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skills? How do  
you identify the  
Raja Bhoj, the  
Gangu Teli and  
the Shekchilli  
in your office?  
What is the  
corporate  
equivalent of an  
Ashwamedha  
yajna? Drawing  
from sources as  
diverse as the  
Mahabharata and



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the Bible, the  
Vikram-Betal  
Hindu  
stories, the  
Mythology,  
Iliad and the  
Devdutt  
Odyssey, Islamic  
Pattanaik  
tenets, the  
tales of rishis  
and kings, and  
fables from  
around the  
world, Devdutt  
Pattanaik,  
India's leading  
mythologist,

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fascinating

account of what

leadership

entails. How to

choose the right

leader,

effective

communication

with a boss,

maintaining the

right balance

between

discipline and

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these and other  
workplace  
situations,

Pattanaik shows  
what leaders of  
today can learn  
about the art of  
leadership from  
stories written  
thousands of  
years ago,  
things no  
management

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course can teach  
them. Leader: 50  
Insights from  
Mythology uses  
myths and  
legends to  
arrive at wisdom  
that is both  
time-worn and  
refreshingly new  
on what makes a  
good leader.

- A fish saves

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the world. • A  
horse flies  
across the sky.

• A king  
discovers that  
his beloved wife  
is actually a  
frog. Hindu  
mythology is  
full of tales in  
which animals  
play important  
roles. Some  
animals are

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looked upon with  
fear and dread,  
while some are  
worshipped along  
with the gods.

Some shape the  
fate of the  
world, others  
form everlasting  
bonds with  
humans. Where  
did the animals  
come from? From  
Vishnu's avatars

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or Shiva's Of

asanas? How was  
a deer

responsible for

the events of

the Ramayana?

Why is Garuda

the sworn enemy

of the nagas?

How did a

mongoose teach

Yudhishtira the

true meaning of

sacrifice?

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answers all

these questions

and more in this

exquisitely

illustrated

book, retelling

numerous animal

stories from

ancient texts,

with his

trademark charm

and wit.



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- Olympus is the home of the Greek gods, much like Amravati of the Hindu devas.
- Zeus, leader of Olympians, wields a thunderbolt like Indra, and rides an eagle like Vishnu.
- The feats of the

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Heracles, known  
to Romans as

Hercules,

reminded many of

Krishna, as did

his name, 'Hari-

kula-asha' or

lord of the Hari

clan. • The

Greek epic of a

husband sailing

across the sea

with a thousand

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ships to bring his wife, Helen, back from Troy seems strikingly similar to the story of Ram rescuing Sita from Lanka. Is there a connection between Greek and Hindu mythology then? Does it have

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something to do  
with a common

Indo-European

root? Or maybe

an exchange of

ideas in the

centuries that

followed the

arrival of

Alexander the

Great, when

Greek emissaries

travelled to the

kingdoms of

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Mathura and  
Magadha? In this  
book,

mythologist

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Pattanaik turns  
his attention to

ancient Greek  
tales, and

explores a new  
world of

stories. Long  
have Europeans

and Americans

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mythologies. It

is time for

Indians to

reverse the

gaze.

'I am not sure

that I am a

man,' said

Yuvanashva. 'I

have created

life outside me

as men do. But I

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created life

inside me, as

women do. What

does that make

me? Will a body

such as mine

fetter or free

me?' Among the

many hundreds of

characters who

inhabit the

Mahabharata,

perhaps the

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World's greatest  
epic and  
certainly one of  
the oldest, is  
Yuvanashva, a  
childless king,  
who accidentally  
drinks a magic  
potion meant to  
make his queens  
pregnant and  
gives birth to a  
son. This  
extraordinary



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novel is his

story. It is

also the story

of his mother

Shilavati, who

cannot be king

because she is a

woman; of young

Somvat, who

surrenders his

genitals to

become a wife;

of Shikhandi, a

daughter brought

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up as a son, who fathers a child with a borrowed penis; of Arjuna, the great warrior with many wives, who is forced to masquerade as a woman after being castrated by a nymph; of Ileshwara, a god on full-moon

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goddess on new-  
moon nights; and

of Adi-natha,

the teacher of

teachers,

worshipped as a

hermit by some

and as an

enchantress by

others. Building

on Hinduism's

rich and complex

mythology—but

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driven by a very  
contemporary sen-  
sibility—Devdutt  
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creates a lush  
and fecund work  
of fiction in  
which the lines  
are continually  
blurred between  
men and women,  
sons and  
daughters,  
husbands and

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wives, fathers of  
and mothers.

Confronted with  
such fluidity

the reader is  
drawn into

Yuvanashva's  
struggle to be  
fair to

all-those here,  
those there and  
all those in  
between.

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understanding of  
the Hindu  
spiritual

landscapes and  
pantheon of gods  
and goddesses  
through 99  
classic myths.

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