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Handbook of Hindu Mythology Penguin Books India
How do myths and stories influence culture? What is the difference between one culture and another, and how did these differences come to be? Are cultures fixed or do they change over time? Devdutt Pattanaik, India's leading mythologist, breaks down the complex maze of stories, symbols and rituals to examine how they shape cultures. He investigates how stories influence perception and construct truths, the cultural roots of the notion of evil and reveals the need for mythology through a telling of various Indian and Western myths. In doing so, he shows how myths reflect the culture they emerge from while simultaneously reinforcing the source. Culture is a groundbreaking work that contextualizes mythology and proposes that myths are alive, dynamic, shaped by perception and the times one

lives in.

Handbook of Hindu Gods, Goddesses, and Saints Handbooks of World Mythology

Provides a fresh understanding of the Hindu spiritual landscapes and pantheon of gods and goddesses through 99 classic myths.

Hindu Myths Penguin UK

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

Hindu Gods and Goddesses Calcutta : Thacker, Spink ; Bombay : Thacker ; London : W. Thacker

High above the sky stands Swarga, paradise, abode of the gods. Still above is Vaikuntha, heaven, abode of God. The doorkeepers of Vaikuntha are the twins, Jaya and Yijaya, both whose names mean 'victory'. One keeps you in Swarga; the other raises you into Vaikuntha. In Vaikuntha there is bliss forever, in Swarga there is please for only as long as you deserve. What is the difference between Jaya and Vijaya? Solve this puzzle and you will solve the mystery of the Mahabharata. In this enthralling retelling of India's greatest epic, the Mahabharata originally known as Jaya, Devdutt Pattanaik seamlessly weaves into a single narrative plots from the Sanskrit classic as well as its many folk and regional variants, including the Pandavani of Chattisgarh, Gondhal of Maharashtra, Terukkuttu of Tamil Nadu and Yakshagana of Karnataka. Richly illustrated with over 250 line drawings by the author, the 108 chapters abound with little-known details such as the names of the hundred Kauravas, the worship of Draupadi as a goddess in Tamil Nadu, the stories of Astika, Madhavi, Jaimini, Aravan and Barbareek, the Mahabharata version of the Shakuntalam and the Ramayana, and the dating of the war based on astronomical data. With clarity and simplicity, the tales in this elegant volume reveal the eternal relevance of the Mahabharata, the complex and disturbing meditation on the human condition that has shaped Indian thought for over 3000 years.

Indian Mythology Oxford University Press, USA

From the preserver of the universe Lord Vishnu to the mighty Hanuman, from the mysterious Ganesha to the dutiful son Rama, the rich Hindu spiritual landscape is populated by characters that empower

millions even today. Featuring 365 colourful artworks of significant mythological figures from across India, this fascinating book opens the doors to a spellbinding world of legends and stories.

Asian Mythology Inner Traditions / Bear & Co

- Olympus is the home of the Greek gods, much like Amravati of the Hindu devas.
- Zeus, leader of Olympians, wields a thunderbolt like Indra, and rides an eagle like Vishnu.
- The feats of the Greek hero Heracles, known to Romans as Hercules, reminded many of Krishna, as did his name, 'Hari-kula-asha' or lord of the Hari clan.
- The Greek epic of a husband sailing across the sea with a thousand ships to bring his wife, Helen, back from Troy seems strikingly similar to the story of Ram rescuing Sita from Lanka. Is there a connection between Greek and Hindu mythology then? Does it have something to do with a common Indo-European root? Or maybe an exchange of ideas in the centuries that followed the arrival of Alexander the Great, when Greek emissaries travelled to the kingdoms of Mathura and Magadha? In this book, mythologist Devdutt Pattanaik turns his attention to ancient Greek tales, and explores a new world of stories. Long have Europeans and Americans retold Indic mythologies. It is time for Indians to reverse the gaze. [Who Created The Universe?](#) Amber Books

The popular names of many yogic asanas -- from Virbhadrā-asana and Hanuman-asana to Matsyendra-asana, Kurma-asana and Ananta-asana -- are based on characters and personages from Indian mythology. Who were these mythological characters, what were their stories, and how are they connected to yogic postures? Devdutt Pattanaik's

newest book *Yoga Mythology* (co-written with international yoga practitioner Matt Rulli) retells the fascinating tales from Hindu, Buddhist and Jain lore that lie behind the yogic asanas the world knows so well; in the process he draws attention to an Indic worldview based on the concepts of eternity, rebirth, liberation and empathy that has nurtured yoga for thousands of years.

