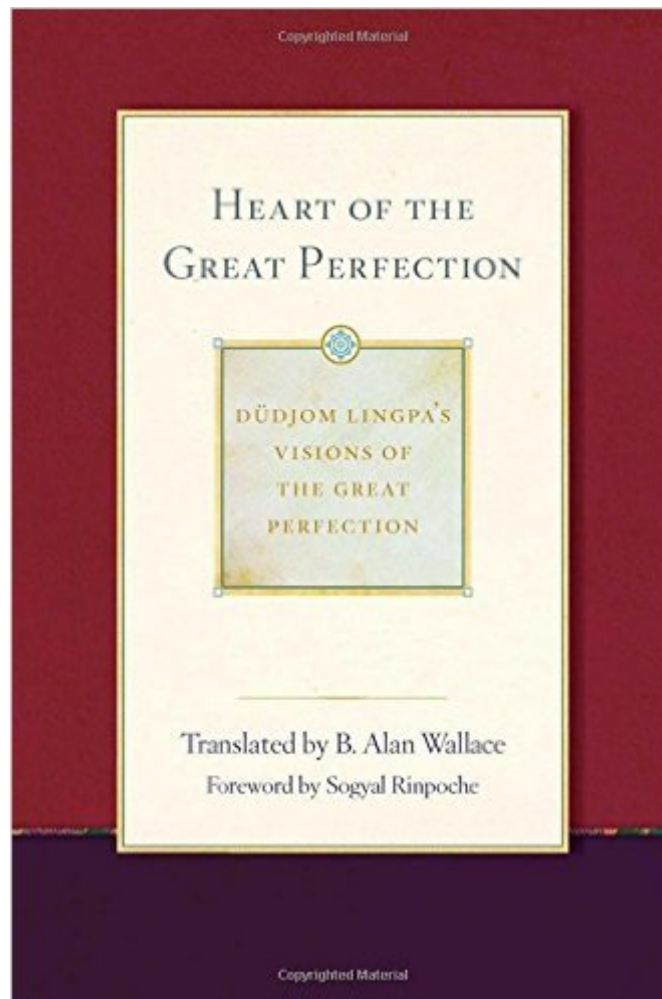


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The revelations of Dudjom Lingpa, a highly influential mystic of 19th century Tibet, translated by B. Alan Wallace, widely respected for his lucid and readable translations of Tibetan Buddhism. Dudjom Lingpa (1835–1904) was one of the foremost tantric masters of his time. This new series includes his visionary teachings on the Great Perfection (Dzogchen), the pinnacle of practice in Tibet's oldest Buddhist school. Volume 1 contains four works explaining the view and practice of the Great Perfection, the signature style of meditation of the Nyingma school of Tibetan Buddhism:

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Customer Reviews

For those unfamiliar with Dudjom Lingpa or the Tibetan to English translations of Alan Wallace there can be no better place to put your toes into the waters of the Buddhism Dzogchen tradition. This text is a paperback edition of the first volume of a three volume hardcover translation soon available through as Dudjom Lingpa's Vision of the Great Perfection. This single volume contains four works, including The Foolish Dharma of an Idiot Clothed in Mud and Feathers about which Mr. Wallace did a multi-year retreat series in Santa Barbara, California. That seems indicative of its depth and the high regard Mr. Wallace holds for it. Forward and Preface add 30 pages to the already lengthy 303 page text, but don't skip them if you want to get the lay of the land. The same can be said for the Introduction. The introduction describes the life story of Dudjom Lingpa and the lineage that followed him. When we reach the first of the translations, we have been prepared to expect the extraordinary and there is no disappointment in "The Sharp Vajra of Conscious Awareness Tantra." • Separate commentaries to a master's teachings are common with Tibetan texts and that is what occurs next. The commentary called "Essence of Clear Meaning" was recorded by Dudjom Lingpa's disciple Pema Tashi. It may be that you will want to skip to the commentary, then go back to enjoy the original text. This first commentary alone is worth the price of admittance. Phase Five (page 89) on determining dualistic grasping and revealing the way to natural liberation is brilliant. The next section is "The Foolish Dharma of an Idiot Clothed in Mud and Feathers." • As previously mentioned it was the subject of several retreats over a course of years.

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