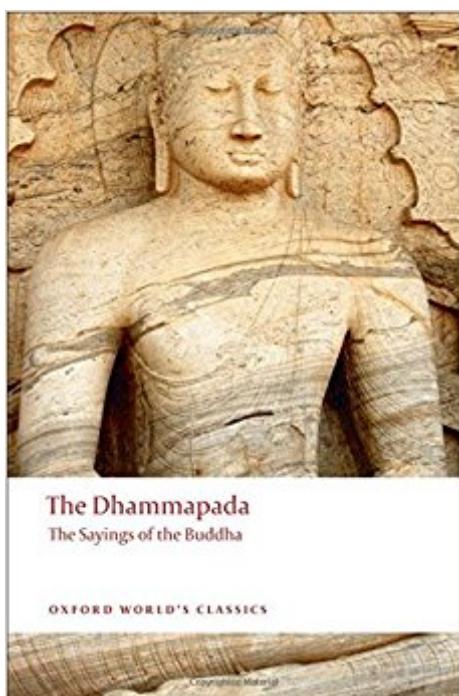


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Awesome format. Very beautifully written.

As a Buddhist, I've read many different English translations of the Dhammapada, and I steer everyone clear of this edition. It's way too wordy, it uses highfalutin language to the point of making parts of it incomprehensible, and I already know the basic translations and interpretations of the Dhammapada. I can't imagine what this edition would be like to a novice. If you're just starting out, please buy a different translation. If you are well versed, this is a good edition to challenge you and give you a different insight and perspective on the English translation from the original Pali.

Good, Just as described!

Excellent

The Dhammapada is collection of sayings of the Buddha, in Pali. It is comprised of 423 verses, which are grouped into 26 chapters according to topic. This is the English translation of the Dhammapada from the critical edition of Carter and Palihawadana, The Dhammapada. There are only xxviii+84=112 pages in this version, and so there is plenty of room for longer explanations of the verses; now there are telegraphic explanations only, and even these are annoying to navigate because only page number and not verse number is given. Verse 121: "Think not triflingly of wrong, / 'It will not come to me! / With falling drops of waters, / Even a waterpot is filled. / A childish one is filled with wrong, / Acquiring bit by bit." Verse 122 replaces the second last line with "A wise one is filled with good,". Verse 201: "Winning, one engenders enmity; / Miserably sleeps the defeated. / The one at peace sleeps pleasantly, / Having abandoned victory and defeat."

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