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originally published as hokkaido highway blues with limited distribution in canada will ferguson s classic book about japan for all fans of the bestselling beauty tips from moose jaw with the same fervour they have for outlandish game shows and tiny gadgets the japanese go nuts each spring when the cherry blossoms sweep

from island to island towards the country's northerly tip will ferguson was celebrating the event in the standard fashion and after way too much sake he announced he would be the first person in recorded history to follow the blossom's progress end to end to make it a challenge worth doing he did hitchhike all the way relying on the kindness of some very weird and wonderful strangers mixing his penchant for biting observation with wicked humour ferguson starts at the southernmost tip of cape sata and heads north for distant hokkaido whether he is doing the forbidden and not knowing it or holding conversations by non sequitur it is a journey full of misadventures and revelations the resulting travelogue is one of the funniest and most illuminating books ever written about japan to make matters worse i decided to hitchhike striking a heroic stance i declared my intention to my japanese friends to become the first person ever to hitchhike the length of japan end to end cape to cape sea to sea this did not impress them as much as i had hoped why would you want to do that they asked genuinely puzzled there is no reason to hitchhike that's why we built the bullet train others worried about my safety but i would argue japan is a very safe country is it not oh yes very safe safest in the world so why shouldn't i hitchhike because japan is dangerous and so on now i will admit that mooching rides across japan is not a major achievement i mean it's not like i paddled up the amazon or discovered insulin or anything but i am the first person ever to do this so allow me my hubris when i left my home in minamata city aboard a southbound train i felt suitably bold with my backpack and muscular thumb i'm going to hitchhike the length of japan i told the man beside me he smiled and nodded i'm going to follow the cherry blossoms he nodded all the way to russia i said he smiled again and soon after changed seats from hitching rides with buddha

take a humorist from the great white north one part bob and doug mckenzie the other bill bryson feed him lots of sake and set him loose hitchhiking his way through polite japanese society the result is one of the warmest and funniest travelogues you've read it had never been done before not in four thousand years of japanese recorded history had anyone followed the cherry blossom front from one end of the country to the other nor had anyone hitchhiked the length of japan and as ferguson learns it illustrates that to travel is better than to arrive

once again historian harvey rachlin uncovers odd and stirring stories behind some of the most fascinating objects in the world jumbo's hide publisher's weekly writes is entertaining and enlightening a pageant of human aspiration achievement obsession and belief artifacts explored include the truce flag that ended world war i the maltese falcon john adam's pigtail and jesse james stickpin and galileo's middle finger

the basic teachings of buddhism as they relate to everyday life presented by the esteemed tibetan meditation master in the heart of the buddha ch gyam trungpa

examines the basic teachings of buddhism and places them within the context of daily life divided into three parts the book begins with a discussion about the open inquisitive and good humored qualities of the heart of the buddha an enlightened gene that everyone possesses next ch gyam trungpa moves to the stages of the buddhist path presenting the three vehicles hinayana mahayana and vajrayana that carry the buddhist practitioner toward enlightenment finally he describes the direct application of buddhist teachings to topics as varied as relationships drinking children and money the heart of the buddha reflects trungpa s great appreciation for western culture and deep understanding of the tibetan buddhist tradition which enabled him to teach westerners in an effective contemporary way

this desk reference is overflowing with a wide range of occult and esoteric materials on eastern and western magical systems over thirty five magical models are compared and discussed begins with an introduction to magic including a program of study so you can use any of the ninety one systems described reveals the secrets of alchemy magical alphabets the chakras the tree of life astrology and much more it makes the ancient magical systems accessible understandable and useful to modern magicians

the fascinating account of how the story of the buddha was transformed into the legend of a christian saint the story of saint josaphat a prince who gave up his wealth and kingdom to follow jesus was one of the most popular christian tales of the middle ages translated into a dozen languages and cited by shakespeare in the merchant of venice yet josaphat is only remembered today because of the similarities of his life to that of the buddha in search of the christian buddha is set against the backdrop of the trade along the silk road the christian settlement of palestine the spread of islam and the crusades it traces the path of the buddha s tale from india and shows how it evolved adopting details from each culture during its sojourn these early instances of globalization allowed not only goods but also knowledge to flow between different cultures and around much of the world eminent scholars donald s lopez jr and peggy mccracken reveal how religions born thousands of miles apart shared ideas throughout the centuries they uncover surprising convergences and divergences between these faiths on subjects including the meaning of death the problem of desire and their view of women demonstrating the incredible power of this tale they ask not how stories circulate among religions but how religions circulate among stories

