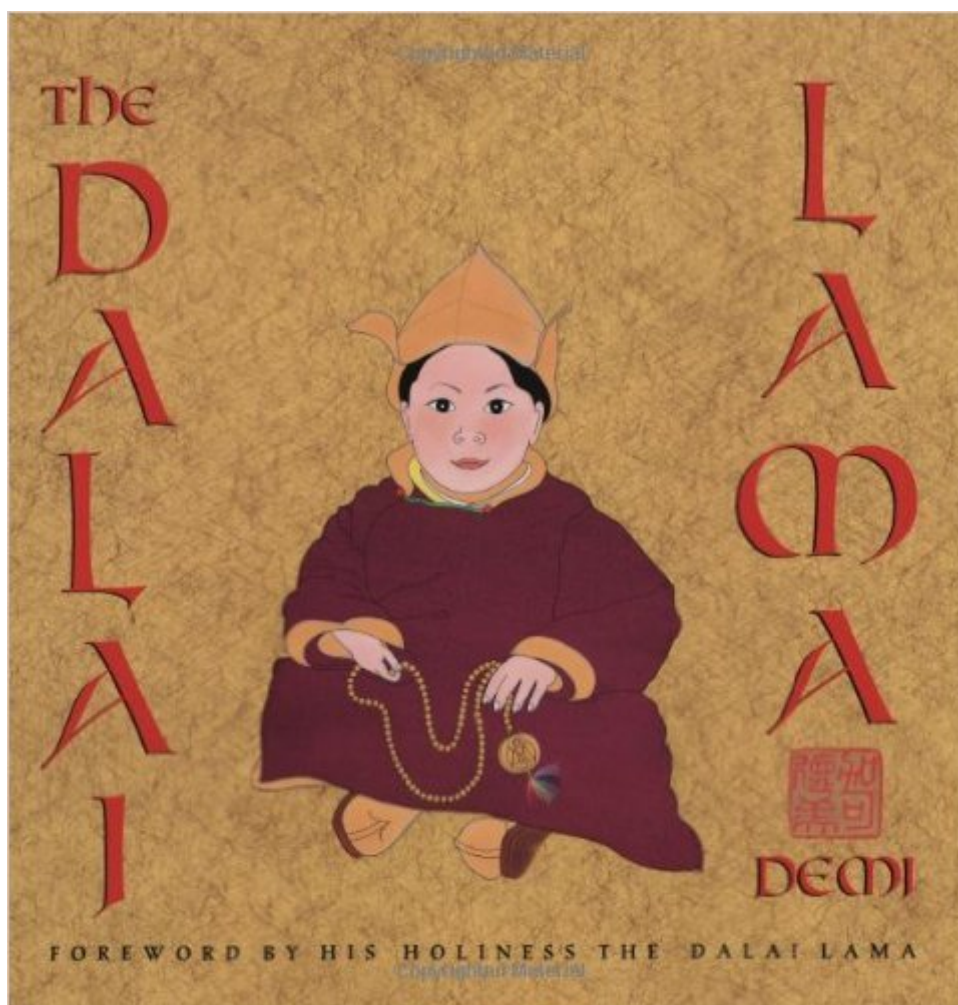


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# The Dalai Lama: Foreword By His Holiness The Dalai Lama



## Synopsis

Included is a foreword written by The Dalai Lama. When the thirteenth Dalai Lama died in 1933, the highest holy men in Tibet searched throughout the land for his successor. They were spiritually guided to the humble dwelling of a loving family high in the Himalayas. When the search party greeted the youngest son, the child told them, "Now I am going home!" At last the fourteenth Dalai Lama had been found, and at the age of two, the young boy was taken to the capital city, Lhasa, where he began his training to become the spiritual leader of Tibet. The work of the Dalai Lama and the fate of Tibet are topics of evergrowing international focus. In simple language and glorious art, Demi pays tribute to the fourteenth Dalai Lama's remarkable life. She captures the beauty of Tibetan culture, as well as the charm, talent, and vision of one of the world's best-known spiritual figures.

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## Customer Reviews

Demi tells a potentially complicated story with clarity and simplicity. The illustrations are beautiful and evocative of the magical land in which the story is set. Where the takeover by Chinese Communist forces is concerned, you may need to fill your child in on some of the political background. Otherwise, the book is very accessible.

This book is both beautifully written and illustrated. The Dalai Lama's message that love, not war, is

the answer to the world's problems is presented quite well. Children will enjoy recognizing that this great man once was a child like them.

I had low expectations of this book before I read it because I had just read Demi's "Lao Tzu and the Tao te Ching" which I gave a 2-star review. I gave Demi's book on Lao Tzu a 2-star review because it contains so many fabulous, supernatural elements that it is more tall tale than reality, and although this book on the Dalai Lama is more reality-driven, it too suffers from some of the same problems -- which I think is inexcusable. Children need a solid grounding in reality if they are going to grow up sane and psychologically whole: children understand that fables and fairy tales take place in the imagination, but if you are going to read them a story which purports to be biographical reality, it had better (in fact) be biographical reality! Otherwise you are distorting their perception of reality by leading them to believe in superstitious untruths. I have read several books about the Dalai Lama's childhood, and most of them suffer from this same problem (which is a travesty) but an older child will be able to read these books more critically than a young child, so personally I would skip this book and introduce the topic of the Dalai Lama's life to an older child via a different book. If you doubt that the worldview of traditional Tibetan people is so steeped in superstition and irrational thinking that they cannot even relate their own stories in a realistic manner, I challenge you to read "Dalai Lama, My Son: A Mother's Story" by Diki Tsering. I have empathy for the Dalai Lama as a person, but the culture into which he was born was almost completely delusional and should not be emulated by westerners in any way, shape or form, amen.

This book will be shared with my students. They have often endured many hardships in their lives and would enjoy hearing others' stories. The Dalai Lama is a very important person in the world and can not be ignored.

This book was delightful! It prompts lots of great questions from the kids. One never knows what to expect from kids but the kids in my Sunday School class all wanted to know more and the questions were all loving, just as the Dalai Lama is.

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