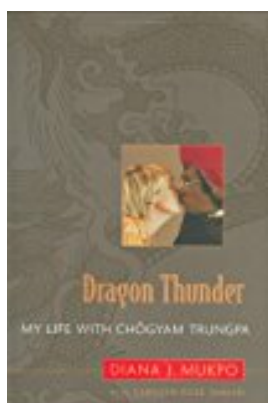


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Description:

From Publishers Weekly The wife of the late Tibetan Buddhist teacher Trungpa Rinpoche tells a lot (but probably not all) in this memoir of her 17-year marriage to a man known for his "crazy wisdom" style of teaching. That crazy wisdom manifested itself in a highly unconventional life that Mukpo shared for virtually all of her husband's time in the West until his untimely death in 1987. Rinpoche drank prodigiously and had numerous lovers. He was also greatly gifted as an imaginative interpreter of Tibetan Buddhism, with its many esoteric practices, to the West. The couple was unconventional from the get-go. An upper-class Briton educated at an exclusive girls' school, Mukpo

was just 16 when she married the Tibetan lama, who she recalls couldn't remember her name when he broke the news of their marriage to a friend. Such anecdotes form a series of revealing private snapshots of the influential Buddhist teacher. Mukpo makes sense out of his craziness and also builds a good case for his brilliance. She is better at domesticity than discipleship, however, so the value of this book is to open household doors and tell a page-turning family story by which the controversial guru can be better understood. (Oct. 3)

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Review "*Dragon Thunder* is a 'warts and all' account of a most extraordinary marriage, and a collision of Tibetan and Western cultures. It gives an intimate and unflinching portrait of the author's life with Trungpa Rinpoche. . . . The book contains many surprises, and demonstrates Trungpa's undoubted genius for creating very provoking teaching situations."—*The Middle Way*

"A delightful and unusual book. Diana Mukpo offers readers new understandings of the life and teachings of Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche, a remarkable person and irreplaceable teacher."—Pema Chödrön, author of *When Things Fall Apart* <p class="MsoNormal">"An intimate and frank telling of the life of one of the great spiritual teachers of the twentieth century. Diana Mukpo's extraordinary story as wife, lover, and friend to Chögyam Trungpa reveals her to be a courageous, independent woman with a depth of understanding of her husband's life and teaching. More than just a history, it is a timeless illumination of the genuine Buddhist path."—Melvin McLeod, editor of *The Best Buddhist Writing* series

"Diana Mukpo has written a deeply intimate, insightful, raw, and moving account of her life with her late husband. I don't think it would be possible to capture the essence of Chögyam Trungpa more accurately and beautifully than she has done here."—Dzigar Kongtrül, author of *It's Up to You: The Practice of Self-Reflection on the Buddhist Path*

"This candid and unsparing book offers up wisdom, courage, and compassion, but also engages the reader in a journey far beyond the normal frames of reference for what spiritual experience actually is. An extraordinary love story as well as a remarkable portrait of a great spiritual teacher."—Rudy Wurlitzer, novelist and author of numerous screenplays including *The Little Buddha*

"Taking us into the heart of Chögyam Trungpa's crazy wisdom, exposing us to his genius and the 'craziness' which I at least was never sure was not his madness, *Dragon Thunder* is a wild and unfathomable story, as heartbreaking and irresistible as *Don Quixote*. As a dharma book, its mix of sadness and wisdom is so complete that reading it becomes a practice in itself."—Lawrence Shainberg, author of *Ambivalent Zen: One Man's Adventures on the Dharma Path*

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