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(Boulder, Colorado) April 1, 2018—Black Bee Publishing announces the release of *49 Buddhas: Lama Rinzen in the Hell Realm* by author Jim Ringel. *49 Buddhas* is the first of the Lama Rinzen Mysteries, with a release date of May 9, 2018.

About 49 Buddhas: Lama Rinzen in the Hell Realm

On a cold December day, Lama Rinzen is reborn as a detective on Denver's Colfax Avenue, where he must find insurance man Sonny Heller's killer. Sonny's death is no simple stabbing. The man's skin and limbs are extracted in a way that Rinzen recognizes as lingchi, a ritualistic slaying practiced in his past lifetimes in Hell.

Rinzen believes finding Heller's killer will lead him to the Sacred Dorje. Once he finds the Dorje, once he holds its magnificence, he and all sentient beings will achieve enlightenment and escape this Hell Realm forever.

Each of the Lama Rinzen Mysteries takes place in one of the Six Buddhist Realms, where Rinzen must learn the realm's lesson and solve a murder. In the process, Lama Rinzen himself is killed, allowing him to be reborn into the next book in the series, and into the next realm.

About the Author

As an avid reader of detective fiction and a 20+ year Buddhist practitioner, Jim Ringel finds similarities between the Buddha's admonition to see the world as it is and the detective's need to view crime scenes with an open mind. Just as the Buddha teaches not to overlay ego over our encounters, so the detective should only view the crime without the interference of personal prejudices.

Jim previously published *Wolf*, a werewolf novel about salesman Johnny Wolfe struggling to survive as a lone individual in the untamed world of American corporate sales.

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