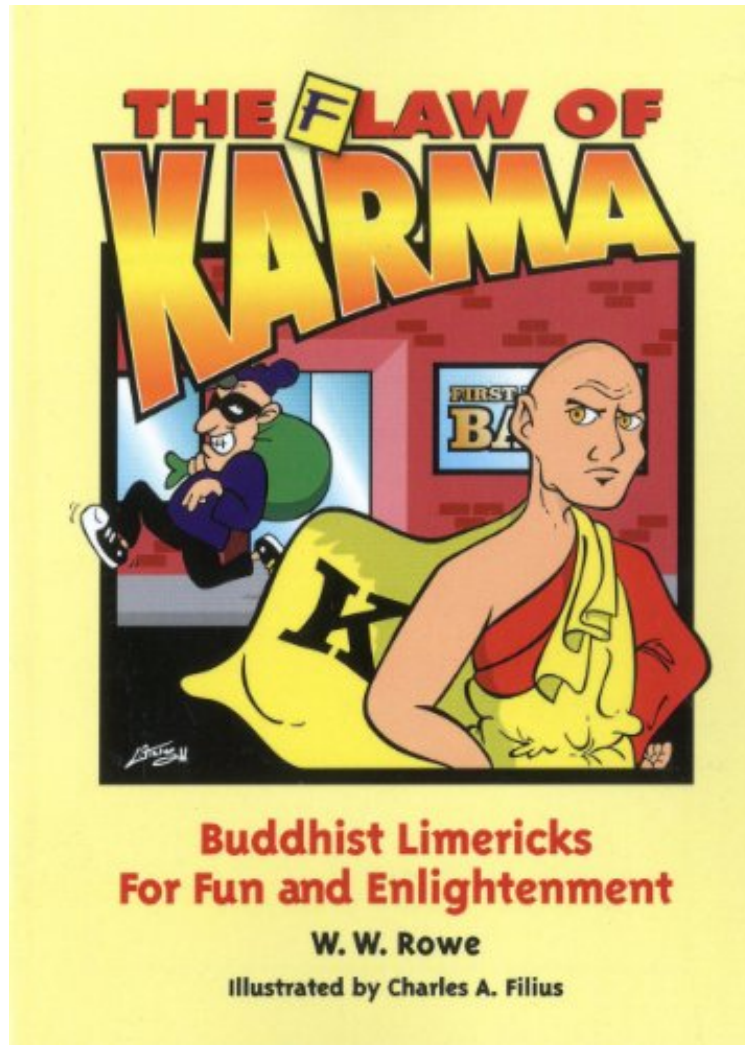


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**W. W. Rowe : The Flaw of Karma: Buddhist Limericks for Fun and Enlightenment** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Flaw of Karma: Buddhist Limericks for Fun and Enlightenment:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. The F-law of KarmaBy BelleYou have heard, "What is the sound of one hand clapping?" "If a tree falls in the forest, does it, if no one is there?"My questions are: What is the sound of the funny bone entering a portal of mind-full laughter? If I laugh does it turn "law" into "flaw"? Or, is it the other way around? Who said tales of karma are serious stuff?I guess it all depends upon what you are reading. Within the pages

of (F)Laws of Karma, W.W. Rowe plays sleight of mind within the whirling despots of dharma. As poet-provocateur, Rowe dances around the edges of philosophical ideas and taunts the inner comic with the precision of a whirling Buddhist in golden robes. His Buddha-in-Wonderland `rabbit-hole' is all the more enticing with the illustrated images by Charles A. Filius. The book is an investigation of a few perverse streaks within Buddhism. Call them stories, koans, paradoxes, metaphors, allegories or whatever...they will leave indelible `gotcha' footprints on your mindfulness! If you are a willing participant, I urge you to check out Rowe's non-addictive mind altering substance, Flaws of Karma. He has cut the label out of "destiny's" garment and he re-examines `KARMA' under a lens of mirth. All I can say is reading Flaws is a fuzzy dance drummed upon an upside down mind with the end of a funny bone. Read it and you will never recover from the dance! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Buddhist stories in brief and with wit

By Sylvia Somerville

The Flaw of Karma takes some well-known Tibetan Buddhist stories (often told by Tibetan masters to illustrate a point) and condenses them into limericks. It also features original Buddhist-inspired material--all with a deliciously light touch. These witty poems are fun to read and thought provoking, and the adaptations maintain the essence of the original story. Illustrations by Charles A. Filius add visual interest and meaning.

A postscript: The title may seem misleading. Mr. Rowe does not suggest that actions don't have consequences--but that it may take more than one lifetime to reap the results of what we have sown so that the outcome is not always obvious. Indeed, as he says in his introduction, "This book aims, in its quirky way, to celebrate Buddhism." And The Flaw of Karma accomplishes this goal with gusto.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. What goes around, comes around--maybe!

By Running Deer

This fun and provocative book about Karma illustrates that "what goes around comes around", but not in the way you think. This thoughtful adorable, funny book left me feeling simultaneously entertained and more mindful. Being a fan of Dr. W.W. Rowe, I see how many of his other books are intertwined in The F-Law of Karma. My favorite limerick is the Buddhist Ad-- could be an ad for a roommate, co-worker, client, friend, relative or husband (ok, maybe not). Be sure to check it out! If you enjoy limericks, Rowe's Clever Billy is a MUST READ for you!

The Buddha in Hell? Gossipy Monks? A karmic superhero? A Lady reborn as a fly? A Tibetan lake of vanishing gold? A king who barks like a hound; Merit from a pig's muddy tail. The Buddha's advice for cleaning sandals? Here is enlightening advice on laughing gas for the karma-laden mindstream moving inexorably toward The Great Whatever. Though many of the limericks are humorous, they contain some serious spiritual ideas.