

~WOMEN IN BUDDHISM BOOKLIST~

This is an ever-changing booklist of books about women in Buddhism. These books cover various aspects of that theme including, but not limited to:

~The life stories of great female practitioners and teachers in Indian, Chinese, Japanese and Tibetan Buddhism

~How women have been regarded in the Buddhist cultures of Thailand, China Japan, Burma, Tibet and India, both as lay people and as ordained nuns

~Who are female deities? What is their role and how 'female' are they?

~The intersection of traditional Buddhist patriarchy and modern Western feminism

I have read about 80% of these books and recommend some of them highly. Since I often speak about the life of Machig Labdron in my concerts, the books that feature her in some way are starred.

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- 1) Being A Buddhist Nun: The Struggle for Enlightenment in the Himalayas - Kim Gutschow
- 2) Blossoms of the Dharma: Living as a Buddhist Nun - ed. Thubten Chodron
- 3) Buddhism After Patriarchy: A Feminist History, Analysis and Reconstruction of Buddhism - Rita M. Gross
- 4) Cave in the Snow: One Woman's Quest for Enlightenment - Vicki McKenzie
- 5) Charming Cadavers: Horrific Figurations of the Feminine in Indian Buddhist Hagiographic Literature – Liz Wilson
- 6) *Chöd in the Ganden Tradition: The Oral Instructions of Kyabje Zong Rinpoche – ed. David Molk
- 7) Courtesans and Tantric Consorts – Serenity Young
- 8) Dakini's Warm Breath: The Feminine Principle of Tibetan Buddhism - Judith Simmer-Brown

- 9) Dipa Ma: The Life and Legacy of a Buddhist Master - Amy Schmidt
- 10) Female Buddhas: Women of Enlightenment in Tibetan Mystical Art – Glenn H. Mullin and Jeff J. Watt
- 11) Himalayan Hermitess: The Life of a Tibetan Buddhist Nun - Kurtis R. Schaeffer
- 12) How to Free Your Mind: Tara the Liberator - Thubten Chodron
- 13) Innovative Buddhist Women: Swimming Against the Stream - ed. Karme Lekshe Tsomo
- 14) In Praise of Tara: Songs of the Saviouress – Martin Willson
- 15) Lady of the Lotus Born: The Life and Enlightenment of Yeshe Tsogyal - trans. Gyalwa Changchub
- 16) *Machig Labdron and the Foundations of Chöd - Jerome Edou
- 17) *Machik's Complete Explanation: Clarifying the Meaning of Chöd - Sarah Harding
- 18) Making Fields of Merit: Buddhist Nuns and Gendered Orders in Thailand – Monica Lindberg Falk
- 19) Passionate Enlightenment - Miranda Shaw
- 20) Pure Heart, Enlightened Mind: The Zen Journal and Letters of Maura “Soshin” O’Halloran - Maura O’Halloran
- 21) Sakyadhita, Daughters of the Buddha - ed. Karme Lekshe Tsomo
- 22) Servants of the Buddha: Winter in a Himalayan Convent - Anna Grimshaw
- 23) Songs of the Sons and Daughters of the Buddha - trans. Schelling & Waldman
- 24) Tibetan Buddhist Nuns - Hanna Havnevik

25) *Women in Buddhism: Images of the Feminine in the Mahayana Tradition* – Diana Paul

26) *Women in Tibet* - ed. Hanna Havnevik and Janet Gyatso

27) **Women of Wisdom* - Tsultrim Allione

28) *Women of the Way: Discovering 2,500 Years of Buddhist Wisdom* - Sallie Tisdale

29) *Women Under Primitive Buddhism* - I.B. Horner

30) *Women's Buddhism, Buddhism's Women* - ed. Ellison Findley Banks