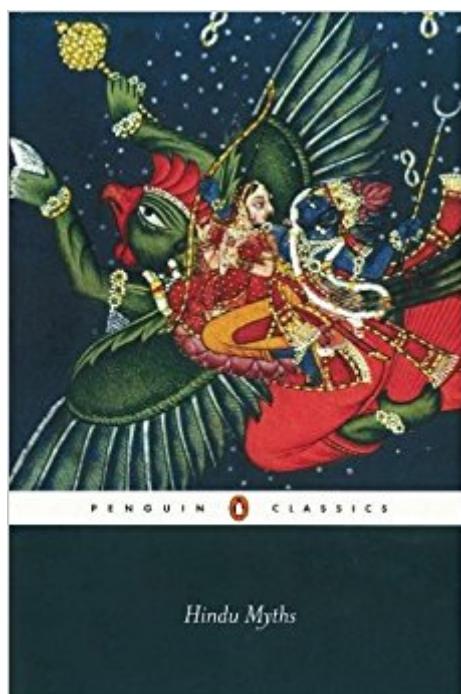


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I am fairly unfamiliar with Hindu mythology, so I was very excited to get this collection. I can't speak for the translation job, but it was an enjoyable read.

good

Very hard to follow at times. Came promptly and was in great condition but was disappointed with the actual book. There's probably a better Hindu Myths book that isn't so hard to understand or to follow.

Very good specific read

I ordered this book for a class im taking and was thrilled when i received it. Although i received an older version of the book all the same information was present in the text so i didnt mind. The book was also very well maintained and looked like one of those old library treasures that was hidden on some shelf for many a year until just recently found... nonetheless very happy. Oh and the myths in the book are pretty interesting too; its a fun read that can make you think.

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The single greatest book on Hindu mythology ever. Don't waste your time with any other source.

The organization of the book makes it a great reference book, but if you desire to read the vedas from beginning to end, this book is not it. The prose translation captures the facts fairly accurately, though it does lack information on how these Myths manifest itself and how these myths came to be. As the title suggests, it is really meant to be a source book for research and quick reference. Gods and demons are broken into sections, so if you need to find the samsa veda text regarding visnu, this book will make critical writing a joy and allow you to focus on the essay instead of searching the library for a short paragraph.

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