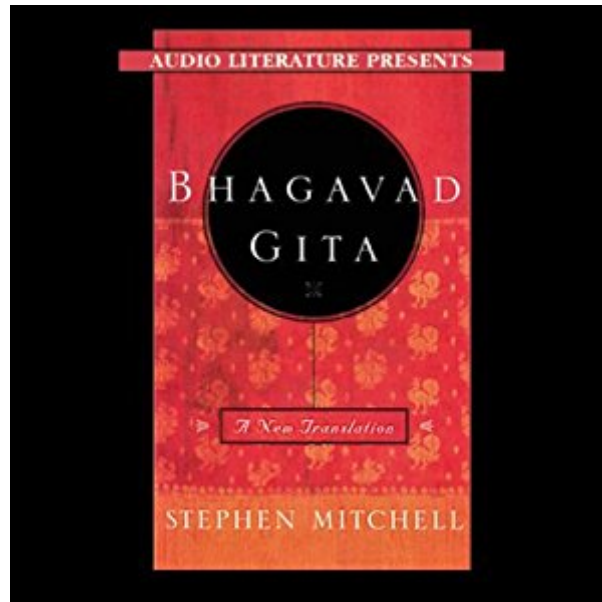




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Synopsis

Prince Arjuna faces a dilemma that troubles many people sooner or later - whether to take action that is necessary but morally ambiguous. The difference is that Arjuna's action is to wage war against his own family. With the armies arrayed, Arjuna loses his nerve. Krishna, his charioteer and incarnation of divine consciousness, begins to teach him about the nature of God and of himself. Arjuna learns that he can attain liberation through union with God, and that there are several possible paths to this goal. This most famous and revered of Hindu scriptures tells the timeless story of the paths of knowledge, devotion, action, and meditation. Stephen Mitchell's acclaimed translation, read by him for the first time, brings this ancient story to life and shows how it became the seed for all the Hindu systems of philosophy and religion that followed.

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Very accessible!!

Beautiful

A truly amazing book, translated lovingly into current English that makes the wonders of the Bhagavadgita accessible to the average English speaking seek accessible on a very deep, nonrational level. It may take liberties with the text, as Mitchell will do, but they seem appropriate, which is also one of Mitchell's skills.

I enjoyed this book and found it very easy to follow. I especially liked the explanation of the three basic types of personalities and how each of us may be part of all three, yet dominated by one type. The poem reminded me of the Tao Te Ching in style, but The Bhagavad Gita used a metaphor in story form to explain how to understand oneself. Now that I have read this book I may look more into other teachings, such as, the Kaballah next. The use of the battlefield and conflict arising from people choosing to fight against members of their own family, provided an excellent backdrop for learning about Karma and the other beliefs of Hinduism.

Best version of the Bhagavad Gita to read hands down!!!

A sensitive and easy read of one of the most important books ever written.

Interesting story. Many of the lessons in the book could easily be Applied to life.

This is a very good and easily readable translation. Very satisfied with the book.

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