Buddhism: Introducing The Buddhist Experience

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Synopsis

Buddhism: Introducing the Buddhist Experience, Third Edition, focuses on the depth of Buddhist experiences as expressed in the teachings and practices of its religious and philosophical traditions. Taking a more global and inclusive approach than any other introductory text, the book spans more than 2,500 years, offering chapters on Buddhism's origins in India; Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism; Buddhism in Southeast Asia, Tibet, China, Korea, and Japan; and the globalization of Buddhism with a focus on the United States. The volume is enhanced by substantial selections of primary text material, numerous boxed personal narratives by respected Buddhists and scholars, maps and photos, and six essays on cultural experiences of Buddhism around the world today.

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Customer Reviews

Mitchell and Jacoby provide a sympathetic, accurate account that encompasses Buddhist traditions from around the globe. New to this third edition are a reframing of Buddhism as a globalized set of traditions embodying a multitude of cultural forms; a revised final chapter, "The Globalization of Buddhism," with new material on Buddhism in Africa, Latin America, Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand; coverage of second- and third-generation Buddhist youth and the Internet's role in the globalization of Buddhism; a rewritten and more robust chapter on "The Tibetan Experiences of Buddhism" that reflects Jacoby's specialization; new materials on contemporary, socially engaged Buddhist movements in Asia and their new global presence; and updates to all chapters featuring the most recent scholarship, more student-friendly subtitles, and new photographs and maps.
VERY wordy and beats around the bush before making a point. Several of the chapters could have been omitted and combined with other chapters as there was a lot of repeating information.

Informative and easy to breeze through.

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