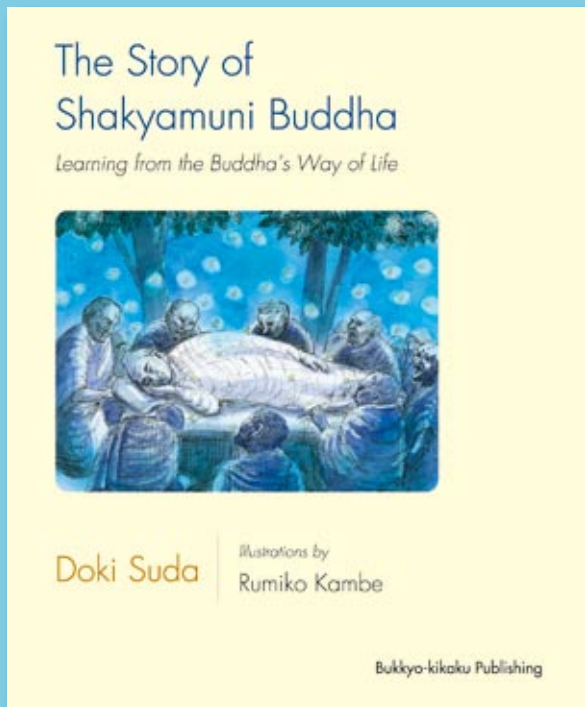


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This version of the story of the Buddha's life was a popular feature in the *Soto Zen Graph* (first published in 1982), a magazine widely read by the faithful of Soto Zen Buddhism, over a period of six years. It is a well-known fact that ancient Indian Buddhist scriptures gradually came to depict the Buddha as a super-human—undoubtedly a manifestation of respect and admiration for him. In modern times, however, much light has been shed on the life of the Buddha as a historical figure.

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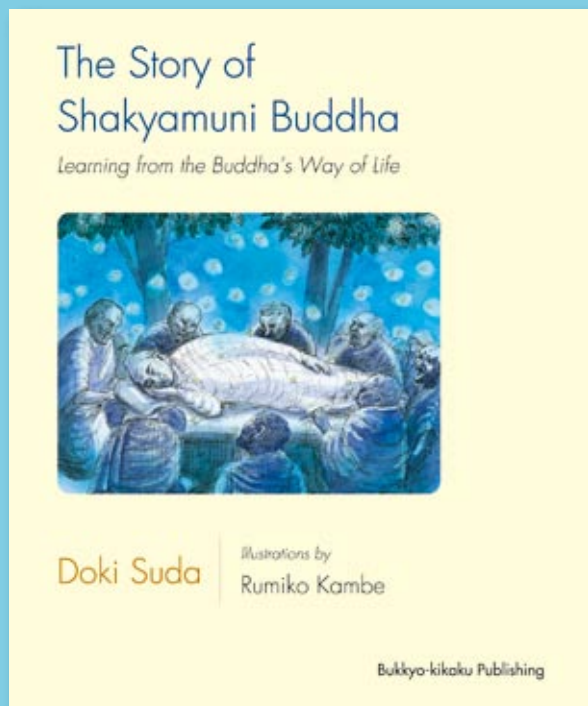
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