist meditation master and popular international speaker Sogyal Rinpoche, this highly acclaimed book clarifies the majestic vision of life and death that underlies the Tibetan Buddhist tradition. It includes not only a lucid, inspiring and complete introduction to the practice of meditation, but also advice on how to care for the dying with love and compassion, and how to bring them help of a spiritual kind. But there is much more besides in this classic work, which was written to inspire all who read it to begin the journey to enlightenment and so become 'servants of peace'. The state of Tibetan culture within contemporary China is a highly politicized topic on which reliable information is rare. But what is Tibetan culture and how should it be developed or preserved? The Chinese authorities and the Tibetans in exile present conflicting views on almost every aspect of Tibetan cultural life. Ashild Kolas and Monika Thowsen have gathered an astounding array of data to quantify Tibetan cultural activities--involving Tibetan language, literature, visual arts, museums, performing arts, festivals, and religion. Their study is based on fieldwork and interviews conducted in the ethnic Tibetan areas surrounding the Tibetan Autonomous Region--parts of the Chinese provinces of Sichuan, Gansu, Yunnan, and Qinghai. Aware of the ambiguous nature of information collected in restricted circumstances, they make every effort to present a complete and unbiased picture of Tibetan communities living on China's western frontiers. Kolas and Thowsen investigate the present conditions of Tibetan cultural life and cultural expression, providing a wealth of detailed information on topics such as the number of restored monasteries and nunneries and the number of monks, nuns, and tulkus (reincarnated lamas) affiliated with them; sources of funding for monastic reconstruction and financial support of clerics; types of religious ceremonies being practiced; the content of monastic and secular education; school attendance; educational curriculum and funding; the role of language in Tibetan schools; and Tibetan news and cultural media. On the Margins of Tibet will be of interest to historians and social scientists studying modern China and Tibetan culture, and to the many others concerned about Tibet's place in the world. Defiance against Chinese oppression has been a defining characteristic of Tibetan life for more than four decades, symbolized most visibly by the much revered Dalai Lama. But the story of Tibetan resistance weaves a far richer tapestry than anyone might have imagined. Kenneth Conboy and James Morrison reveal how America's Central Intelligence Agency encouraged Tibet's revolt against China-and eventually came to control its fledgling resistance movement. While the CIA's presence in Tibet has been alluded to in other works, the authors provide the first comprehensive, as well as most compelling account of this little known agency enterprise. The CIA's Secret War in Tibet takes readers from training camps in the Colorado Rockies to the scene of clandestine operations in the Himalayas, chronicling the agency's help in securing the Dalai Lama's safe passage to India and subsequent initiation of one of the most remote covert campaigns of the Cold War. Establishing a rebel army in the northern Nepali kingdom of Mustang and a para-commando force in India designed to operate behind Chinese lines, Conboy and Morrison provide previously unreported details about secret missions undertaken in extraordinarily harsh conditions. Their book greatly expands on previous memoirs by CIA officials by putting virtually every major agency participant on record with details of clandestine operations. It also calls as witnesses the people who managed and fought in the program-including Tibetan and Nepalese agents, Indian intelligence officers, and even mission aircrews. Conboy and Morrison take pains to tell the story from all perspectives, particularly that of the former Tibetan guerrillas, many of whom have gone on record here for the first time. The authors also tell how Tibet led America and India to become secret partners over the course of several presidential administrations and cite dozens of Indian and Tibetan intelligence documents directly related to these covert operations. Ultimately, they are persuasive that the Himalayan operations were far more successful as a proving ground for CIA agents who were later reassigned to southeast Asia than as a staging ground for armed rebellion. As the movement for Tibetan liberation continues to attract international support, Tibet's status remains a contentious issue in both Washington and Beijing. This book takes readers inside a covert war fought with Tibetan blood and U.S. sponsorship and allows us to better understand the true nature of that controversy. The legendary exploits of a spiritual superhero, and Tibetan Buddhism's most renowned saint--in a full-color graphic novel. From avenging evil sorcerer to devoted Buddhist ascetic to enlightened being--the