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Review

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As an American Desi, I have limited understanding of the many elaborate Indian traditions. Shubha helps bring a deeper understanding of the Hindu wedding rituals. I recommend this book, not only for my generation but also to anyone looking to gain a better knowledge of the rituals. --Ms. Amulya Upadhyaya, College Student, Columbia

Shubha deserves to be congratulated for writing this excellent, brief but lucid, monograph which outlines and clarifies the complex rituals involved in a Hindu wedding. This book is a must read for Indians who grew up in the US but are still desirous of maintaining our long standing traditions and culture. --Dr. Srinath Bellur, Founder Wesly Neurology Clinic, Memphis

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Shubha B. Subbarao is a writer, entrepreneur, musician and photographer. She has written columns for the Green Bay Press Gazette, and has published articles in Herb Quarterly, Herb Companion and Skipping Stones. Hers is an arranged wedding. She volunteers at the Boys and Girls Scouts, Bal Vihar and at her children's school. She is an active member of several South East Asian cultural organizations in St. Louis and volunteers her time to give back to the community.

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