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# Heartlands

Travels in the Tibetan World

Michael Buckley

*Heartlands* is a glimpse into the troubled soul of hidden Tibet. Reaching Lhasa is the dream of all Tibetan pilgrims, but China's brutal occupation has reduced this ancient civilization to a shadow of its former self. If you want to discover real Tibetan culture, you have to go elsewhere on the plateau – to Ladakh, Bhutan or Outer Mongolia. Exploring these remote regions in a series of trips, Michael Buckley embarks on a quest to come to grips with Tibetan ways, from the celebrated spirituality to the downright bizarre, and finds himself balanced somewhere in between magic and reality. A fascinating and personal journey of discovery, Buckley rubs shoulders with hardy nomads, encounters giant phalluses and stuffed kangaroos, cycles snowbound passes, chats to the Dalai Lama and survives interrogation by Chinese police. Darkly funny, informative and inspired, Buckley's account of these amazing lands makes invaluable reading.

Michael Buckley has written seven books on Tibet and Southeast Asia. He has been published in over 50 magazines and newspapers on stories from the far-flung reaches of the globe.

Praise for *Heartlands*:

"*Heartlands* is a wonderful companion for anyone venturing into the Tibetan world. An engaging book that takes you to the true "heart" of this fascinating region, its people and way of life. Mr. Buckley does an excellent job of bringing the Tibetan world to life on paper. Highly Recommended!"

Gavin Allwright, ed:  
Mapping the Tibetan World

"If you care about Tibet, or Tibetans, or the very idea of Tibet in the world, you must read *Heartlands: Travels in the Tibetan World*. Michael Buckley roams this vast land top to bottom and east to west, and in the process makes the reader burn with a very un-Buddhist desire to tramp in his footsteps."

James O'Reilly, editor:  
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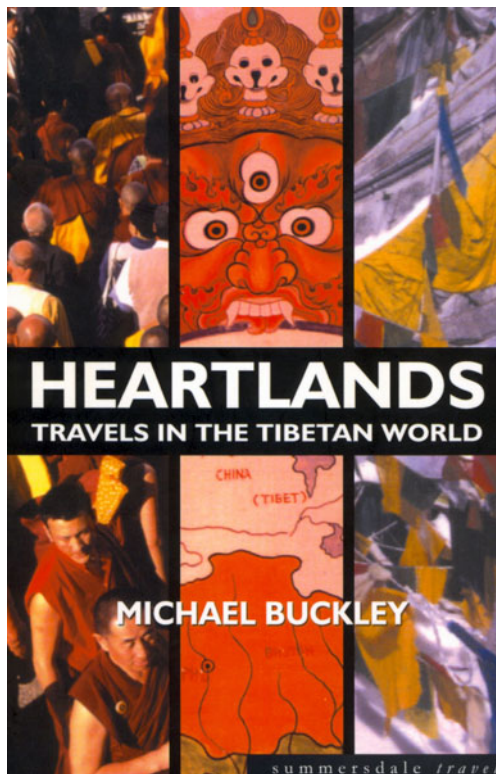
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