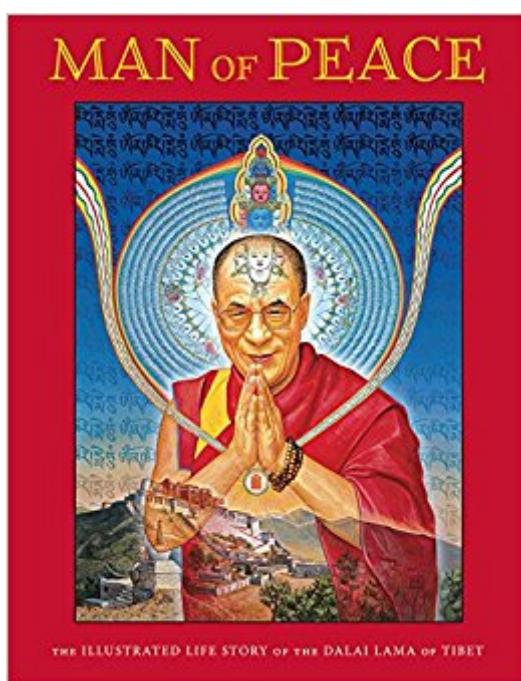


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Man Of Peace: The Illustrated Life Story Of The Dalai Lama Of Tibet



Synopsis

This beautiful tradepaper graphic novel tells the story of one man taking on an empire, calling for truth, peace, and justice for his Tibetan people. Here, in full color for the first time, people can come to know the whole drama of his lifelong struggle. Since the age of 15, the Dalai Lama has defended his people against one of the last great empires, the People's Republic of China. Under its "dictatorship of the proletariat," China began to invade Tibet in 1950, decimating and then continually oppressing its people. Since colonialism cannot be practiced in our era of self-determined nations, China always maintains that the Tibetans are a type of Chinese, using propaganda and military power to crush Tibet's unique culture and identity. Yet the Dalai Lama resists by using only the weapon of truth—along with resolute nonviolence—even worrying some of his own people by seeking dialogue and reconciliation based on his more realistic vision. The great 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet has become the first global Dalai Lama, a prominent transnational leader of all who want to make the dramatic changes actually necessary for life on earth to thrive for centuries to come. Considered the incarnation of the Buddhist savior Chenrezig or Avalokiteshvara—the archangel of universal compassion—he is believed to appear in many forms, at many different times, whenever and wherever beings suffer. Representing the plight of his beloved Tibetan people to the world, he has also engaged with all people who suffer oppression and injustice, as recognized in 1989 by his being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Most importantly, the Dalai Lama walks his talk throughout these pages, as he has throughout his life, and he radiates a powerful hope that we can and will prevail. *Man of Peace* presents the inside story of his amazing life and vision, in the high tension of the military occupation of Tibet and the ongoing genocide of its people—a moving work of political and historical nonfiction brought to life in the graphic novel form—here for all to see.

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"We can all learn a great deal from reading about the Dalai Lama's life. Read this beautiful book and be inspired by the extraordinary way that he has transcended even the most heartbreakng suffering, showing us how we can have love and compassion even for our so-called enemies. The more you learn about this man and his extraordinary life, the more inspired you will be."  Desmond Tutu

