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Buddhist traditions, Theravada, Mahayana and Vajrayana. It provides multi-faceted and surprising insights into a rather unlikely relationship. »[The] transdisciplinary, transcultural, and transreligious approach is the strong point of this book.« Gudula Linck, Internationales Asienforum, 3-4 (2011)

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