story of Milarepa's spectacular life is a powerful testimony to self-knowledge, transformation, and liberation. It is the year 1050, and Milarepa is seeking vengeance on unscrupulous relatives for mistreating his mother and sister. Trained in dark magic, he commands a rain of scorpions, snakes, and lizards to attack the villains. But when his teacher rebukes him for his odious deeds, Milarepa renounces witchcraft to seek mystical truth. He retreats to a cave where, after years of intense meditation, he acquires the power to shape-shift. But most importantly he achieves the greatest victory of all--mastery over himself. Few teachers in the West possess both the spiritual training and the scholarship to lead us along the path to enlightenment. Robert Thurman is one such teacher. Now, in his first experiential course on the essentials of Tibetan Buddhism, adapted and expanded from a popular retreat he led, Thurman -- the first Westerner ordained by His Holiness the Dalai Lama himself -- shares the centuries-old wisdom of a highly valued method used by the great Tibetan masters. Using a revered, once-secret text of a seventeenth-century Tibetan master, along with a thorough explanation for contemporary Westerners, The Jewel Tree of Tibet immerses you fully in the mysteries of Tibetan spiritual wisdom. A retreat in book form as well as a spiritual and philosophical teaching, it offers a practical system of understanding yourself and the world, of developing your learning and thought processes, and of gaining deep, transforming insight. Tibetans think of their cherished tradition of Buddhism as a "wish-fulfilling jewel tree" for its power to generate bliss and enlightenment within all who absorb its teachings. Happiness, in fact, is the true goal of Tibetan spirituality, and the wish-fulfilling jewel tree will put you on the road to that reachable goal. This beautiful jewel-tree imagery, which acts like a mandala or a yoga pose to focus your attention on truths larger than yourself, will help you break through worn-out ideas and habits, strengthen positive abilities, develop more energy and creativity, and change your life -- and future -- for the better. As Thurman writes, "Readers learn to cultivate the

sensitivity and appreciation to love more fully, feel compassion more intensely, and become a fountain of cheerfulness for all they meet and know." Because the path to enlightenment requires more than sitting in meditation, The Jewel Tree of Tibet offers a rich, intellectually riveting course with many specific spiritual practices, including: eleven steps to create the spirit of enlightenment, here and now; the truths and stories of the ancient Indian and Tibetan sages; and guided meditations to experience the blessings of the wish-fulfilling jewel tree. You can do these practices with others or on your own, while living your daily life. And as you travel this road to deeper self-realization, self-understanding, and infectious happiness, you will also learn how the principles of Tibetan Tantra can open the doors to "infinite compassion and continuity," and how to discover states of consciousness that transcend even death. One of the most explicit teachings of the steps to the path of enlightenment available, explained by a skilled Western teacher, The Jewel Tree of Tibet will enable you to honor the full subtlety and hidden depths of the Tibetan Buddhist path and realize at last its deeper mysteries and rewards -- for yourself and others. Geshe Michael Roach and Christie McNally have explored together the ancient cities, rare manuscripts, and oral traditions of India and Tibet which bear witness to teachings of Thomas - the disciple that Jesus sent to the east. The Eastern Path to Heaven presents the great ideas that came to those lands through Thomas, and describes how we can use authentic Christian teachings of ancient Asia to achieve six goals of life: physical health; financial security; love; happiness; freedom from aging and death; and fulfillment in the service of others. Brief, accessible, chapters each open with a quotation by Jesus from the New Testament that speaks to achieving the six goals according to the wisdom of the Eastern side of the Christian family. Brief historical summaries show how the teachings of Jesus entered India with Thomas, traveling along the routes pioneered by Alexander the Great, and then reached Tibet. These sketches utilize information from Syrian, Coptic, Greek, Tibetan, and Sanskrit manuscripts, often translated by the authors for the first time. These are some of the people I have met in my journeys to Tibet and nearby areas in Asia. The purpose of this book is very simple. It is to connect the person viewing this book to the people of Tibet; from the beggars who came to our camps of foreigners looking for food or a little money, to highly realized Buddhist Lamas. It is to put a human face on Tibet and the issues concerning the Tibetan people. The gaze of most of these people into the camera is direct and unflinching. The eyes