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By Bhikkhuni Miao Kwang Sudharma

Llumina Press, United States, 2007. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 224 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.WONDERFUL LIGHT is the inspiring story of an American Buddhist nun, Helen Alexa Koclanes, born in Evanston, Illinois. As a child she was sensitive to persecution and discrimination suffered by other children. She went to India as a young woman, after her marriage to an Indian man. Living near Calcutta under the watchful and hostile eye of her mother-in-law, she bore three children, the youngest of whom died in infancy. Lonely and surrounded by hatred, she persuaded her cold, dictatorial husband to take the family back to Illinois, where she informed him she wanted a divorce. Enraged, he kidnapped the children, took them to India, and cut off contact with their mother. After six more failed marriages, Alexa heard Alan Watts speak on Buddhism, with its promise of release from suffering, and wondered if this might be a path to peace. She traveled to Japan, lived in a monastery, worked with orphans, and was ordained as a Buddhist nun. In Sri Lanka, Bhikkhuni (Sister) Miao Kwang Sudharma, as she was now known, was ordained in the Theravadin...



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