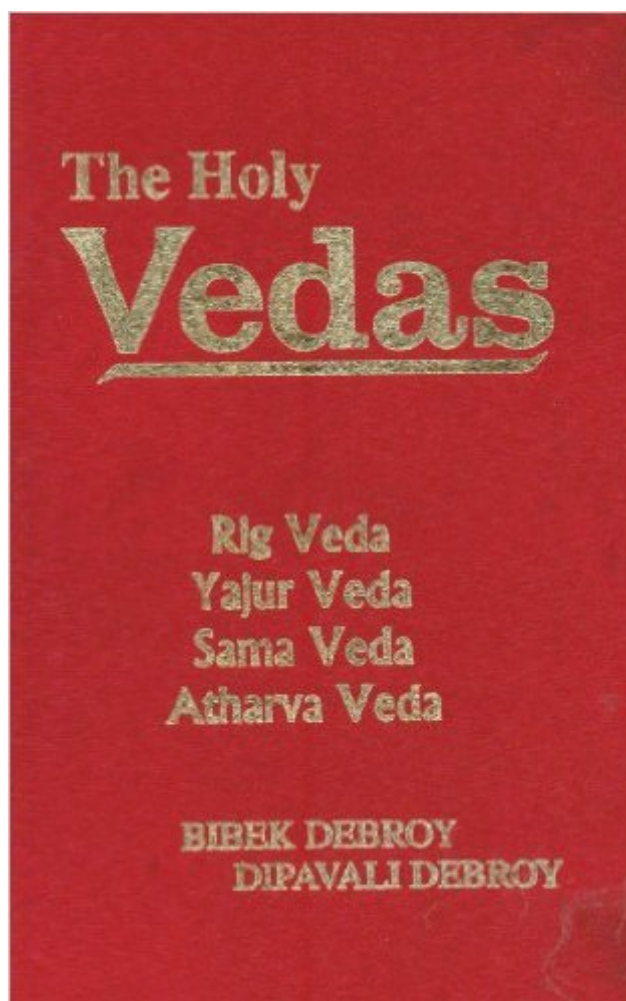




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everyone expects it in the Rig Veda since that's where it originally is from. Other than a few quirks like this, this is the only book I could find that gives a good, lucid, prose overview or flavor of the contents of all the Vedas.

This book contains only a fraction of the Vedas, and excludes some of the more famous verses. The copy I bought had worn-off print on cover and water stains on cover. The actual text of the Vedas was interspersed with explanatory comments by the translators, which was somewhat confusing.

Will make a good reference of the vedas if you are into scriptural studies. However, it may not be complete.

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Just started reading it and finished the introduction. Already noticed 3 or 4 missing letters on words or what looks like typos. Like the word "but" will either be "ut" or "vut" or something like that. That being said the book itself looks great, the cover is soft and the letters look nice. So im looking forward to reading it I just wish the author took more care in proof reading it.

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