

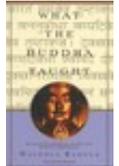
Sri Lanka | READING AND TRAVEL GUIDE

What the Buddha Taught • Walpola Sri Rahula

RELIGION • 1994 • PAPER • 151 PAGES

A classic account of Theravada Buddhism by a respected monk and scholar from Sri Lanka. The venerable Walpola Sri Rahula, who taught at Northwestern, was instrumental introducing Buddhism as it is practiced in Burma, Thailand, Laos and Sri Lanka to the United States. First published in 1959 (and still widely taught), the book introduces Sanskrit and Pali terms, and provides translations from relevant original texts with explanations for Western readers. Drawing on the words of Buddha.

(SEA41, \$14.95)



Running in the Family • Michael Ondaatje

BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR • 1993 • PAPER • 207 PAGES

This hypnotic short book powerfully evokes grand society in post-colonial Sri Lanka and, especially, Ondaatje's impressively eccentric grandparents. Written by the author of *The English Patient*, this book is hard to categorize: it's as much fiction as family memoir and travelogue -- and wonderful.

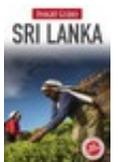
(SRL04, \$15.00)



Insight Guide Sri Lanka • Insight Guides

GUIDEBOOK • 2012 • PAPER • 296 PAGES

This handsome guide gives a profusely illustrated overview of the region, featuring concise essays by well regarded authors on history, politics and culture, hundreds of photographs and maps and some limited travel information. (SRL02, \$24.99)

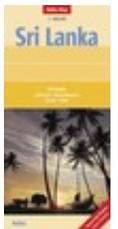


Sri Lanka Map • Nelles

2013 • MAP

A detailed, colorful map of the island, at a scale of 1:450,000. Two Sides. 20x31 inches.

(SRL08, \$13.95)



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Bradt Guide Sri Lanka • Royston Ellis • GUIDEBOOK • A detailed overview of Sri Lanka, its history, wildlife, culture and major attractions, geared for the independent traveler. (SRL17, \$24.99)

Culture Smart! Sri Lanka • Emma Boyle • GUIDEBOOK • A concise, no-nonsense guide to local customs, etiquette and culture with a short overview of the land and people along with practical travel advice.

(IDA537, \$9.95)

DK Eyewitness Travel Guide Sri Lanka • Inc. Dorling Kindersley • GUIDEBOOK • A compact illustrated travel guide featuring bright color photography, dozens of excellent maps, background on history and culture and a region-by-region synopsis of Sri Lanka's attractions. (SRL33, \$25.00)

Lonely Planet Sinhala Phrasebook • Lonely Planet • LANGUAGE & PHRASEBOOKS • A pocket guide and dictionary to the language of Sri Lanka for travelers. (SRL12, \$9.99)

Lonely Planet Sri Lanka • Verity Campbell • GUIDEBOOK • This practical guide to Sri Lanka features maps, a good overview of culture, history and nature, and plenty of information on excursions, accommodations and sightseeing. With color photographs and excellent travel information. (SRL13, \$23.99)

Hidden Kitchens of Sri Lanka • Bree Hutchins • FOOD • **COMING IN NOVEMBER** • In each of Sri Lanka's geographic regions, acclaimed food writer Bree Hutchins uncovers authentic recipes and reports on the heartwarming stories behind them. (SRL36, \$39.95)

Mangoes & Curry Leaves, Culinary Travels Through the Great Subcontinent • Jeffrey Alford • Naomi Duguid • FOOD • In this latest book the roving, food-loving authors (Hot Sour Salty Sweet, Item SEA80) travel the seven countries of the Indian Subcontinent: Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and the Maldives, collecting not only 200 recipes but also engaging tales of the people, history and adventures. With color photographs of food and places throughout. (IDA320, \$45.00)

An Introduction to Buddhism • Peter Harvey • RELIGION • Harvey's wide-ranging overview of Buddhist thought, teachings and practice across the Buddhist world includes an excellent treatment of the varieties of Theravada Buddhism. (REL22, \$32.99)

Arrow of the Blue-Skinned God • Jonah Blank • CULTURAL PORTRAIT • Blank's entertaining portrait of contemporary India and Sri Lanka mixes reporting, anecdote and myth as he travels, sometimes in the footsteps of India's great hero Rama. (IDA250, \$18.00)

Midnight's Descendants, A History of South Asia Since Partition • John Keay • HISTORY • An illuminating history of South Asian countries India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, their interconnectedness and present challenges. (ASA96, \$29.99)

Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy • Ayesha Jalal • Sugata Bose • HISTORY • This scholarly, brief history of India up to the 1990s is particularly good at its coverage of the post-Independence political landscape. It's a popular textbook, co-authored by a Pakistani and an Indian. (IDA192, \$41.95)

The Cage, The Fight for Sri Lanka and the Last Days of the Tamil Tigers • Gordon Weiss • HISTORY • An incisive first account of the formation, history, and bloody dissolution of the rebel Tamil Tigers in Sri Lanka. (SRL31, \$19.95)