THE REIGN OF THE VEDIC GODS

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Indra is the king of the gods, and yet, he is not worshipped with the Trimurti. Why is this? He is the god of luxury, who has a cow, a tree and a jewel which will fulfil all wishes, and he watches apsaras dance and gandharvas sing. But for all his pleasure and wealth—Indra does not have peace of mind. He is under constant attack from asuras, and in one story, he asks his most beautiful apsara to disturb the tapasya of the great Vishwamitra. Indra achieves success, becomes lazy, loses his kingdom, works hard to regain it, becomes lazy again—and the circle of life goes on. What is the meaning of this? Delve into the story of the god of the body, in this short, sweet read from Devlok.

Dictionary of Hindu Lore and Legend

Oxford University Press, USA

Let's dive into the vast and wonderful world of Hindu mythology! Clever Ganesha's got something on his mind, but what that is you'll have to read on to find. With charming illustrations and simple language, this short tale about Ganesha will entertain and delight. · This series of charmingly illustrated board books introduces kids to some of the best known and best loved gods from popular Hindu mythology, including Krishna, Ganesha, Lakshmi, Hanuman,

Shiva and Durga. · Dotted with interesting facts about each god as well as an interactive seek-and-find activity. · Suitable for bedtime reading and parent-child association. · Perfect way to familiarize babies with India's rich cultural fabric. · These books offer a fun and enjoyable introduction to timeless myths and festivals for modern kids. · A must have to impart important life lessons from various gods and goddesses. · Collect all books in the series! **WHY YOU SHOULD BUY THIS BOOK:** · **AGE APPROPRIATE:** Written in simple language to make reading easy for readers 3 and up · **STURDY AND DURABLE:** Perfect for learning and playing for a long time · **SAFE FOR BABY:** Handy format makes this safe for your baby · **PERFECTLY SIZED BOOKS:** Easy and convenient for little readers to hold · **BRIGHT AND FUN PICTURES:** To keep your little one interested and engaged · **A PERFECT GIFT SET:** For every preschooler for a holistic learning experience

Yoga Mythology India Puffin

This book includes three captivating manuscripts: Chinese Mythology Japanese Mythology Hindu Mythology **Myth = Mithya** Penguin UK Hindu mythology can easily become a bewildering subject. There are a vast number of gods, demigods and supernatural beings (some writers refer to as many as 330 million deities). More than this, the beliefs concerning them, their roles in religious practice, and their manifestations in different texts vary according to time, place, and tradition throughout India's vast territory and long history. For anyone interested in the subject, or for anyone approaching an epic such as the Mahabharata, a good guide is needed, and none has equaled Hindu Mythology, Vedic and Puranic by

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THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF GLOBAL RELIGIONS

Oxford University Press

This volume offers an in-depth study of key themes common to the Hindu and Christian religious traditions. It redefines how we think about Hinduism, comparative study, and Christian theology. This book offers a bold new look at how traditions encounter one another, and how good comparisons are to be made. Redefining theology as an interreligious, comparative, dialogical, and confessional practice open to all people, it invites not only Hindus and Christians, but also theologians from all religious traditions, to enter into conversation with one another.

Weapons of the Gods Penguin

Random House India Private Limited

Together these handbooks offer an illuminating account of a fascinating corner of the world of myth. Set includes Handbook of Japanese Mythology, Handbook of Native American

Mythology, Handbook of Hindu Mythology, and Handbook of Chinese Mythology.

Hindu Myths Penguin UK

Every karma is a seed and every action has a reaction - and sometimes, a boon or a curse. Can an action ever be completely bad or good? Why do rishis curse so much? Can the gods be cursed? Which is the most intelligent curse? Are there only two choices? Or can there be a point between good and bad, vardaan and shraap, punya and paap. Once a curse or boon has been offered, can it ever be taken back? Filled with stories of famous curses and amusing anecdotes, this explores the notion of being a good person, but also deciding the goodness or lack thereof in another. Find out about the many facets of karma and ethics in this short, sweet read from Devlok.

