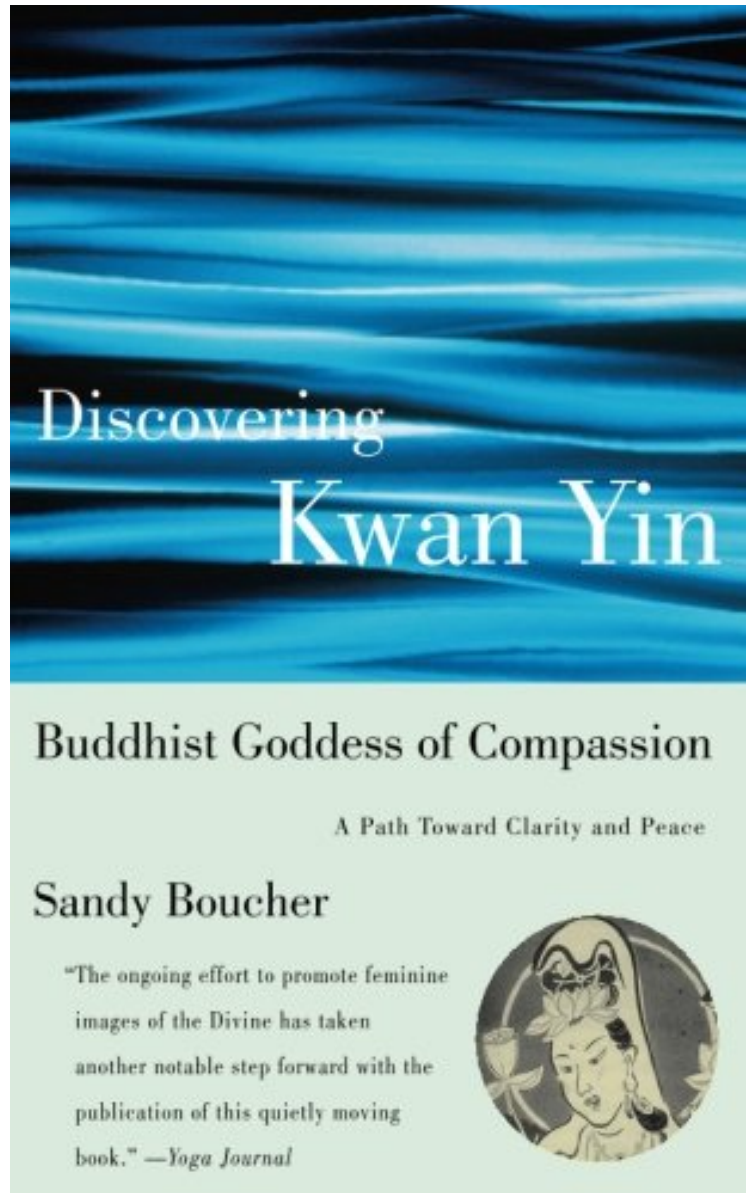


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Sandy Boucher, celebrated author of *Opening the Lotus and Turning the Wheel*, now offers North American readers their first opportunity to share in Kwan Yin's illuminating wisdom. Along with providing meditations, chants, and prayers this lovely, illustrated volume recounts the stories of this bodhisattva (one who delays her own full enlightenment to work for the liberation of all beings) and explains Kwan Yin's role in Buddhism. *Discovering Kwan Yin* is sure to become an important spiritual touchstone for those who seek to celebrate the goddess in their lives, to give and receive the loving power of her presence.

.com On one end of the spectrum of Western Buddhism, we have the likes of Stephen Batchelor and his *Buddhism Without Beliefs*. On the other end, some people choose to preserve the gods of the East. Sandy Boucher, author of *Opening the Lotus and Turning the Wheel*, turns her attention to the phenomenon of Kwan Yin (also known as: Guanyin, Kannon, Kwan Um, Chenrezig, Avalokitesvara), bodhisattva of compassion. Kwan Yin as comforter, healer, and female exemplar has been adopted as a personal deity by a growing number of Western women, whether Buddhists or not. In *Discovering Kwan Yin*, Boucher meets up with many of them, evoking stories of profound encounters, life-saving rescues, and long-term guidance. The wide-open spiritualism of Boucher's search leads her to a diversity of images, places, people, and experiences: Asian-American immigrants, a Chinese island, an extravagant tattoo, a Fulbright poet, a pagan goddess mass. For those seeking a divine presence in their lives, and a female one at that, *Discovering Kwan Yin* is a powerful initiation into a centuries-old tradition of soulful devotion. --Brian Bruya
From *Library Journal* Boucher, author of other noted feminist and Buddhist titles (e.g., *Opening the Lotus*, LJ 5/15/97) offers what she describes as the first book on Kwan Yin written by a woman. It is perhaps inevitable, in the surge of interest in woman- and goddess-centered spirituality, that books on the East's most familiar goddess should appear, and Boucher's work is a good beginning. Warm personal recollections and shared experiences shape this collection of life stories, songs, and insights, but Buddhist readers should be aware that Boucher's outlook reflects a largely American and even Californian version of Buddhism. For larger collections and those strong in feminist studies. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. [This book is] rooted in the struggles of everyday life. --Shambhala Sun
"Sandy Boucher skillfully and engagingly brings the goddess Kwan Yin in her many guises from the East to the West-and into our hearts-in this wonderful book." --Rick Fields, author of *How the Swans Came to the Lake: A History of Buddhism in America*
"A fascinating introduction to Kwan Yin, the most revered goddess of Asia." --Values and Visions s"
[*Discovering Kwan Yin*] gives us a form of knowledge we deeply need in these times." --Susan Griffen, author of *What Her Body Thought*