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**Gauri and the  
Talking Cow** Penguin  
UK

As Brahma sinks into peaceful bliss, his radiance gives birth to a sublime form. Saraswati, the goddess of wisdom, emerges from Brahma's mind and enlightens the

mighty creator. When the all-consuming fire, Vadavagni, is raging through the world the gods go to Saraswati for help. Saraswati agrees to carry the fire and save everyone from perishing. Shiva aids her in this quest, and she begins her epic course as a river. Later, Saraswati finds herself the victim of a terrible curse when she gets drawn into the rivalry between the sages Vishwamitra and Vasishtha. Amar Chitra Katha follows the story of Saraswati, from her birth to her journey into the ocean.

'Photos of the Gods'

Penguin Books India  
Hinduism is neither an organized religion nor a proselytising one. It is often described as a way of life, which gently nudges its followers—through its

scriptures, mythologies, rituals and practices—to question deeply, live fully and grow wholesomely in compassion and universal acceptance. Hinduism believes whatever inspires one to stay truly unselfish, be it a vocation, an ideology or a faith, can lead one towards greater self-realization and ultimate freedom. Living Hinduism by Samarpan encapsulates this essence of Hinduism in a language that can be understood and appreciated by all, especially the younger generation, who need to know and understand what it means to be a Hindu, in an age of strident opinions and changing values.

**Olympus Wonder**

House Books  
Ajeet Singh is surrounded by a group of kids who won't share toys or play with him. They bully, tease him and bring him down! His mom advises him to seek out the kids with different qualities, those who are happy and kind like the type of kid he wants to be. Ajeet learns that true friends bring out the best in each other. Gurbani can inspire and guide even the littlest lions. Its timeless universal message can help Sikh kids powerfully deal with bullying or any adversity in their life. This book hopes to inspire kids to live in eternal optimism and find the sangat that leads them to becoming the best versions of themselves!

*Indian Comics Fandom (Vol. 2)* Penguin UK  
The Book Details Extensive New Data From Early Period Under A Vista Of Art And Architecture From A Collection Of Data That Was Never Presented Before In A Single Source. It Consists Of Six Chapters And They Are All Analytical And Informative. Thus It Provides A Succinct Picture On Jaina Art And Architecture Of Andhra Which Was A Long Felt Need. The Whole Work Is Based Mainly On The Jaina Vestiges At A Host Of Sites In Andhra. The Traditional Accounts As Well As Epigraphically Sources, Which Have Been Found To Agree With The Details Of Art And Architecture Have Been Taken And Utilised Fully In This

Book. The Characteristic Features Of Jaina Art And Architecture Have Been Critically Elucidated. The Details On Conversion Of Jaina Monuments Into Hindu Temples Have Been Aptly Adumbrated. The Appendix, Illustrations And Detailed Bibliography Will Be Highly Useful To The Researchers.

The Nine Unknown

Univ of California Press  
A fascinatingly illustrated board book to introduce the little ones to the rich world of Hindu mythology. This diligently designed book with stunning illustrations and simple sentences, is an ideal choice for young readers to learn about Goddess Saraswati, the patron of arts and the goddess of knowledge. This meticulously

designed book will attract young readers, as well as introduce them to Hindu mythology. This book is an ideal choice to help budding minds to become aware about our culture, as well as spark their imagination and curiosity. Embark on a journey of knowledge and wisdom! Captivating illustrations inculcates love for reading  
Develops language skills  
Develops early concepts about our heritage  
Enhances cultural values  
*Akhand* Penguin UK  
A stolen ring. A private menagerie. A mysterious 'spy' . . .  
The first novel to feature master sleuth Feluda and his teenage assistant Topshe, *The Emperor's Ring* is full of adventure, mystery and intrigue. Feluda

and Topshe are on holiday in Lucknow when a priceless Mughal ring is stolen. Feluda begins to investigate the case and finds himself hot on the trail of a devious criminal. Feluda's twelve greatest adventures are now available in special Puffin editions. *Saraswati's Gift* Rupa Publications India Pvt Limited

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. *The Boys Who Fought* Reaktion Books

Jayshree loves doing homework! But one day; instead of studying; she hears voices out in the garden and goes out to see who's there. She meets a strange man called Kama. Poor Kama was made

invisible by an angry Shiva once. Now that Jayshree can see him he shows her all the magic he can do—make butterflies appear; bees buzz; fill the garden with fragrant flowers. But then Yama appears; and he does not like playing at all! Yama believes only in working. Kama and Yama start fighting about who Jayshree will be friends with. Who do you think Jayshree will choose—the fun-loving; naughty Kama; or the stern; no-nonsense Yama?

