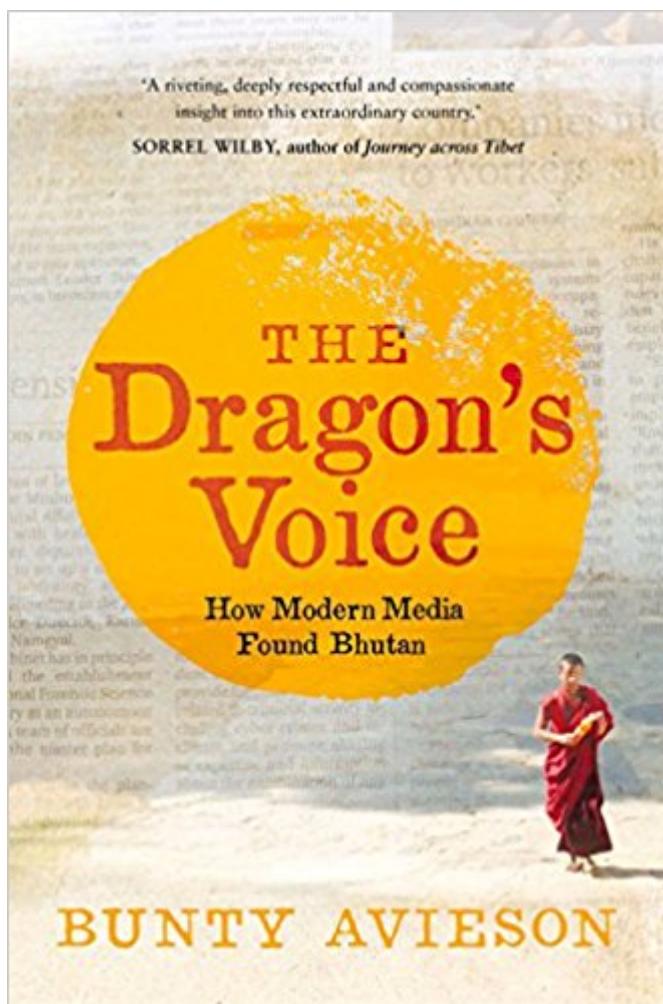


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# The Dragon's Voice: How Modern Media Found Bhutan



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