



Buddhas

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Pomegranate. 1 Cloth(s), 2009. hard. Book Condition: New. According to tradition, Shakyamuni Buddha was an Indian prince in the 6th century BC who attained enlightenment and whose teachings gave birth to Buddhism. Certain iconographic elements distended earlobes, monk's robes, a certain coiffure are recognized in the West as belonging to the Buddha, yet depictions vary widely across countries and cultures, revealing regional differences in religious belief. For example, the earliest Buddha images, from Pakistan, depict the narrative of the Enlightened One's life, whereas later images from Thailand portray a crowned and bejeweled Buddha. This great variety of interpretations represents a rich inheritance that enhances our understanding of the cultures that created such devotional objects. In detailed descriptions of 40 works of art, seen in color plates, an expert in Southeast Asian art history here explores the breadth of Buddhist belief through the many depictions of Buddhas, from the first millennium to modern times. 120.



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