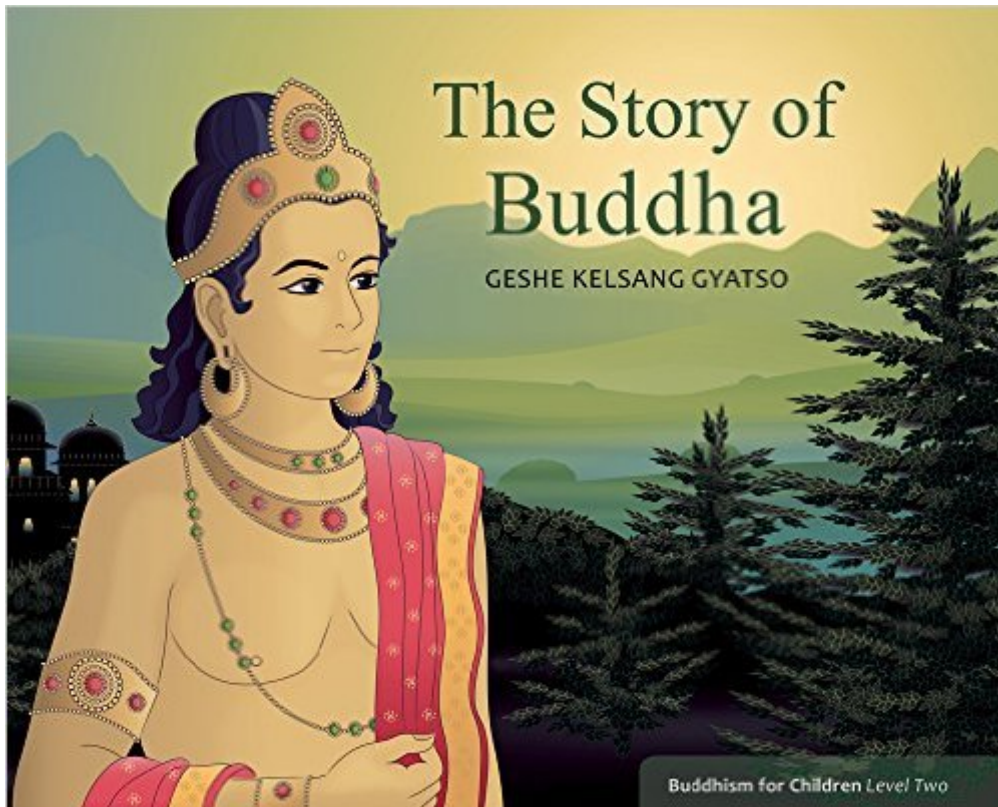


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# The Story Of Buddha: Buddhism For Children Level 2



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## Customer Reviews

First, I gave it two stars because the artwork was nice and the writing was at a good level for children. However, the book is contrary in spirit and detail to any Buddhist teaching I have encountered. I was looking for a way to introduce my kids to the ideas behind Buddhism, which can be quite complex. If this is also what you are looking for, do not buy this book! Having them watch Star Wars, and discussing the ideas of Yoda, the Jedi Knights, and (when they are older) how attachment and ego led Anakin to the Dark Side, would be a thousand times more Buddhist than

this book. To be specific: it describes the story of a compassionate Prince Siddhartha who grew up praying for people he saw suffering from sickness, praying for people he saw suffering from old age, praying for people he saw suffering from death. All this with pictures of a young Prince Siddhartha, implying that he had been exposed to these things his whole life, and there is no mention of his having been sheltered from them and suddenly being exposed when he left the palace as an adult. As far as his leaving, there is no mention of his first choosing the life of an extreme ascetic and then finding the Middle Way-- it talks of enlightened Buddhas coming to him in a vision, leading him to ask to leave the palace & then having his request refused by his father, who kept him locked in with armed guards while trying to entice him to stay with music and dancing girls. It then tells of Siddhartha using "his miracle powers to send the guards and everyone in the palace into a deep sleep" and sneaking out with the help of a friend, then sitting under the Bodhi tree in a type of meditation called "space-like concentration". (!!!!!!!)

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