communicate to me the pride they have in being Tibetan and in their culture and religion. They communicate strength to me: physical, spiritual, and cultural. I am hoping that someone picking up this book is either informed about the history of Tibet since 1949, or will be motivated by the book to become more informed about that history and the current situation in Tibet as well as ethnically Tibetan areas. I won't make any political statements myself because I want to eliminate even the possibility of repercussions on any of the people shown because of what I may have said. This is also why I won't give very many names. A few words about where the photos were taken. The largest number of them were taken at Katog Mardo Tashi Choling, a Buddhist monastery in what was historically the Golok area of Amdo Province of Tibet. It is now part of Qinghai Province of China. I spent 2 months at the monastery in the summer of 2007. The abbot of the monastery is Khentrul Lodro Thaye Rinpoche, who is of the Katog lineage of the Nyingma school of Tibetan Buddhism. He is now a citizen of the United States and I have been a student of his teaching of the Buddhist Dharma since 2004. His website is: <https://katogcholing.com/> At the peak, there were over 80 of Khentrul Rinpoches Western students at his monastery. The main reason I went there was that H. H. Katog Moktsa Rinpoche was going to be giving 5 days of empowerments in August. An empowerment is a ritual in Vajrayana Buddhism which initiates a student into a particular deity practice. Moktsa Rinpoche is one of the five golden throne holders of the Nyingma Katog lineage and is revered as "the Father of Katog Lineage". He is the abbot of Katog monastery in the Kham area of Tibet, (now part of Sichuan Province of China) the mother monastery of Katog Mardo Tashi Choling. Its easy to find out a lot more information about both Rinpoches online so I won't give any more information. Tibetan monks and nuns and lay people also journeyed to see him. I and around 10 other Americans arrived about 5 weeks earlier than the majority of the students and helped arrange things for their arrival and helped teach English in the monastery school. Rinpoche is an honorific term used in Tibetan Buddhism. It literally means "precious one," and is used to address or describe Tibetan lamas and other high-ranking or respected teachers. This honor is generally bestowed on reincarnated lamas, or Tulkus, by default. In other cases it is earned over time, and often bestowed spontaneously by the teacher's students. A few photos were taken in 2005 when I journeyed to Tibet to do a pilgrimage, or circumambulation, around Mt. Kailash in western Tibet. We started in Lhasa and drove to Mt. Kailash, visiting the cities of Gyantse and Shigatse along the way. Mt. Kailash is the holiest mountain in Tibet to Tibetan Buddhists and also to Hindus. Hindus consider it to be the home of Shiva, and Tibetan Buddhists believe it is the home of the deity Chakrasamvara. The Bon religion, which predates Buddhism in Tibet, believes it is the seat of all spiritual power. It is also significant in Jainism. There is a pilgrimage route of 32 miles around the mountain. At the time you could drive about a third of the 32 miles, and the rest had to be walked. It is considered more beneficial and meritorious to walk the entire way. The highest point Dr. Albert Shelton was a medical missionary and explorer who spent nearly twenty years in the Tibetan borderlands at the start of the last century. During the Great Game era, the Sheltons' sprawling station in Kham was the most remote and dangerous mission on earth. Raising his family in a land of banditry and civil war, caught between a weak Chinese government and the British Raj, Shelton proved to be a resourceful frontiersman. One of the West's first interpreters of Tibetan culture, during the course of his work in Tibet, he was praised by the Western press as a family man, revered doctor, respected diplomat, and fearless adventurer. To the American public, Dr. Albert Shelton was Daniel Boone, Wyatt Earp, and the apostle Paul on a new frontier. Driven by his goal of setting up a medical mission within Lhasa, the seat of the Dalai Lama and a city off-limits to Westerners for hundreds of years, Shelton acted as a valued go-between for the Tibetans and Chinese. Recognizing his work, the Dalai Lama issued Shelton an invitation to Lhasa. Tragically, while finalizing his entry, Shelton was shot to death on a remote mountain trail in the Himalayas. Set against the exciting history of early twentieth century Tibet and China, Pioneer in Tibet offers a window into the life of a dying breed of adventurer. Sequel to: SEVEN YEARS IN