*Brahma's Dilemma*

Penguin UK

A decoding of Hindu mythology Hindus have one God. They also have 330 million gods: male gods; female gods; personal gods; family gods; household gods; village gods;

gods of space and time; gods for specific castes and particular professions; gods who reside in trees; in animals; in minerals; in geometrical patterns and in man-made objects. Then there are a whole host of demons. But no Devil. In this groundbreaking book Dr Devdutt Pattanaik; one of India's most popular mythologists; seeks an answer to these apparent paradoxes and unravels an inherited truth about life and death; nature and culture; perfection and possibility. He retells sacred Hindu stories and decodes Hindu symbols and rituals; using a unique style of commentary; illustrations and diagrams. We discover why the villainous Kauravas went to

heaven and the virtuous Pandavas (all except Yudhishtira) were sent to hell; why Rama despite abandoning the innocent Sita remains the model king; why the blood-drinking Kali is another form of the milk-giving Gauri; and why Shiva wrenched off the fifth head of Brahma. Constructed over generations; Hindu myths serve as windows to the soul; and provide an understanding of the world around us. The aim is not to outgrow myth; but to be enriched and empowered by its ancient; potent and still relevant language. **Saraswati** Penguin UK An unusual collection of stories from the myths by the author of Jaya: An Illustrated Retelling of the

Mahabharata and Myth=Mithya which will bring the gods right into the world of children! Filled with delightful illustrations each book in this new series will introduce thoughts and aspects from our ancient treasure trove of stories for today's children. Why did River Saraswati disappear? Will the vanished river ever reappear? Can you make a river flow in your school? Mrs Sivakami, principal of Madame Mira High School, is astonished when she finds Goddess Saraswati wandering the corridors of her school. The goddess is in search of a missing river! To show her the ancient river and what happened to it, Saraswati puts Mrs. Sivakami on the back

of Hansa, her goose, and off they go flying. The teacher sees some schools where students come and go as they please, and others where everyone has a parrot head! She then begins to understand why it is important to make the river flow again, and how she can bring the secret river to her very own school.

*Little Monk's Saraswati*  
Penguin Books India

- 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-ेशa' 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.

### Saraswati Enigma

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'I am not sure that I am a man,' said Yuvanashva. 'I have created life outside me as men do. But I have also created life inside me, as women do. What does that make me? Will a body such as mine fetter or free me?' Among the many hundreds of characters who inhabit the Mahabharata, perhaps the world's greatest epic and certainly one of the oldest, is Yuvanashva, a childless king, who accidentally drinks a magic potion meant to make his queens pregnant and gives birth to a son. This extraordinary novel is his story. It is also the

story of his mother Shilavati, who cannot be king because she is a woman; of young Somvat, who surrenders his genitals to become a wife; of Shikhandi, a daughter brought up as a son, who fathers a child with a borrowed penis; of Arjuna, the great warrior with many wives, who is forced to masquerade as a woman after being castrated by a nymph; of Ileshwara, a god on full-moon days and a goddess on new-moon nights; and of Adinatha, the teacher of teachers, worshipped as a hermit by some and as an enchantress by others. Building on Hinduism's rich and complex mythology—but driven by a very contemporary sensibility—Devdutt

Pattanaik creates a lush and fecund work of fiction in which the lines are continually blurred between men and women, sons and daughters, husbands and wives, fathers and mothers. Confronted with such fluidity the reader is drawn into Yuvanashva's struggle to be fair to all—those here, those there and all those in between.

