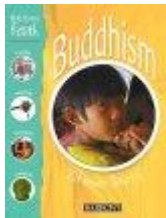


Celebrating Religious Diversity - Buddhism

These books have been specially selected for families to share with young children to develop an appreciation of the religious diversity in our community. This booklist was developed in cooperation with Surrey's Neighbouring Faiths Program. To learn more about SNFP and the 9 affiliated faith groups, please visit <http://snfp.ca>

Buddhism **By Holly Wallace**

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Find out all about the faith of Buddhism through the eyes of Yuranan, a young Buddhist from Thailand. In his own words, Yuranan talks about his beliefs, his family, his everyday life, the rituals and traditions that are important to him, and about the festivals and special days that are celebrated by Buddhists around the world.

In search of the Thunder Dragon **Written & illustrated by Sophie & Romio Shrestha**

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Amber and her cousin Tashi long to see the Thunder Dragons and they set off on a journey of discovery that takes them from an elaborate monastery to the top of the mountains, unravelling the mysteries of Buddha along the way.

The sound the hare heard : and other stories **By Anita Ganeri, illustrated by Laure Fournier**

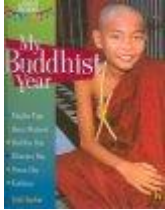
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The Sound the Hare Heard and Other Stories gives young children a first introduction to classic stories from the Buddhist faith. Four beautifully illustrated tales introduce key beliefs and festivals while commentaries for parents and teachers explain the content and meaning of each story.

My Buddhist year **By Cath Senker**

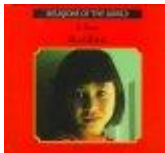
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Take twelve months in a Buddhist year. There are lots of exciting festivals and special events, from Magha Puja, Hana Matsuri and Buddha Day, to Dharma Day, Poson Day and Kathina. Eight year old Carolina has kept a diary through the year. Find out how Buddhists celebrate each festival all around the world. Then turn the pages of Carolina's diary and read what it's like to be at each event.

I am Buddhist **By Daniel P. Quinn**

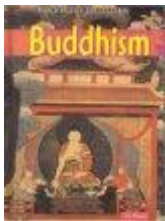
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A young Chinese-American girl living in San Francisco with her family describes the principles and ceremonies of Buddhism.

Buddhism **By Sue Penney**

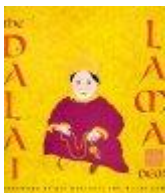
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Why is the lotus flower an important Buddhist symbol? What are the three most important Buddhist teachings? What is Nirvana? Buddhism explores typical places of worship for Buddhists, as well as major sites and places of pilgrimage around the world. There are clear explanations of Buddhism's holy books, symbols, teachings and forms of worship, and how these affect moral and social issues. The significance of major festivals and life's rites of passage is also covered, backed up with personal accounts from young people from all over the world.

The Dalai Lama : a biography of the Tibetan spiritual and political leader **By Demi**

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In simple language and glorious art, Demi pays tribute to the 14th Dalai Lama's remarkable life, capturing the beauty of Tibetan culture, as well as the charm, talent, and vision of one of the world's best-known spiritual figures.

I once was a monkey : stories Buddha told **By Jeanne M. Lee**

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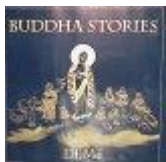


A monkey, caught in a monsoon, finds shelter in a cave amid the rubble of a temple. The monkey is not alone. A lion, a jackal, a turtle, and a dove bicker in the cramped space, until a statue of Buddha comes to life. "Hush, children, hush," Buddha says. "I will tell you a story to pass the time." From the tale of the clever monkey outwitting a hungry crocodile to that of a bird and turtle rescuing a friend, the six amusing parables told by the Buddha will introduce young readers to the famous cycle of fables in Buddhist literature known as the Jatakas, or birth stories, which Buddha originally told to his

disciples to illustrate his teachings.

Buddha stories **By Demi**

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A golden goose demonstrates the wealth of kindness.
A rabbit learns not to believe everything he hears.

Compiled and illustrated by Demi, she has chosen ten of the most engaging classic tales from the Buddha's works. This wonderful collection of stories is sure to draw young readers into the ancient teachings of the Buddha, teachings that are as relevant today as they were over two thousand years ago.

Buddha – Demi

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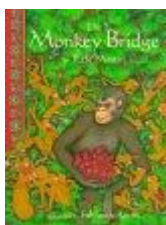


An introduction to the Buddha follows Prince Siddhartha's privileged childhood, his decision to leave his easy life, his quest for the truth about human suffering, and his spiritual journey that culminated in his enlightenment. Demi's exquisite illustrations are layered with meaning. Demi brings her devotion to the teachings of the Buddha and her vast knowledge of his life to this comprehensive picture-book biography of an

extraordinary spiritual leader.

The monkey bridge **By Rafe Martin, illustrated by Fahimeh Amiri**

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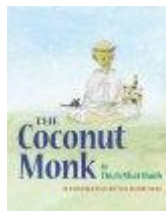


In this retelling of a traditional Buddhist tale, a greedy, insensitive king learns true leadership from a wise monkey, one of the incarnations of the Buddha. Exquisitely illustrated with watercolor and gouache paintings in the authentic style of Indian and Persian miniatures, *The Monkey Bridge* has something important to say about the nature of true nobility and leadership.

The coconut monk

By Thich Nhat Hanh, as told to Rachel Neumann, illustrated by Vo-Dinh Mai

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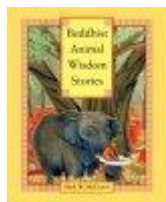
Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh offers young readers reassurance and a reminder that peace can be found through empathy. Based on a talk given directly to children, this timely book uses the image of a cat and a mouse and their smiling friend the Coconut Monk as metaphors for overcoming seemingly unconquerable divides of nature, nation, and belief.

Teaching compassion and perseverance, the book includes full-color oil paintings by Vietnamese-American painter Vo-Dinh Mai that further enhance the author's message.

Buddhist animal wisdom stories

Illustrated and retold by Mark W. McGinnis

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Around the beginning of the common era, Indian Buddhists began to collect fables, or jataka tales, illuminating various virtues—from kindness, cooperation, loyalty and self-discipline on the one hand to greed, pride, foolishness, and treachery on the other.

Author and painter Mark McGinnis has collected over forty of these hallowed popular tales and retold them in vividly poetic yet accessible language, their original Buddhist messages firmly intact. Each story is accompanied with a beautifully rendered full-color painting.

Buddha in the garden

By David Bouchard, paintings by Zhong-Yang Huang

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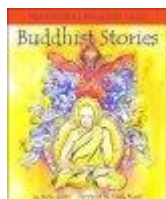


After a small boy is adopted by monks at a Buddhist temple, he spends his time tending the temple gardens and discovering the nature of enlightenment.

Buddhist stories

By Anita Ganeri, illustrations by Tracey Fennell

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Retells stories from the life of Gautama Buddha that are part of the teachings of Buddhism.