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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.

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.

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.

I have heard many stories about Lord Shiva, and this was the first time I had read a book on Him. The Power and Grace of the Lord came out very well through Mr Menon's book. I also enjoyed the author's writing style. My Love and Respect for Lord Shiva increased immensely because of this book. Thank you Mr Menon.

The book was fascinating to read. The author's translation made it an easy read. Especially, the first person narrative of one of the stories was interesting. I was able to get an understanding about the

infinite nature/attributes of Lord Shiva.

I loved the book....It is something everyone who understands hindu deities must read...Just hope I can read the other puranas in similar fashion. The good news about the book is that during the translation, the book has not lost it's lustre...of course, it could have been arranged chronologically in some cases, but that would have destroyed the beauty of the narration. Overall, I would very strongly recommend this as a must-read. !!!

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