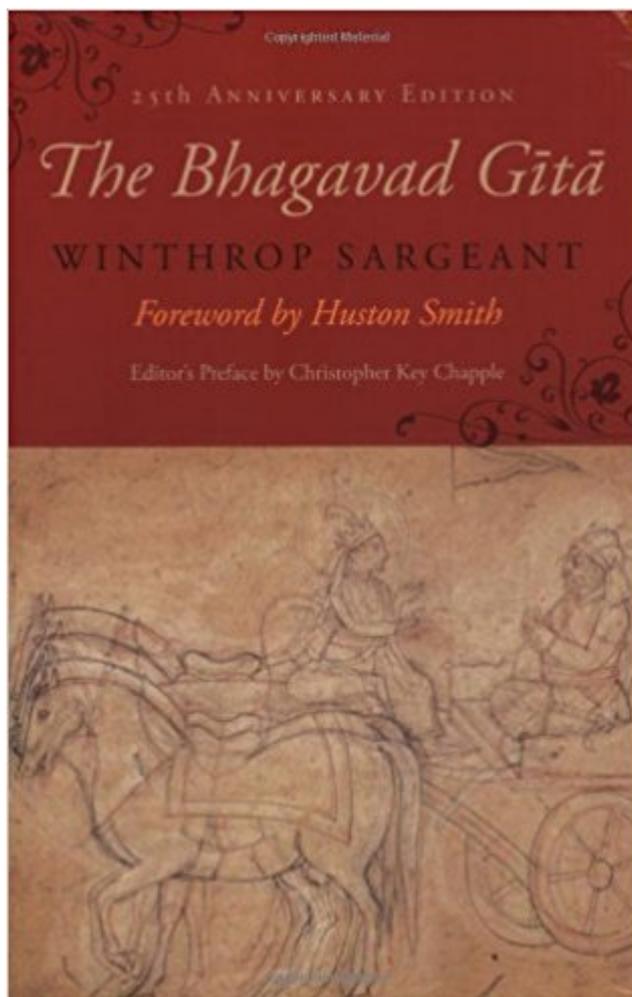


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This edition of the Gita is probably the best for students - it has the Sanskrit text in Devanagari and the Roman script, the literal word to word translation, and then the rephrased translation. It explains each and every word, and with a verse per page it's pleasant to the eyes and has ample space for annotations. If you're looking for an interpretation of or commentary on the Gita, this isn't the right edition - buy one written by a Swami.

I'm studying Sanskrit and have been working through a number of translations. Just imagine if there were so many erratic translations of the Bible in circulation! Most translations of the Bhagavad Gita are written by people who are not totally erudite in both English and Sanskrit, and so it is common to find either mistakes in the understanding of the Sanskrit, or to endure stilted English. In addition many translations have the belief system of the translator shamelessly inserted. This is the best translation I have found so far in terms of word by word translation, and for learning Sanskrit. **ADVANTAGES:** This is the most accurate, least biased translation that I have read. A lot of work has gone into parsing (identifying the grammar) of each Sanskrit word. It retains some of the prosody and poetry of the original, unlike almost all other translations. Neither is it much encumbered by commentary. Each page has lots of space where you can add your own notes. **DISADVANTAGES:** The font size is too small. The Devanagari script requires the vision of a hawk in bright sunlight. The layout could have been improved. The layout is excellent for word by word examination, but not perfect for an easy read through in either Sanskrit or English. The translation is a precise rendition of the original, rather than being a loose translation in easy flowing English.

A Bhagavad Gita which gives the Sanskrit, phonology, grammar, word by word translation, and an English rendering. It is a great way to become familiar with the Bhagavad Gita in its original language. If one is studying Sanskrit then this is also a viable tool to have for it gives one a deeper understanding of Sanskrit. It is beautifully organized. The grammar is on the right hand side if one chooses to dwell into this dimension, and for the quick reader the English rendering is at the bottom of the page. All in all a great version.

Kindle version is unusable--the text is miniscule, can only be read with a magnifying glass, literally. The Kindle's font controls are not enabled in this book, and the footnotes, of all things, are readable but the actual stanzas are not.

I was looking for a work with the original Devanagari, translation, and commentary - the fact that this also makes a more poetic reading of each verse in English is icing on the cake! A must for any yoga enthusiast interested in the traditional spiritual texts...

Just the perfect edition of the Bhagavad Gita to start with. It's written well and well translated. I can read Sanskrit and honestly, it does a great job! Highly recommended for all levels of expertise with

this book.

The author has the Sanskrit text with English transliteration directly underneath. The right half of the page is the grammar, definitions of the words and declensions, i.e., m. nom. sg., n. gen. pl. etc. Also, footnotes on origins of words, metaphors. At the bottom of the page are the verses from the Sanskrit to comparable English. I can't express how helpful this is in my Sanskrit Class and my goal within the next 10 to 20 years to memorize the Bhagavad Gita like the several monks and scholars I know.

I have the hard copy and trial chapters of Kindle. Who will buy this book? Someone who is interested in learning Gita and Sanskrit with an interest in the Devanagari script. I desperately wanted to carry this book on my Smartphone but the rendering of conjuncts of Devanagari sanskrit script is not proper on kindle apps. Once the UTF-8 encoding of Kindle gets better I would love to buy this one.

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