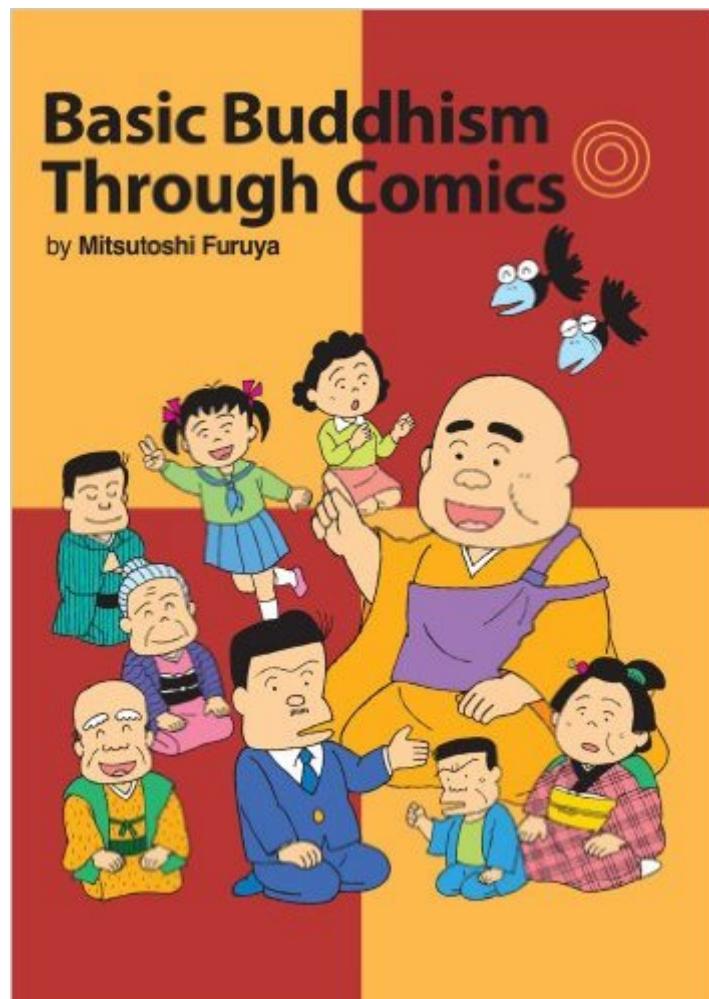


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Synopsis

Basic Buddhism Through Comics is a fun and novel look at the esoteric and occasionally difficult-to-grasp concepts behind Buddhism. Intended for adults as well as children, this comic-style book is an excellent guide for both those who have freshly entered the gate of Buddhism and those who have been practicing the teachings for a long time. Consisting of 23 episodes, this book offers not only easy-to-understand descriptions of Buddhist concepts, but also the means to apply them in our daily lives.

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Buddhism is easy to understand, and easy to embody. That is the real message of "Basic Buddhism Through Comics." The book seeks to take complicated ideas and rephrase them in everyday language, using everyday examples, to bring a small slice of enlightenment into the lives of curious readers. Manga artist Furuya Mitsutoshi is best known for his parody of Japanese family life in his comic "No-Good Dad" (Japanese title "Dame Oyaji.") In that series, he reversed the standard roles in the Japanese family by showing a weak and ineffective father and a strong domineering mother. In this comic he uses a similar sequence of family dramas to illustrate the basic tenants of Buddhism. One thing this book is definitely not is "Buddhism for Kids." The family dramas that Furuya uses to illustrate the Dharma are very adult; a lonely housewife who can't get her family to acknowledge her. Another woman whose husband is a drunken slob who never works. A loud-mouthed businessman who thinks he already knows all the answers. A married couple who

fight over money. Each of these characters in turn is introduced to a friendly Buddhist monk who shows them how following the path of Buddhism they can improve their lives and find happiness. And Furuya takes these lessons seriously. There is nothing of the history of Buddhism here, no esoteric mustering on after-lives and reincarnation, no thousand-armed Kannon or smiling Hotels. Instead he focuses on the Dharma, the rules of daily life laid down by Shakyamuni Buddha. The Three Seals of the Dharma. The Four Noble Truths. The Eightfold Path. The Six Paramitas that Lead to Spiritually Rich Living. He shows the connections between these truths, the connections between all things, and the right way of living that brings happiness.

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