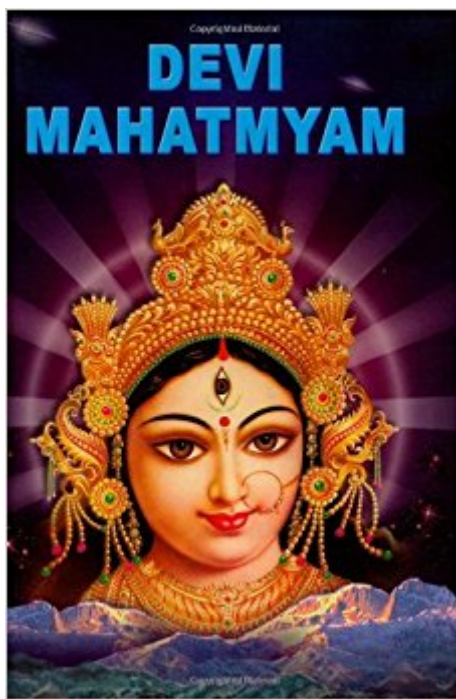


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Synopsis

The Devi Mahatmyam is a sacred text used by Hindus for daily chanting to the Divine Mother throughout India, in particular in Bengal....The book is also known as the Chandi or the Durga Saptashati. ...The original text is printed in Devanagari type with English translation, and added footnotes. ...Three aspects of the Divine Mother are depicted in the book : ...Mahakali ...2. Mahalakshmi ...3) Mahasaraswati

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Customer Reviews

The Devi Mahatmyam (Devī MAhAtmyam), also known as Durgā Saptas'ati or Can.d.I, is represented by 700 verses divided in 13 chapters and belongs to the Markandeya Purana. Despite being the MP a MahaPurana often regarded as a Vaishnava text, the section named Devi Mahatmyam is perhaps one of the most important texts for the Shakta tradition as well. It describes the exploits of the Goddess Durga, in her 3 aspects (MahaKali, MahaLakshmi and MahaSaraswati), as a Cosmic defender of the Dharma, destroyer of demons, granter of liberation, overcomer of obstacles, hearer of humans in distress, compassionate reliever of difficulties. It is a central text of the Liturgy of Durga Puja in Bengal, and its recitation is regarded as a sacred act. There are many complex treatises written on the esoteric and philosophical implications on this beautiful text, and many English translations of the DM are available also on the West. With this review, I simply would like to bring to the attention of those few interested readers who may be perhaps unaware that this particular edition of the DM was originally created by Swami Jagadiswarananda in 1953, has

been published and reprinted with no changes by the Ramakrishna Math, and it is to all extents a true 'classic' amidst modern editions of the DM. It is presented in a small format, suitable to be carried at all times, offers both Devanagari text and a limpid, rigorous and literal English translation. Given its exceptionally reasonable price, it is a true jewel, and I recommend all the people interesting in the S'akta tradition, as well people interested in Hinduism in general, to have it and cherish it.

I'm really enjoying the stories in this book. It's full of interesting, colorful tales of Shakti power. Sometimes, it's nice to be able to read the stories without too much commentary or in-depth analysis of Hindu philosophy. Still, the book seems chock full of mystic metaphor. I appreciate the Sanskrit that precedes the English translation, which is well done and is easily read, imo. The form factor of the book is nice - it's small and flexible but doesn't feel cheap. It was perfect to stick in my carry-on bag for a plane trip I took recently.

I love this translation of the Chandi Path! Very simple, in a compact "bring-everywhere-you-go" publication.

I would recommend this book for a person looking to further their relationship with Devi, or just interested in a way to study the text. This book is almost pocket size, and can easily fit in my purse. There is no transliteration of the foreign text into English. If you are looking to chant this, you would have to do this in English. I believe the text is in Sanskrit, because it does not look like Telugu. I could be completely wrong. This is a straightforward presentation with little commentary. I think everyone can appreciate this little jewel. It packs a big message. Namaste!

this is a good source for us who worship the Goddess. the english translation is simple and clear, and the morals here are wonderful. My favorite one is the one story of "the king and the merchant who were betrayed by their close ones". i recommend this with the Devi Gita.

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