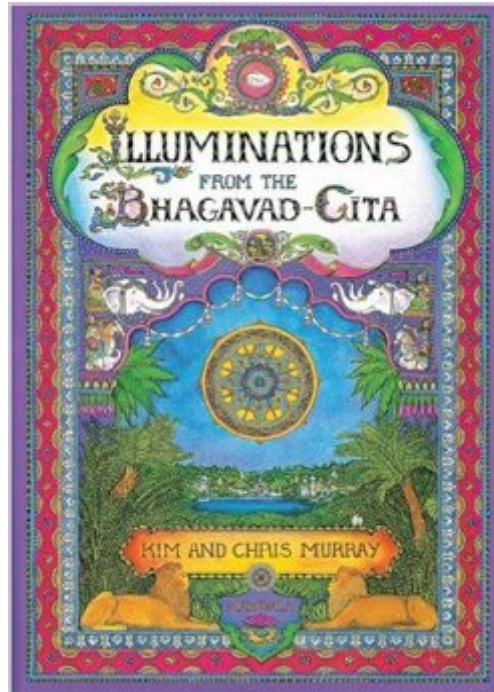


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Illuminations From The Bhagavad Gita



Synopsis

This fresh, opulent presentation of the Bhagavad-Gita, India's great spiritual masterpiece, is truly unique. Profusely illustrated with 40 color plates and more than 50 black-and-white drawings, this edition provides a fresh look at this immensely popular classic. A selection of essential verses is lavishly illustrated, incorporating both Eastern and Western classical illumination styles. The authors worked on the illustrations for over five years, inspired by the timeless wisdom of the Gita and their personal association with A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, the translator of the book's verses. Illuminations captures the timeless wisdom of the Bhagavad Gita with artistic inspiration from Renaissance, Pre-Raphaelite and Celtic art.

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Customer Reviews

In this age of digital consciousness it is almost impossible to comprehend how an artist like Kim Murray can draw these images in all their details and textures. The ornate and lush style of the illustrations are a meditation that one willingly surrenders to- a collection of mandala- like imagery that is a feast for the eye and the heart. The print quality of Illuminations is also extraordinary- this book is an incredible deal at this price!

This book was given to me as a child. It is one of the most beautifully illustrated books that I've ever seen. The text is highlights from the Bhagavad Gita which is spiritual based. There are beautiful,

large full page detailed color pictures on at least every other page! The opposite pages also all have illustrations on them. If you like India art, this book is a must have in your collection.

I just reread the Bhagavad Gita and I am in love with it! Then I went hunting for an illustrated edition and this little (purse-size) volume is perfect!!!! (I want a large edition of now.) The art is gorgeous and the passages have been thoughtfully chosen to give the reader the essentials of the Gita.

This book is splendid. The illustrations are gorgeous. The excerpted portions of text from the Bhagavad Gita are beautifully translated and read like poetry. I've read portions of the Gita before; but reading them in the context of this truly "illuminated" work made them more real and comprehensible to me. What may look like a children's book is actually an adult's "feast for the eyes." Anyone traveling the spiritual path will appreciate the sudden insights afforded by this inspired presentation of a sacred treatise.

I came across this book by chance. I do not know if it was a coincidence but it was during Indian holiday Diwali - festival of the lights. I have been practicing yoga for almost a decade and as time goes by I am more and more interested in the aspects of yoga that are other than just physical practice. I am reading and learning about ayurveda, pranayama, mudras. This book however is a pocket size and has most wonderful illustrations I have seen lately, Kim Murrey who illustrated this book, put a lot of love in creating most magical scenes depicting Indian culture and philosophy. Images are so sublime that I sometimes only wish to look at their images. What is interesting about the book it provides basic ideas about philosophy that began 5,000 years ago. It is a guide on how to obtain enlightenment through spiritual learnings from gurus, gaining peace and practicing non-attachment and compassion. I carry it in my purse and look at it any time I need a little bit of inspiration in my life.

There are two sizes of this book printed. The one that I have is 13 3/4 inches high and 9 3/4 inches wide, a hard cover with a dust jacket, and copyright 1998. It has 21 verses from the Bhagavad-Gita, and at least as many full page illustrations. The large illustrations are very nice and have great detail. Several are two pages. Many others are black and white, and shaded line drawings. It is a very good children's book.

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