Synopsis

The book covers the most significant old and new sacred sites in Yangon, Pagan, the Mandalay area, and within the Shan, Rakhine and Mon states.

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Customer Reviews

If you're at all interested in Burma or even just Asia generally, this book is worth the money if just for the gorgeous photographs and illustrations. The accompanying text is well written, if someone specialist-oriented. If you’re visiting Burma for a second or third time and want a book to read to help you understand some of the sites in greater detail than you’ll get from the Lonely Planet or other tourist guide, this is the book.

This book has wonderful photographs that draw one in to reading the text and getting a clear explanation of many aspects of Burmese history and life. I read it before a trip to Burma and will reread it as soon as I get home. While it is not written as a guide book, because Buddhism is such a central facet of Burmese life this book was actually very helpful as a travel guide.

The result of years of travel and research Donald Stadtner’s sensitive study of Burmese arts provides an unparalleled understanding if the context of Burmese cultural production. This is essential reading for anyone with even the slightest interest in Southeast Asia and certainly a highly recommended book for anyone traveling to Burma today. Beautifully and bountifully illustrated.