

MUNSHIRAM  
MANOHARLAL



**Munshiram Manoharlal  
Publishers Pvt. Ltd.**

PO Box 5715, 54 Rani Jhansi Road  
New Delhi 110 055, INDIA

*Tel:* +91-11-23671668, 23673650, 23636097, 23638992

*Fax:* +91-11-23612745

*Email:* [mrml@mrmlbooks.com](mailto:mrml@mrmlbooks.com)

*Website:* [www.mrmlbooks.com](http://www.mrmlbooks.com)

Dated 01/03/2010

**JUST PUBLISHED**

**Cambodian Buddhism**  
History and Practice

**Ian Harris**



## **ABOUT THE BOOK**

The study of Cambodian religion has long been hampered by a lack of easily accessible scholarship. This impressive new work by Ian Harris thus fills a major gap and offers English-language scholars a booklength, up-to-date treatment of the religious aspects of Cambodian culture. Beginning with a coherent history of the presence of religion in the country from its inception to the present day, the book goes on to furnish insights into the distinctive nature of Cambodia's important yet overlooked manifestation of Theravada Buddhist tradition and to show how it reestablished itself following almost total annihilation during the Pol Pot period.

Historical sections cover the dominant role of tantric Mahayana concepts and rituals under the last great king of Angkor, Jayavarman VII (1181–c. 1220); the rise of Theravada traditions after the collapse of the Angkorian civilization; the impact of foreign influences on the development of the nineteenth-century monastic order; and politicized Buddhism and the Buddhist contribution to an emerging sense of Khmer nationhood. The Buddhism practiced in Cambodia has much in common with parallel traditions in Thailand and Sri Lanka, yet there are also significant differences. The book concentrates on these and illustrates how a distinctly Cambodian Theravada developed by accommodating itself to premodern Khmer modes of thought. Following the overthrow of Prince Sihanouk in 1970, Cambodia slid rapidly into disorder and violence. Later chapters chart the elimination of institutional Buddhism under the Khmer Rouge and its gradual reemergence after Pol Pot, the restoration of the monastic order's prerevolutionary institutional forms, and the emergence of contemporary Buddhist groupings.

## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

**Ian Harris** is professor of Buddhist studies at the University of Cumbria, U.K., and Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation Visiting Professor on Buddhism and Contemporary Society at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

**Ro. 402pp. (HB). 2010. ISBN 978-81-215-1217-6.  
Rs 1095 or US\$ 24.25**

### **Shipping**

#### **Within India**

- **Registered Post** (3–7 days) **Rs 50**
- **Courier** (1–2 days) **Rs 100**

#### **Rest of the World**

- **Surface Air Lifted**  
[USA, UK, Germany, and Singapore only]  
(10–15 days) **US\$ 15**
- **Air Mail** (7–10 days) **US\$ 20**
- **FedEx** (1–3 days) **US\$ 45**

### **Payment**

#### **Within India**

- **Demand Draft** favouring Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd, payable at New Delhi
- **Direct Deposit** to our Canara Bank account number 2021201006160
- **Money Order**

#### **Rest of the World**

- **Credit Card:** Visa, MasterCard, or American Express
- **PayPal:** [orders@mrmlonline.com](mailto:orders@mrmlonline.com)
- **Banker's Cheque** favouring Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd.
- **Wire Transfer:**  
Canara Bank Account No. 2021201006160  
Swift Code: CNRBINBBDFM  
Branch Address: Pahar Ganj,  
New Delhi, INDIA