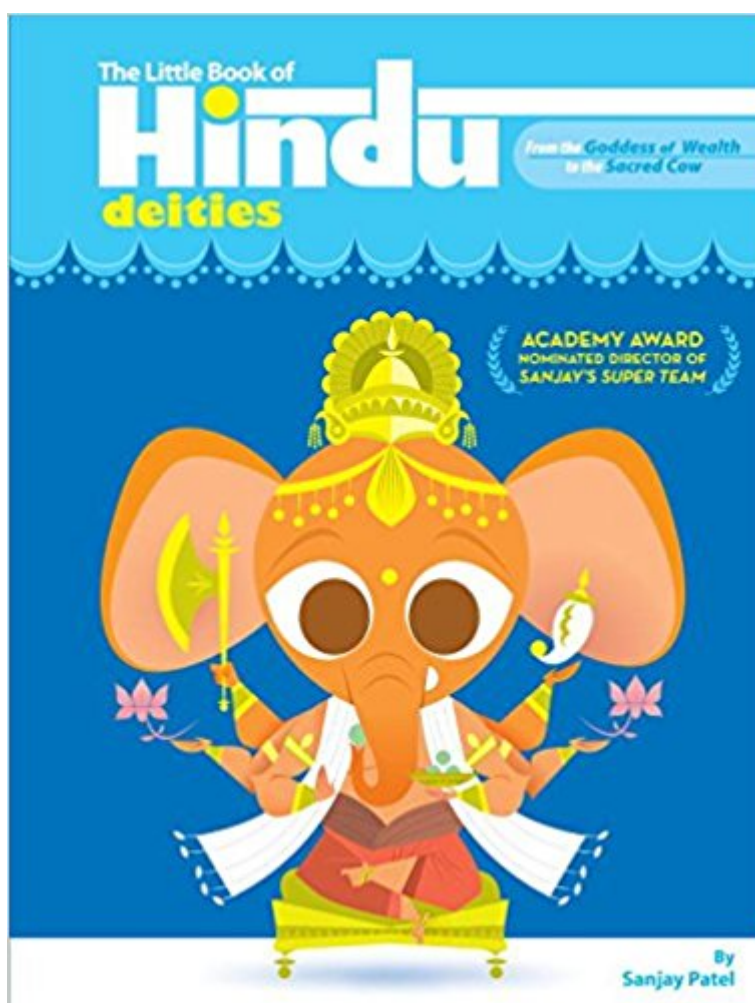


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The Little Book Of Hindu Deities: From The Goddess Of Wealth To The Sacred Cow



Synopsis

Pixar animator and Academy Award-nominated director Sanjay Patel (Sanjay's Super Team) brings to life Hinduism's most important gods and goddesses (and one sacred stone) in fun, full-color illustrations, each accompanied by a short, lively profile. The Little Book of Hindu Deities is chock-full of monsters, demons, noble warriors, and divine divas. Find out why Ganesha has an elephant's head (his father cut his off!); why Kali, the goddess of time, is known as the "Black One" (she's a bit goth); and what "Hare Krishna" really means. Throw another ingredient in the American spirituality blender. Pop culture is veering into Hinduism. "USA Today

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incarnation of Shiva). Both funny and informative, this is a fresh and breezy introduction to the Hindu gods. (Nov.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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We loved his take on the Ramayana so much we had to get this and it's been a treat. My six year old loves the witty descriptions. I grew up in an intensely multicultural society, and I love the idea of exposing my children to the facets of other religions and cultures. One of our faves. We've also run through three copies of Ramayana: Divine Loophole because we've read it so many times, practically until the covers fell off. So get that stat if you don't have it!!!!

Wow! This book is awesome. Dare I say godsend! Our kids were born and raised here in the US and this book lays out all the important details of Hinduism in their language. They love this book and have learnt so much about Hinduism within 2 weeks of buying this book. The pictures are beautiful and the writing is interesting and fun. They love reading this book.

This book is so amazing for little ones and for parents looking to teach Hinduism to their kids. It's a fun and colorful way to engage children in understanding Indian culture. I love the illustrations and while the stories are a little too complicated to read to my toddler, I know this will be a great resource when he's older. We own Ganesha's Sweet Tooth too and wish there were more books like these!

Wanted a book to introduce so many of the deities to our kids in a fun way and without it being overwhelming - this was perfect for that! Would highly recommend it!

So beautiful, my daughter loves it. Wonderful book.

We were fortunate enough to have had a first edition when Sanjay first published his book as Little India on greehappy.com. It's truly a TREASURE. I was heartbroken completely, utterly heartbroken to have lost that first printing during a flood. We've purchased many copies as gifts for friends and family over the years so when we finally accepted the loss of our original copy of Little India we were happy to have The Little Book of Hindu Deities in our home and hearts. The illustration style is everything you'd expect from one of Pixar's finest: The colors brighten your day, practically popping off the page, and the narratives offer a faithful and joy-filled insight into the complex nature of some of India's deities. Wonderful for children and adults alike. I've loved Sanjay's Kali from the moment I laid eyes on her!! Every page is a small feast for the eyes, mind and spirit.

Great read

I have bought this book to give as a gift to many children and they all love this book! The illustrations are wonderful and the descriptions make complicated Hindu philosophy and traditions easy to follow for children. I recommend this book to anyone who wants their children to understand and grow up loving Hindu culture :)

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