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Biography/Memoirs

The Smiling Moon : A Biography of 69th Je Khenpo His Holiness
Gendun Rinchen / Khenpo Tshering (Translator) Kencho
Tobgyel
260p.
Bhutan: Khenpo Tshering, 2020
9789998090101
\$ 95.00 / HB
832gm.

As prophesised by Padmasambhava, His Holiness, the 69th Je Khenpo of Bhutan, Gendun Rinchen was born in a cave at Paro Taktshang in 1926. A well-known Buddhist figure of the 20th century had exceptionally outclassed in teaching, debating, and writing. He was one greatest practitioner who had empirically mastered the entire thirteen auxiliary sciences within a very short period of five years. He is the representation of the three great masters of the past: physically - Serkong Tsheltrum Doendon, internally - Sonam Gyalpo Lerab Lingpa, and secretly - Marpa - the great translator.

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Literature

Mendrel : All That Glitters / Thinley Tobgay
Bhutan: Thinley Tobgay, 2019

180p.
9789998081314
\$ 20.00 / PB
208gm.

Mendrel is based on the reality of the 21st century love story. We can see many falling in love with each other, marrying and getting divorced in rare cases. The book gives light to love and arrange marriage.

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Tiger and Monk : A Himalayan Fiction / Erik Allgower
Thimphu: Riyang Books, 2015
272p.
9789993689980
\$ 25.00 / PB
306gm.

The Silk Letter of the Ming Empress has laid buried deep in the archives of the Vatican for centuries. The exclusive knowledge of its existence and its potential global significance was known to but a few. In the 1980's it is a group of Tibetan monks who rekindle knowledge of this letter. In his book Erik Allgöwer places Bhutan on a global center stage as the custodian of this secret. The author skillfully builds upon the existing conditions in Bhutan in the 1980s to tell a fantastic tale of the dogged and often bungling members of an international group who are in a race to locate this secret letter. A race that pitches distinguished Tibetologists against wily Jesuits, while fake diplomats compete with hardcore spies as their paths criss-cross. Unbeknownst to all, throughout their journey, the eyes of the Tigers watch them closely. Erik Allgöwer's fast paced thriller will enthrall Bhutanese and Bhutan enthusiasts alike.

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Lomba / Pema Euden
Bhutan: Kuensel, 2016 (2nd Impression 2021)
212p.
9789993672302
\$ 15.00 / PB
194gm.

Seday is devastated when she learns that she has to leave Thimphu and move to Haa. However, she is in for a surprise when she begins to settle in and actually likes Haa. Everything goes on perfectly normal until the night of Lomba.

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Depa Bondeypa's Relatives / Rinzin Rinzin
Bhutan: Miza Books, 2016
140p.
9789993661955
\$ 25.00 / PB
154gm.

Depa Bondeypa's Relatives is a fascinating story about a penurious man's experiences with human relations- friends and relatives in particular. It is based on a local Kurtoep legend of a man called Depa Bondeypa who was believed to have been a descendent of local chieftains who had ruled the locality of Nyondela many generations before him; a man whose life experiences gave birth to a popular local saying: Depa Bondeypa's Relatives. The author dramatizes the story by skilfully blending local traditions, customs, myths, and vivid retracing of an ancient trade route between Lhuentse and Bumthang districts of Bhutan into the legend. It is a Bhutanese story that is rarely told the way the author tells it. Yet another intriguing story by the author of The Talisman of Good Fortune and other Stories from Rural Bhutan.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=246054>

Stars on a Cloudless Night : Collection of Poems / Phub
Namgye (Ed) Passang Lhamo
Bhutan: Phub Namgye
viii, 74p.
9789998094000
\$ 18.00 / PB
100gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=768911>
