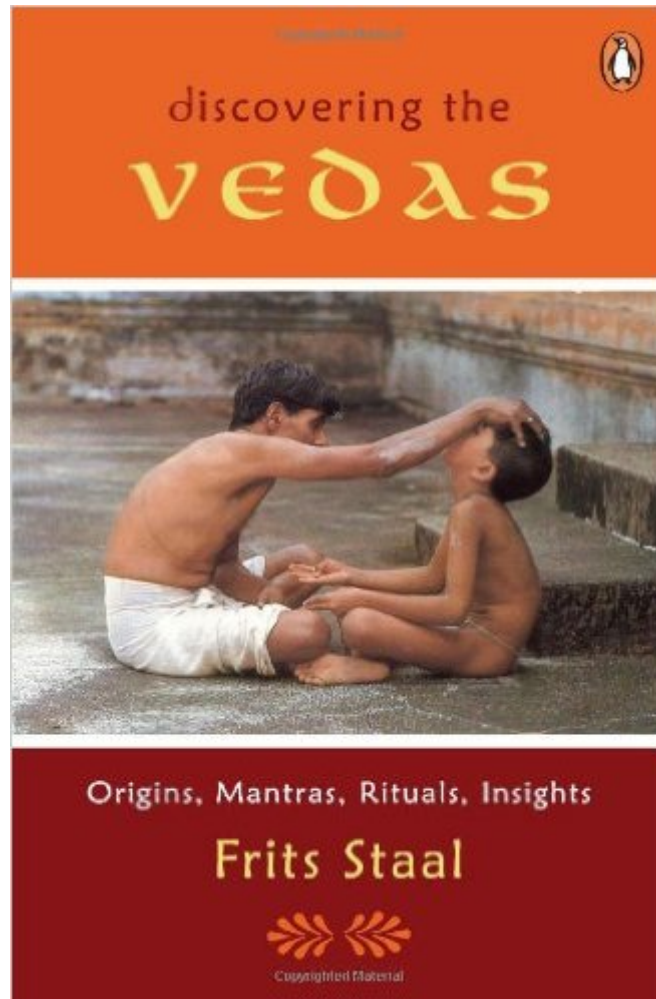


The book was found

Discovering The Vedas: Origins, Mantras, Rituals, Insights



Synopsis

BOOKS

Book Information

Paperback: 456 pages

Publisher: Penguin Global; 1st Ed. edition (August 5, 2009)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0143099868

ISBN-13: 978-0143099864

Product Dimensions: 7.7 x 4.8 x 1.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 14.4 ounces

Average Customer Review: 3.7 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (7 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,540,213 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #36 in [Books > Religion & Spirituality > Hinduism > Sacred Writings > Vedas](#) #271 in [Books > History > World > Religious > Hinduism](#) #1826 in [Books > History > Asia > India](#)

Customer Reviews

This book begins very well and no doubt the author is a scholar of immense learning and integrity, but eventually the book flounders in poorly explained speculations. The opening is very well done, featuring a concise and insightful history of early India, speculation on who exactly were the famed 'Aryans' who allegedly wrote the Vedas, including state of the art linguistic techniques for tracing the historical movements of peoples which I found really fascinating. He then summarizes, in a chapter each, the four Vedas traditionally recognized as genuine (which I take to mean: considered "revealed" or of divine origin in some capacity, anyway). Up to this point the book is a great introduction to the ancient India in general and the Vedas in particular. From here it starts to get more and more scattered, and the bizarre language used becomes more and more apparent. Staal boasts early on in the book of being fluent in 5 or 6 languages (if memory serves me the author is Dutch), and while generally grammatically correct, the English is intensely bizarre at times - I read voluminously, but I found that over and over again I had to re-read sentences - not because of their lofty thoughts or complexity, but simply because the phrasing was so alien and unlike anything a native English speaker would write. Don't get me wrong, his English is still great, but if you read the book you will probably discover this for yourself and it can be frustrating at times. But this is a minor criticism. The major thing that keeps this a 'good' book when it could have been great is, perhaps ironically, Staal's overabundance of enthusiasm for his subject.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Discovering the Vedas: Origins, Mantras, Rituals, Insights Mantras para la Vida: Utiliza los Mantras de Kundalini Yoga como herramienta vital (Spanish Edition) The Celestial Key to the Vedas: Discovering the Origins of the World's Oldest Civilization HINDUISM: Hinduism for Beginners: Guide to Understanding Hinduism and the Hindu Religion, Beliefs, Customs, Rituals, Gods, Mantras and Converting to Hinduism The Rituals of Dinner: The Origins, Evolution, Eccentricities, and Meaning of Table Manners Vashikaran Magick: Learn The Dark Mantras Of Subjugation (Mantra Magick Series Book 1) The Three Great Moksha Mantras: Sutras on the Meditative Secrets of the Gayatri Mantra and Mahamrityunjaya Mantra Moldavite Magick: Tap Into The Stone Of Transformation Using Mantras (Crystal Mantra Magick) (Volume 1) Discovering Wine: A Refreshingly Unfussy Beginner's Guide to Finding, Tasting, Judging, Storing, Serving, Cellaring, and, Most of All, Discovering Wine The Vedas Four Vedas In English The Holy Vedas ; Rig Veda, Yajur Veda, Sama Veda, Atharva Veda The Rig Veda [Unabridged, English Translation] (The Vedas Book 2) Commentaries on the Vedas, the Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita: The Three Branches of India's Life-Tree The Wisdom of the Vedas (Theosophical Heritage Classics) Vedas - An Analytical Perspective Commentaries on the Vedas, the Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita The Holy Vedas Atharva Veda (Great Epics of India: Vedas Book 4) The Secret Teachings of the Vedas: The Eastern Answers to the Mysteries of Life

[Dmca](#)