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SIVA PURANA



Synopsis

One day of Brahma has 14 Indras; his lifetime has 54,000 Indras. One day of Vishnu is the lifetime of Brahma. The lifetime of Vishnu is one day of Siva. There are 18 Mahapuranas, of which the Siva Purana is one. This book is a vivid retelling of the ancient book of Siva for today's reader. Told in modern, easily readable, and literary style, this sparkling volume contains all the major legends of Siva, bringing them alive for a new generation. The characters and events one encounters here are awesome, many are cosmic, for Siva is Mahadeva, the greatest God. Ramesh Menon was born in New Delhi in 1951. He has written several widely read books on the antique Indian tradition, including modern renderings of the epics, the Ramayana and the Mahabharata. All of them are available from .com

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Customer Reviews

This work is eloquently and fluidly presented by Mr. Menon, whose rendition of the Bhagavata Purana is also especially wonderful. Within this series of stories, Shiva himself tells of his painful grief over losing his beloved Sati . . . then, later tells the story of her return as Uma / Parvati, the mountain's daughter. Their emotional reunion is touching and inspiring, sacred and sensual

poetry. The contemporary western reader will be a little shocked or dismayed when Uma cheerfully recites the duties and requirements of a good wife. Then too, vintage Hindu literature is extremely patriarchal. Even with that, the sacred stories are thrilling, spell binding, instructive and memorable. I highly recommend this version. Am using an online Sanskrit dictionary to demystify some terms as needed. It helps too.

Is there violence and sex in this? YES. It is also a holy text. Which makes it pretty epic reading. The Puranas are amazing books of the Devas, Asuras, Humans, and more in Hindu culture and in the framework of our universe. The Puranas discuss different lives, situations, and stories which have great meaning, show great humanity, and are also some extremely exciting reading. Especially the Shiva Purana. This is a wonderful translation and I highly recommend that anyone who just wants a good read take a look at it. Because no matter what your beliefs are or religion is, I promise you, if nothing else, this will be quite the engaging story for you to read! You will never be bored.

This book is not for everyone and definitely not for someone reading first Hindu books. Read Ramayana, Bhagavatam, Mahabharatam etc. and graduate to reading this.

Its a far more complex story line than the Mahabharata by Ramesh Menon. The Siva Purana is really several stories within a story within a story. So this multi-level approach may take some time getting used to. However, the author does a great job with ensuring that you aren't confused.

Some of the coition scenes narrated should be read with contextual nature rather than eroticism. It is not entire but surely gives an insight into the creator of all we see & don't see. A brief history of Timeless Siva.

I purchased this book a couple of days ago. I love stories and since I cant comprehend sanskrit (not completely). i thought I would never get to read the shiva purana. But thanks to Mr. Menon, I'm able to read it. Maybe Its not a exact translation but I think he gets the gist and intended meaning of the stories.

Greatly translated for this generation who wants to read these puranas. As it mentioned in the book I don't we get rid of our sins or nor but reading so about Mahadeva which filled my heart with good feelings.

Easy to understand, flows well. Enlightened. It really helped my understanding of the hindu faiths. It was the first book of hindu tales I've read, and I'm absolutely looking forward to more.

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