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*Looks at the connections between Thoreau's Walden and the work that influenced it, the Bhagavad-Gita.*

This book explores and interprets the myriad connections between two spiritual classics, Henry David Thoreau's *Walden* and the *Bhagavad-Gita*. Evidence shows that Thoreau took the *Gita* with him when he moved to Walden Pond, and the books have much in common, touching on ultimate ethical and metaphysical questions. Paul Friedrich looks at how each work speaks to fundamental problems of good and evil, self and cosmos, duty and passion, reality and illusion, political engagement and philosophical meditation, sensuous wildness and ascetic devotion. His examination moves through several stages, from an analysis of key symbols, such as the upside-down tree, to an exposition of social, ethical, and metaphysical values, to a consideration of the many sources of these syncretic works. This book should be of lively interest to those concerned with the origins of Indian and American thought, activism, and poetry.

“By attending to the complexity and beauty of Thoreau's argument ... and reading through it to a dazzling array of sources that includes the *Gita*, Friedrich not only illuminates the two books under consideration but also sheds some light for writers and others engaged in seeking to envision a social reality that is not permeated by violence.” — Visual Artists Collective

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