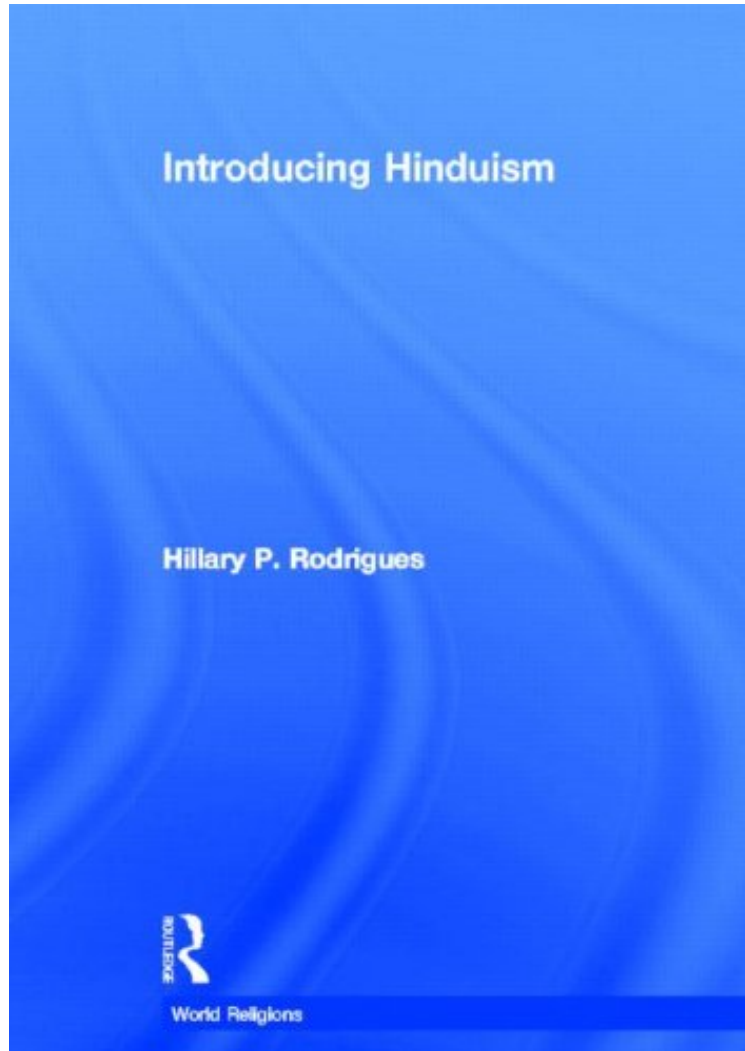


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kids. After having a world religion class, it will go into more detail on the gods, goddesses, rituals, beliefs, schools of thought, and give students a fairly thorough introduction to Hinduism. I only wish there were more pictures, and at least some color pictures. The writing is good, engaging - at times dense - but a splash of color would help. No doubt the black and white format saves considerably on expense. I think that this is a fine introductory book in spite of that problem. 0 of 8 people found the following review helpful. School book By Ashley I had to buy this book for my Asian Traditions class. It is pretty interesting for a school book, but I would never read it if I wasn't required to.

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'A welcome addition to the current range of introductory materials on Hinduism....Rodrigues' treatment is sympathetic and sensitive, managing to suggest a sense of both of the breadth and richness of Hindu tradition and of its underlying unity.' - Sushil Mittal, James Madison University, USA
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Hillary Rodrigues was born in India and has spent many years living, traveling, and studying Eastern religions in South and South-east Asia. He has over a dozen years' experience teaching the Hindu religion to undergraduate students at the University of Lethbridge, where he has been honored with the Distinguished Teaching Award.