taiping guangji is the first collection of ancient classical chinese documentary novels the book has 500 volumes with 10 catalogues it is a kind of book based on the documentary stories of the han dynasty and the song dynasty 14 people including li fang hu mongolian li mu xu xuan wangke zhen song white lv wenzhong

worked under song taizong emperor s command for the compilation it began in the second year of taiping xingguo 977 a d and was completed in the following year 978 ad this book is basically a collection of ancient stories compiled by category the book is divided into 92 categories according to the theme and is divided into more than 150 details the story of the gods and spirits in the book accounts for the largest proportion such as the fifty five volumes of the gods the fifteen volumes of the female fairy the twenty five volumes of the gods the forty volumes of the ghosts plus the taoism the alchemist the aliens the dissidents the interpretation and spirit vegetation of birds and so on basically belong to the weird story of nature represents the mainstream of chinese classical story the book includes the volume of communication and presentation vol 233 275 from tai ping guang ji

this is an a z dictionary of mythologies of the asian continent major characters places and events of asian mythology as well as certain relevant themes and cultural traditions are included

maps and guideposts are helpful when we undertake a journey the ten ox herding pictures the accompanying ancient poems and a modern commentary by john daido loori sketch the spiritual path encountered in zen training a path of exhaustive study of the self and the realization of the ultimate nature of reality the ox herding pictures can be our companion on the way of self discovery our compass and perspective when we need one they are a bottomless source of mysterious wisdom to which we can return again and again for inspiration and they translate easily into the gritty reality of spiritual practice that emerges from and grounds us in the inescapable relevance of our daily lives

it s not easy landing unprepared in a country like japan the eccentricities of the calendar the indecipherable postal system not to mention the alien alphabet language and culture have all to be confronted before the disorientated traveller can feel at ease trying to ride a bicycle through the streets of one of the most congested cities in the world would seem to compound your problems for josie dew however with over 200 000 miles already clocked up in the saddle few things could be more challenging or for the reader of a ride in the neon sun more wonderfully entertaining from kawasaki to kagoshima odawara to okinawa josie discovered a nation rich in dazzling contrasts the neon and concrete were there in greater abundance than even she had imagined but so too were bottomless baths love burgers long tailed cocks musical toilet rolls oriental elvises cardboard police and a sense of fun belying the population s rigorous work ethic far from being the reserved race that she had heard about the japanese welcomed her into their homes with bountiful smiles and bows and skin scorching baths

cave paintings at lascaux france and altamira spain fraught with expression thousands of years later point to an early human desire to form a cultural identity in the oxford companion to world mythology david leeming explores the role of mythology or myth logic in history and determines that the dreams of specific cultures add up to a larger collective story of humanity stopping short of attempting to be all inclusive this fascinating volume will nonetheless be comprehensive opening with an introduction exploring the nature and dimensions of myth and proposing a definition as a universal language briefly dipping into the ways our understanding of myth has changed from aristotle and plato to modern scholars such as joseph campbell the introduction loosely places the concept in its present context and precedes articles on influential mythologists and mythological approaches that appear later in the companion the main body of leeming s work consists of a z entries covering all aspects of mythology including substantial essays on the world s major mythological traditions greek native american indian japanese sumerian egyptian mythological types and motifs descent to the underworld the hero the trickster creation the quest mythological figures odysseus zeus osiris spider woman and inanna as well as numerous interrelated subjects such as fairy tales and legends the companion also locates myth in our lives today relating it to language patterns psychology religion politics art and gender attitudes many of the better known and more significant myths are vividly retold in this volume that will be illustrated with maps more than 70 black and white images and eight pages of color highlighting the central role art has often played in the transmission and perpetuation of myth following the entries a rich section of appendices will include family trees of the major pantheons equivalency charts for the gods of greece and rome babylon and sumer as well as other traditions an extensive bibliography and an index

the book before us here is not some kind of dusty text or just another undergraduate level introduction to buddhism it is nothing less than the still clear luminous centre of a hurricane neil franklin from the foreword although this classic text is more than one hundred years old its accurate scholarship detailed research and lucid presentation make it no less relevant today than when it was first published in 1916 hermann beekh was one of a handful of leading european authorities on buddhist texts reading tibetan sanskrit and pali fluently at the same time he was a member of the anthroposophical society and its esoteric section in consequence beekh s seminal study on buddhism has an entirely unique quality it invites the reader to engage freely with the buddhist path although in many ways re expressed and renewed by rudolf steiner whilst discovering its universal validity through the original texts for the most part beekh allows these texts to speak for themselves as eloquently now as ever in the first section beekh presents gautama buddha s life from legend and history the second part of the book details the general viewpoints of buddhist teaching and the individual stages of the buddhist path including meditation to ever higher levels both sections are expertly collated out of a wide