A HANDBOOK OF HINDU MYTHOLOGY

Oxford University Press

Why are Hindus so ritualistic? Why do they worship idols? Were Hindus always casteist? Are Hindus supposed to be vegetarian? Why is a Hindu prayer different from a Muslim or Christian prayer? Did the arrival of Muslim invaders a thousand years ago destroy Hindu culture? Answering key questions on Hindu philosophy and associated Indian history in simple, lucid, engaging ways, and exploring the often curious customs and beliefs that are an intrinsic part of the Hindu faith, Devdutt Pattanaik's latest book is a treasure house of information on the complex tenets of Hinduism. For many a curious reader, Faith: 40 Insights into Hinduism will prove to be a delightful and eye-opening introduction to the intricacies of one of the world's most practiced religions.

The Myths and Gods of India Calcutta : Thacker, Spink ; Bombay : Thacker ; London : W. Thacker

Hindu Myths is an excellent introduction to understanding the varying tales of creation in Hinduism, the major deities, the major texts and the principal concerns of the mythology. Illustrated with 120 photographs and artworks, the book is an exciting, engaging and informative exploration of a fascinating and highly influential world.

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He is Eka-vachani, a king who always keeps his word; Eka-bani, an archer who strikes his target with the first arrow; and Eka-patni, a husband who is eternally and absolutely devoted to a single wife. He is maryada purushottam Ram, the supreme upholder of social values, the scion of the Raghu clan, jewel of the solar dynasty, the seventh avatar of Vishnu, God who establishes order in worldly life. Hindus believe that in stressful and tumultuous times chanting Ram's name and hearing his tale, the Ramayan, brings stability, hope, peace and prosperity. Reviled by feminists, appropriated by politicians, Ram remains serene in his majesty, the only Hindu deity to be worshipped as a king.

Mythology Penguin UK

Did you know that ancient Hindu texts comprise some of the greatest and most extensive collections of myths in the entire world? The Hindu epic poem Mahabharata by itself is ten times longer than both the Iliad and Odyssey combined. Not only does the Mahabharata have tales of heroic exploits and derring-do, but it also contains complex and sophisticated philosophical writings. In fact, the Bhagavad Gita, one of the most

important Hindu religious texts, is itself a section of the Mahabharata. The Puranas are another collection of writings in Sanskrit. These texts preserve myths alongside works of philosophy and cosmology and writings about topics such as dance and yoga. One important source of stories about the Hindu god Krishna is the Bhagavata Purana, one of the Mahapuranas or greater Purana texts. Tales from the Mahabharata and Bhagavata Purana make for lively reading. However, more than that, they also give us a window into important Hindu ideas about Dharma, a complex concept that involves law, custom, and both social and cosmic order, as well as philosophies of good and evil. In some of these stories, we learn that what we might think of as evil might not be quite as bad as we think and that even supposedly evil beings can have rich inner lives and sophisticated thoughts about the meaning of life and the places these beings have in the universe. In this volume, you will discover: How the storm god Indra defeated the demon Vritrasura, and how Indra came to respect Vritrasura even though he had to kill him How King Yayati had to choose between honoring his oath to his father-in-law on the one hand and the Dharma on the other, and what consequences came of his decision How Krishna defeated the giant serpent-king Kaliya, and why cobras have markings on their hoods How Prince Devavrata made a terrible, solemn vow to renounce his throne and never have children, and how he gained the nickname "Bhishma" How Bhishma's rash actions in kidnapping brides for his brothers led to misery for one of the women he took, and how she waited through two lifetimes to get her revenge How Krishna and the hero Arjuna helped the fire god Agni consume

the Khandava Forest, and how that act led to the feud between the Kauravas and Pandavas that is at the heart of the Mahabharata How the hero Bhima met the monkey-god Hanuman while he was on a mission to get flowers for his wife And much, much more! Scroll up and click the "add to cart" button to read these captivating Hindu myths!

Handbook of Hindu Mythology

Penguin

Recorded in sacred Sanskrit texts, including the Rig Veda and the Mahabharata, Hindu Myths are thought

to date back as far as the tenth century BCE. Here in these seventy-five seminal myths are the many incarnations of Vishnu, who saves mankind from destruction, and the mischievous child Krishna, alongside stories of the minor gods, demons, rivers and animals including boars, buffalo, serpents and monkeys. Immensely varied and bursting with colour and life, they demonstrate the Hindu belief in the limitless possibilities of the world - from the teeming miracles of creation to the origins of the incarnation of Death who eventually touches them all.

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