

## Recent Books from Bhutan – Nov 2021

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### Art

Thagzo : The Textile Weaves of Bhutan / (Photographer) Yeshey Dorji

Thimphu: Royal Textile Academy (RTA), 2013

204p.

9789993691204

\$ 120.00 / PB

1112gm.

“Thagzo: The Textile Weaves of Bhutan” gives the visitors a comprehensive look at the various types of textiles used in Bhutan and other regional costumes. It showcases an assortment of intricate supplementary weaves displayed alongside simple, casual cotton stripes & plaids. It houses various themes such as ‘Regional Costumes’, ‘Master pieces from the Loom’ and ‘Religious and Sacred Arts’. We also have on display the prize-winning textiles from the National Design Competition.

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Trima : Discontinuous Weft Pattern : Exhibition Catalogue 2017 / (Photographer) Pema Gyantsho

Thimphu: Royal Textile Academy (RTA), 2017

64p.

9789993635062

\$ 35.00 / PB

264gm.

Thagzo or the Art of weaving is an important part of Bhutan's social, economic and cultural legacy that has evolved over the centuries while retaining its roots. With its unique patterns and colors, woven cloths, of which Bhutanese national dresses for both men and women are made, contribute in no small measure to maintaining and projecting Bhutan's national identity to the world at large.

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### **Biography/Memoirs**

A Thousand Footprints / Tshering Wangchuk (Ed) Kunga T. Dorji  
Thimphu: Tshering Wangchuk, 2021

136p.

9789998075207

\$ 35.00 / HB

274gm.

Modernity was slow to come to Bhutan. In doing so, it shaped the lives of its people, old and young, in an unpredictable kaleidoscope of ways.

A collection of personal accounts of the author from over four decades. A Thousand Footprints captures the growing pains of a young man and his young country as they opened up to a world they little understood.

The author reflects on times and things passed through stories mottled with humor, satire and an unshakeable sense of nostalgia. A must-read for a glimpse into a country that was and will never be quite as quirky.

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The Slow Pace Yet Progressive Journey : An Autobiography / Guman  
Dhoj Wakhley

Thimphu: Guman Dhoj Wakhley, 2021

114p.

9789998097506

\$ 20.00 / PB

144gm.

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### **Education**

Sherubtse College : An Epitome of Higher Education in Bhutan /  
Dasho Zangley Dukpa

Thimphu: Dasho Zangley Dukpa, 2021

176p.

9789998093515

\$ 35.00 / PB

250gm.

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### **History**

Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyel – The Founding Father : Exhibition  
Catalogue 2016 / (Photographer) Pema Gyantsho

Thimphu: Royal Textile Academy (RTA), 2016

72p.

9789993635048

\$ 50.00 / PB

306gm.

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Oral History in Bhutan : A Research Handbook / Tashi Dorji

Thimphu: Green Mandala Publications, 2019

viii, 120p.

Includes Bibliography

9789993696711

\$ 40.00 / PB

204gm.

Bhutan has always been an oral society. We have a richer oral traditional than written history. The scope of oral history is richer in Bhutan than in many countries around the world. This book introduces the reader to oral history culture, its scope and importance. It is a handbook custom-designed for teachers teaching oral history projects. It is also a handbook for academic researchers and oral history enthusiasts.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=782906>

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Indigenous Facts of Bhutan : Proceedings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Colloquium / (Ed) Dorjie Tshering (et al.)

Paro: The National Museum of Bhutan, 2009

Second Edition

220p.

9789993662297

\$ 75.00/ PB

340gm.

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Fortress of the Dragon : Proceedings of the 4<sup>th</sup> Colloquium / (Ed) Dorjie Tshering (et al.)

Paro: The National Museum of Bhutan, 2009

Second Edition

406p.

9789993662203

\$ 120.00/ PB

614gm

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The Soul and Substance of Bhutan's Cultural Heritage : Proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> Colloquium, Volume I / (Ed) Dorjie Tshering (et al.)

Paro: The National Museum of Bhutan, 2009

Second Edition

268p.

