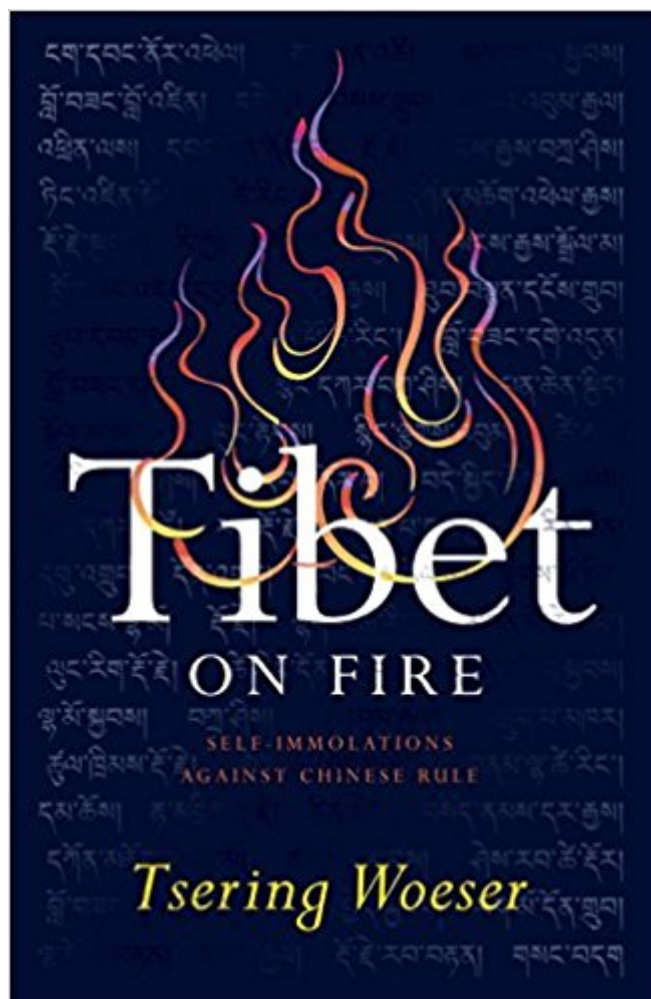


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# Tibet On Fire: Self-Immolations Against Chinese Rule



## Synopsis

Why Tibetan monks are setting themselves on fire Since the 2008 uprising, nearly 150 Tibetan monks have set fire to themselves in protest at the Chinese occupation of their country. Most have died from their injuries. Author Tsering Woeser is a prominent voice of the Tibetan movement, and one of the few Tibetan authors to write in Chinese. Her stirring acts of resistance have led to her house arrest, where she remains under close surveillance to this day. *Tibet On Fire* is her account of the oppression Tibetans face and the ideals driving those who resist, both the self-immolators and other Tibetans like herself. With a cover image designed by Chinese dissident artist Ai Weiwei, *Tibet on Fire* is angry and cogent: a clarion call for the world to take action.

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“Woeser’s is now the most eloquent voice defending the dissidents inside Tibet.”

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—Elliot Sperling, Associate Professor of Central Eurasian Studies at the University of Indiana and author of *The China Tibet Conflict: History and Polemics* “*Tibet on*

Fire is a deeply moving and humanizing book by an intrepid woman with one foot in both Tibetan and Chinese societies. Woeseer takes us behind the headlines and helps us better understand why so many Tibetan people have chosen to end their lives in this horrific form of protest. In a country where there are fewer and fewer critical voices, Tsering Woeseer stands out for her courageous and pointed criticism of China's current ethnic policies. • "James Leibold, author of *Ethnic Policy in China: Is Reform Inevitable?* • This book is as thoroughly documented as possible. *Tibet on Fire* may be a concise volume, but it conveys rare voices that would otherwise be hushed. • "Spectrum Culture

Tsering Woeseer is a poet, essayist and blogger, and one of the Tibetan movement's most prominent voices. In 2011 she was awarded the Prince Claus Prize and the International Women of Courage Award by the US Department of State. She lives under close surveillance in Beijing.

*Tibet On Fire* is a Buddhist relic, a relic gathered from the recent wave of Tibetan self-immolation. As such, it is like other historical relics—such as an unburned tongue, or a heart that does burn and turns to a bone. It is transformative: when you open *Tibet On Fire*, your hands become a stupa.

Our senators and congressmen need to read this book. There are so many terrible things going on in the former country of Tibet that most Americans have no clue about, esp. people in positions of power.

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