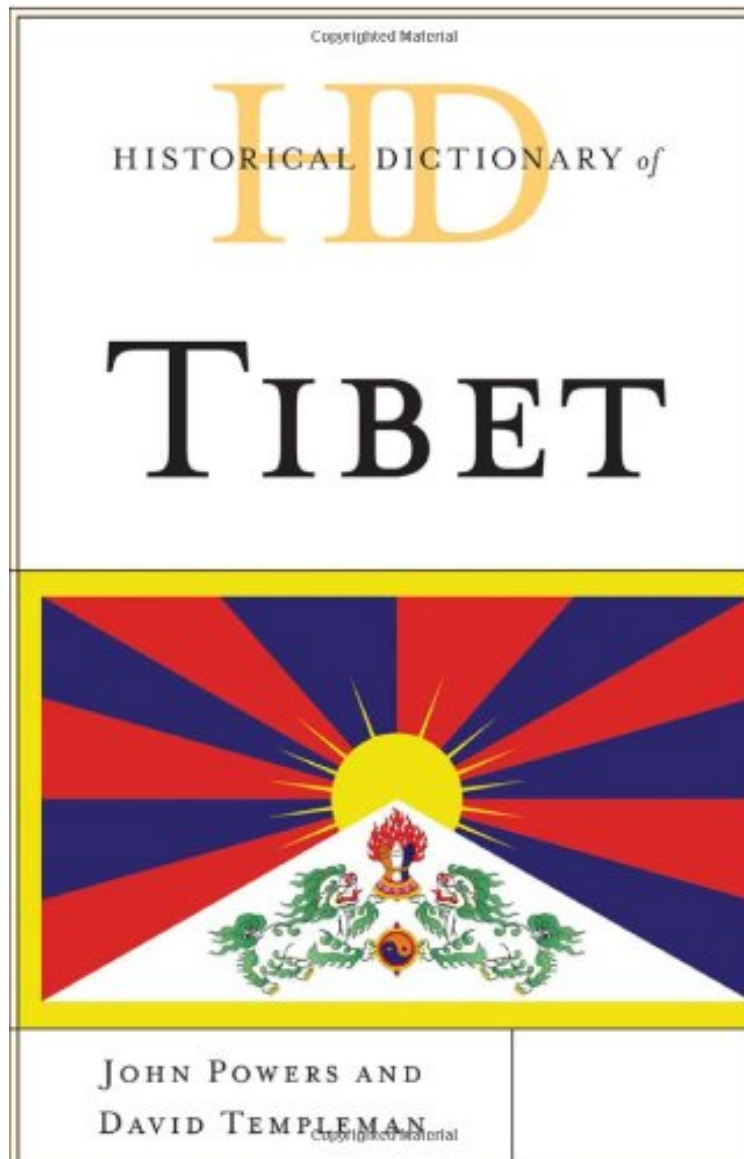


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politics, and a useful explanation of regional Tibetan language and the Wylie transliteration system. Also featured is an extensive chronology that begins at 27,000 BCE with the early Neolithic period and settlements in Chu bzung, and extends to April 2011, when bLo bzung seng ge was elected second bKa' blon khri pa. Readers also will find a helpful glossary of common phonetic spellings and Wylie transliteration equivalents; a listing of acronyms and abbreviations used throughout the book; and a thorough bibliography that is categorized by numerous subjects, including language and literature, the Mongol empire, and Tibetan borderlands. Black-and-white maps are at the beginning of the book, with black-and-white photographs scattered throughout. More than 1,000 brief alphabetical entries discuss the key events, people, social issues, foreign relations, and policies that make this vast country distinct. This will be a valuable resource for a variety of audiences interested in Tibet or in Asian studies or history. **Summing Up:** Highly recommended. (CHOICE) Recommended for academic and large public libraries, and those institutions serving populations with ties to that area. (American Reference Books Annual) **About the Author** John Powers is professor of Asian Studies at Australian National University. He is the author of 16 books and more than 50 academic articles. David Templeman is an adjunct scholar at the Monash Asia Institute at Monash University. He has more than 40 years of experience of academic study of Tibetan history, culture, and religion.