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Samu - Shamu: The Sonam Stories: Narratives Of Childhood In Bhutan



Synopsis

On a remote campus in the Black Mountains of the Himalayas, students at the Institute of Language and Culture Studies, Royal University of Bhutan, were asked to recall stories of their childhoods. Suzie Sims-Fletcher, their English teacher, taught them how to move from the oral tradition in Dzongkha to written composition in English. These selected tales are at once uniquely provincial yet poignantly universal. The collection offers striking memories of family and community, learning and growth, illness and death, tradition and celebration. An adaptable lesson guide to the story project (ESL, listening skills, writing), glossary of Dzongkha words and phrases, as well as vibrant full color photos of Druk Yul, Land of the Thunder Dragon, round out the 156 pages. Whether you are a tourist, teacher, or culture collector, *Samu-Shamu: The Sonam Stories*, captures the mist and earth of this magical kingdom in the sky.

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What an enjoyable book! Part travel book, part cultural study. A thoughtful collection of short essays from pupils of the Bhutan school about their childhood experiences. The stories give a wonderful insight into the culture of this beautiful country. Many, many color pictures. I felt as if I had traveled

there myself. Loved it.

I am fascinated by stories about people and history. This culture is rich in history. What stories these young adults told are stories that will live for their future generations and for people like me, people that will never travel and see first hand their lives still emerging in the electric world we live in. I do judge books by their cover and this cover says so much, the traditional clothing of adorable little girls, but in the same picture are the utility poles we have become accustom to seeing everywhere in our "modern society." The stories are great for anyone wanting a get away and you never have to leave your room. A mini vacation with some education on the side. I know I mentioned the photo on the cover, but the photos inside are fabulous as well. I am attaching one of the pictures that shows their landscape from the monks view. Pretty awesome. This is the kind of book you can get that person that has everything :)

This book transported me to this beautiful land. The stories made me feel as if I were there experiencing them myself. I have always wanted to travel the world, but have not been able to leave the USA. Reading, for me, is an escape to another place, another time. This book took me on yet another adventure, far, far from home. Very well written. I loved it!!

Great book! It's a quick and easy read! The people in the stories are delightful. It makes me want to visit there.

In love with this book and the stories! You have to read it, it's also perfect for a cute gift.

Brilliant! I loved every page of it.

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