9789993662210

\$ 75.00 / PB

406gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=782909>

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The Essence of Bhutanese Culture : Proceedings of the 5th  
Colloquium, Volume II / (Ed) Dorjie Tshering (et al.)

Paro: The National Museum of Bhutan, 2009

Second Edition

316p.

9789993662227

\$ 90.00/ PB

474gm.

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### **Literature**

Che Ra Een : You Are the One / Karma Dolkar

Thimphu: Karma Dolkar, 2020

x, 82p.

9789993653462

\$ 15.00 / PB

148gm.

Can an arranged Marriage really bring two opposite poles together?  
Is it fate, destiny or other forces that binds them in so called  
marriage. Rigpa has nothing close to her dream husband. Melam has  
no choice but to marry this man whom she bardly knew.

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The Cursed Sun / Tshering Yangdon

Thimphu: Tshering Yangdon, 2020

iv, 134p.

9789998093409

\$ 15.00 / PB

150gm.

Tied down by the sharp tentacles of her own virtuous acts, Yangzin strives for those pupils who don't even reckon her as a normal being, while Kuendrup is on his journey in uncovering the secret jewels accidentally revealing the darkest secret which push them into the same lane. Yangzin is brave enough to cheat the death but why must she be the drowning fish in her own pool of water?

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Monk Chasing Monkey / Kunzang Choden

Thimphu: Riyang Books, 2021

216p.

9789998048010

\$ 25.00 / PB

218gm.

Monk Chasing Monkey is the latest novel from well known Bhutanese author Kunzang Choden. Rigzin, a young monk, lives a cloistered life with his master in the remote mountains of Bhutan. He knows nothing of the outside world, till one day his blissful isolation is invaded by a modern pop song. All peace and contentment shattered, Rigzin can find no rest he satiates his curiosity. With the help of his master, Rigzin sets off on a magical journey around the country following his monkey mind wherever it take him. He finds himself thrust into a world far more confounding than he imagined. By turns fiercely comical and tender, Monk Chasing Monkey is the story of modern Bhutan and a moving tribute to the ordinary lives who navigate unknowable complexities every day.

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Notes Selected Writings : 2008-2018 / Peki Samal

Thimphu: Peki Samal, 2021

76p.

\$ 25.00 / PB

88gm.

A collection of notes including editorials, stories, opinion pieces, and humor & satire written over a decade from 2008-2018 to chronicle the author's journey from a cub reporter to an award-winning journalist.

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Athang Tenzin Pem and Gangtey Nyerpi Penjor : Unflinching Love Story in Feudal Bhutan / Nina Dorji (Ed) Tshering Phuntso (et al.) (Illustrators) Karma Yeshe & Nima Wangdi

Bhutan: Nina Dorji, 2020

104p.

9789998082229

\$ 25.00 / PB

104gm.

....this research-based novella is full of romance, saturated with love, determination, betrayal, conspiracy, suspense and tragedy, spelling over the binding of rich ancient Bhutanese culture and traditions that existed in medieval Bhutan. "Athang Tenzin Pem and Gangtey Nyerpi Penjor" is an extrication love story of the two faithful lovers who due to the distance and work nature, stays separated from each other. In the midst of their awaited appointment, Pem gets abducted. Thus the thirst of true love drives Penjor in search of Pem..... Can Penjor find Pem?..... Will they meet? These questions may keep the readers awake till the end...

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The Gap / Karma Tsering (Illustrator)

Bhutan: Karma Tsering, 2021

28p.

9789998088719

\$ 10.00 / PB

46gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=782919>

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## **Official Publications**

Bhutan Trade Statistics 2020

Bhutan: Department of Revenue & Customs, Ministry of Finance,  
2020

1v.

\$ 150.00 / PB

1260gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=776604>

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2020 : Labour Force Survey Report [Bhutan]

Thimphu: National Statistics Bureau, 2020

1v.

9789993628866

\$ 60.00 / PB

430gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=776605>

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National Budget Financial Year 2021-22 [Bhutan]

Thimphu: Ministry of Finance, 2021

1v.

\$ 50.00 / PB

454gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=776606>

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Monetary Policy Statement, July 2021 [Bhutan]

Thimphu: Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan, 2021

1v.

