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## BHUTAN HEARTLAND

TRAVELS IN THE LAND OF THE THUNDER DRAGON

### About the Book

This stunning photographic journey goes straight to the heart of Bhutan – a country on the cusp of opening its doors to the West. It explores the culture, history, beliefs and dazzling Himalayan landscapes of the world's newest democracy taking us into the lives of its people as their country enters the modern world. The result is a book of brilliant and evocative photographs and stories about this remote mountain kingdom.

### About the Authors

Robert van Koesveld and Libby Lloyd set aside successful careers in psychotherapy and social work to focus on the delights of travel and photography. Travel began early: Libby migrated from England in 1951 and over-landed from Kathmandu to London in 1970. Before graduating, Robert had hitchhiked around Australia and canoed down the Sepik River in pre-independent Papua New Guinea. In recent years they have explored Bhutan, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, China, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, India, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Cuba and Europe.

### Media Notes

- An evocative travel book that captures the transition from tradition to modernity in the world's newest democracy.
- Bhutan is gaining increasing attention with two new television documentaries televised in Australia this year.
- The country is set to replace Nepal and Tibet as a travel destination for those wanting to enjoy Himalayan scenery in a country that has maintained its pristine environment and political stability.
- The authors are seasoned adventure travellers and storytellers.
- High resolution images are available on request.

### Images from *Bhutan Heartland*



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