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Many centuries ago, in a kingdom in the foothills of the Himalayan mountains, a miraculous child was born to the king and queen. The young prince, Siddhartha, was raised in the greatest luxury, sheltered from all pain and ugliness. But one day Siddhartha left the palace and saw, for the first time, human suffering and death. He knew then that he must relinquish everything-- his family, his wealth, his position-- to discover the Truth of life and death. With only a few humble possessions, he began a remarkable spiritual journey that ended many years later under a bodhi tree. There he finally discovered the Truth and became an Enlightened One, a Buddha. The Buddha taught the Truth and the path to inner peace for forty-five years, attracting thousands of disciples. Today millions of people around the world live by his teachings.

Demi's exquisite illustrations, inspired by the paintings and sculptures of several Asian cultures, are layered with meaning; each brush stroke has a special significance. Demi, herself a Buddhist, 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.

## **Buddha Details**

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# From Reader Review Buddha for online ebook

## Patricia McLaughlin says

Elegant picture-book biography of the great spiritual leader, showing how the young prince Siddhartha evolved into a Buddha; the beautiful, exquisitely rendered illustrations may require interpretation for younger readers, who might not fully appreciate their layered meanings and arcane significance.

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## Charity says

Beautiful illustrations alongside a touching yet kid-friendly retelling of Siddhartha's life and teachings. I love that this book included the Eight-fold Path. I read this curled up on my daughter's bed with my two-year-old falling asleep in my arms and the winter sun peeking in through the windows, which may also have influenced my impression of this book.

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## Brittanie Rieu says

I didn't think there would be a Buddhist picture book, but I was surprised by this one. I've always been interested in Buddhism, and this book was actually pretty well written. Loved it!

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## Sarah says

Nicely done. Elegant and engaging.

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## Lindsey says

Of course I want to read Siddhartha more than ever now.

What I learned:

\*Siddhartha was born from his mother's right side.

\* He married and left his wife, child, and fortune to pursue the holy life and search for Truth of life over death.

\*When he reached enlightenment, he turned into a Buddah--every 100 thousand years, a buddah is born to purify the earth.

\*Key words to remember: karma, nirvana, enlightenment,

\*meditation purifies the body, speech, and mind.

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### **Rhiannon says**

This is a nice book my Grandude bought me for my 4th birthday.

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### **Stacie says**

Buddha story. Deep and lovely.

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### **Jessica says**

Very text-heavy; wonderful illustrations--endpapers are especially nice with the gold leaf depictions of the Buddha. She uses rectangles to contain the pictures throughout this book, with text next to the pictures. Often the pictures expand out of the rectangle container--dreams or other forces coming to interact with the story often depicted outside the boundaries she has set. Beautiful use of red throughout, lots of gold leaf, lots of contrast between bursts of color and pastels. Provided me a refresher course on Buddhism, the Four Noble Truths. The back flap states that Demi relied on her library of more than 82,000 books, most of which relate to Buddhism.

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### **Kate says**

Some passages that have stayed with me:

"I am a seeker of the Truth, of live over death. And to find it I have given up everything on this earth."

"The Truth cannot be found in the mind or in the body, he thought. The Truth can only be found in the innermost core of the heart, which is connected with all of existence."

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### **Yusuf Sahin says**

Buddha was a nice book about a story of a child of a king who becomes a great Buddha. The king doesn't want his son to become a beggar so he builds nice and fancy buildings for keeping him in the kingdom but its no use. The next parts, well, you can read that!

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### **Tali Bitton says**

Love, love, love this book!

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### **Vanessa says**

Demi's specialty is introducing young kids to world religions. This one is a beautiful introduction to Sidhartha and to the origins of Buddhism. My daughter perused this book as a 5 year old -- but she has unusually precocious interests...

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### **Benjamin Zapata says**

Another beautiful told and illustrated biography by Demi, bringing her devotion to the teachings of the Buddha to her telling of his illustrious and extraordinary spiritual life.

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### **Debbie Hoskins says**

Demi has been writing and illustrating spiritual biographies and tales for children since the late 1970's. Her style is intelligent, detailed, and unique. This summary of Buddha's life, is distilled from more than 82,000 books in Demi's personal library, most of which relate to Buddhism.

To show how much attention Demi pays to detail. She thanks Reverence Lien Mao for scrutinizing every finger of the mudras (hand positions of prayer that connect with Heaven).

This is suitable for kids older than third grade and adults. This very beautiful book is an excellent introduction to the life of Buddha, suitable for older and interested kids and adults.

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### **Mileena says**

Buddha  
4/5 stars

The story of Siddhartha is so me that I've heard before from my mother. I love it it's beautiful and makes me think. I love everything that Buddhism stands for, the only thing I know I wouldn't be able to conform to is my love of earthly possessions. But anyways this was lovely and the artwork was gorgeous.

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