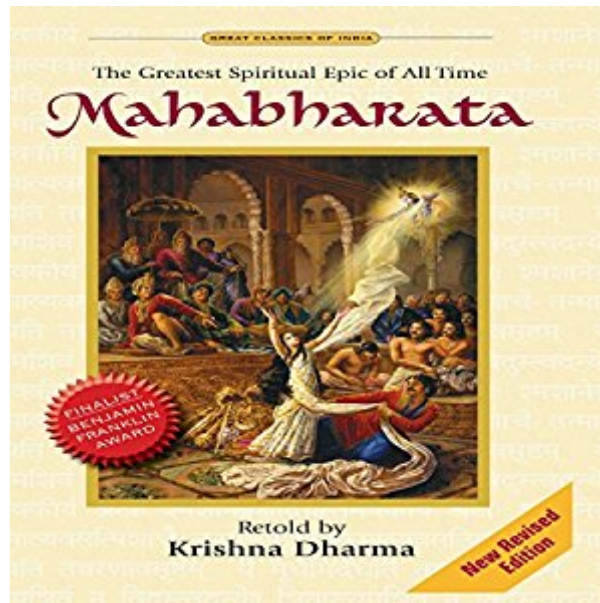




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# Mahabharata: The Greatest Spiritual Epic Of All Time



## Synopsis

Said to be the world's longest poem, Mahabharata was originally composed in 100,000 Sanskrit verses by the ancient Indian sage Vyasa. Revered as a sacred text within Hinduism, it contains the great spiritual teaching Bhagavad-gita. Krishna Dharma has condensed the epic into a fast paced novel that fully retains the majestic mood of the original. A powerful and moving tale, it recounts the history of the five heroic Pandava brothers, sons of the Emperor Pandu. Cheated of their kingdom and sent into exile by their envious cousins, they set off on a fascinating journey during which we meet gods, sages, mystics and mighty warrior kings. Profound spiritual themes underlie the thrilling narrative, making it one of the world's most revered texts. Culminating in an apocalyptic war, Mahabharata is a masterpiece of suspense, intrigue, and illuminating wisdom.

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Maha-Bharata, the Great Land of Bharat, depicts a story of intrigue, ethics, politics, love, war, and transcendence. With more than a million verses, the Sanskrit original is barely accessible to the commoner of the 21st century. This novel rendition by Krishna Dharma makes the million messages of the Mahabharata impress upon us that the solutions to the problems that exercised a civilization long-gone, are also relevant to the troubles of our technology times. Krishna Dharma does justice to the authenticity and quality of the book by not diverging from the original content, even as he weaves colorful and intricate verbal tapestry to transport the reader back to a time of forts, horses, and mantras. No cliché here, to say that this book, is indeed, one of a kind! The Mahabharata is a

must-read for all.

I actually first read the larger version some time ago and liked it so much that i wanted to read it again but never found the time somehow. After i saw this version i was so happy i immediately grabbed it and read it. I found it very nicely condensed and the story flows as in the bigger version. Still, to anyone reading only this version i would recommend (if found inspired as the author himself says at the end) reading the larger version coz for me the larger managed to drown me deeply in to the whole story. Anyway I am very grateful to the author for this great work.

I am very much a student of Eastern philosophies and the Mahabharata was a must read book. Even though this an abridged addition it took me several months to complete it. First of all the reading caused me to better understand the various Hindu religious ideas that were being discussed. The second stumbling block that caused me to understand were the names of both mortals and Gods, how they related to each other, and the story. I had to repeat the process again as I either forgot or became confused which added to the time I think this a must reading, especially the Bhagavad Gita, which to me is condensed in the book, thus must be read by itself. I spent time on some Hindu websites reading the synopsis and this greatly assisted my understanding. It is worth the time and effort to understand the book. Redsoxpapa

great book

It's like reading lords of the ring but with spiritual insights. This is the second mahabharata that I read, but is definitely the best.

For a first time reader in English of this epic, the story is full of surprises, the characters are well developed, and the the book demands to be re-read - to gain the next layer of pleasure. Please enjoy. Sandeep

This is a very readable book and is quite interesting. I've always wanted to know about the stories, and I feel this has given me a glimpse into another world. The book itself has lots of illustrations as well, and it's a hardcover so it will look nice on your shelf when not in use.

Very enjoyable, I had read an older translation many years ago and enjoyed it, think I would have

preferred the full version which I'm now going to read. Only criticism is I would have preferred an iBook version, which is a much nicer experience when reading on an iPad

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