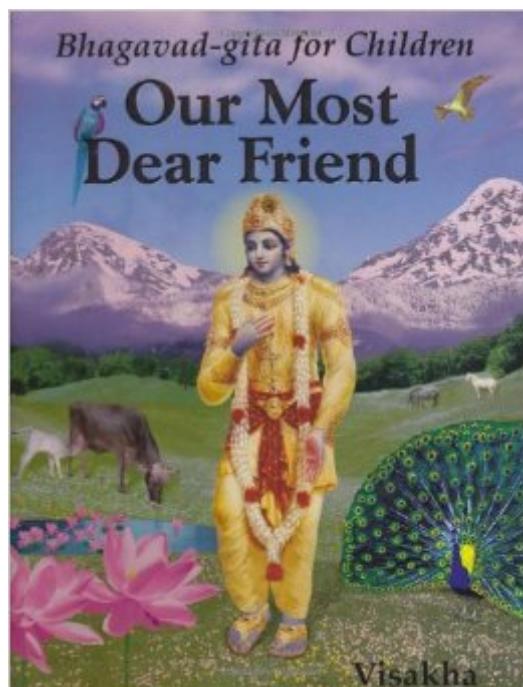


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Our Most Dear Friend presents the essence of the Bhagavad-Gita, the timeless scripture that forms the basic of India's sublime spiritual culture. Through the simple yet captivating painting, text, and photographic montages, children of every race, nationality, and religion will deepen their understanding of themselves, God, and His creation. This is a captivating, relevant, and inspiring book for ages 4 and up. To see more full color pages inside this book, go to: our-spiritual-journey.com/bhagavad-gita-for-children/

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Customer Reviews

Vishaka's Bhagavad-gita for Children has been one of my 11-yr. old's favorite books since we first purchased it 3 years ago. Kids of almost any age can appreciate the brightly-colored, mind-capturing illustrations/photographs, and the spiritual message of the Bhagavad-gita is presented at just the right reading level for elementary-grade readers to understand. All in all, the presentation is very attractive and will appeal to any child, anywhere. This book provides a great yet subtle way to introduce good values and principles of good character into the minds of our children, as well as a healthy respect for the concept of a supreme, loving God.

My son and I are embarking on a reading list designed to teach him about the religions of the world by starting off with one of the most ancient religious texts of all times, the Bhagavad-gita. Our family belongs to the United Methodist church, so introducing Hinduism to my six year old might seem a bit odd. But the motto of my church is "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors", and this is something that our household tries to follow. We have enough confidence in our own beliefs to boldly explore

onward with our children. There weren't many options for books about the Bhagavad-gita for children, and perhaps there are better choices out there, but I purchased *Our Most Dear Friend: An Illustrated Bhagavad-gita for Children* because the price was right! This is not a book about Hinduism for Western children, this seems to be a book by Hindus, for Hindus. That's okay with me. The book binding itself was quite horrible and I needed to reinforce part of it with mailing tape after just one reading. But if you can get past that part, the book is pretty neat. The pictures vary from beautiful, to bizarre, to beautifully bizarre. Major concepts about the sanctity of life and soul are clearly explained in a child appropriate way.

I have always wanted my kids to have a good spiritual foundation. So I encourage them to read the scriptures from different religions and cultures. This book is designed in such a way that it would capture every one's attention with great illustrations. This is not a big book which is hard to carry. Only the essence of Bhagavad Gita is described in this book in an amazing way. I noticed that after reading this book, my kids are showing more love towards the whole creation. I just love this book and I recommend this to every body.

The book itself was a very simplified version of the Gita for children. Many times I discovered that the names Krishna and Christ could be easily interchanged with regard to the message, which to me solidified my belief that at their core, most of the world's religions share a theme of universal love and acceptance.

Our Most Dear Friend is an excellent picturebook introduction for young readers to the Bhagavad-gita, the world's oldest religious scripture. This "Song of God" originated about five thousands years ago and is still read and revered by 850 million Hindus around the world. Highly recommended for school and community multicultural picturebook collections. *Our Most Dear Friend* combines text with beautiful paintings and superb photography.

This is just a quick review I would have found useful: I was looking for supplementary material for a religion class I am teaching. I needed material that was true to the religion but not above my audience. Therefore, this is definitely a CHILDREN's book in that it is the length that you could read it to your child before bedtime. The price is because this is out of print and should not deceive you about the length. Besides that, what the other reviewers say is true. It is a nice looking book that clearly communicates ideas from the Bhagavad-Gita to kids and novices. In the end, it worked well

for me, but was shorter than I thought it would be.

The illustrations in this book are absolutely beautiful and are appealing to even the youngest reader. The simple narration is great for young readers. This is a book that will grow with my child so he can enjoy it for years to come.

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