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Front cover image: Four young Thakali and Dalit girls—Rojina Gauchan, Sabita and Sarita Pariyar with a younger friend—are shown collecting mushrooms near the village of Taglung (2700m.a.s.l.) in Mustang District, Nepal. In their buckets are *Lactarius thakalorum* (a species originally described from this area and named after the dominant ethnic group, the Thakali), *Russula delicata*, and *Helvella lacunosa*. The three older girls were interviewed as part of a study addressing the importance of mushroom collection for rural people in Nepal. Photo taken July 22, 2006 by Morten Christensen. See his article on Nepali mushrooms on page 12.

