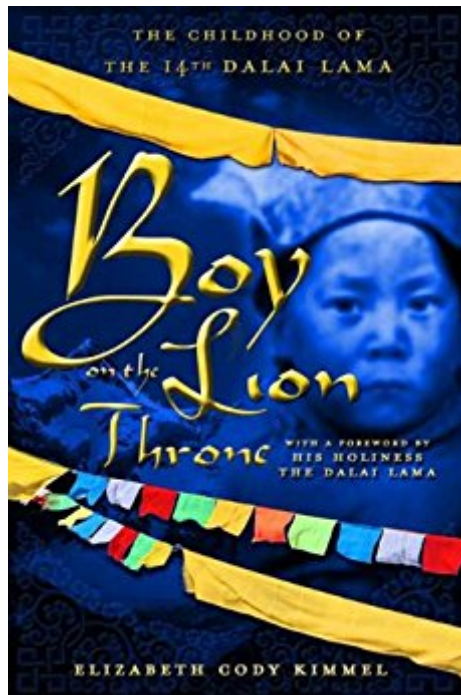




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Synopsis

From humble beginnings to world leader, a new biography focuses on the childhood of the Dalai Lama, as his country remains at the center of the world stage. On a quiet winter morning in 1937, several men on horseback rode into the tiny Tibetan village of Taktser. Disguised as peasants, the high lamas were on a secret mission--soon they would identify 3-year-old Lhamo Thondup as the 14th reincarnation of the Dalai Lama. With a foreword by the Dalai Lama himself, this dramatic narrative follows his remarkable childhood, illuminating the story of Tibet and introducing a remarkable world figure to a new generation.

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Customer Reviews

I read this before I watched the film "Kundun" and it greatly enriched the viewing experience for me. Although the book is aimed at young adults, it was a pleasure to read and has some wonderful photographs of the young Dalai Lama and Tibet throughout. The book explains some of the things that you will see in "Kundun" which are not clearly explained in the film. Armed with this knowledge, you won't be left confused and certain scenes will become relevant. The chapters about the Dalai

Lama as a child were especially entertaining. I laughed out loud at the descriptions of the antics of His Holiness and his older brother, such as the time they were fighting so much that they almost tipped over the palanquin they were riding in. This book will help you see that although he is a world-famous spiritual leader, His Holiness is still just a human like you and me.

For a young reader this is a fine introduction to the childhood and life of the 14th Dalai Lama. The author did a nice job, considering how complicated the subject matter is. An added touch is the short Foreword from the Dalai Lama himself.

Great book!!!

This will be an easy read for middle schoolers, if they have some background knowledge and they are reading close to grade level.

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