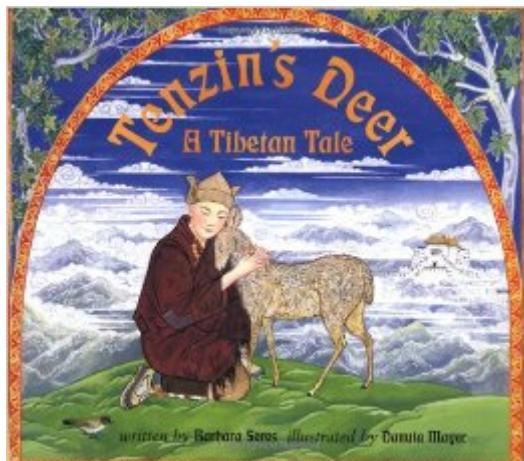


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# Tenzin's Deer: A Tibetan Tale



## **Synopsis**

Barbara Soros draws on the ancient wisdom of the Tibetan people to narrate the touching story of a young boy named Tenzin and the wounded musk deer he encounters in the woods. By paying heed to his dreams and to the needs of the animal he has rescued, Tenzin is able to cure the deer. But soon he discovers that he must learn one of the most important lessons of all: how to love deeply enough to let go. The lush, intricate illustrations evoke the emotional depth of this tale that encourages the Buddhist virtues of nonviolence, compassion and the rejection of materialism. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This wonderful story weaves together many spiritual, ethical and human truths. Unlike the above reviewer, as a practicing Jew, I have absolutely no problems with this book. It is a fabulous story of compassion and opening the heart and spirit to our world. I am a published children's author and am used to discussing books with small people. I had a wonderfully rewarding experience reading this with my 4 1/2 year old daughter. This book is terrific and shows how art can open the heart. The art work itself is also beautiful. I initially borrowed the book from the library and just had to have it. It's only happened once before.

Tenzin's Deer is an exceptional book for children. It is poetically written, with enriched language. This is a relief as illustrated books often tend towards overly simple language. It illustrates compassion and trust in inner guidance. It illustrates generosity of spirit and the ethics of love. It gives clues to a culture based on kindness and goodwill. How could a child not benefit from such a story. The illustrations are exceptional and match the text in beauty and meaning.

Tibetan medicine student Barbara Soros presents Tenzin's Deer, a children's picturebook grounded in traditional Tibetan culture. A young boy named Tenzin is born beneath a shining comet, and holds the collective wisdom of many generations within him. He is kind toward both people and animals; when he discovers a wounded musk deer, his compassion leads him to take it home and try to heal it. He names the deer Jampa, "loving kindness"; while he sleeps, a dream reveals to him how to help Jampa get better. As Jampa gradually recovers, Tenzin must learn his most important lesson of all: how to let go of what he loves. The gentle color illustrations add the perfect touch to this fable, which features fairly involved text and is ideal for young readers almost ready to make the transition to chapter books.

I thought this might be a bit too old for my 5-year-old, and there are some parts he doesn't "get". But it is a wonderful story of a compassionate boy who cares for a deer, and my son gets that part. As a practicing Christian, I don't agree with everything the book says, but the caring and gentleness of this boy are traits I want my son to identify with. We both love the artwork. The book has been a wonderful opportunity to discuss other countries. I got it from the library originally, but I have bought it to keep.

I chose this book because it speaks to a prayerful sort of kindness for creatures and also helps in letting go of our attachments, whether human or animal. I sent a copy of this book to a friend who was having a struggle with letting go of her dying mother. She wept all the way through it and felt such release and gratitude. This book goes very deep in a profound way.

I ordered this book because there aren't that many books written about deer that don't involve hunting. This is a lovely book--nice story of compassion for other creatures and beautiful drawings also.

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