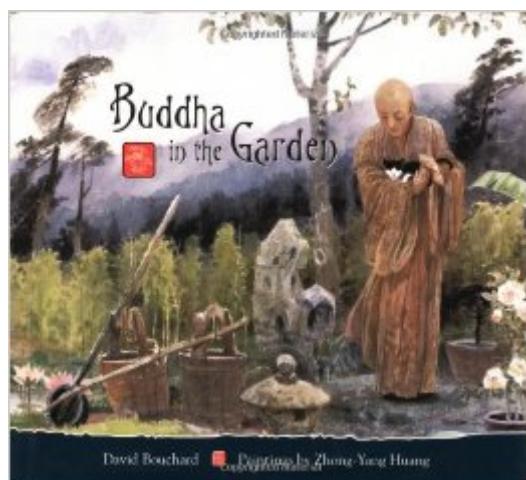


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# Buddha In The Garden



## **Synopsis**

This gorgeous and delightful picture book is the fourth in the award-winning "Chinese Legends" series. In this radiant retelling of an ancient legend, a small boy left at the gates of a Buddhist temple is adopted by the monks who live there. While the monks travel the world seeking enlightenment, the boy tends the temple garden. He befriends a blind monk who sits by the garden gate, too old to travel. One day the old monk tells the boy, "Buddha is in the garden!" and the boy, rapt with the prospect, runs through the gate. Buddha, however, is nowhere to be seen; instead, the boy finds an injured animal. This happens three times, and each time the boy finds a different creature to care for. In the moving conclusion, the boy discovers the true nature of enlightenment, to the surprise of the monks returning from abroad. Here is a classic and beautiful tale, powerfully rendered in incomparable artwork that pays homage to the spirit of the story.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

The water color illustrations by Zhong-Yang Huang are very beautiful! The two pages, "The Story of the Buddha in the Garden" at the end of the story, with two very beautiful illustrations of the old blind monk and the young orphaned monk, and written by Zhong-Yang Huang, are the best part of the whole book. A book about life in a monestary with Zhong-Yang Huang's illustrations is a better idea!

This book is a wonderful combination of lovely words and beautiful illustrations. My 2 boys love the

soothing sounds and colors so much we now have our own buddha in our garden. I got this book for my kids even if it is not a 'kids book', and many adults I show it to rush out to buy it, even if they don't know any kids to give it to. A gorgeous introduction to buddhism.

While the pictures are nice, but a little too pastel for my taste, I was expecting something more concrete at the end. Having the boy turn into a statue of the Buddha, simply did not ring true for me. Perhaps younger children may get more out of this (especially if the ending is explained by adults), but this ending left me cold. A much better, more realistic, down to earth children's book explaining basic Buddhist tenants is [Tenzin's Deer](#)

This is a lovely story with beautiful artwork that can be read to young children. There is not much text on each page, so young children (3-4 yrs old) can enjoy it. I recommend it.

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