



## AVADĀNA

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**AVADĀNA**, Sanskrit term for a category of Buddhist narrative literature. Three such popular Buddhist stories are known through fragments of Khotanese paraphrases: the *Aśokāvadāna* (see [Aśoka iii](#)), the *Nandāvadāna* (q.v.), and the *Sudhanāvadāna* (q.v.). The Khotanese texts of all three have been published in transcription by H. W. Bailey (*Khotanese Buddhist Texts*, 1st ed., London, 1951, 2nd ed., Cambridge, 1981). The Aśoka legend was translated by Bailey in *Bulletin of Tibetology* 3/3, 1966, pp. 5-11; the Nanda story by R. E. Emmerick in *BSOAS* 33/1, 1970, pp. 72-81; and the Sudhana story by Bailey in *BSOAS* 29/3, 1966, pp. 506-32.

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