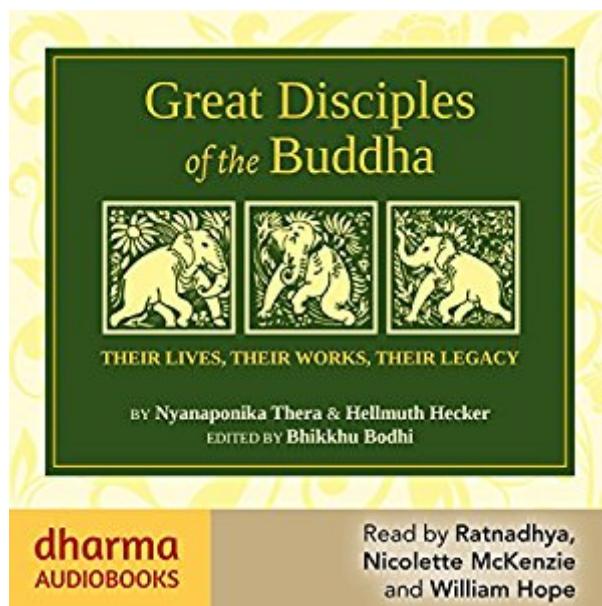


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Wonderful book....really details the disciples

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Great book to find out more detail about Buddha's disciples.

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