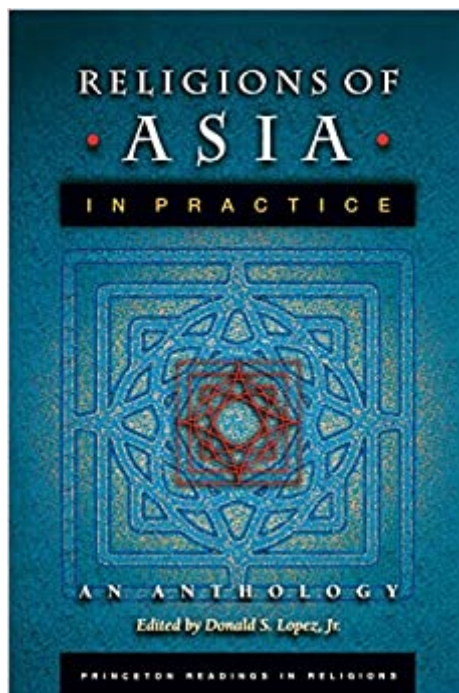




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The book was great for information and gave a good overall standing on the religions of Asia. I had two problems with it though, the first being that it was a pretty dry read and made it hard to stay focus while reading it. The second being how long the informational background information that was given before parts of the actual text. The informational sections were at times longer than the actual reading itself.

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