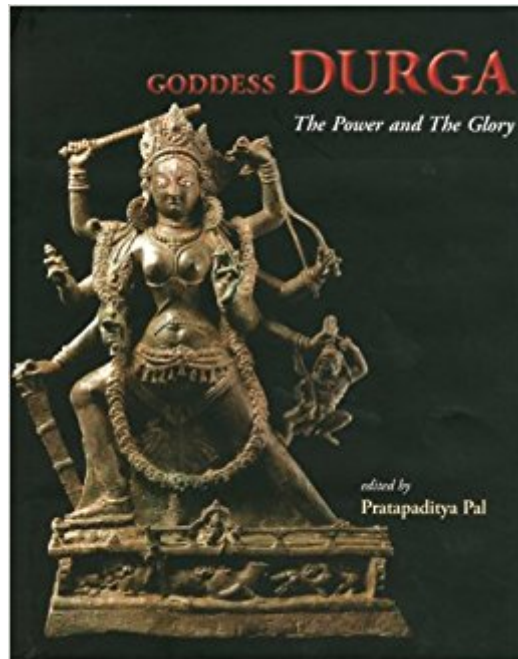




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Goddess Durga: The Power and the Glory is a beautiful volume full of rich, vivid, evocative imagery of Durga in all her many forms, and in a variety of cultural contexts within India. Featuring ten essays by a variety of top-notch scholars, as well as stunning ethnographic and documentary photography and reprints of relevant paintings and posters, including rare and unique pieces, this book provides a visually stunning and sumptuous introduction to the world of Goddess worship throughout South Asia. The large size, lush print quality, and heft of the book lends itself better to a coffee table book for occasional reading, than for carrying around and reading straight through. It is a strong addition to the library of any enthusiast of South Asian art, Indian culture, or Goddess worship.

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