

American Buddhism

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Note:

During the past two decades, research on Buddhism in North America has expanded tremendously. This bibliography is meant to serve as a preliminary guide to the main scholarly accounts on the history, development and state of affairs of Buddhism in the U.S.A. and Canada. It is not intended to provide an exhaustive listing of studies. Rather, mainly important books and articles are compiled herein. These are added by some few practitioners' observations or memoirs and occasionally followed by references to web-pages, videos and films. These listings certainly remain incomplete and suggestions for further entries are gratefully appreciated. The bibliography is structured in a threefold way:

- Section 1 lists studies surveying generally Buddhism in North America.
- Section 2 delineates 'American Buddhism' according to the variety of Buddhist traditions and schools. This section is arranged roughly in accordance with a tradition's appearance in North America.
- Section 3 refers to issues at stake in the history and adaptation of Buddhism in North America.

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