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### Anthropology

Tibet – Guge : The Cultural Relics of Ancient Western Tibet /  
Michael Beck

Kathmandu: Vajra Books, 2018

242p. ; full of color photos., 21.5x25.5cm.

Includes Bibliography

9789937924566

1. Tibet Autonomous Region (China) -- Civilization.
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924gm.

The Guge Kingdom (a Buddhist civilization rich with art and culture) was founded at the end of the 10th century. It flourished until its demise in the 17th century.

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## **Architecture**

The Cultural Heritage of Nepal, before, during and after the 2015 Earthquakes : Current and Future Challenges / Shanghai, China: Oriental Cultural Heritage Sites Protection Alliance (OCHSPA)

Kathmandu: Vajra Books, 2018

184p.

9789937032032

\$ 30.00/ PB

770gm.

Some 20 International academics and heritage experts analyse the situation of cultural heritage in Nepal before, during and after the 2015 earthquakes. This book is the outcome of a collective initiative. Nepali and international experts aim at expressing their views and methodology regarding research, conservation, preservation, risk management and post disaster recovery and management of Nepalese cultural heritage sites. The extensive damage to the heritage sites due to the 2015 earthquakes in Nepal truly demonstrated the crucial need for such expertise.

The Oriental Cultural Heritage Sites Protection Alliance (OCHSPA) guarantees that all profits generated by the sale of this publication will contribute to the safeguarding and restoration of the cultural heritage of Nepal.

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## **Biography**

On His Majesty's Service : Royals, Hippies and Hustlers, British Film Makers and Tibetan Khampa Guerillas, United Nations and American Peace Corps, Mt. Everest Summiteers and Battles for Conservation in the Himalayas / Hemantha R. Mishra & Jim Ottaway, Jr.

Kathmandu: Vajra Books, 2018

xvi, 360p. ; B&W Pictures ; 21x14cm.

9789937924580

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438gm.

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## **General Books**

A Story of Gautama Buddha : As Told Through Postage Stamps / Binod Shrestha

(The earlier version of this book received a Silver Medal at the World Stamp Exhibition held in Bandung, Indonesia in August 2017)

Kathmandu: Mass Printing Press, 2018

Edition May 2018

viii, 138p.

Includes Bibliography

9789937038201

Buddhist Philately Series

\$ 18.00 / PB

644gm.

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## Literature

Himalayan Hostages : The First Alex and James Wildlife  
Adventure in Nepal / Jane Wilson-Howarth (Illustration) Betty  
Levene  
Kathmandu: Vajra Books, 2018  
xiv, 218p.  
9789937924597  
\$ 10.00 / PB  
218gm.

When 16-year-old Alex's parents ask him to deliver a mysterious package to their animal research camp in the Nepali jungle, he and his 12-year-old brother James do not have a clue about the trouble they are about to face. Making the ransom payment doesn't reunite the family but leads to an arduous journey through the dangerous dry forests at the foot of the Himalayas in pursuit of the thugs responsible for the kidnap. Even with the help of their friend Atti, can three children avoid animal attack and drowning to rescue the parents from armed Kidnappers? Surfing a narrative as swift and treacherous as a Himalayan river, Alex and his brother James pursue their kidnapped parents into the jungles of southwest Nepal, bonding over very many very lucky escapes and a good dose of samosas, milky tea and practical jokes. An enjoyable, educational read for all ages, this beautifully illustrated eco-adventure is an authentic contemporary portrayal of and call to action for a country beset by ecological and moral challenges. - **RABI THAPA**  
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Himalayan Hideout : The Second Alex and James Wildlife  
Adventure in Nepal / Jane Wilson-Howarth (Illustration) Betty

Levene

Kathmandu: Vajra Books, 2018

x, 214p.

9789937924573

\$ 10.00 / PB

214gm.

Sixteen-year-old Alex, his 12-year-old brother James and their feisty friend Bim have a life-or-death mission. Armed thugs have captured two innocent wildlife conservationists, the boy's parents. Only the three children have time to engineer a rescue before the kidnappers reach their hideout high in the Himalayas. But saving them means crossing two high passes and fleeing from hungry predators. Surely they can't succeed?

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## **Sociology**

Peasant Studies in Nepal / (Eds) Laya Prasad Uprety, Suresh

Dhakal & Jagat Basnet

New York, USA: Vajra Books Inc., 2018

xxii, 318p.

9781643160894

\$ 35.00 / PB

514gm.

The book is an academic attempt to fill the gap of literature on the contemporary peasant society of Nepal which is undergoing rapid transformations due to the penetration of global capitalism-a function of the adoption of neoliberal economic development model by Nepal after the democratic resurgence in 1990 A.D under the dictates of multilateral development agencies of which Nepal has been a member for long.

Equally important is the genesis of an institutional effort between an academic institution and a civil society organization for the "production of knowledge" on 'peasants', 'peasant economy' and 'peasants' rights' in the context of Nepal and South Asia. This book has been the outcome of the contributions of eight scholars working in the disciplines of anthropology, sociology and agricultural sciences. The book contains eight chapters on peasant studies. More specifically, Dr. Suresh Dhakal has analytically discussed about the "peasants" as "anthropological categories" and "ethnographic subjects". Dr. David Seddon has presented his historical analysis on the resistance, rebellion, revolt and revolution through the analysis of peasant movements and other forms of rural unrest in Nepal. Dr. Janak Rai has presented the critical analysis on the landlord state, Adivasi people, and the escape agriculture in the eastern Tarai of Nepal with the discussion of the transformation of Dhimals into farming community. Mr. Jagat Basnet has furnished a critical discussion on the marginalization of the tenants in Nepal with the lens of political economy. Ms. Yamuna Ghale presents an analysis on the peasantry and state-people relations in food security governance by exploring the linkages from gender perspective. Dr. Madhu Giri has presented an analytical discussion on the changing labour regimes of the Musahar peasants from the Tarai of Nepal. Interestingly, Dr. Kapil Babu Dahal has presented the discourses on the transformation of the peasantry through the adoption of life history approach. Dr. Laya Prasad Uprety has presented the analytical discussion on the peasants' land rights with a perspective of an engaged anthropologist. Thus, this edited volume stands as a comprehensive reader on 'peasants' and 'peasantry' in contemporary Nepal.

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