TIBET, which described the author's experiences in Tibet from 1944 to 1951. Here the author returns to Tibet and describes the life of present day Tibetans under Chinese rule. Charlie Carroll's obsession began with his chance discovery of *Seven Years in Tibet* in the "Adult Reading" section of his grade school library. The battered hardcover with faded gold lettering sparked a twenty-year obsession with Tibet, and after combing through every book, article, and documentary on the mysterious and controversial nation, Charlie finally decided it was time to stop reading other people's records and thoughts. A high school English teacher by then, he took a sabbatical and set out to experience the shrouded land for himself. Contending with Chinese bureaucracy, unforgiving terrain, and sickness-inducing altitude, Charlie sought entrance to twenty-first-century Tibet in all its heart-stopping beauty. The same year Charlie was browsing library shelves, Tibetan-born Lobsang was crossing the Himalayas on foot, enduring to flee the volatile region with his family at the young age of five. An exile in Nepal with an ear for languages, then a university student in India, he followed the love of his life back to their home country, only to be separated by China's harsh political backlash. In a teahouse at the border between China and Tibet, Lobsang met Charlie and recounted his extraordinary life story, exemplifying the hardship, resilience, and hope of modern Tibetan life. The author explains how he became aware of the Chinese suppression of Tibet, and documents the destruction of Tibetan temples and the Chinese use of torture, coerced abortions, and sterilization of Tibetan women. Whereas Western society views death as the last taboo, the Tibetan tradition incorporates meditation on death into everyday life. Tibetan Buddhists believe that a conscious awareness of one's own impermanence allows a person to live a happy, fulfilled life. Over the centuries, the Tibetans have developed a wide-ranging literature on death, including inspirational poetry and prose, prayers, and practical works on caring for the dying. This fascinating book presents nine short Tibetan texts. Important writings by the Second, Seventh, and Thirteenth Dalai Lamas and by Karma Lingpa, author of *The Tibetan Book of the Dead*, are included. It covers topics such as meditation techniques to prepare for death, inspirational accounts of the deaths of saints and yogis, and methods for training the mind in the transference of consciousness at the time of death. This book examines the life of an aristocrat official of the traditional precapitalist Tibetan state. The author analyzes his education, civil service career, and political intrigues as well as the fall of the state and the complex social and psychological aspects of occupation and exile. The present book is an attempt to speak about the life of the Tibetan people in their own homes. The contents are left on the author's first-hand knowledge of Tibetan life during a residence of nearly twenty years from a conversation with his Tibetan acquaintances in their own language not through interpreters. In order to keep this volume within moderate limits, he had to exclude from it many aspects of Tibetan life. Shut-off from the outer world by their immense mountain barriers Tibet still presented a virgin field of enquiry. There has been little change in the inner life of the people during the last thousand years. As the area is very large and the intercourse of one part with another is restricted, the manners and customs vary in different districts and provinces. An account of an Austrian mountain climber's escape from a British internment camp in India during World War Two and his twenty-one-month journey through the Himalayas to safety in the Forbidden City of Lhasa in Tibet. Short stories that reflect the complexities of contemporary Tibetan life, written by Tibetan filmmaker Pema Tsenden. *Enticement* marks the English-language debut of prominent Tibetan writer and filmmaker Pema Tsenden. This collection gathers together his most relevant and influential short stories, including "Tharlo," which he adapted into an award-winning and internationally acclaimed film in 2015. Written originally in the Chinese and Tibetan languages, these stories make use of a variety of literary styles and sources, ranging from traditional Tibetan oral tales to magical realism, surrealism, and the theater of the absurd. They humanize the Tibetan experience by stepping away from patronizing, mystic, or idealized visions of Tibet to speak with empathy and humor about the real challenges faced by Tibetans in the age of globalization. Advance Praise for *Enticement* "Pema Tsenden is known internationally as an award-winning filmmaker, the elegant and contemplative pioneering auteur of new Tibetan cinema. Western audiences may not, however, be aware that he began his career as a critically acclaimed writer of short stories. Patricia Schiaffini-Vedani and Michael Monhart have, for the first time, shared with the English reader a comprehensive anthology of both his Chinese and Tibetan stories. The stories in this collection reflect Pema Tsenden's characteristically observant, unhurried, and humanistic take on the violent social changes faced by Tibetans living at the edge of China's economic transformation. Schiaffini-Vedani