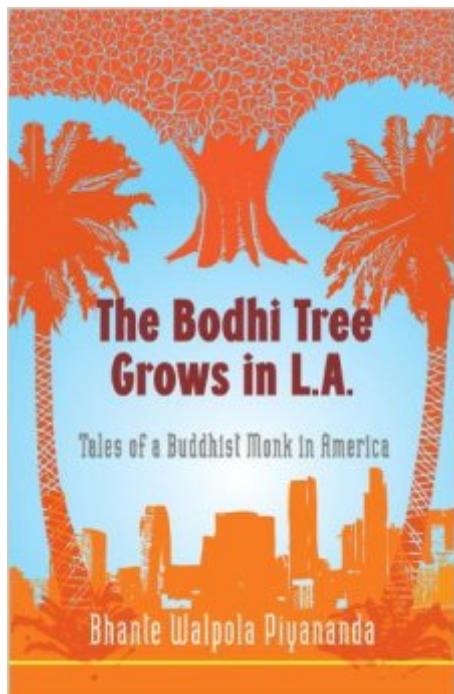


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# The Bodhi Tree Grows In L.A.: Tales Of A Buddhist Monk In America



## **Synopsis**

Truth is regularly stranger than fiction for the abbot of a Buddhist temple in the far-from-tranquil inner city of Los Angeles, California. Whether he is talking a dangerously unbalanced man out of buying a gun, confronting a naked woman in his meditation hall, or helping gamblers reform, Bhante Walpola Piyananda demonstrates that every experience can be an opportunity for learning and appreciating the Buddha's teachings. Bhante Piyananda also reflects on social and political issues such as the racial tension in his neighborhood after the Rodney King trial and the destruction of the Bamiyan Buddha statues in Afghanistan.

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I absolutley love this book.The author being a Thervada monk shares his stories about his crossings with everyday individuals in america, and the problems and situations they come accross. Every story and situation has a relating story on how Buddha solve the situation. The stories are perfect to contemplate on one by one. Dealing with everyday situations we have or might come across one time or another. The stories stay vivid in your head to help you deal with it in case you ever come across a particular situation.An excellent read!!!

A jewel of a book! Piyananda is the only author/monk of his kind, and this book and his earlier book SAFFRON DAYS IN L.A. contain wonderful stories of his life in America, the difficulties he encountered and those brought to him, and how he dealt with them using Buddhist teachings.

Piyananda illustrates all the basic principles of Theravada Buddhism through these absorbing, entertaining and often humorous tales. I laughed out loud many times when reading about the crazy cross cultural mixups that happen when a robed monk meets American society. This book and its sibling can each be read in an afternoon, but they will stay with you for a long time. I look forward to revisiting the book in the future. Definitely 5 stars!

Bhante charms with another collection that's very much like his first book, Saffron Days in L.A. -- charming, informative Dhamma stories with a touch of humor and which truly address life in these modern times in our United States. Highly recommended.

The most unexpected of places can be the setting of a profound religious experience. "The Bodhi Tree Grows in L.A. Tales of A Buddhist Monk in America" is the author's personal and introspective reflections on his time in Los Angeles. He spreads his wisdom with enlightening tales about assisting those who need help when they need it most, and how to apply Buddha's teachings in even the most un-Zen of settings. "The Bodhi Tree Grows in L.A." is highly recommended to American Buddhists everywhere who want to maintain their faith in their chaotic world.

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