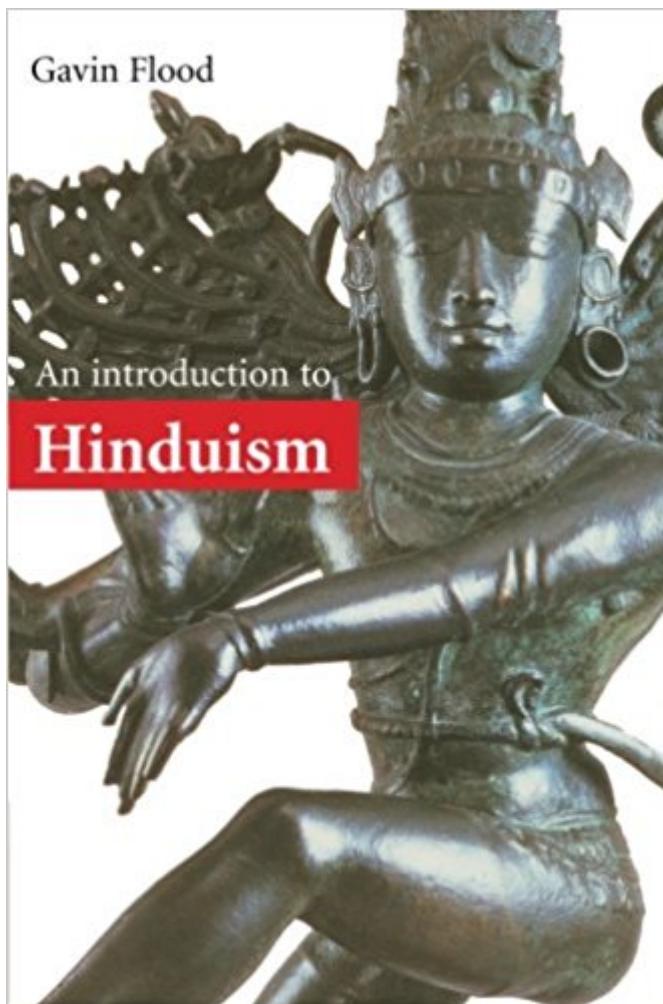


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# An Introduction To Hinduism (Introduction To Religion)



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A very dense read, don't expect to sit down and enjoy an easy read with this book. The information in it, however, is very credible and precise, and the author does a good job of explaining all of the concepts. Bought for a class, doing well in said class.

Great product

I'm not a scholar, just someone who is interested in Hinduism and literature such as the Mahabarata, the Bhagavad Gita, the Vedas. This is simply a wonderful book. It's clearly written and answers basic questions in detail such as 'what is Hinduism' and who were the Aryans and did they enter India from Asia or were they a group within India who became a dominant influence on Indian culture. It's very readable, really a pleasure to explore.

The book I was looking for. Flood has achieved a scholarly analysis of Hinduism's roots, development and dependence on ritual. To be fair, you should have some familiarity with Indian history before reading this book; I recommend John Keay's wonderful History of India for that purpose (or if you just want to learn Indian history). I am a practicing Buddhist now studying Indian history, and Flood's depiction of the interdependence and antagonism between these Hinduism and Buddhism is insightful. It is essential for a practicing Buddhist to have a reasonable grasp of Hinduism, since Buddhism evolved out of that faith. The theory of reincarnation is an important aspect of Buddhism, one with which I have long been uncomfortable. The appeal of Buddhism is that it does not require one to believe in some particular idea of what happens after death, because it focuses on what is happening here and now. However, the 12 steps of co-dependent origination are based on a never-ending cycle of death and rebirth, an idea that forms the keel of Hinduism. I found An Introduction to Hinduism a fascinating read, so much so that I found myself staying up past my bedtime to finish it.

Good product, for classes.

Hinduism has long been one of my favorite religions so yeah I am going to say it was a great book and you guys should buy it.

thanks

This book is a useful tool for somebody who wants to read more on Hinduism. It smoothly takes one to the very beginning of this religion and a way of life.

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