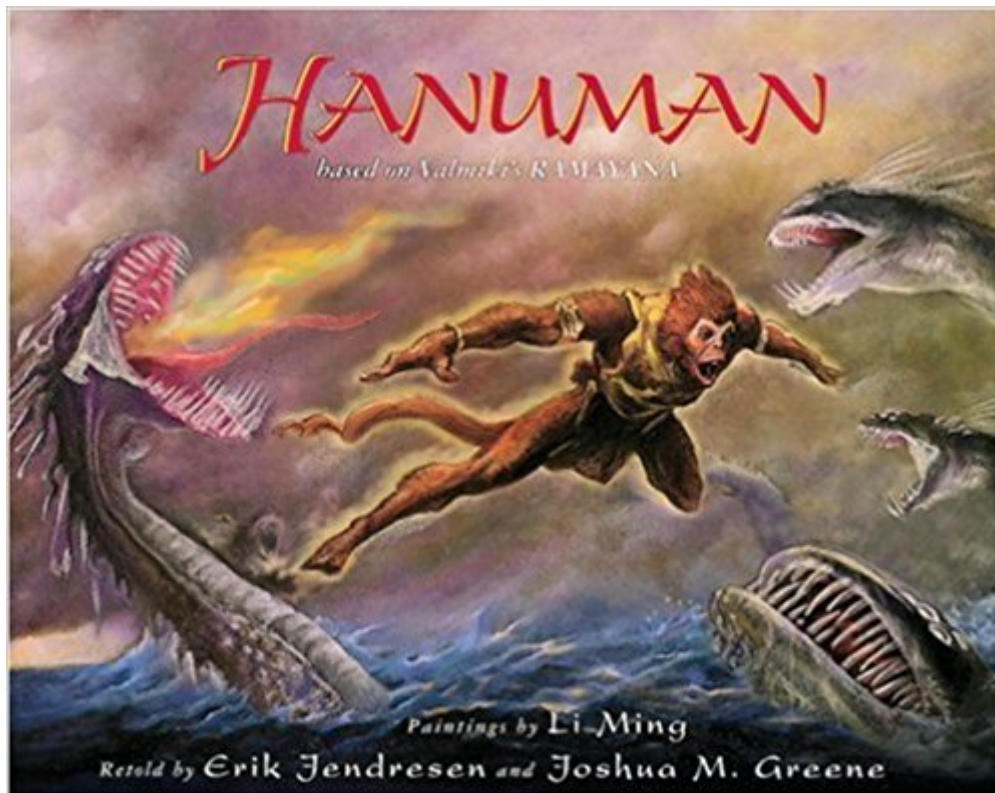




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Hanuman, Based On Valmiki's Ramayana



Synopsis

Hanuman, the monkey hero, once leapt all the way to the sun--but suffered dearly for it. Now all grown, he lends his long-forgotten powers to the cosmic battle to save Princess Sita from the foul demon king, Ravana. Full color.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Grade 3-6-"Listen now while I tell you a tale of a time long past when the world was menaced by a ten-headed beast whom the gods could not control." Such is the dramatic beginning of this excellent retelling of a portion of the ancient Indian epic, the Ramayana. This version takes the unusual perspective of Hanuman, military leader of the monkey clan. The tale opens when he is an impish young monkey, daring to fly to the sun. During his flight, he becomes distracted and falls, thus earning his name, which means "broken chin," and the elder monkeys pray he forgets his magical powers. Years later, when the evil, 10-headed creature Ravana steals Rama's beloved wife, Sita, the monkey is deeply moved by the young prince's broken heart. His clan joins forces with Rama to confront Ravana. Now Hanuman must remember the incredible powers of his youth for they are crucial in the climactic battle. The narrative has a storytelling quality and an appropriately epic tone. Masterful oil paintings illustrate the text; they are charming when depicting the mischievous young Hanuman and powerful and striking when portraying scenes of danger and battle. Jessica

Souhami's Rama and the Demon King (DK, 1997) is aimed at a younger audience. Older readers may enjoy Lloyd Alexander's The Iron Ring (Dutton, 1997), which was inspired by this tale. A welcome addition to all collections. Robin L. Gibson, Muskingum County Library System, Zanesville, OH Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Masterful oil paintings illustrate the text; they are charming when depicting the mischievous young Hanuman and powerful and striking when portraying scenes of danger and battle.... [A] welcome addition to all collections. School Library Journal [A]s engaging and imaginative as any current action-adventure tale. Chicago Parent --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

Well, when I purchased this book, I expected more in-depth features about Hanuman, not a rundown of the Ramayana (Rama and Sita's plight). I was looking for tales about the monkey god Hanuman, not depictions of Rama, Sita and Ravana. This is important: I also thought there was more to Hanuman than the Ramayana (Rama and Sita's exploits). I was wrong, at least according to this minibook. I was left languishing for more knowledge about Hanuman. This minibook did not do me justice. Yes, the publisher indicates this is a minibook. However, the book being downright mini and certainly under 100 pages, perhaps it suits a young child or tween, as they are known these days. The minibook is tiny with a hard cover--perfect for gift giving to a youngster. So, since this book does not go into length about Hanuman, specifically, and since the book is decisively titled Hanuman without discussing the monkey god in all his glory, I give the minibook two stars.

For anyone who is new to Hinduism this is a great introduction to Sri Hanuman; perfect for children and adults. My book arrived today and I stood at the table in the post office, read the entire book cover to cover and could not help but get misty eyed. The illustrations are simply gorgeous. The lessons taught are even more beautiful; among them "There is no such thing as large or small when it comes to acts of love." also "Rama nodded and said: "All of these were gifts that you were given long ago. You have followed your heart and found these gifts inside of you." "This book is a must-have for every person who is even the least bit spiritual and one that I will read again and again for a long time to come.

Hanuman, devine monkey warrior and slayer of evil demons, you are an inspiration and and example of loyalty and bravery true!

Very Mini....

I had ordered this for a gift for a young nephew, but think I may just read it to him and keep it for myself until he's old enough to appreciate the beautiful paintings that illustrate this ancient tale. It's a wonderful introduction to Hanuman, the most devoted of servants. Text and illustrations mesh perfectly, and there is so much life and movement, not to mention gorgeous color! High praise to everyone involved.

A good little retelling of the Hanuman story, with nice pictures. My kids really enjoyed it.

A good recounting of Hanuman, especially for non-Hindu, non-Indian Westerners.

This book has wonderful pictures, but it is too small. I wish they made a version of this 4 times as big. It's hard to read a book to a child when it is small enough to fit in the palm of your hand.

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