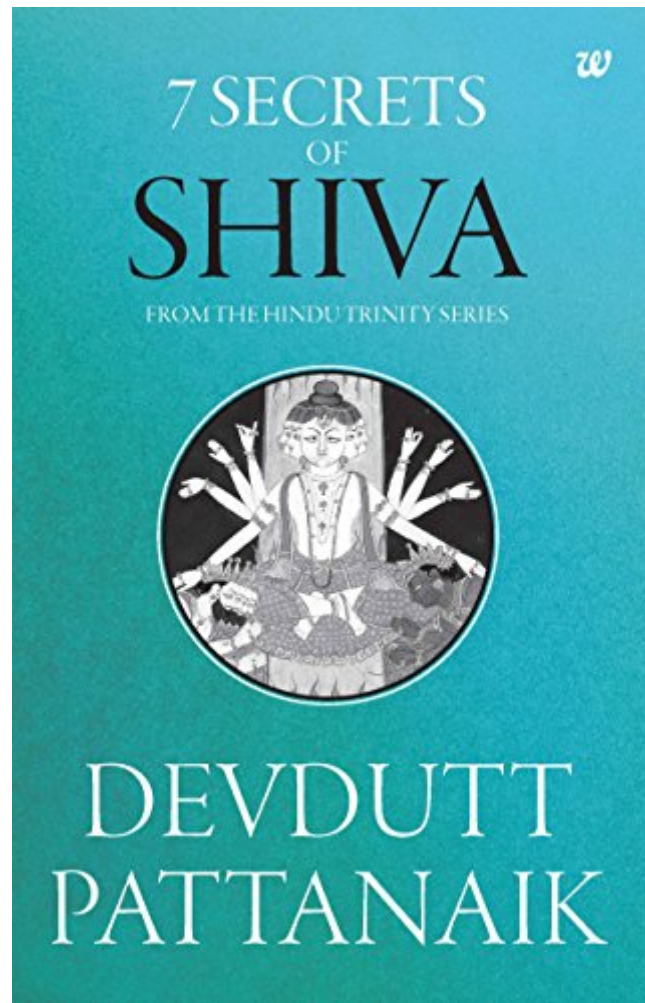




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## Synopsis

Shiva, the destroyer, among the Hindu trinity (of gods), is depicted in many contradictory manners. He is an ascetic who wears animal skin, his body smeared with ashes. Contradictory to his wild nature, he is also depicted as having a family, with a beautiful wife and two children. There are many more such varied representations of Shiva, the most prominent of these being the Linga and the Nataraja. The author, Devdutt Pattanaik, introduces the readers to these varied aspects and representations, and then sets about interpreting them. He explains the different anomalies and conflicts in beliefs, as well as the symbolism, rituals and reasons behind Hindu worship.

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This is good, really good. I enjoyed it with great interest and pleasure. Try it; you won't have to wade through alternating pages of Devanagari.

Western minds understand the usage of stained glass in the western churches. Pattanaik makes

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Love this book!!! It provides clarity to a lot of philosophy and cocepts of culture. Clean and easy read. Thanks Devdutt!!!

This book is full of wisdom, contains plenty of illustrations and is written in simple and understandable language. I would recommend it for europeans who want to know and understand ancient Indian (Vedic) culture more deeply.

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Some questions were answered and ideas clarified. Would be lovely to live free of Maya for sure like the lead of this book.

The author provides a good approach that describes the state of Vishnu consciousness revealed through the puranas which also seems to align with the erudition of Vishnu in the Vedic scriptures.

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