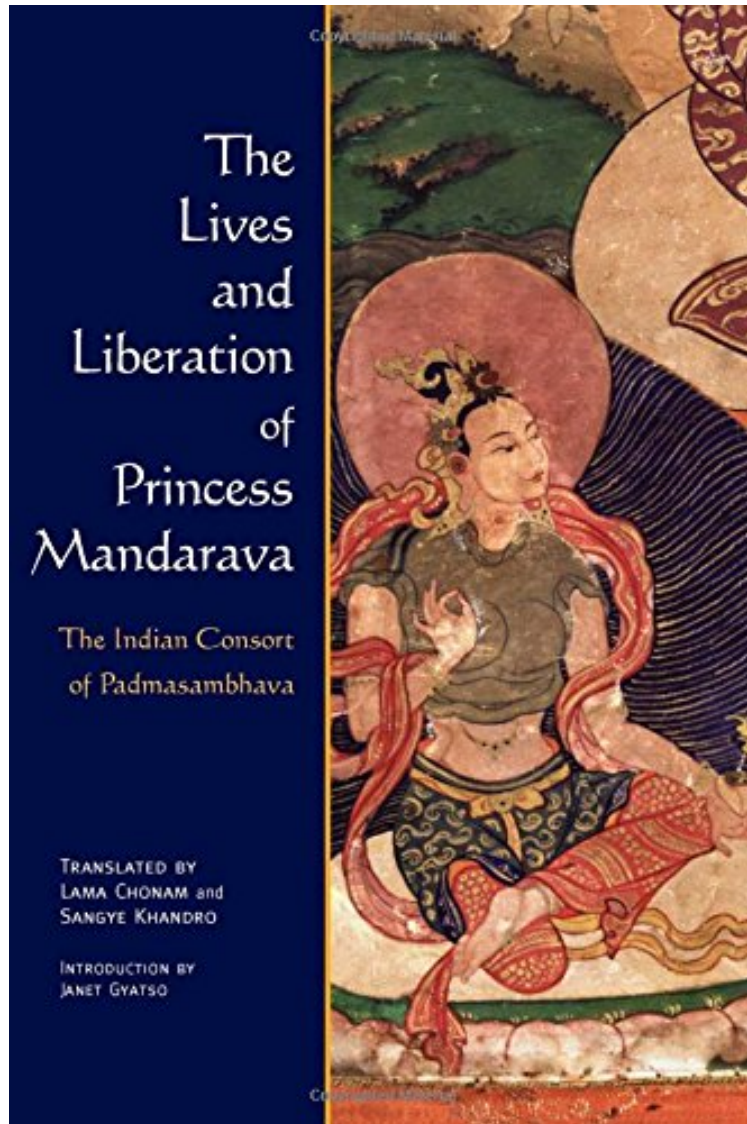


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pre and post Guru Rinpoche's (Padmasambhava's) meeting are inspiring to read. If you are looking for an inspirational view of what it means to have mastered skillful means, wisdom and compassion then look no further. There is also a section in the back of the book that lists all of the benefits of reading this book or keeping it in your house or carrying it with you when you travel etc. I own many Buddhist Dharma books and this is one of my favorite ones to read again and again. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By G Bit was a gift that I haven't given yet 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Fairy Tale of Liberation By Buddhist from South This is a nam-thar, which means "Complete Liberation". Nam-thars are hagiographies and they do not necessarily describe historical facts. These kind of texts are stories of miraculous events, presenting buddhist tantric teachings in a metaphorical way, framed in time and places different from ours. About the text, from chapter one to twelve is described Mandarava's previous lives and her enlightened activity, which I found very tedious and unimportant. The actual biography starts from chapter 13, page 76, and the story become a little more realistic and understandable from the human historical perspective. In general, because of the "fantastic" elements of the text, these nam-thars are not entertaining or stimulating reading, so it depends on you to decide if this book is going help you in your spiritual Dharma practice.

This lucid translation of a rare Tibetan text makes available for the first time to Western readers the remarkable life story of Princess Madarava. As the principal consort of the eighth century Indian master Padmasambhava before he introduced tantric Buddhism to Tibet, Mandarava is the Indian counterpart of the Tibetan consort Yeshe Tsogyal. Lives and Liberation recounts her struggles and triumphs as a Buddhist adept throughout her many lives and is an authentic deliverance story of a female Buddhist master. Those who read this book will gain inspiration and encouragement on the path to liberation.

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