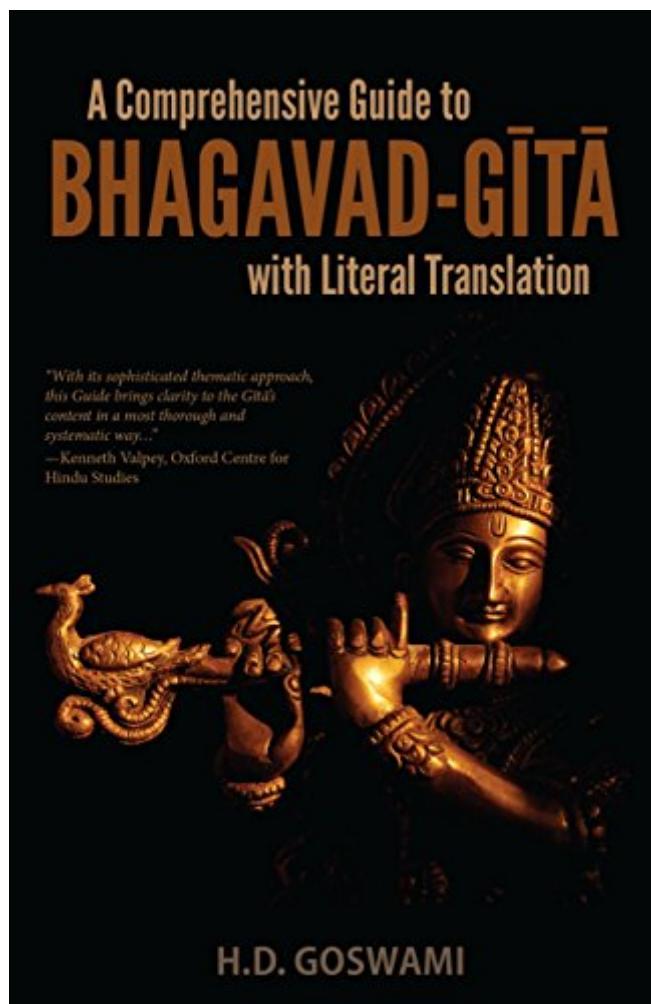


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I have taught the Bhagavad-gita, in depth, since the early 80's, and been a student of the gita since the early 70's. This guide book is the best I have read. It's simply superb whether the reader has an academic or spiritual interest, or both. The author has organized the text in such a way, with reference to the verses, that the flow and purpose of the gita are crystal clear. It's also a joyful

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I am very impressed with this Translation. It is an awesome Book, including the in depth commentary. A masterfully, respectful & very proper edition. This Srimad Bhagavad-Gita, although very literally composed is also very reader/student friendly. I humbly highly recommend this very fine Volume. Sincerely, Humbly & Thankfully Submitted

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This is my favorite translation of the Bhagavad Gita, and I've read a few. HD Goswami's translation is modern, concise, and humorous. It's easy to read and pairs well with the awesome translation by Srila Prabhupada.

This is a remarkable book. H.D. Goswami, an experienced, expert lecturer on Bhagavad-gita, makes some truly fascinating points in this book on mind, ego and the true self. This is not a book that requires either an extensive knowledge of ancient philosophy, nor an extensive knowledge of Hinduism to be understood. H.D. Goswami is a remarkably clear and quite amusing writer! As H.D. Goswami displays so beautifully in this book, the complete dialogue between Krsna and Arjuna is translated directly from Sanskrit, what pleases me the most with the original science behind each word. What is best about this book is that it has inspired me to meditate more about his arguments and conclusions, both accessible and often profound. Definitely, this is a book that repays the effort of reading it. Enjoy!

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