

ISKCON Educational Services

Recommended Books

Teachers Books:

- “Getting to the Heart of Hinduism: A Comprehensive Guide for Teachers” by Rasamandala Das (ISKCON Educational Services, 2008).
Specifically designed for INSET, this also serves as a useful stand-alone publication. It covers three main topics:
 1. *Enhancing teachers’ subject knowledge,*
 2. *Tips and ideas on how to teach about Hinduism*
 3. *Helpful resources (with samples)*
- “The Heart of Hinduism” - Primary Resource Pack (ISKCON Educational Services, 2002)
- “The Heart of Hinduism” - Secondary Resource Pack (ISKCON Educational Services, 2002)
The definitive publications for RE teachers in the UK, with a wealth of easily accessible and authentic information. Sometimes available at a significant discount.
- “Atlas of World Faiths; Hinduism” (Arcturus Publishers, with Franklin Watts, 2007)
Designed for secondary students, this attractive book is useful to teachers interested in grasping something of the history of Hinduism; concise and yet comprehensive.
- “The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Hinduism” by Linda Johnsen (Alpha, 2002)
Not specifically written for teachers, but this wealth of information is presented in a mood and manner accessible to many non-Hindus.
- “An Introduction to Hinduism” by Gavin Flood (Cambridge University Press, 1996)
One of the best academic books available.

Secondary Books

- “Atlas of World Faiths; Hinduism” (Arcturus Publishers/Franklin Watts, 2007)
Provides a concise yet broad history of the complex Hindu traditions.
- Believing and Living by Gavin Craigen and Joy White (Hodder and Stoughton, 2001)
Written by Chief and Senior Examiners, this book is particularly useful for schools in Wales following the WJEC specifications. Very clear, user friendly and well illustrated.
- “21st Century Religion - Hinduism” by Rasamandala das (Hodder Wayland, 2004)
- “Creation: A Story from Ancient India”, (ISKCON Educational Services, 2005)
Focusing on one Hindu view of creation, this colourful book is not only relevant to environmental issues, but includes useful facts on Hinduism in general .
- Vedic Stories from Ancient India by Ananta Shakti (Ahimsa books, Borehamwood, UK)
A popular anthology of stories, many with moral themes. Also suitable to upper Key Stage 2.
- The Mahabharata retold by Krishna Dharma (Torchligh, Badger CA, USA)
- The Ramayana retold by Krishna Dharma (Torchligh, Badger CA, USA) ISBN: 1-887089-25-X
Krishna Dharma’s brisk-moving style transforms the Hindu Epics into an easy but absorbing read, without losing their original spirit. Possibly the best translations available for schools.

- Magical Fables from the East retold by Krishna Dharma (Torchlight, Badger CA, USA)
ISBN: 1-887089-45-4 *A most accessible rendering of these famous stories from the Panchatantra*
- “Great Religious Leaders: Krishna and Hinduism” by Kareena Merchant (London: Hodder Wayland 2002)
In depth information on one of the most loved of all Hindu deities
- Themes in RE, series edited by Joe Jenkins (Heinemann Educational, Oxford, 2002)
Six attractive books for the new issues-based course for Key Stage 3 (These are multi-faith books)
- Religions for Today by Chris Wright (Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2002)
For Key Stage 3, eleven books covering all the major faiths. This series encourages students to engage with the subject in a thoughtful manner.
- The Hindu Experience by Kevin O’Donnell (Hodder and Stoughton, 2000)
An attractive student’s book which provides insight into the tradition

Primary Books:

- “Creation: A Story from Ancient India”, by Rasamandala Das and illustrated by Ananta Shakti (ISKCON Educational Services, 2005)
Primary pupils are fascinated by the gorgeous illustrations.
- “The Facts about Hinduism” by Alison Cooper Hodder Wayland 2004
A well-represent book suitable to Key Stage 2.
- “Hindu Prayer and Worship”, by Anita Ganeri and Rasamandala Das (Franklin Watts, 2006).
Well-selected prayers demonstrate how many religious ideas are shared by different faith groups.
- “My Life, My Religion: Hindu Pandit” by Rasamandala Das (Franklin Watts, 2000)
A very well-presented book for KEY Stage One pupils
- “Places of Worship; Hindu Temples” by Rasamandala Das (Heinemann 1998, 1999)
An appealing book for Key Stage One. .
- “Dashavatar – the Ten Incarnations”, by Rasamandala Das with Jaya Radhe dasi, (ISKCON Educational Services, 1993).
Ten stories complete with line drawing for colouring in and other exercises