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Synopsis

Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902) was the Hindu monk who introduced the philosophy of Yoga to the western world in the late XIX Century.Ã¢â ¬Å“Lectures on the Bhagavad GitaÃ¢â ¬Â• is an anthology of his writings on this fundamental text of the Hindu tradition. All the lectures were delivered in 1900.

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Customer Reviews

Swami Vivekananda is a much revered saint in India. Even 130 years after his monumental visit to the United States, he has a large group of devout followers in the USA. Teh Vedanta Society probably established by his early followers still has branches all over the United States, almost one hundred years later! Due to his charismatic personality, a talent to explain most intricate concepts in Indian Philosophy to everyone, including people from the West during colonial India, he was one of the most influential personalities of 20th century India. Explaining the religious and philosophical meanings of Srimad Bhagavad Gita to largely Western readers was his gift perhaps endowed by Lord Krishna himself!The book is meant to be for erudite audience, edited for grammar and composition by subsequent followers and the Kindle addition is an excellent read. I cannot judge the

content, it is not for a mortal like me with little training in religious philosophy. But, most of the teachings of Gita is for every day life! For me Srimad Bhagavad Gita is the ultimate book, an essence of all religions.This was my second reading of Swami's writings after living in the United States for close to 30 years. I am amazed and enlightened each time at the rational thoughts and explanations of complex philosophical nuances outlined in this book. It is simply divine! I recommend this to every one who is interested in Hindu philosophy or trying to grasp what life is all about!Bal LokeshwarMiami, Florida

Swami Vivekananda has a conversational style of expressing his thoughts. In a way, you can feel him speak. It is as if you are attending his lecture. He is always very much to the point and has great explanations.

Though I have read the Bhagavad Gita by several other authors, I found the lectures of Swami Vivekananda very appealing. After deliberating on the historicity of the Bhagavad Gita and whether the Gita was really the utterance of Lord Krishna, he brings out the originality of the Gita, its essence and how the different routes of Dharma- Karma, Jnana and Bhakthi can be reconciled. His emphasis on working without desire or attachment which he consider as a very special characteristic of the Gita is very thought provoking. It is an excellent introductory read for the layman.

This book is a very good peek into the inner workings and thought process of Swami Vivekananda. I was very impressed with the evidence based and empirical approach Swami Vivekananda takes in this lecture. One needs good prior understanding of Gita to be able to appreciate this book.

I am personally amazed by the liberal thoughts ! From time to time , liberal thinkers emerge in societies . There must be wider reading such thoughts to get perspective . Liberal /alternate thinking & respecting them are the reason for survival of societies over time .

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An extremely important read for the individual willing to attain both, a practical as well as a spiritual

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