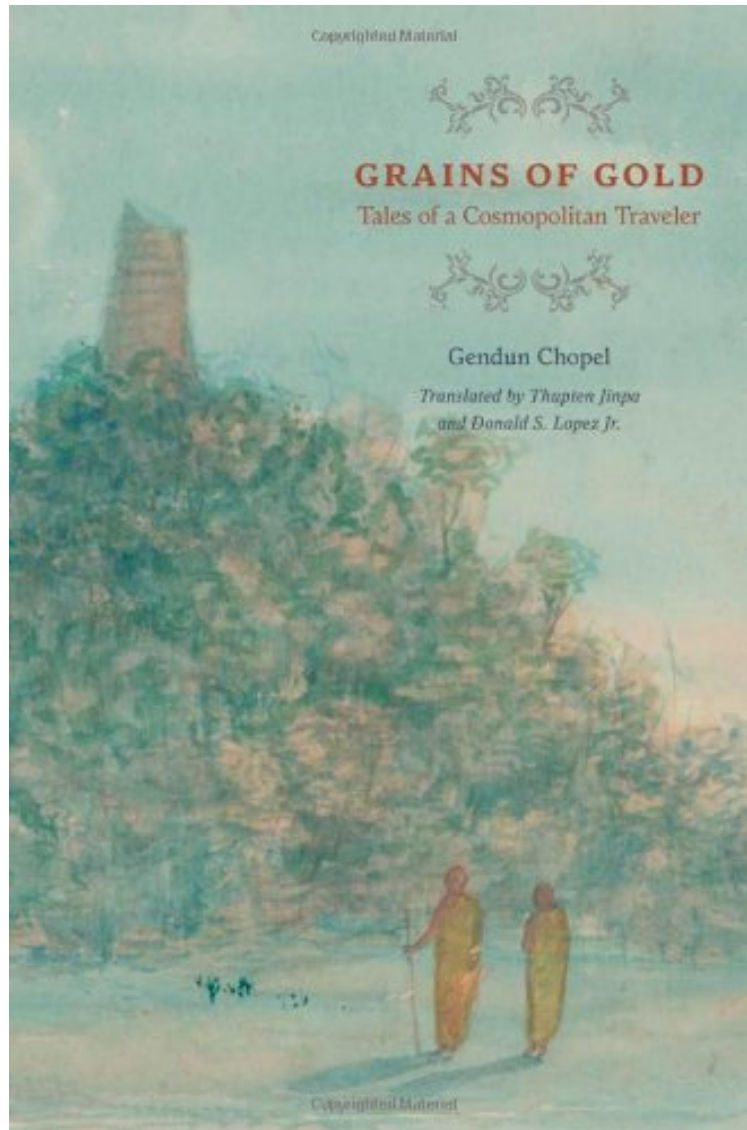


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perspectives and knowledge of Gendun Chopel will always be worth reading about. I predict that this book will be particularly interesting to those who have lived in Amdo, India, or Sri Lanka, as it is full of place names and "local histories."

In 1941, philosopher and poet Gendun Chopel (1903-51) sent a large manuscript by ship, train, and yak across mountains and deserts to his homeland in the northeastern corner of Tibet. He would follow it five years later, returning to his native land after twelve years in India and Sri Lanka. But he did not receive the welcome he imagined: he was arrested by the government of the regent of the young Dalai Lama on trumped-up charges of treason. He emerged from prison three years later a broken man and died soon after.

Gendun Chopel's *Grains of Gold* is the magnum opus of arguably the single most brilliant Tibetan scholar of the twentieth century, and the team of Donald S. Lopez Jr. and renowned translator Thupten Jinpa is the ideal combination of talents to expertly render it into faithful but accessible English. This excellent translation will be enthusiastically (and gratefully) welcomed by both scholars and general readers.