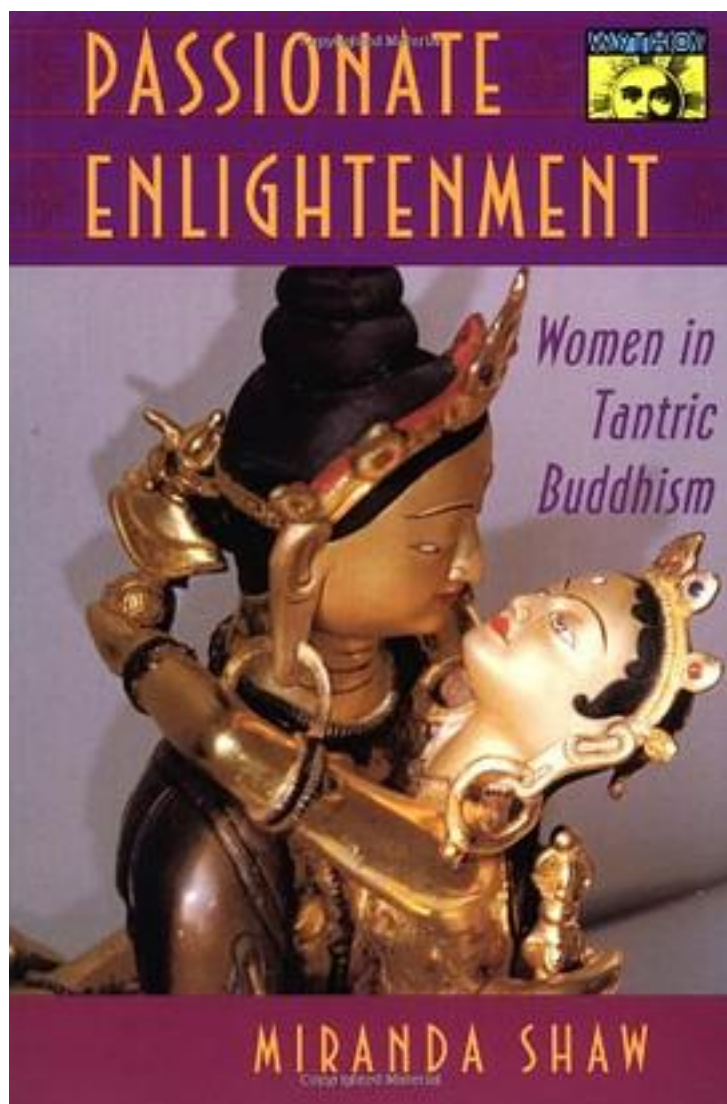


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The crowning cultural achievement of medieval India, Tantric Buddhism is known in the West primarily for the sexual practices of its adherents, who strive to transform erotic passion into spiritual ecstasy. Historians of religion have long held that the enlightenment thus attempted was for men only, and that women in the movement were at best marginal and subordinated and at worst degraded and exploited. Miranda Shaw argues to the contrary, presenting extensive new evidence of the outspoken and independent female founders of the Tantric movement and their creative role in shaping its distinctive vision of gender relations and sacred sexuality.

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"This book is a welcome and wonderful addition to feminist scholarship on Buddhism, a rapidly growing endeavor. . . . Miranda Shaw's discussion of passion and intimacy as a path of practice is exemplary in its demonstration that such practices can only be undertaken by equals who share the same vision, the same aspiration for enlightenment, and the same training and meditative skills."---Rita Gross, Shambhala Sun

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作者要为女性在谭崔佛教中的开创和参与地位正名，找到了不少资料、人物来佐证这一

观点。也详细介绍了一些修行方法。澄清了一些常见的误解，比如，在谭崔中，女性是处于核心地位的，受到很大的尊敬、甚至是崇拜（worship）。谭崔运动是佛教在走向包括更多的门外汉（lay people）过程中生发的，它是一种女性自身兴趣的表达。古往今来，女性成就者并不少。我想，本书的可贵之处在于为女性正名。佛门本来占据主导话语的一直是男性僧人、也把性和女性视作大敌。至于真正的可行性-我看了第六章中的详细描述，觉得这种对身体和把身体的愉悦感受用作打破二元对立思维的工具、不落入贪恋极乐感受的人欲之中的状态，说起来容易、做起来难。不敢随便尝试或者置评。望他日向有成者请教。

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