### **Indra Finds**

**Happiness** Penguin  
UK

Sarasvati, the feminine force worshipped as the goddess of learning, is a household name, yet we barely know much about the goddess. She is known as a lost river and seen as a singular goddess, never as part of a couple, such as Shiva-Parvati or Lakshmi-Narayan. In *Sarasvati's Gift*, Kavita

Kane brings to light Sarasvati's story—the goddess of art, music and knowledge—told in the voices of nameless celestials, powerful gods and lesser mortals. The book explores her relationship with her Creator, Brahma, and their unusual marriage—a union of fiercely independent minds and the most non-conforming, unconventional of the Triumvirate couples. As these peripheral figures and silent catalysts take centre stage, we get a glimpse of an extraordinary woman and her remarkable story, obscured and buried under myths and legends.

[Kama vs Yama](#) SCB  
Distributors  
The Goddess of  
knowledge and

learning, Saraswati is Lord Brahma's first and most perfect creation. She was the one who helped Lord Brahma create the universe. Saraswati is not a warrior goddess but she uses her wisdom and intellect to help the race of gods and her devotees during times of trouble sometimes by even taking on the form of a river!

*Fun In Devlok: Shiva Plays Dumb Charades*  
Mohit Sharma

(Trendster)

Why do we offer Vishnu butter, but Shiva milk? Why is Krishna offered the chappanbhog—fifty-six items of food—during Annakuta? Do the goddesses not like bhog? Where does the custom of hanging a lemon and seven chillies come from? Is

there a legendary male cook among the gods? Anna is called Brahmin, the way bhasha is called Brahmin. Food and the action of eating maintain life. And yet, traditionally the devis remind you that whenever you eat, you've killed something, sacrificed someone, even plants which come from farms, decimating forests and rivers. The devi reminds one that to build your civilization—sanskriti—you destroy your nature—prakriti. Feast your mind on intricate details behind how we offer food to the gods, and why certain foods are part of the Indian tradition, in this short, sweet read from Devlok.

**Fun In Devlok:  
Saraswati's Secret  
River** Random House

India

THE HINDU

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*The Great Indian Epics*

Niyogi Books

Brahma is a proficient novelist. He has a trusted agent and a good contract with a renowned publisher to deliver a finished novel by a reasonable deadline. He meets the brilliant, the scintillating musician Saraswati and falls deeply in love with her. But his work becomes incomprehensible. His agent Naren suspects Saraswati is a bad influence on Brahma and sagely advises Brahma to get rid of her. Brahma has to choose between his career as a novelist and his love for Saraswati. In this entertaining short read, author Ishwar Chandra Sen skillfully

weaves together an ancient, Hindu myth and a sweet, contemporary romance set in the Pacific West. Learn about the myth and enjoy Ishwar's thoughtful, quirky interpretation of how the Vedas, Hinduism's oldest texts, were written.

**The Pregnant King**

Penguin Books India

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 Vijaya, 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 pleasure 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.

The Emperor's Ring  
Penguin Books India  
Why is Indra an unhappy god? Why is the cow such a cool animal? Who is the demon of forgetfulness? Master storyteller Devdutt

Pattnaik answers these curious questions and reveals many more secrets of the world of gods and demons in this delightfully illustrated omnibus, featuring all six tales in the Fun in Devlok series. Follow Harsha as he discovers the secret to happiness, listen to Gauri's fascinating conversation with a talking cow, play dumb charades with Shiva, find out why identity cards are important even for Krishna, join the fight between Kama and Yama, and learn why the river Saraswati disappeared mysteriously. Jump right in. The gates of Devlok are open.

**Secret Of Vargas:  
The Microscopic  
Analysis And  
Interpretation Of**

**Natal Chart** Penguin  
UK

'When you can fight for the meek without hating the mighty, you follow dharma.' In the forest, the mighty eat the meek. In human society, the mighty should take care of the meek. This is dharma. A hundred princes should have looked after their five orphaned cousins. Instead, they burnt their house, abused their wife and stole their kingdom. The five fought back, not for revenge but for dharma. What came of the five's fight against the hundred? India's favourite mythologist brings to you this evocatively illustrated retelling of the Mahabharata that is sure to illuminate and enthral a new generation of readers.