

“Empowering Young Minds” Showcasing Instilling Goodness Books ~California Kids’ Book Fairs~

啓迪青少年的智慧 展示育良圖書—加州兒童書展

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Bhikshuni Jin Rou captivated the audience by reading *Prince Siddhartha and the Bully* at San Ramon book fair.

比丘尼近柔（圖左）在聖拉蒙書展上朗讀為聽眾朗讀《悉達多王子和惡霸》。



Kids were invited to write a kind message on a link to our “kindness chain” at orange County fair.

參加橘郡書展的孩子們受邀在我們「善鏈」上寫下善意的訊息。

Bhikshunies Heng Yuan, Jin Rou, and Jin Jian unveiled our new and award-winning books at two significant California children’s book fairs, captivating young minds and families alike. The fairs were the Orange County Book Fair on October 30 and the Bay Area Fair in San Ramon on November 5.

Our featured releases include *Giant Turtle’s Long Nap* (Nautilus Award), *Prince Siddhartha and the Bully* (Moonbeam Award), *Wu Mo’s Day*, a glimpse into the day of a young Buddhist monk, and *Dharma Bells*, a delightful children’s coloring book of Buddhist symbols.

The Orange County Fair, set against the backdrop of white canopies, created a festive atmosphere with actors donning storybook character costumes to interact with the children. To add to the festivities, we gave gifts of hand-painted wood horses and turtles with purchases of the *Siddhartha* and *Giant Turtle*

比丘尼恒圓、近柔和近簡在加州兩個重要的兒童書展上推出了我們的獲獎新書，吸引了年輕人和家庭的目光。這些書展包括10月30日的橘郡書展和11月5日在聖拉蒙舉辦的灣區書展。

我們推介的書籍包括《巨龜的長睡》（榮獲鸚鵡螺圖書獎）、《悉達多王子與惡霸》（榮獲月光圖書獎）、介紹年輕僧侶修行日常的小冊——《無摩的一天》和饒富趣味的佛教象徵兒童著色本——《法鐘》。

橘郡書展在白色篷頂的襯托下，營造出節慶的氛圍，演員們扮演故事書中的人物與孩子們互動。為了增添書展熱鬧氣氛，我們還贈送購買《悉達多》或《



Bhikshunies Heng Yuan (the center), Jin Rou (the right), and Jin Jian (the left) at Orange County book fair.

比丘尼恒圓（圖中），近柔（圖右），近簡（圖左）在橘郡書展。



The San Ramon fair book fair.

聖拉蒙書展。

books, respectively. The horses and turtles were painted by students at Instilling Goodness Schools at CTTB. Kids were also invited to write a kind message on a link to our “kindness chain.” Approximately two thousand enthusiastic attendees joined this lively celebration.

The San Ramon fair was hosted in a community center setting with a family ambiance. The fair drew an audience who appreciated the cultural context and virtuous themes presented in our books. During story time, Bhikshuni Jin Rou captivated the audience by reading *Prince Siddhartha and the Bully*, receiving heartfelt appreciation from all.

My fondest memory of the day unfolded when a little girl brought her father to our booth twice for him to read the *Giant Turtle* book. Another touching encounter was when a Christian minister expressed an interest in learning meditation. We offered her a few copies of the meditation book, to which she responded, “Now, I want to buy some of your books.” Leaving with an armful of books, she said, “This is what we teach our children: compassion and kindness. I didn’t know Buddhism was so much like Christianity.”

The fair manager bid us farewell, saying, “Your books were a hit! Some attendees requested more religious books for the next fair.” Instilling Goodness Books looks forward to continuing its mission of promoting compassion, kindness, and cultural understanding through the power of children’s literature at future events. Our next event is “Family Day at Berkeley Public Library” on Saturday May 4, 2024, 11 am – 5 pm. Save the date! ❀

巨龜的長睡》書籍的讀者，手繪的木馬和海龜。這些木馬和海龜是由萬佛聖城育良小學的學生們所繪製。參加書展的孩子們也受邀在我們「善鏈」上寫下善意的訊息。

約有兩千名熱情的與會者參與這場熱鬧的慶祝活動。聖拉蒙書展是在富有家庭氛圍的社區活動中心舉辦。書展吸引了許多讀者，他們對我們參展書籍所呈現的文化背景和美德主題相當讚賞。在說故事時間裡，比丘尼近柔朗讀《悉達多王子和惡霸》這個故事，深深吸引聽眾，贏得聽眾們的由衷讚賞。

我印象最深刻的是，一個小女孩帶著她的父親兩度來到我們的攤位，讓他讀《巨龜的長睡》這本書。另一個令人窩心的邂逅是，一位基督教牧師表示對學習打坐有興趣。我們贈送她幾本有關打坐的書，她的反應是：「我想再買幾本你們出版的書」。她抱著滿滿一疊書離開時，說：「這就是我們要教孩子的：慈悲和善良。我不知道佛教和基督教如此相像！」

書展經理向我們道別時，說：「你們的書相當受歡迎！一些讀者要求下屆書展能提供更多的宗教類書籍。」育良圖書展望在未來的活動中繼續履行自己的使命，透過兒童文學的力量促進慈悲、善良和文化理解。我們的下一個展期是2024年5月4日星期六上午11點至下午5點的「柏克萊公共圖書館家庭日」。請記住這個日期。❀