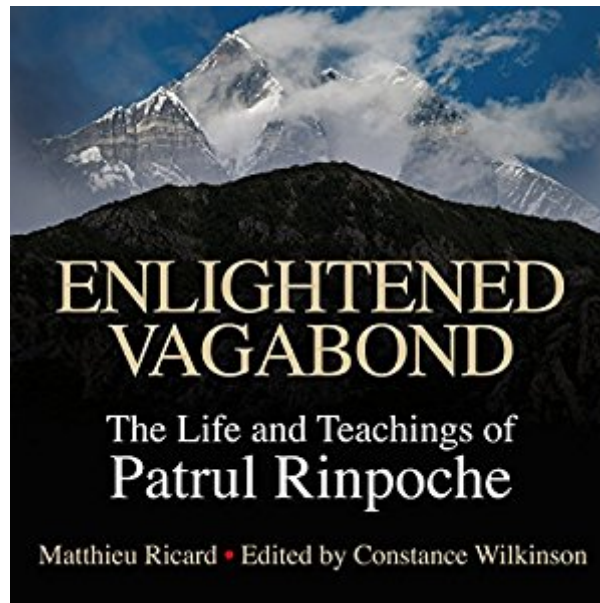




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Synopsis

Colorful stories about and profound teachings of Patrul Rinpoche, one of the most impactful teachers and thinkers in the Tibetan tradition from the 19th century. The life and teachings of the wandering yogi Patrul Rinpoche - a highly revered Buddhist master and scholar of 19th-century Tibet - come alive in true stories gathered and translated by the French Buddhist monk Matthieu Ricard over more than 30 years, based on the oral accounts of great contemporary teachers as well as written sources. Patrul's life story reveals the nature of a highly realized being as he transmits the Dharma in everything he does, teaching both simple nomads and great lamas in ways that are often unconventional and even humorous, but always with uncompromising authenticity.

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Customer Reviews

This is a beautifully done book. It has all that's needed to appreciate the rich context of the many stories about that great master Patrul Rinpoche. There are three forewords including one by the Dalai Lama. There is an index, not to be expected in a book of this sort. There's a glossary, an intricate chart of Rinpoche's spiritual lineage and a chart of his family tree to date. There are forty-eight pages of brief biographical sketches of important masters and disciples of Patrul Rinpoche as well as, in Ricard's words, sketches of 'several important earlier figures who played an influential role in Patrul Rinpoche's life'. There are sources for the stories themselves, sources for the biographical notes and sources for written works in Tibetan and in English. These sources are

very interesting and informative to look into. There are forty illustrations including a map of eastern Tibet, Patrul Rinpoche's stomping grounds, and a picture of the young and handsome Nyoshul Khenpo before his sad and premature decline in health. There are ten 'gems of spiritual advice found in Patrul Rinpoche's own writings' - gems indeed they are! These gems are easily identified in the table of contents by 'small ornamental guillemets' and in the text by italicized titles and guillemets. The exceptional thoroughness of Ricard's presentation in this book might have been anticipated from the equally exceptional presentation in his translation of the autobiography of Shabkar.

Fantastic! So inspiring..

Great stories of a true dharma practitioner. At first, I was concerned that not all the stories are verified as authentic, but as I read them, the lessons of each vignette became the focus, not the authenticity. Many translations of traditional dharma texts are arduous and intricate, but Patrul's personality begins to take shape in this fun, entertaining and relatable book. Recommended.

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