The History of Sri Lanka • Patrick Peebles • HISTORY • A concise history geared toward students and general readers that focuses on recent events, including ethnic conflict and the 2004 tsunami, and includes an appendix with brief biographies of key figures. (SRL22, \$45.00)

The Spice Route, A History • John Keay • HISTORY • John Keay draws on ancient logs, traveler's accounts and maps for this rousing history of trade in cinnamon, clove, nutmeg, pepper, gums, resins and other costly goods from antiquity to the 17th century. (ASA52, \$29.95)

Not Quite Paradise, An American Sojourn in Sri Lanka • Adele Barker • TRAVEL NARRATIVE • A deft, nuanced account of an American's year-and-a-half teaching stint. Baker weaves information about the history, traditions and daily life of Sri Lanka with reports on the 30-year war between the government and the Tamils, as well as the devastating 2004 tsunami. (SRL20, \$18.00)

Teach a Woman to Fish, Overcoming Poverty Around the Globe • Ritu Sharma • BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR • Sharing her travels through Sri Lanka, Burkina Faso, Honduras and Nicaragua, Ritu Sharma details how women are battling scarcity, government corruption, lack of infrastructure and inequality to overcome poverty. (TVL588, \$26.00)

The Age of Kali, Indian Travels and Encounters • William Dalrymple • TRAVEL NARRATIVE • A journalist stationed in Delhi, Dalrymple recounts his travels and interviews, including memorable encounters with Tamil tigers, Benazir Bhutto and Imran Khan. Humorous, insightful and well-informed. (IDA152, \$16.00)

The Teardrop Island, Following Victorian Footsteps Across Sri Lanka • Cherry Briggs • TRAVEL NARRATIVE • **COMING IN JANUARY** • In this engaging travelogue, a young biology teacher retraces the footsteps of a British nobleman who was a government official in Sri Lanka. Along the way, she compares the country's colonial past against its contemporary realities. (SRL34, \$13.95)

A Tale Told by Moonlight • [Leonard Woolf](#) • LITERATURE • Based on Woolf's experiences in Ceylon, these stories are a brilliant depiction of colonial life. (SRL19, \$16.95)

Anil's Ghost • [Michael Ondaatje](#) • LITERATURE • Ondaatje's novel follows the exploits of a forensic anthropologist, born in Sri Lanka but educated in America, who returns to her homeland to help uncover the truth behind a series of organized murders. (SRL10, \$15.95)

At the Water's Edge • [Pradeep Jeganathan](#) • LITERATURE • A Sri Lankan social anthropologist and novelist, Jeganathan draws on his own experiences in these seven interconnected stories spanning 30 tumultuous years of his country's recent past. (SRL30, \$12.95)

Funny Boy • [Shyam Selvadurai](#) • LITERATURE • Building a complex portrait through detail of family, society and place, this prize-winning novel is a gay coming-of-age story set in contemporary Sri Lanka. Splendidly written. (SRL01, \$14.95)

Island of a Thousand Mirrors • [Nayomi Munaweera](#) • LITERATURE • A passionate portrait of place, Munaweera's debut novel follows the lives of two ordinary Sri Lankans as they are shaped by a brutal civil war. Winner of the Commonwealth Book Prize for Asia. (SRL35, \$24.99)

Reef • [Romesh Gunesequera](#) • LITERATURE • This slim novel tells the story of modern Sri Lanka through the eyes of a servant and his oblivious master. Haunting and atmospheric. (SRL05, \$14.00)

The Legend of Pradeep Mathew • [Shehan Karunatilaka](#) • LITERATURE • A retired hard-drinking sports journalist searches for truths about cricket and about Sri Lanka in this daring first novel, winner of the 2012 Commonwealth Prize. "This fabulously enjoyable read will keep you entertained and rooting for the protagonist until the very end, while delivering startling truths about cricket and about Sri Lanka," said Margaret Busby, chair of the prize. (SRL29, \$16.00)

The Sri Lanka Reader, History, Culture, Politics • [John Clifford Holt](#) • ANTHOLOGY • An exhaustive and literate sourcebook of Sri Lanka composed of myriad selections ranging from historical accounts to newspaper articles, essays, poems and modern analysis. Part of the World Readers series. (SRL23, \$34.95)

Wild Sri Lanka • [Gehan de Silva Wijeyeratne](#) • NATURAL HISTORY • This in-depth primer to Sri Lanka's most sought-after wildlife includes stories, descriptions of the parks and reserves by habitat type, a wildlife watching calendar and a handy guide to specific habitats for blue whales, sperm whales, leopards, Asian elephants and sloth bears. (SRL32, \$49.95)

A Field Guide to the Birds of Sri Lanka • [John Harrison](#) • FIELD GUIDE • The fully revised second edition of this compact, comprehensive field guide features 49 stunning color plates by Tim Worfolk covering all 426 species in Sri Lanka. (SRL24, \$60.00)

Birds of India • [Richard Grimmett](#) • [Carol Inskipp](#) • [Tim Inskipp](#) • FIELD GUIDE • Thoroughly revised, with 73 new plates and many others updated or repainted, the second edition of the masterful Birds of India now features all maps and text opposite the plates for quicker and easier reference. (FG43, \$39.50)

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