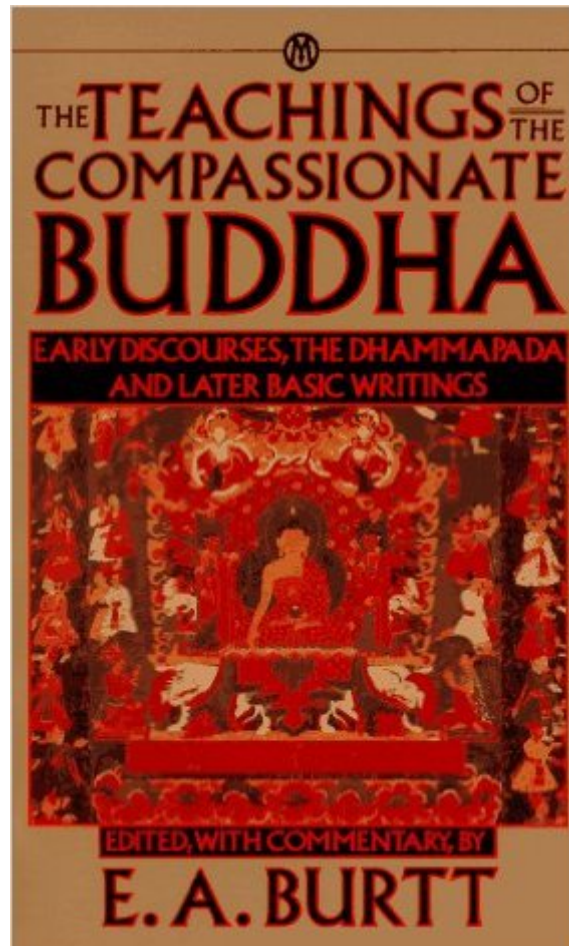


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learnt whether the man who wounded me belonged to the warrior caste, or to the Brahmin caste, or to the agricultural caste, or to the menial caste.'" (Pg. 35)"Overcome with emotion, (the mother) ...

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