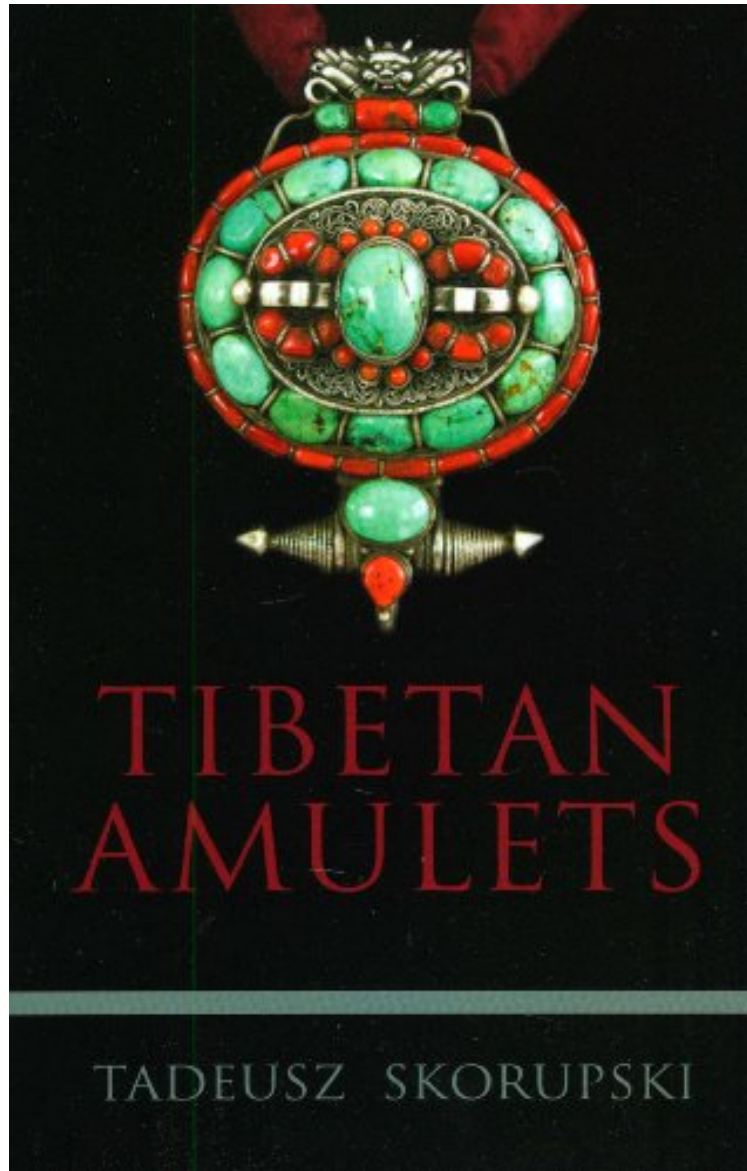


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Tadeusz Skorupski : Tibetan Amulets before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Tibetan Amulets:

6 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Disappointing and DeceivingBy Professor Robert Henry Sr.From the title to the text, this book is a deceiver. It ONLY deals with a small segment of Tibetan Amulets...a single group that is limited to a single sect....and the high Lamas of that single sect, to boot. Not only have most Chinese and Westerners

never seen or likely to come in contact with these, most Lamas in Tibet have never encountered them! What may be worse than this limitation is that the book IGNORES the hundreds of OTHER GOOD AMULETS that Tibetans have used for centuries.....amulets that are of a mixed group of materials, images, sizes and purposes. The field is so rich with possibilities that it is unconscionable that this author bypasses them to concentrate on that single brick in a wall so full of varied symbolism. Do not waste your money unless you are looking out of arcane curiosity or for advanced Doctoral study. 2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Not enough practical information! By Julien Bourgault This book furnishes the reader with two sets of magical objects: the 109 amulets taken from a work titled "srung 'bum rdo-rje 'phreng-ba" and the 102 Tibetan cakras from another work titled "srung-'khor brgya-rtsa-pa". However, the author does not provide all the information one would need to construct and empower these magical objects for personal use. Well, what we may certainly have here is another amulet book written by an author who most probably never made a single amulet in all his life... So, one question may certainly arise here: why furnish the reader with 109 amulets and 102 cakras without giving that same reader the complete information he needs to make use of these amulets and cakras (if it happens to be his wish to do so)? Personally, I think that giving these essential informations would have been very nice as it would have been respectful to all types of readers, and not only to those who are uniquely interested by the theoretical aspect of that subject. However, an effort was done to furnish the reader with many amulets and cakras from two obscure sources. For that reason, I do not give that book only one star but 2 1/2. A regrettable low rating however, a rating that would have probably been avoided if these amulets were accompanied by complete explanations about how to make, consecrate and use them. Then, that book would have most probably deserved a 4 or maybe even a 5 stars rating. Sadly, it does not! Now, for the reader interested by Tibetan charms and amulets, here's another book on that subject: "Tibetan Tantric Charms and Amulets", by Nik Douglas. (See my review of that book).

A detailed explanation of the efficacy of Tibetan charms and amulets, with all examples illustrated.

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