



The Story of 49 Buddhas

Lama Rinzen, a Tibetan Buddhist monk, finds himself reborn one morning into the Buddhist Hell Realm on Denver's Colfax Avenue. He finds he has been reborn as a detective. His assignment: find who killed Sonny Heller, a prominent and corrupt Denver insurance man.

Rinzen knows nothing about detective work, nor does he understand insurance very well. But he does believe finding Heller's killer may just lead him to the Dorje, a sacred Tibetan talisman that has been lost for too many lifetimes. Should he find the Dorje, Rinzen will accomplish what has been denied him throughout his many lives—the chance to hold this Most Sacred of Objects and magically transform into an enlightened being. Not just him, but all earthy-bound creatures. That is his mission and his life's goal. That is the only way he can stop his endless cycle of rebirths into Hell. By leading all beings to Nirvana.

Every lifetime teaches a lesson, and Rinzen believes this is his. To escape Hell by selflessly achieving enlightenment for all.

Then he meets Abril. A crude girl, and a bit slovenly. She even fails to show him the respect he deserves as a bodhisattva, selflessly working for the enlightenment of all. Instead, she says *she* is the reason he is reborn on Colfax, and that his mission here is not enlightenment, but to help her find health insurance. She has a pre-existing condition, and he must help her get health insurance, no matter what the cost.