and Monhart's translations are rich and faithful to the original texts. They must be commended for providing us with a valuable new source on cultural life in contemporary Tibet." — Tsering Shakya, author of *The Dragon in the Land of Snows: A History of Modern Tibet Since 1947* "Pema Tsenden is the singularly most influential Tibetan filmmaker on the international scene. With this skillfully translated collection of short stories, *Enticement*, readers can now also appreciate his written works, including the renowned 'Tharlo.' In literary long shots, the author transforms grasslands, snowy expanses, and county seats into mindscapes with a curious and chilly brilliance until they are rendered translucent. Elsewhere, he racks focus with wry humor from quirky details to complex social realities, finding possibility in fantasy, chance meetings, and even mistranslation. Interspersed with the winsome and arboreal artwork of Wu Yao and with the orientation of an insightful introduction and preface, these contemporary tales beckon readers with all the promise of the title-story towards the liminal, where cultural and temporal displacement may point to new meanings." — Lauran R. Hartley, Columbia University "Pema Tsenden, a distinguished writer and filmmaker, is an important leader among Tibetan intellectuals. He sees Tibet as more than a land of startling natural beauty, of profound religious heritage, and of galling colonization by the Communist Party of China—correct though those views are. For him, Tibetan culture lives not only in Tibet proper, but across Qinghai, Sichuan, and Gansu as well, and Tibetan people are not mystical Others but ordinary human beings (flawed, as we all are) who struggle to adapt their inherited lives to the modern world (as people everywhere, now or recently, have done). By looking beyond clichéd concepts to examine actual lives, Pema Tsenden's work enriches Tibetan culture and shows a new face for it." — Perry Link, author of *An Anatomy of Chinese: Rhythm, Metaphor, Politics* "For the first time in the Anglophone world, we have an extraordinary translation of short stories by the celebrated Tibetan

filmmaker and writer Pema Tseden, originally written in Tibetan and Mandarin Chinese. While he wrote his stories in Tibetan for his Tibetan readers, in Mandarin Chinese for Chinese readers, the translators have brought both sets of stories together in one volume to allow readers to compare and contrast how he writes for different audiences. These stories, told in beguilingly simple and direct prose, are powerful vignettes of Tibetan life, as powerful as his deeply evocative films, filled not only with despair and loss but also beauty and longing. These elegant stories are almost more powerful in what they do not say than in what they do say. I recommend *Enticement* to everyone.” — Shu-mei Shih, author of *Visuality and Identity: Sinophone Articulations across the Pacific* “The blinding sun, wind storms, wolves, and death are at work in these vital and unforgettable stories. Equally, the social forces of surveillance, bureaucracy, information, misinformation, and romance propel the narratives, which encompass the ordinary and the truly strange. The collection is invaluable for offering an all too rare ‘Tibetan view of Tibet,’ revealing unexpected and disorienting perspectives on Buddhism and on Tibetans’ engagements with the Chinese state. The characters we get to know are police officers, herders, artists, children, lamas, and lovers. They are all painfully and vividly alive, their every move and impulse represented with startlingly detailed observation. Readers will be richer in knowledge and imagination from spending time with these stories, so expertly translated that we feel we hear the author’s compassionate and yet relentlessly perceptive voice. One is left with an impression that is crystal clear and yet uncanny. It is difficult to say whether the strongest draw of the stories is humor or sorrow.” — Dominique Townsend, *Bard College*

In this vivid memoir that has sold millions of copies worldwide, Heinrich Harrer recounts his adventures as one of the first Europeans ever to enter Tibet. Harrer was traveling in India when the Second World War erupted. He was subsequently seized and imprisoned by British authorities. After several attempts, he escaped and crossed the rugged, frozen Himalayas, surviving by duping government officials and depending on the generosity of villagers for food and shelter. Harrer finally reached his ultimate destination—the Forbidden City of Lhasa—without money, or permission to be in Tibet. But Tibetan hospitality and his own curious appearance worked in Harrer's favor, allowing him unprecedented acceptance among the upper classes. His intelligence and European ways also intrigued the young Dalai Lama, and Harrer soon became His Holiness's tutor and trusted confidant. When the Chinese invaded Tibet in 1950, Harrer and the Dalai Lama fled the country together. This timeless story illuminates Eastern