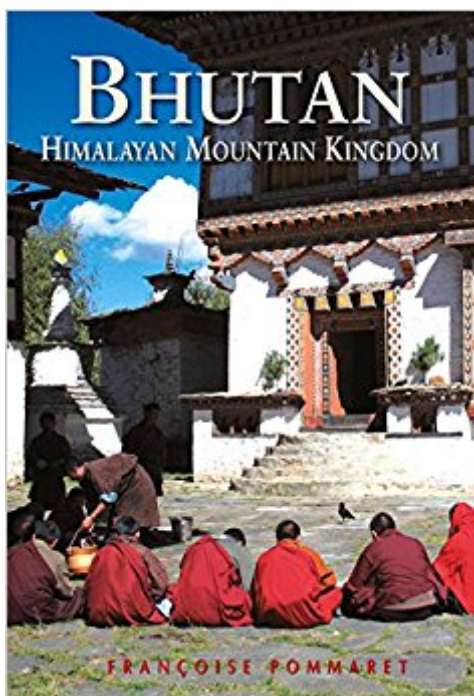


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Bhutan resident Françoise Pommaret is a French ethno-historian and Director of Research at the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), Paris on secondment to the Royal University of Bhutan.

I enjoyed this book very much before my trip to Bhutan. It is highly detailed and explains just about everything you need to know about the country. However, it is clear that it was poorly edited in the most recent edition. It was published after the 4th king abdicated in favor of his son. However, the book has not been completely corrected to reflect that fact. So, some references to the "current king" actual refer to the previous king instead of his son. There are not too many choices when it comes to guides to Bhutan. The LP guide is also quite good in a "just the facts" sort of way. But I

think this particular book offers a more in depth exploration of the history and culture with less emphasis on the typical travel guide "stay in this hotel" "go see this sight" "eat at this restaurant" fare. Despite its flaws I definitely recommend it.

I am off to Bhutan for the first time, and this book is invaluable for people like me. The country and its culture are so different from America and the book covers every topic you could think of - religion, culture, sites, architecture, art, travel, food, etc. The photographs are wonderful too.

This book is very informative but I would not give it the highest rating because it was very frustrating to use. The page numbers listed in the index did not match up with the page numbers in the book. The photos are OK, not great. It would also be helpful if it was brought up-to-date.

The book provides a relatively broad and comprehensive view of Bhutan. Unfortunately, Bhutan is progressing so rapidly that a 2009 view results in some pretty dated perspectives and information.

It is a very interesting introduction to Bhutan. Easy to read and understand . I will recommend it if you are planning a trip to Bhutan or if you want to learn more about it.

Great book on Bhutan. Much better photos than most guidebooks.

I learned so much from reading this!

I highly recommend this book for anyone who is planning a trip to Bhutan. Purchase and read it before you depart and it will improve your experience immensely.

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