\$ 24.00 / PB

158gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=776698>

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Statistical Yearbook of Bhutan 2021

Thimphu: National Statistics Bureau, 2021

1v.

\$ 150.00 / PB

790gm.

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National Accounts Statistics 2021 [Bhutan]

Thimphu: National Statistics Bureau, 2021

1v.

9789993628897

\$ 45.00 / PB

186gm.

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## **Politics / Current Affairs**

The Druk Journal, Volume 7, Issue No. I, Spring 2021 : Bhutan After the COVID-19 Crisis

Thimphu: A Bhutan Centre for Media and Democracy Publication, 2021

154p.

ISSN: 2411-6726

\$ 50.00 / PB

242gm.

Today, like most countries around the world, Bhutan is looking ahead to re-orient its national strategies in a changed world. This issue of The Druk Journal comes at a time when the country is "reimagining" a future vision for a number of vital areas of growth and development. The articles anticipate governance in critical areas like agriculture, education, health and the national economy. They look at the aspirations of youth and expectations of the elderly. We hope that the thinking and recommendations of well-meaning citizens, observers, and experts bring value to the discourse on nation-building.

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Life and Living in Bhutan Amid Covid-19 Pandemic : Stories and Vignettes from Communities / Gopilal Acharya, Karma Choden & Tashi Dorji (Ed) Needrup Zangpo

Bhutan: Bhutan Medical Foundation, 2021

94p.

9789993689010

\$ 30.00 / PB

146gm.

This book contains 39 stories from the communities. The evocative stories recount how individuals from different walks of life have managed to tide over the Covid-19 pandemic through thick and thin. These are people's stories. They are not about public authorities and leadership during the pandemic, but the stellar leadership of His Majesty the King and the Royal Government of Bhutan shines through most stories. Anyone who has closely followed Bhutan's fight against the pandemic will see almost all success stories mirroring His Majesty's visionary leadership. Read together, the stories are a portrait of resilience, solidarity and resourcefulness of Bhutanese people.

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Impact Regional Insurgency and Terrorism on Bhutan : Lessons, Possibilities and Engagements / Kinley Wangdi

Thimphu: Kinley Wangdi, 2021

viii, 458p.

9789993664413

\$ 55.00 / PB

512gm.

This book is the first of its kind on security and strategic studies on Bhutan based on the author's experience and extensive travel along the southern Indo-Bhutan border. It does not deal with military aspects rather it delves deeper into threats against Bhutan from regional insurgency and terrorism prevailing in other neighbouring countries. The book contains observations and anecdotes that the

author has lived with and observed during the southern disturbance in the early 1990s and military operations with Indian insurgents like ULFA, NDFB and KLO. This book presents different threat perspectives and analyses against Bhutan from regional insurgency and terrorism in India, China, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Though there is no terrorism in Bhutan, countries around it are constantly fighting against insurgency and terrorism directly or indirectly for decades. Lessons from these countries and mega terror events like 9/11 in the US, Mumbai attacks, Kashmir events are discussed in detail and the way these could trigger security threats against Bhutan. Moreover, Bhutan is surrounded by countries with nuclear capabilities and its location is in the hottest security zone of the world. This book presents in-depth discussions on security threats against Bhutan owing to this dangerous location. Threat from long and open Indo-Bhutan border is also presented in detail considering past, present and future security threats from various hostile forces in India's Northeastern states, West Bengal ( Siliguri corridor in particular). Security threats due to the absence of national highways, proliferation in the south and the current border municipal walls installed along the southern border towns are also presented in this book. The author goes to the extent of possible WMD threat against Bhutan and considers construction of border wall right from Sibsoo in extreme southwest to Jomotsangkha in extreme southwest - reality in long future or hypothetical. A special chapter is devoted to the role and leadership of His Majesty the 4th King Jigme Singye Wangchuck during the two-day war with Indian militants. Finally, the housing shortage in Phuentsholing and its effect on security in comparison to BBIN (Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal) agreement is briefly presented. This book is about security history, geostrategic location and border volatility.

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