culture, as well as the childhood of His Holiness and the current plight of Tibetans. It is a must-read for lovers of travel, adventure, history, and culture. A motion picture, under the direction of Jean-Jacques Annaud, will feature Brad Pitt in the lead role of Heinrich Harrer. An amazing, often overlooked story of the man who brought Yoga and Tibetan culture to America. Theos Bernard’s colorful, enigmatic, and sometimes contradictory life captures an intersection of East and West that changed our world. After years of forcibly stopping foreigners at the borders, the leaders of Tibet opened the doors to their kingdom in 1937 for Theos Bernard. He was the third American to set foot in Tibet and the first American ever initiated into Tantric practices by the highest lama in Tibet. When Bernard left that sacred land, he was sent home with fifty mule loads of priceless, essential Buddhist scriptures from government and monastery vaults. Bernard brought these writings to America, where he achieved celebrity as a spiritual master. Appearing four times on the cover of the largest-circulation magazine of the day, befriending some of the most famous figures of his era, including Charles Lindbergh, Lowell Thomas, Ganna Walska, and W. Y. Evans-Wentz, and working with legendary editor Maxwell Perkins, the charismatic and controversial “White Lama” introduced a new vision of life and spiritual path to American culture before mysteriously disappearing in the Himalayas in 1947. Biography, travel and adventure, a history of Tibet’s opening to the West, and the story of Buddhism and Yoga’s arrival in America, *White Lama: The Life of Tantric Yogi Theos Bernard, Tibet’s Lost Emissary to the West* is the first work to tell his groundbreaking story in full and is a narrative that thrills from beginning to end. Includes 15 photographs shot in Tibet in 1937 by Theos Bernard, part of a collection that has been described as the best photographic record of Tibet in existence. Nicknamed “the roof of the world,” Tibet is best known for its snow-capped mountains and as the home of the Dalai Lama. In this title, readers will discover the distinct Tibetan culture, its peoples, religion, history, geography, and customs. Recipes for traditional dishes and colorful maps and photographs are included to bring to life the unique makeup of this autonomous region. The *Social Life of Tibetan Biography* outlines the growth of the Buddhist tradition of the Tibetan teacher Tokden Shakya Shri (1853–1919) through charting his biographical tradition and its influence on the development of his community. Tokden Shakya Shri’s tradition is an important exemplar of interpersonal exchange on the margins between East and South Asia, connections between text and social community, and the diversity of Tibetan Buddhist practice and institutional forms at the turn of the twentieth century. This full-color portrait of Tibetan life in exile displays the spirit of Tibetan refugees living in the beautiful mountain settings of northern India and shows how they have preserved the best of their unique culture and identity. Aided by their Buddhist faith, the Tibetan people have rebuilt productive lives for themselves, and today live in thriving communities with a strong sense of purpose: to preserve and maintain the ancient Buddhist tradition which forms the core of Tibetan culture. In this sense, these refugees have managed more than mere survival; they have created a Tibet in exile that is in many ways more truly Tibetan than their occupied homeland. These images portray skilled Tibetan artists creating paintings, statues, and woodcarvings, Tibetan doctors with their herbal remedies and pulse diagnoses, opera singers, young Tibetan children and lay people in their daily lives, monks and nuns engaging in study and practice, examples of Tibetan architecture, and majestic mountain scenes. One of the world's spiritual leaders and a renowned wilderness photographer combine their vision of Tibet in this stunningly beautiful book. Essays by the Fourteenth Dalai Lama appear with Galen Rowell's dramatic images in a moving presentation of the splendors of Tibet's revered but threatened heritage. When Chinese communist troops invaded Tibet in 1950, the author was fifteen years old and the spiritual and temporal ruler of a nation the size of western Europe. Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama of Tibet, appealed to the United Nations for help and then fled across the Himalaya in winter to a border town, where he anxiously awaited political aid that never came. Like the mythical kingdom of Shangri-