A recognized worldwide authority on religion and spirituality, Asian history, philosophy, Tibetan Buddhism, and His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Robert A.F. Thurman is an eloquent advocate of the relevance of Eastern ideas to our daily lives. In doing so, he has become a leading voice of the value of reason, peace and compassion. He was named in 1997 one of Time magazine's 25 most influential Americans and has been profiled by The New York Times Magazine and People magazine. As part of his long-term commitment to the Tibetan cause, at the request of H.H. the Dalai Lama, Thurman co-founded Tibet House US in 1987 with Richard Gere, Philip Glass. Since then Uma Thurman, Melissa Mathison Ford, Natalie Merchant, Leila Hadley Luce, and others have joined the board. Tibet House US is a nonprofit organization in New York City dedicated to the preservation and renaissance of Tibetan civilization. It maintains a lively museum and cultural center, and offers programs in all aspects of the Tibetan arts and sciences. It recently founded the Menla Mountain Retreat Center in the Catskill Mountains to advance the healing arts and wisdom of Tibetan and Asian medicine traditions and offer their resources to the growing demand for alternative and complementary health practices. William Meyers has worked for twenty years to fulfill his late wife's dying wish to make the story of the Dalai Lama's heroic life better known to the wider world in the form of the graphic novel. Michael G. Burbank has dedicated his life's work to making Tibetan Buddhist culture more widely accessible to his and future generations through his work at the Dalai Lama's Cultural Center in America, Tibet House US, and its Menla Mountain Retreat (www.menla.us). The graphic artistry in *Man of Peace* was a team effort of five artists coordinated by master artist/designer Steve Buccellato of

Legendhaus Studio in Los Angeles. Â Â

Spread the word--give MAN OF PEACE to as many friends and organizations as you can. No one can read this epic graphic novel and not be motivated to speak out and speak up on behalf of world peace, the environment and the importance of hope for all worthwhile endeavors. Using the life of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, MAN OF PEACE stunningly conveys the history, culture and spirit that is Tibet and its people. Tibet's many riches are contrasted with the too long and tortured reality of political oppression that Tibet has had to endure from outside its borders. Superbly illustrated, the true drama is His Holiness the Dalai Lama seeking to find a response to the tragedies of occupation that are both effective and congruent with Buddhist philosophy. Although a call to action on behalf of all who are oppressed and, specifically Tibet, MAN OF PEACE is a biography, a teaching about human nature and a meditation on the power of compassion in an appealing and compelling format. A collaborative effort by its authors, MAN OF PEACE is a remarkable declaration of the power of truth.

Man of Peace is beautifully conceived and illustrated: a powerful depiction of a great man, his people, and all who are helping to sustain and nourish the wisdom of the Tibetan consciousness of compassion and its importance for human evolution. Especially in this current time of human divisiveness, lies, cruelty, and violence, this book presents a man of peace whose weapons of truth and resolute nonviolence, give hope and nourishment to the soul. This genre and its intriguing format is an enticement to learn and experience these eternal values. Congratulations and appreciation to the trio of William Meyers, Robert A.F. Thurman, Michael Burbank and to the inspiration and vision of Mary Allen Meyers, MD.

This is just an amazing book. Not only is it entertaining and holds the attention, it's factual and has the courage to show the brutality of the jingoistic Chinese against the peaceful Tibetan state. It goes through the years showing the treatment of the Dalai Lama through Chinese propaganda and lies, and the continued aggression, jailing, and murders of the Tibetan people at the hands of Communism. But the most important lesson is the Dalai Lama himself, who uses unflinching COMPASSION no matter what the circumstances... This is a very important historical book.

Excellent delivery of a very difficult story!

This is a superb book telling the history of HH Dalai Lama and the invasion of Tibet by China. The illustrations and text in realistic graphic novel format are enjoyable to read and beautifully illustrated. Whether you are Dharma student or just curious about one of the greatest pacifists of this modern age, this book will be enjoyed, if not treasured. A lovely gift for all ages.

I love this book. It is beautiful. I am glad I bought it.

Beautiful book and man. Free Tibet. It's still a thing.

Man of Peace offers a detailed account of the life of the 14th Dalai Lama, from his earliest childhood to his harrowing escape into exile from the armies of Communist China, to his current status as an inspirational figure for world leaders and ordinary people alike. His story is told through the medium of graphic narration, which combines photographically realistic illustrations with gorgeous design elements that reflect the rich visual culture of Tibetan Buddhism. This wonderful book also explores the place of the Dalai Lama within the context of Tibetan history as well as within the international struggles between the great powers in the second half of the 20th Century and into the current century. I recommend this book to anybody who wants to expand their knowledge of the world we live in, or of the path of compassion and non-violence that the Dalai Lama has remained committed to throughout his life.

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