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How many names does Arjuna have? Why was Yama cursed? What lesson did a little mongoose teach Yudhisthira? The Kurukshetra war, fought between the Kauravas and the Pandavas and which forced even the gods to take sides, may be well known, but there are innumerable stories set before, after and during the war that lend the Mahabharata its many varied shades and are largely unheard of. Award-winning author Sudha Murty reintroduces the fascinating world of India's greatest epic through the extraordinary tales in this collection, each of which is sure to fill you with a sense of wonder and bewilderment.

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Veena Sridhar says

Makes good read if you want to connect dots for main Mahabharata epic which most of us know but wonder for no reasons. Makes it good consolidation of short stories for kids also. Most of the stories are known but few of them makes lot of difference in answering why's of Mahabharata!

Chandru says

Fun read, recommended to read once you read/know the original(ish)

Sagar says

Simple instruments of simple story telling. The way of writing is reminiscent of the way folk tales were written and told, which is precisely, the book's aim. Some stories are already known by people though some were total revelations and prove to be good trivia for the mythology aficionado. it is a small book and can be considered to be a part of the Indian myth collection if you have one. ;)

Aruna Kumar Gadepalli says

As usual Sudha Murt's latest book this time on mythology is easy and a quick read. Simple language and the stories that are retold in a manner that one will enjoy reading, despite knowing the story.

Dileep says

This book contains some of the rare stories from Mahabharata. Though the stories are not in very detail, but she was able to depict the essence of the story through her words.

Sonu Mulchandani says

Interesting read. I didn't know quite a few stories from here. It's a concise and un-animated story telling from a great epic. Simple enough narrative.

Prathima Deepak says

Having a thought of buying this book for my friend's kid, I gave it some time to read and review first.

The book is full of short stories from our Epic Mahabharata and it just reminded me of all the bedtime stories that my grand-parents used to tell me during my childhood.

Kids interested in mythology will definitely love this.

PS: What I liked the most is that the names of the characters in the Epic are spelled same as in sanskrit unlike cutting short. For instance, in many books Bhima is often spelled as Bhim which irritates me..!!

Raksha Bhat says

There is always something enigmatic about Indian mythology. The different versions of the stories that we read and hear make them more fascinating. This collection from Mahabharata by Sudha Murthy stands out because of the narration. In the current times of ostensible Indian best sellers, she is one author that I look up to. I happened to attend one of her sessions at the Times Lit Fest in Bangalore this month, what struck me was the effectiveness of her simplicity, it percolates into one's thought process. The stories in this book have the same effect. Mahabharata and Ramayana are never ending sagas, there is always something new to know about them. There are many parallels between the events of today and these epics. It is up to us to read and learn. Books such as this one help us in this regard. The illustrations are the icing on the cake.

Arya V Reghu says

Sudha Murthy with her beautiful easy writing skills has yet again presented these mythical short stories. With no exaggerations and such simplicity she has explained the famous and obscure stories born in and out of Mahabharata. From the stories of ancestors to the decedents the book includes the story starting from Shakuntala's birth and the Somavansha's descendants including Bharatha , Hastin , Kuru clan - Pandavas and Kauravas , Parikshit and Janmajeya . It brings you story of other connecting incidents also.

The Title of the book is the chapter that tells the story of the death of Parikshit as Takshaka takes his vengeance on the Pandava clan for the plight he faced due to Agni burning down the Khandava forest with the help of Krishna and Arjuna (Pandavas) .

They are different short stories yet has a continuation and the chain ends where it began . A cycle of vengeance.

If you are familiar with hearing these tales from you parents or grandparents this will make you so much miss your childhood , as such is her language and narration, so homely!

With 25 chapters related to Mahabharata with nothing complex this book is a quick read and refreshing to your mythology knowledge.

Nishant Gupta says

This book has little tales from the grand epic Mahabharata. Most of the stories should be known to people familiar with Mahabharata, but that's the thing about Mahabharata, it never gets boring even if you've heard the stories several times.

This book is written in a very simple language, and hence so, both children and grownups can enjoy it. It's a nice light read especially if you want to take a break.

Ajith Reddy says

If you are a myth fan ...Just go for it Every sentence have some great information Although there are some stories which we definitely knew already Being a sudha murthy fan Respect and love for her increased after flipping d last page

Nitin Vadher says

Every time when I read about Indian mythology it gives me new message and it changes my thinking to positive way, I am getting energized by reading about Mahabharata and Ramayana.

I am a big fan of the author and reading her from her first book dollar bahu, I know her writing style which is very simple and crispy, easy to understand. So when I came to know about this book I placed the order without any second thought, a book from Sudha Murty on mythology is a good collection for next generation.

Now, the serpent's revenge is a unique collection of events from Mahabharata, some are known and some are unknown to me. This book will not only help you to narrate bed time stories for your kids but will also add your knowledge about Indian mythology. There are many such stories which you have not heard from your parents or grandparents which are perfectly represented by the author with the help of graphical pictures through the book.

Many stories are provided with end notes or rather footnotes, where current location of India and stories behind it is being written by the author, which is best source to know about that particular place and event and why we still worship and importance of that lord. Also last two pages of the book where the family tree of Chandravansh is being provided which is good source of information about Kaurava's and Pandava's.

I highly recommend this wonderful yet simple representation of Indian mythology for today's youngsters.

Ranganathan Kothandaraman says

I thought I knew Mahabharata to a larger extent. Thanks to my dad who had 5-6 parts of Mahabharata (in his book collections) written by A. Le. Natarajan in simple Thamizh.

Aasan aka Jeyamohan's article in Jannal (Thamizh magazine) on one of the stories of Mahabharata, Sudha Murthy's new book 'The Serpent's Revenge' (Unusual Tales from the Mahabharata) questioned this thought :-D

Sudha Murthy's book is simple in all aspects. The narration, the way of storytelling, relating the locations where the stories happened to the current locations in India is making this book a pleasant read.

The book starts with Dharmakshetre Kurukshetre, salutations to Lord Krishna and provides Gita in a condensed/crisp format:

I am the creator, protector, destroyer
I am the supreme and the smallest being
The whole world runs per my wish
You are only an actor in the scene
Just act well with whatever is handed to you
That is your duty
The rest you leave to me
I will manage
Everything is as it should be
I know the past, the present and the future
I am everywhere.

Please pass this book to the young readers at your home as this will help them to face their life in a better and in most matured way.

The Serpent's Revenge (Unusual Tales from the Mahabharata) is available in Amazon at INR 175, published by Penguin Books.

Sanya Vij says

Interesting stories, but reads like a very oversimplified version. Perhaps that was the intention.

Ritu Mantri says

For a well versed person like me with the tales of Mahabharata there is nothing new to read in this book. But then this book is not written for the readers like me as well.

The Serpent's Revenge is the collection of few unique stories of Mahabharata written in the simple easy to understand language and it will be a great book to introduce your children to Mahabharata. Indeed the book is written with young budding readers in mind.

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