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#### Review

I had always thought of reading and knowing the Mahabharata but somehow I just couldn't sit down and go through the traditional one. That is when I stumbled upon JAYA. And grateful as I am, this book is for all those who just want to know that little something about our culture and beliefs. The work put in by the author in gathering the facts will leave you absolutely stunned and once you are done with it you would feel like acting like an expert on hindu Mythology.....!!! Really it is that good..... So go ahead and grab your copy..... do not borrow it but Buy it..... it is one of the must haves in your classics.....! Happy Reading...! -- Siddhartha Sharma on 28 Sep 2011

This has to be one of the best books on Mahabharat. The best part of book is it is impartial and factual. Also every chapter end with few bullet points, trying to connect events and customs in story, with probable prevailing customers in reality around that period. It interprets Mahabharat not just as a story, but also from a rational point of view. A Must-Read ! --Parth Pooniwala on 22 Sep 2013

All I have is Respect for Mr.Devdutt for his brilliant understanding of mythology and mastery in portraying the most complex thoughts in the simplest , believable and UN-offending manner. Jaya is mahabharat the biggest epic ever written uncovered to the roots... I loved reading every single word from it...like I was discovering my own past. Its a must read for all mythology buffs! --Sumit Pandey on 16 Nov 2012

#### About the Author

Devdutt Pattanaik is a medical doctor by education, a leadership consultant by profession, and a mythologist by passion. He has written and lectured extensively on the nature of sacred stories, symbols and rituals and their relevance in modern times. His books include The Book of Ram, Myth=Mithya: A Handbook of Hindu Mythology and The Pregnant King and The Book of Kali is based on his talks.

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