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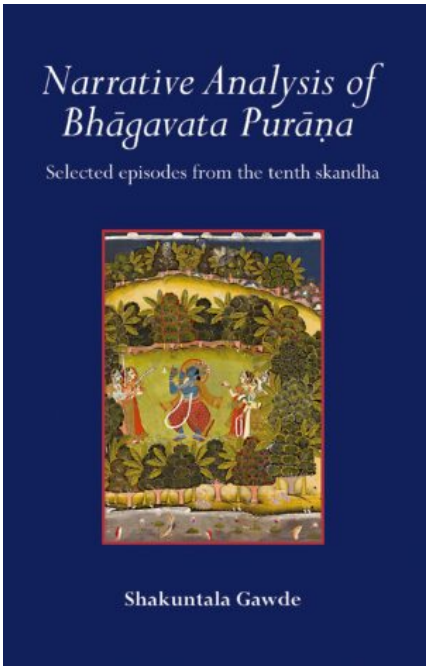
Narrative Analysis of Bhagavata Purana: Selected episodes from the tenth skandha



About the Book

This book presents an analytical study of selected narratives of the tenth skandha of the Bh?gavata Pur??a with the framework of Narratology. It checks the possibilities of interpretation of some popular narratives from K???a saga. Book gives an exhaustive introduction dealing with Pur??as, the growth of Vai??navism and Narratology with special reference to Bh?gavata Pur??a which sets precursor to the further analysis. It undertakes hermeneutic interpretation of episodes – Lord K???a's birth story, Lifting of Govardhana Mountain, Syamantaka jewel, exploits of P?tan? and other demons, uprooting of Arjuna trees, the expulsion of K?liya, Gop?c?rahara?am, R?sapa?c?dhy?y?, story of Kubj?, story of ?r?d?man and Rukmi?? Svaya?vara. All these narratives are categorised into three themes – 1) Assimilation and acculturation 2) Exploits of demons and 3) Bhakti Narratives. The Narrative structure of each episode is analysed to derive the meaning from it. Theoretical frameworks developed by K. Ayyappa Paniker, Genette and Roland Barthes are applied to the selected narratives of the tenth skandha of Bh?g. P. to understand the deeper meaning of the narratives. The toolbox approach is taken into consideration while doing textual exegesis and hermeneutic interpretation. It explores socio-historical, psychological and philosophical aspects of the above narratives through textual analysis of the tenth skandha of Bh?gavata Pur??a using the tools like intertextuality and intratextuality.

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