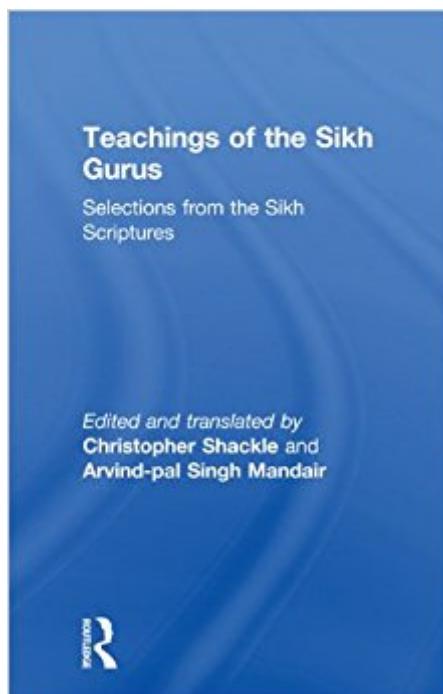


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I am very new to studying Sikhism and have been reading many different books. I didn't want any more books about its history or basic outlines of the religion or books mired in Indian/Punjab culture so when I ordered this book, I was hoping for something different. I was looking for "spiritual" reading, something which would help me to live the teachings and not just to know them intellectually. I wanted a book which would elaborate on the gurus' writings contained in the Adi Granth. It was time for me to mentally organize the scriptures with the religion in order to bring a synthesis and better understanding. I was not disappointed with this book; in fact, my goals were completely met. The authors are western academics with much knowledge of their respective fields. They bring a modern and western approach to Sikhism which makes the teachings accessible to western minds. Their goal it seems to me is to provide a scriptural support for the living of the gurus' teachings. The book makes a case for the applicability of the teachings to contemporary life. The contents are:-Introduction-Japji-Impermanence: the gift and curse of time-Asa ki Var-Mind, Self and Ego-Siddh Gosht-Ethical Being: Action and Grace-Anand Sahib-Guru as Word: The Location of Authority-Shabad Hazare-Communicating Ecstasy: Knowledge and Non-Knowledge-Zafarnama. Each chapter has a short introduction with a brief one line summary of each part of the scripture used. These summary statements show how the scripture applies to the chapter heading and gives a great understanding of a way to live. I do not speak Punjabi but I think that the translation is vibrant and alive. It was easy to read and had a feel of authenticity.

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