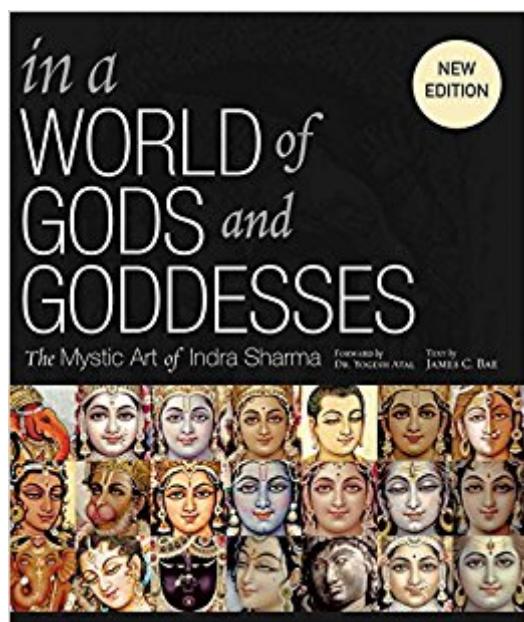


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In A World Of Gods And Goddesses: The Mystic Art Of Indra Sharma



Synopsis

Reformatted into a new, smaller size, the masterful Indra Sharmaâ™s celebrated collection of traditional spiritual Indian paintings is now more affordable than ever. With painstaking detail put into each illustration, these beautiful works of art highlightExpressing his spirituality through art, Sharmaâ™s unique masterpieces are meant to inspire peace and reflection in the viewer. With sections on major Hindu deities and classic Vedic texts that include both art and accompanying descriptions, In a World of Gods and Goddesses is the definitive collection of Indra Sharmaâ™s lifework. By combining contemporary and traditional artistic styles, Sharma creates icons of Hindu gods and goddesses that are altars of worship for millions. Steeped in Indiaâ™s ancient Vedic cosmology, these prayerful, captivating paintings contain a complete whoâ™s who of the Hindu pantheonâ™Ganesh, Devi, Shiva, Vishnu, Laxmi, and Krishna all come alive in this unique and richly colored work.

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Showcased to dazzling effect here is the Hindu religious art of India National Award winner Sharma. Often featured in publications on Hindu spirituality (the late A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, founder of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, was a close friend and patron), Sharma's paintings are colorful, vivid, and lush, with great attention to the details of clothing, jewelry, and the world of nature. In some ways, his paintings resemble traditional Christian hagiographic art, with androgynous figures (divine or human), carefully draped garments, and symbolic items in profusion. They are highly realistic not to say photographic yet they depict the

unseen personages of mythology from Ganesh to Shiva. The book, in fact, is intended as a visual introduction to Hindu gods and goddesses, with Bae's thorough text clarifying the religious meaning of all the artistic detail. A practitioner of Yoga, Bae has spent the last three years living in India as a monk. A beautifully produced and relatively inexpensive large-format book, this is warmly recommended for public and academic libraries. James F. DeRoche, Alexandria, VA
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