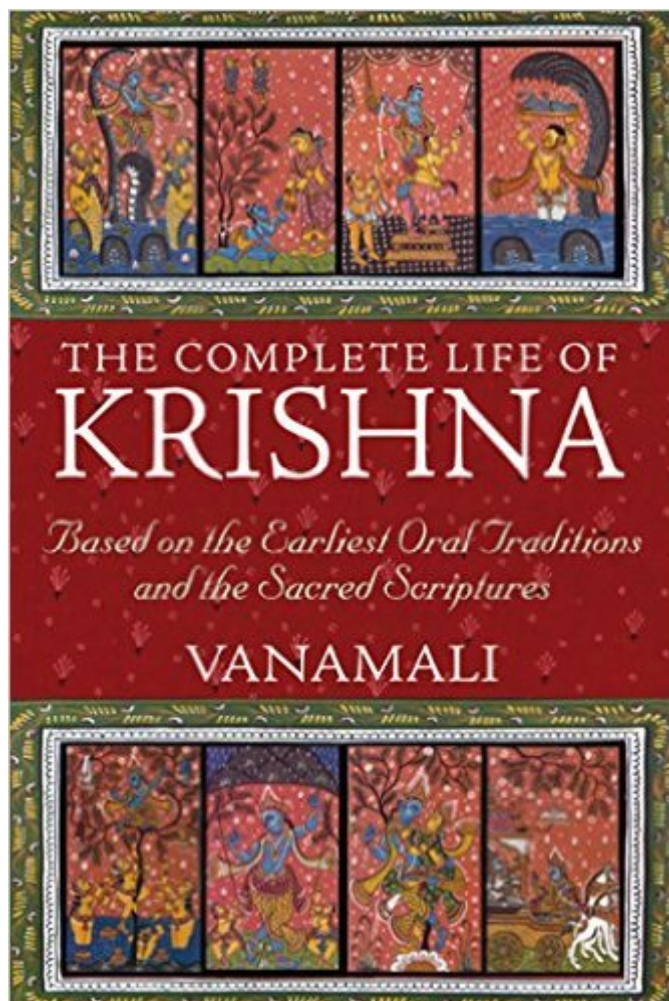


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Krishna, one of the most beloved characters of the Hindu pantheon, has been portrayed in many lights: a god-child, a prankster, a model lover, a divine hero, an exemplary ruler, and the Supreme Being. In *The Complete Life of Krishna*, Vanamali, a leading Krishna expert from a long line of prominent Krishna devotees, provides the first book in English or Sanskrit to cover the complete range of the avatar's life. Drawing from the Bhagavad Purana, the Bhagavad Gita, the Mahabharata, and India's sacred oral tradition, Vanamali shares stories from Krishna's birth in a dungeon and early days as a merry trickster in Vrindavana, through his time as divine ruler at Dwaraka, to his final powerful acts as the hero Arjuna's charioteer and guru in the Kurukshetra war. She explains how Krishna became a mahayogi, the greatest of all yogis, and attained complete mastery over himself and nature. By integrating the hero-child with the mahayogi, the playful lover with the divine ruler, Vanamali shows how the stories of Krishna's life are expressed with such simplicity and humor that they enable anyone--man, woman, or child--to see the wisdom of his teachings. This complete biography of the man who was also a god provides a valuable meditative tool allowing Krishna's lessons to illuminate from within.

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Vanamali's work on the Life of Sri Krishna is ever so gracefully enchanting and revealing. This is the first book I've read on the life of Sri Krishna, and I admire Vanamali's insight and concise explanations on an Avatar that more and more of us are becoming aware of. Vanamali describes the life and actions of Sri Krishna without being dogmatic and in a way that can melt your heart. Namaste

I wanted to read about Krishna's life from start to finish. When I saw this book and its author, Vanamali, I knew there was no way I'd be disappointed. Vanamali's books are terrific. As usual, Vanamali delivers. The Complete Life of Krishna will take you through Krishna's life. The book reads like a good novel, not like a collection of myths gathered in an academic, dry way. Not only does Vanamali tell these stories in an entertaining manner, she explains the esoteric meaning behind the myths, which are as important as the stories themselves. It's a great story when Krishna cavorts with the gopis and then disappears, leaving them distraught, but it's illuminating when we learn the reason why the gopis let their egos get between them and Krishna, and thus he disappeared. There were portions of this book that were genuinely funny, and others that were genuinely sad. Once I finished it, I kind of wished I could erase my memory of the book so I could enjoy it as a new reader again. I can't recommend this book highly enough. If you're interested in Krishna at all, you have to get this book ASAP.

Humble obeisance to Lord Krishna. Humble obeisance to Mata Vanamali. The book is written in simple language. The incidents are mind capturing and the role of Lord Krishna that is highlighted is enrapturing. The small commentaries by the author highlighting the greatness of The Lord and the inherent meaning along with each incident gives life to the book and hence is an experience. In all there are no words to explain the bliss derived from the first reading. Lord willing hope to read it many more times.

A must for Krishna Consciousness or anyone curious about Krishna. Vanamali writes in a style so easy for Westerners [like myself!] to understand. This is a wonderful companion to Krishna's divine message in The Bhagavad-gita and The Mahabharata. She really emphasizes Lord Krishna's humanity, as well as divinity... so much so, I laughed and cried. I can't say enough good points about her writing. No matter what-- or how many--books and stories on Krishna you read, this one stands on its own.

Very beautifully written life of Krishna! Every phase of his blessed life, from baby Krishna, to mischievous child Krishna, to Gopala and his play with the Gopis, to Father and Husband, Ruler of Dwarka, and the Mahabharata. Some of the stories I've never heard and many others in their retelling become fresh and new. The prose itself is beautiful and clear, and the devotion of the author is infectious.

I have almost finished this book and have enjoyed it immensely. I was familiar with most of the stories about the earthly life of Krishna, but I never get tired of reading them. This was an excellent rendition of the material; most readable.

This is the second book that I read from her and I just love her work. It is inspiring!! **STRONGLY RECOMMEND HER BOOK ON HANUMAN**

The author has studied her subject well, and given Krishna the proper respect. I really love the book. It has helped me to understand Lord Krishna to worship and love Him. I am a devotee.

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