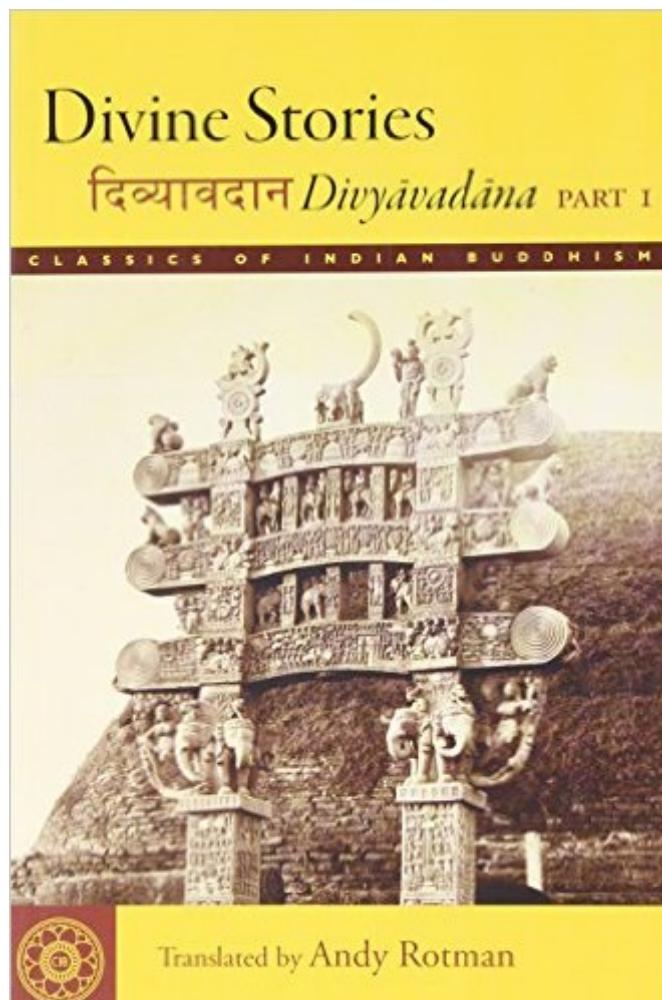


The book was found

Divine Stories: Divyavadana, Part 1 (Classics Of Indian Buddhism) (v. 1)



Synopsis

Divine Stories is the inaugural volume in a landmark translation series devoted to making the wealth of classical Indian Buddhism accessible to modern readers. The stories here, among the first texts to be inscribed by Buddhists, highlight the moral economy of karma, illustrating how gestures of faith, especially offerings, can bring the reward of future happiness and ultimate liberation. Originally contained in the *Divyavadana*, an enormous compendium of Sanskrit Buddhist narratives from the early Common Era, the stories in this collection express the moral and ethical impulses of Indian Buddhist thought and are a testament to the historical and social power of narrative. Long believed by followers to be the actual words of the Buddha himself, these divine stories are without a doubt some of the most influential stories in the history of Buddhism.

Book Information

Series: Classics of Indian Buddhism

Paperback: 528 pages

Publisher: Wisdom Publications (August 5, 2008)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0861712951

ISBN-13: 978-0861712953

Product Dimensions: 6 x 1.3 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.6 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews Â (2 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,773,287 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #75 in Books > Literature & Fiction > Genre Fiction > Religious & Inspirational > Short Stories & Anthologies > Short Stories #638 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Philosophy > Eastern > Buddhism > Sacred Writings #23093 in Books > Literature & Fiction > Short Stories & Anthologies > Short Stories

Customer Reviews

While many of the early Buddhist texts and stories were written in Pali, the *Divyavadana* is one of the early texts about stories from the Buddha's life that was written in Sanskrit. Andy Rotman has done a fine translation, and these stories are a joy to read, and provide great edification. As with other stories, many revolve around past lives of the Buddha. Through these stories, one sees how karma unfolds, and how freedom from the cycle of existence (*samsara*) is both desirable and possible. We are fortunate to have this fine translation and thereby an addition to the great literature available in English.

Just when you thought you knew what Buddhism was all about, these fantastic stories come along to remind you that nothing is ever as simple as it seems. Full of intrigue, magic, harrowing journeys into bizarre realms, and complex twists of fate and faith, these beautifully translated Indian narratives transport you to another place and time. Highly enjoyable, they may even blow your mind.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Divine Stories: Divyavadana, Part 1 (Classics of Indian Buddhism) (v. 1) Indian Esoteric Buddhism: A Social History of the Tantric Movement History of Indian Buddhism: From Sakyamuni to Early Mahayana (Buddhist Tradition) Music for Three, Vol. 1: SET of 3 Parts Baroque, Classical & Romantic Favorites - (includes Part 1 in C, Part 2 Viola, Part 3 Cello or Bassoon) The Divine Comedy (Dante Alighieri's Divine Comedy) FOUR BOOKS. MYSTERIES; DIVINE SCIENCE, PRINCIPLE & PRACTICE; SHORT LESSONS IN DIVINE SCIENCE; VARIOUS ARTICLES (Timeless Wisdom Collection) BOOKS:HOW TO BE FREE FROM SICKNESSES AND DISEASES(DIVINE HEALTH): DIVINE HEALTH SCRIPTURES Our Indian Summer in the Far West: An Autumn Tour of Fifteen Thousand Miles in Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, and the Indian Territory (The ... on Art and Photography of the American West) Reef Fishes of the Indian Ocean: A Pictorial Guide to the Common Reef Fishes of the Indian Ocean (Pacific Marine Fishes) Indian Handcrafts: How To Craft Dozens Of Practical Objects Using Traditional Indian Techniques (Illustrated Living History Series) The White Indian Boy: and its sequel The Return of the White Indian Boy Mail Order Bride: Captured & Turned Into an Indian Bride (Indian Mail Order Brides) The Divine Comedy, II. Purgatorio. Part 1 The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian Scary Stories Box Set: Scary Stories, More Scary Stories, and Scary Stories 3 The Collected Short Stories of Louis L'Amour, Volume 6, Part 2: Crime Stories The Collected Short Stories of Louis L'Amour, Volume 6, Part 1: Crime Stories Healing: The Three Great Classics on Divine Healing Revelations of Divine Love (Oxford World's Classics) The Divine Comedy: Volume 1: Inferno (A Penguin Classics Hardcover)

[Dmca](#)