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# The Fantastic Adventures Of Krishna



## Synopsis

The Fantastic Adventures of Krishna tells the enchanting tale of the child Krishna, who is sent by the God Vishnu to aid humanity. Hidden amongst the poor cowherds, Krishna uses his miraculous powers to fight an evil demon king who has overthrown the peaceful kingdom of Mathura. The story of Krishna, dating to the 8th century BCE, and forming an integral part of Hinduism, is beautifully brought to life by award-winning author and illustrator, Demi.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

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features prominently in sacred scriptures. The mixed-media illustrations have intricate borders and are the focus of each page with the text off to the sides. The beautiful, full-color images are detailed in Demi's recognizable style. Krishna, depicted with blue-colored skin, is easily identified on every page. A meaningful addition to folktale collections. —Sara-Jo Lupo Sites, George F. Johnson Memorial Library, Endicott, NY (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Author/illustrator Demi (*The Conference of the Birds*) retells the tale of how Lord Vishnu, "the greatest of all the gods," came to Earth as a child, Krishna, in order to "destroy all the evil demon kings and bring peace once again to the Earth." The stories begin with his astounding escape as an infant from evil King Kamsa's prison and his adoption into a cowherd family, then continue with tales of Krishna's naughty childhood (stealing butter), phenomenal strength (lifting a mountain with his finger), and miraculous powers (swallowing a forest fire's flames). Each spread contains centered paintings framed by finely detailed, colorful, and ornate borders set against a pale beige backdrop. Text appears low on each page; empty space above draws the reader's focus to the illustration. Krishna, distinguished by blue flesh, appears either playing or dancing with animals and friends his size, or thwarting the king's increasingly elaborate attempts to murder him by conquering enormous demon animals or gods. More visually arresting than plot driven, this compilation of stories offers an accessible introduction to one of Hinduism's central figures. Ages 4–8. (Mar.) (Publishers Weekly) Introduce your little ones to the stories of Krishna with *The Fantastic Adventures of Krishna*, written and illustrated by Demi. This delightful picture book condenses these classic tales into a version more easily understood by children, and is accompanied vibrant illustrations that kids will be pleased by. This book is a wonderful way to introduce your youngest readers to the tales of Krishna, and the simplified tale of good versus evil will keep them eagerly turning the pages until the end. (San Francisco Book Review) PreS-Gr 4 Set in a peaceful kingdom in India more than 5000 years ago, this story begins as demon kings start disposing of all the good and wise rulers. In answer to a plea for help, the god Vishnu returns to Earth to restore peace in the form of a child named Krishna. He is raised by two loving cowherds and grows up to be clever and loving. The current ruler, King Kamsa, is not pleased and tries to dispose of Krishna in a variety of ways. The boy, using his phenomenal strength and other amazing powers, is able to thwart the evil king's messengers, including giant snakes, forest fires, and a crane-like demon. Finally, a threat against his parents pushes Krishna to confront the evil king himself. Upon Kamsa's death, the good king is

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My daughters favorite bedtime book now. Not exactly sure why, but she loves it. I love hinduism, so I wanted to expose her to some of the myth and it's embedded meaning.

Demi's paintings are absolutely beautiful. Reminiscent of Persian miniatures, the characters of Krishna and his companions are brought to life, illustrating traditional Hindu stories. A marvelous book.

My son, who is 3 1/2, loves this book and wants to read it every night before bed; luckily, it is well written as well as lavishly illustrated. The illustrations are beautiful and really excite the imagination - and especially fun since the author draws upon the traditional iconography of Indian miniature paintings, some of which my son now recognizes when we visit our city's Art Museum! When reading aloud, I revise the prose so as to downplay the violence (e.g., changing "kill" to "defeat,"

skipping some of the more graphic descriptions of Krishna's triumphs over demons). It is never too scary, though, since it focuses much on Krishna's dancing, music, and fun with his cowherd friends. We have a handful of Demi's books and enjoy them all, but this has been his favorite so far. I would recommend it for children (and adults) who are interested in world cultures and who appreciate South Asian art.

Nice Story. Nice Illustrations.

A long time ago, the land of India was a peaceful place, ruled by good King Ugrasena. But then he was overthrown by a demon king named Kamsa, who had the good king thrown in prison. To combat this evil, the great god Vishnu was reborn on earth in the form of a child named Krishna. Kamsa knew who Krishna was and tried hard to kill him; he sent demon after demon to destroy Krishna, but Krishna was able to use his powers to defeat each one. But when the time comes for Krishna to defeat the evil Kamsa and return peace to the land, would he emerge victorious? Introduce your little ones to the stories of Krishna with *The Fantastic Adventures of Krishna*, written and illustrated by Demi. This delightful picture book condenses these classic tales into a version more easily understood by children, and is accompanied by vibrant illustrations that kids will be pleased by. This book is a wonderful way to introduce your youngest readers to the tales of Krishna, and the simplified tale of good versus evil will keep them eagerly turning the pages until the end. This review originally written for Sacramento/San Francisco Book Review.

My thoughts: Beautiful illustrations and simple text tell the story of one of the most loved and popular gods of India - Krishna - the flute playing, demon slaying, and beloved cowherd. Having grown up listening to, seeing, and reading these stories, I was not sure of what to expect. This book does justice to both the richness of Indian folk art in its illustrations and to the story of Krishna - told in a simplified fashion to appeal to younger audiences who are new to this story. An epic retold well and one that will inspire kids to read more of Krishna's wonderful adventures. The illustrations in this book are worth framing! My kids' thoughts: Love reading about Krishna. Rating: A Reading Level: 4 to 10 years Reread Level: 4/5 Disclaimer: Thank you to NetGalley for sending me a digital review copy of the book. I was not compensated for my review.

My daughter and I just loved the story about Krishna and enjoyed it a lot. The book is a short read

and will make a perfect read for a bedtime story. The illustration in this book is beautifully done. The pictures are gorgeous and the gold paint on the drawing adds a touch of elegance to the pictures in the book. My daughter loves the pictures in the book. The story was very engaging and teaches the lesson that good conquers over evil. The story is about a boy named Krishna who was sent by all the Gods to save the people from an evil demon king and bring peace to Earth. The story talks about Krishna's naughty childhood, his strength and miraculous powers. It also talks about his adoption in the cowherds family. The cowherds are poor and peaceful people. Overall this is a wonderful book for both kids and adults. I highly recommend it, beautiful art work and lovely story.

As a Christian I am not very familiar with Hindu deities, but I have heard of Krishna, and now through the words and beautiful artistry of Demi I can read and share this story of a Hindu savior with my children. Lately we have been adding more and more Demi picture books to our shelves for the biographies and they are enchanting. The blues of Krishna and the golds used are fabulous to look at and the story is well put together. I definitely want to add a physical copy of this one to our shelf. I read this through an electronic galley, but I am positive in person it will only impress me more.

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