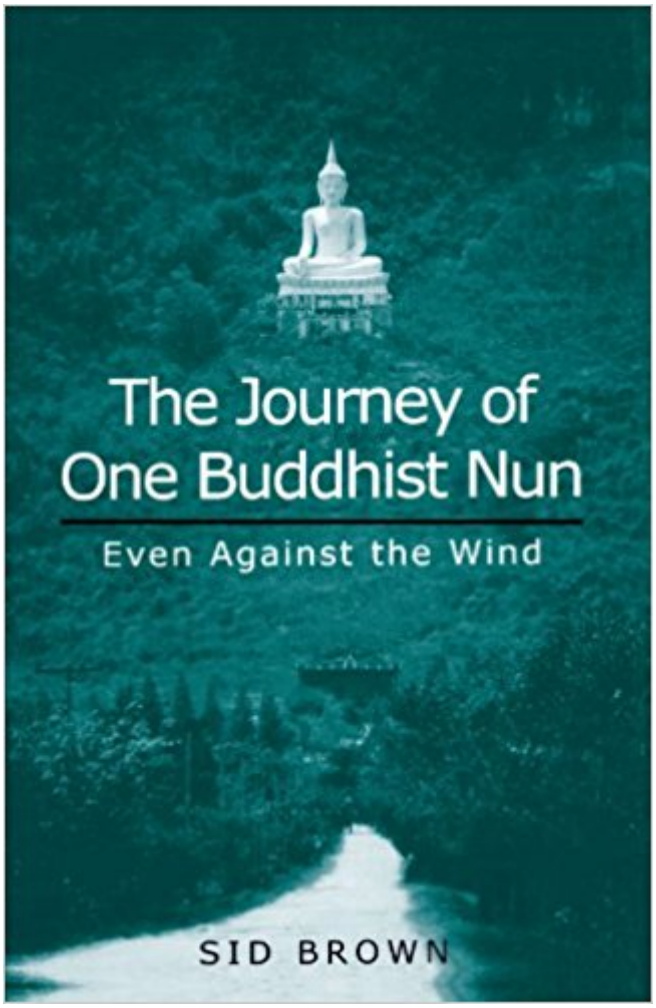
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Heart wrenching story of one woman's struggle to fit into a lifestyle dominated by men. Amazing how she learns to adapt and thrive through her convictions and beliefs.

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