La, Tibet had sought isolation from the rest of the world. Diplomatic relations and foreign visitors had been shunned, and few people in the West knew what cultural and natural treasures lay threatened there. In the years that followed, the Dalai Lama struggled to maintain peace in Tibet and to protect his people's ways, but in 1959 he was forced to flee to India, where he remains today. There he has established a government in exile in Dharamsala that has endeavored to preserve Tibetan culture while preparing for a peaceful return to a free Tibet. As the Chinese cautiously opened select Tibetan doors to visitors in the 1980s, a sickening realization stole over the rest of the world: Tibet had been ravaged by the Chinese occupation. All but a dozen of Tibet's six thousand monasteries had been destroyed. Much of the once-bountiful wildlife had disappeared. A sixth of the population had perished. The picture seemed so bleak that many wondered whether there was anything worth saving in this wounded land. The Dalai Lama's heartening answer and Galen Rowell's magnificent photographs leave no doubt that the mystery and enchantment of Tibet, though seriously endangered, are still alive. To Tibetans the Dalai Lama is an incarnation of the Buddha of compassion. He has spent the last thirty years tirelessly advocating nonviolence and compassion to all living things as the answer to Tibet's plight. "My religion is simple," he says, "my religion is kindness." My Tibet movingly elaborates this message: here the Dalai Lama offers his views on how world peace, happiness, and environmental responsibility are inextricably linked. He explains the meaning of pilgrimage for Tibetan Buddhists and gives an engaging account of his early life in Lhasa, the capital of Tibet. In addition, he reveals many sides to his nature--compassion, profound faith, common sense, generosity, a playful sense of humor--in personal reflections matched here to 108 photographs of the land he hasn't seen since 1959. Together the breathtaking photographs, which express Rowell's own commitment to the natural world, and the Dalai Lama's observations help preserve the enduring meaning of Tibet's culture, religion, and natural heritage. Comprises a literature review of research and policy publications related to basic and primary schooling and quality education in the Tibetan Autonomous Region (TAR). These have been collected from selected official Chinese sources, Tibetan NGOs outside Tibet, international news agencies and Chinese, Tibetan, and international scholars with knowledge of social and educational issues in China and Tibet. The study is in two parts: Part I: a review of research and policy publications related to basic and primary education in Tibet/China, and Part II: an annex with a list of literature, websites and journals, and other statistical information. At this very crucial juncture of Tibet's history sharing of experiences of the Tibetan elders is a must for a deeper understanding of our people's history, and culture by the younger Tibetan generation. As indicated by the very title of the book, Kirti Rinpoche not only has a good understanding of religion, culture and everyday life in Tibet before the invasion of the Chinese Communists, but he also witnessed the Communist invasion, the suppression of the Tibetan people, and the flight into exile. As opposed to what is happening in Tibet itself he has also witnessed the Tibetans in exile preserving their religion and culture in a foreign country, maintaining their national identity, and developing a democratic political system and society. He himself participated in many of these noble deeds envisioned by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and made significant contribution in following His guidance. The very active work of dissemination of Tibetan culture and religion by the Kirti Monastery under his leadership is a living example of his dedication. Ven. Geshe Lhakdor Nineteenth-century Tibetan mystic Tertön Sogyal was a visionary, whose mastery of meditation led him to be a revered teacher to the Thirteenth Dalai Lama. Known for his deep spiritual insights and service to the nation of Tibet, Tertön Sogyal's ability to harness the power of the mind was born of both his profound understanding of the Buddha's teachings and the unique experiences he had while striving for peace against tremendous odds. His life is an example of courage and diligence appreciated by spiritual practitioners of all traditions; and his practical instructions on meditation and opening one's heart—amid conflict, uncertainty, and change—are as relevant today as they were during his lifetime. Fearless in Tibet, the first comprehensive work in English on Tertön Sogyal, captures the essence of his teachings, visions, and spiritual realizations, as well as the challenges he faced during his early yogic training and his efforts to promote harmony between Tibet and China. Combining riveting storytelling and Tertön Sogyal's profound instructions, Matteo Pistono takes you on a journey through a mystical past that reveals practical inner guidance for today's challenges. You will see the power of transforming negativity into opportunity, letting go of attachments, becoming mindfully present, and embracing impermanence. This intricate tapestry of intrigue and spirituality will infuse your path with timeless wisdom and inspiration.

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