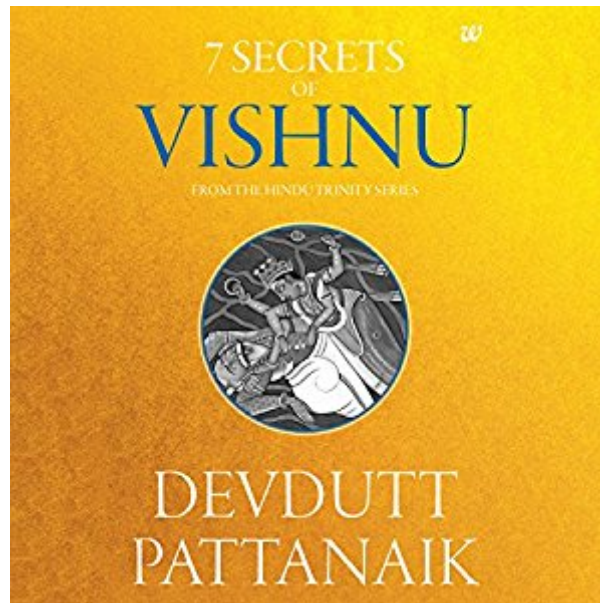




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Synopsis

For Hindus, Vishnu is God, who inspires man to discover humanity by engaging with the world. Artists have visualized him with as curlyhaired, dark complexioned man with a smile on his lips and a sparkle in his eyes. Draped in yellow silk, garlanded with forest flowers, bedecked with dolphin-shaped earrings, anointed with sandal paste, he reclines on a thousand hooded serpent that floats on an ocean of milk and rides a golden hawk bearing in his arms a conchshell, a wheel, a mace and a lotus. Poets say that when he is awake, the world takes shape; when he is asleep, the world ceases to be. Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, follows him wherever he goes. To him is made offerings of rich creamy butter. Sometimes, as the upright Ram, he is worshipped across India as Balaji, Shreenathji, Jagannath, Ranganath and Badrinath. Locked in the stories, symbols and rituals of Vishnu is the wisdom of the ancestors, transmitted over hundreds of years. This book attempts to unlock seven secrets that are relevant even in modern times.

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Customer Reviews

This is good, really good. I enjoyed it with great interest and pleasure. Try it; you won't have to wade through alternating pages of Devanagari.

Western minds understand the usage of stained glass in the western churches. Pattananaik makes very clear the symbolism inherent in the ancient stone and bronzes of Bharata. This review is worlds away from conveying what a sincere reader might realize from his culture. Beautifully done!!! I look forward to reading more of his work.

As with all the other books of Mt Pattanaik, you learn so much about the philosophy of Hinduism. The book goes through various avataras of Vishnu and also what Vishnu signifies and how he differs from Shiva. I highly recommend this book to anyone trying to understand Hinduism philosophically. Many things in Hinduism which are ritualistic and lack sense actually make a lot of sense after reading Devdutt Pattanaik's books.

Love this book!!! It provides clarity to a lot of philosophy and concepts of culture. Clean and easy read. Thanks Devdutt!!!

This book is full of wisdom, contains plenty of illustrations and is written in simple and understandable language. I would recommend it for Europeans who want to know and understand ancient Indian (Vedic) culture more deeply.

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Some questions were answered and ideas clarified. Would be lovely to live free of Maya for sure like the lead of this book.

The author provides a good approach that describes the state of Vishnu consciousness revealed through the puranas which also seems to align with the erudition of Vishnu in the Vedic scriptures.

This is a must read along with seven secrets of shiva. No other book will possibly depict the idols that are found around the world and explain what they were actually carved for in terms of concepts represented by the statues

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