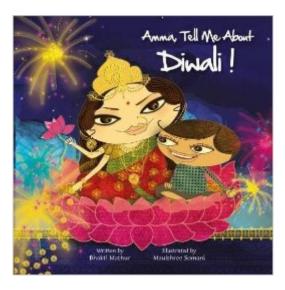
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Amma, Tell Me About Diwali!





Synopsis

Brilliant firecrackers lighting up the night, Diyas twinkling like stars - what a sight! This is Diwali, in all its glory, As told to little Klaka - a magical story. First the celebration of Prince Rama and his homecoming, His victory over Ravana, the evil demon King. Next a story of Lakshmi, the Goddess of wealth Who rewards her true devotees with fortune and health. "Amme Tell Me" is a charming and informative series of children's books that introduces the major Hindu festivals and figures to young readers, and are perfect for families wanting to share stories of Hinduism with their children or for educators looking for resource on the Hindu culture for their students. Written in rhyme with vivid, captivating illustrations, this series brings Hindu mythology to its readers in a fun and non-preachy way. The Series has ten books on the festivals of Holi, Diwali, and on the Hindu gods Krishna, Hanuman and Ganesha.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Beautiful illustrations. The book offers multiple explanations for celebrating Diwali and does so in a culturally accurate way...not to mention the cute rhymes on each page! Even though I am an elementary school teacher and have read thousands of picture books, I have not found many chidlren's books on Indian culture that satisfy my requirements for being accurate, written in a respectful tone, and being accessible to kids (easy to understand/appealing illustrations). This book

does all three! I am excited to introduce our family's religious celebrations and holidays to my daughter with this series. This book is a hit in our house, and we will be purchasing all the books in this series if they are as good as this one.

I was looking for a picture book to introduce my 2.5 yr old to Diwali (I live in the US). This book is beautifully illustrated and the stories are short and simple (not easy to do with Indian mythology) and easy to consume for kids. I would recommend this for anyone looking for a fun way to share the rich world on Indian mythology with kids and highly encourage the authors to keep up the great work!

My 3 year old asks me to read this to her constantly! At first, I thought this book would be a little long, which it could be for those with a shorter attention span, but my daughter not only listened to the entire story, I had to re-read it on request. It is nice, however, if you wish to break it up. The book has 3 "sections" that aren't clearly delineated, but easy enough to figure out as you read. First, it starts with how Klaka (the main character) celebrates Diwali with his family. Then, his Amma (mom) tells him about why we celebrate Diwali, about Rama vs. Ravana, etc. Lastly, he hears about Goddess Lakshmi and the importance of being a good person, not just doing the rituals of lighting diyas. The pictures are beautiful, the verses rhyme a bit loosely (I didn't even notice the rhyme my first time through the book), the message is great, the history is told in a simple way for young children. All in all, I love this book and most importantly, my daughter loves it too!

Didn't really like this Diwali book. The illustrations are a little weird. Also it is poorly written, as if written by a non-native English speaker. Punctuation, grammar and sentence structure is all wrong.

Really cute book. Some of the words were a bit outside of my 4 year old's vocabulary but easy enough to explain. Both my 6 year old and 4 year old love this book. It's been a great way to converse about the meaning of Diwali. Cute illustrations too!

This year, when Diwali came, I was looking for a book that could help explain to my 3 year old son what Diwali is. As most Indians may be familiar with, I have the Amar Chitra Katha books but felt that they were targeted more towards an older child. Once I read the reviews for this book, I decided to order it and I'm glad I did. It is clear and the language is appropriate to read to a 3 year old. If you find the book a little too long for a younger child, you can always read the first part (about Rama) and save the next part (about Lakshmi) for the next night. I am very happy with this purchase and

would recommend it friends looking to explain Diwali to their young children.

My kids, ages 6 and 3, loved this book. I strongly recommend fo Hindu families living outside of India with small children. Some English language is difficult for kids vocab. The vocabulary in this book is much easier though than others books in this series.

Just look at the cover, its a perfect example of the lowly mortals being brown and for some strange reason the goddess being fair skinned. The illustrator needs to deal with her own issues of before subjecting them onto impressionable children.

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