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## Sita's Ramayana

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The power of love to harbor hope and vanquish obstacles is the core of the classic Ramayana, first written in Sanskrit in 300 B.C. Banished prince Rama's mission to reunite with his princess, Sita, is populated by monkeys and shape-shifting demons and ventures to hell and back. Told from a female perspective, this graphic novel drips with Hindu wisdom and enchants from beginning to end. Superb illustrations in the Patua scroll painting tradition. Ages nine to twelve.

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