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"An engaging read, as a textbook as well as general resource, this book has the potential to make instructors re-envision how they teach Hinduism in the classroom." (CHOICE, 2016)

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Flueckiger draws on her wide-ranging ethnographic work to vividly illustrate and critically appreciate the stories, rituals, and materials of an ancient, complex, and continuously evolving tradition and invites readers to engage both the past and the modern in fresh and respectful ways. Imaginatively conceptualized, sensitive to variation, context and change, and beautifully written, *Everyday Hinduism* evokes a wonderful sense of the people-centered plural worlds of Hinduism.

Leela Prasad, Duke University

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This new introductory textbook provides a refreshingly innovative introduction to Hinduism through an exploration of its contemporary, everyday practice. Taking as its starting point the ways in which Hindus experience their own religion, the book discusses the central practices and beliefs of Hinduism, illustrating their importance and diversity through numerous examples and images of daily life.

Drawing on her own extensive fieldwork, the author discusses rituals, festivals, and traditions in text and images. Each chapter includes introductory and contextual information on specific topics related to the practice of Hinduism that serve as a frame for detailed, real-life examples, including the Divali festival, the

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