knowledge of the primary sources to this academic understanding bekh sheds new light on the subject from his own research based on highly trained meditation guided by rudolf steiner with whom he carried out a long lasting correspondence that has only recently been uncovered dr katrin binder has rendered the complete german text in a natural english idiom with great accuracy and professional insight thereby making this timeless book available to english readers for the first time in a lucid translation new notes and an updated bibliography are also featured

this study originally published in 1959 traces the origin of buddhism in brahmanism and fixes its relationship to hinduism describing and stressing the basic importance of buddhist contemplation the first half of the book introduces the very heart of buddhism while the second part presents the teaching itself as handed down in the canonical writings of the ancient east

wizards with magical powers to heal the sick possess the bodies of their followers and defend their tradition against outside threats are far from the typical picture of buddhism yet belief in wizard saints who protect their devotees and intervene in the world is widespread among burmese buddhists the buddha s wizards is a historically informed ethnographic study that explores the supernatural landscape of buddhism in myanmar to explain the persistence of wizardry as a form of lived religion in the modern era thomas nathan patton explains the world of wizards spells and supernatural powers in terms of both the broader social political and religious context and the intimate roles that wizards play in people s everyday lives he draws on affect theory material and visual culture long term participant observation and the testimonies of the devout to show how devotees perceive the protective power of wizard saints patton considers beliefs and practices associated with wizards to be forms of defending buddhist traditions from colonial and state power and culturally sanctioned responses to restrictive gender roles the book also offers a new lens on the political struggles and social transformations that have taken place in myanmar in recent years featuring close attention to the voices of individual wizard devotees and the wizards themselves the buddha s wizards provides a striking new look at a little known aspect of buddhist belief that helps expand our ways of thinking about the daily experience of lived religious practices

life magazine is the treasured photographic magazine that chronicled the 20th century it now lives on at life com the largest most amazing collection of professional photography on the internet users can browse search and view photos of today s people and events they have free access to share print and post images for personal use

the acclaimed travel writer chronicles a year of train travel across china in a revealing travelogue that gives the reader much to relish and think about publishers weekly the author of the train travel classics the great railway bazaar and the old patagonian express takes to the rails once again in this account of his epic journey through china the always irascible infectiously curious author is in top form as he describes the barren deserts of mongolia and xinjiang the ice forests of manchuria and the dry hills of tibet he captures their otherworldly haunting appearances perfectly he is also right on target when he talks about the ugliness of china s poorly planned hastily built cities mark salzman the new york times theroux hops aboard a train as part of a tour group in london and sets out for china s border he then spends a year traversing the country where he pieces together a fascinating snapshot of a unique moment in history from sweeping and desolate natural landscapes to the dense metropolises of shanghai beijing and canton theroux offers an unforgettable portrait of a magnificent land and an extraordinary people

joseph goodwin desires a woman who despises him after enduring one rejection after the other in his marital bed joseph decides to seek physical satisfaction in the arms of a woman who will do anything to please him as long as he shows her the money when fate causes joseph to change direction and head to a local club instead he meets crystal a married billionaire who soon promises him a memorable romp in her bedroom joseph is practically drooling in anticipation until her bogus husband suddenly appears in a matter of seconds joseph realizes he has just been caught literally with his pants down in the middle of a corrupt game of blackmail con man brown is armed dangerous and hungry for cold hard cash but crystal has other ideas she wants to own joseph after she pays off brown to leave her new lover alone crystal sends joseph on his way but as joseph returns home to his wife he is about to discover that all is never as it seems especially when lust rules the roost in this suspenseful tale one mans journey to seek satisfaction unwittingly leads him down a path lined with danger blackmail murder and wealthy young women who want nothing more than to trade in their comfortable worlds for risk thrills and naturally pleasure

in this powerful follow up to her groundbreaking work the tao of equus linda kohanov introduces provocative new theories about the human horse connection theories supported by in depth experience horses she maintains model an embodied spirituality one that is both fully present in this world and deeply connected to the soul s divine origins kohanov explores how these animals support us on both levels leading us to unexpected realizations about fear intuition awareness empowerment and above all authenticity

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