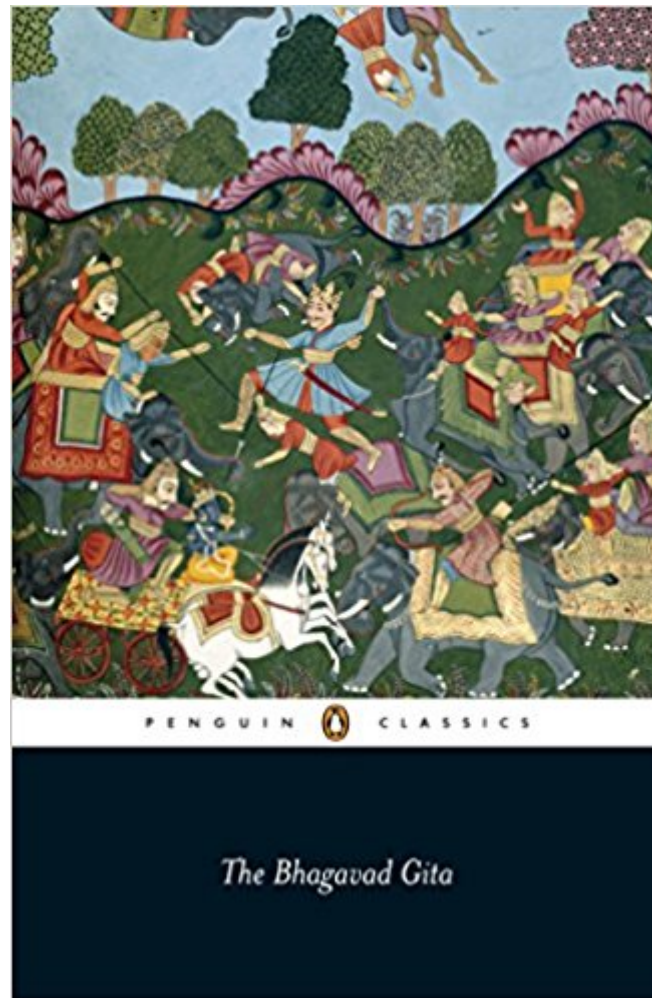


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This is the only translation of The Bhagavad Gita that I've read, so as a translation I have nothing to compare it to. I can say that it was an easy read, and I was able to finish it in one sitting. As a work of literature, the translation was smooth and poetic, and I really enjoyed reading it. I really couldn't put it down. As a religious/spiritual work, I found it to be very enlightening, and it touched on many aspects of one's spiritual and daily life. I'm glad that I read it, and I think that any spiritual person regardless of their religion will find it useful. I only took one star away, because of my own ignorance. Since, this is the only translation that I've read, I don't know if there is a better version out there.- GB

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