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Dakini Power: Twelve Extraordinary Women Shaping the Transmission of Tibetan Buddhism in the West by Michaela Haas

With a foreword by His Holiness the 17th Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje

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“I am heartened to read the accounts in this book of the achievements of women teachers from different schools of Buddhism: it is a celebration of the contribution which female practitioners have made throughout history, and which they are continuing to make . . . My heartfelt prayer is that women such as these are the trailblazers; their efforts will lead to a fresh recognition of the unique insights and qualities of female spirituality, and wider acknowledgment of women practitioners and teachers.”

—From the foreword, by His Holiness the 17th Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje

“The twelve women profiled in Michaela Haas’ book form a circle that radiates in countless ways. Taken as a whole, their lives document both the continuing emergence of Tibetan Buddhism in the West and the concurrent work towards women’s inclusion in arenas of practice and leadership where they have historically been marginalized and excluded. *Dakini Power* is an inspiring contribution to the ongoing conversation.”

—Sharon Salzberg, author of *Lovingkindness* and *Real Happiness*

“What a moving and powerful book! With passion and verve, these remarkable women bear witness to the fact that the buddhadharma has put down firm roots in the West. Michaela Haas has done a superb job of presenting their struggles and their realization in a way that makes them an inspiration to men and women alike.”

—B. Alan Wallace, author of *Boundless Heart* and *Choosing Reality*

“Apart from a few rare hagiographies of ancient Tibetan yoginis, there is a dearth of information about accomplished Buddhist women practitioners. Michaela Haas’ *Dakini Power* addresses this historical oversight by profiling the lives of twelve dynamic contemporary female pioneers—from Tibet *and* the West—who, in spite of few role models, have overcome challenging gender-based situations, become internationally respected teachers, and set new standards for actualizing

compassion in the 21st century. Beautifully written, pertinent to the times, *Dakini Power* is a study in courage and perseverance and a much-needed contribution to modern Buddhist literature.”

—Mikel Dunham, author of *Buddha’s Warriors* and *Caught in Nepal*.

“*Dakini Power* is a pilgrimage into the exemplary lives of twelve women. The journey throughout the book is like the *dakinis* themselves, spacious and wise, caressing and sometimes wrathful. Michaela Haas has skillfully amplified these women’s voices, bringing to us their penetrating insights about the spiritual path, as well their timely considerations on sexuality and sexism. Spiritual biographies are meant to inspire practitioners and *Dakini Power* does just that!”

—Matteo Pistono, author of *In the Shadow of the Buddha*

“Despite pronounced male dominance in both Buddhism in general and Tibetan Buddhism, many women find Buddhist teachings liberating and confirming. With Buddhism coming to the West, the situation for women is changing significantly as women become Buddhist teachers and leaders. This book provides vivid portraits of twelve women teachers, some Tibetan and some Western, who are fostering this change. A welcome addition to literature on women and Buddhism.”

—Rita M. Gross, author of *Buddhism After Patriarchy* and *Soaring and Settling*

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