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Zangdok Palri, the Glorious Copper-Colored Mountain, is the Manifestation of the celestial paradise of Guru Rinpoche or Padmasambhava, the "Second Buddha" of Tibetan Buddhism and the great Tantric Master who brought Buddhism from India to Tibet. Atop this mountain lies the majestic Lotus Light Palace, filled with the light of wisdom. This book is the first showcase of Visual Interpretations of Zangdok Palri in the Kingdom of Bhutan.

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