

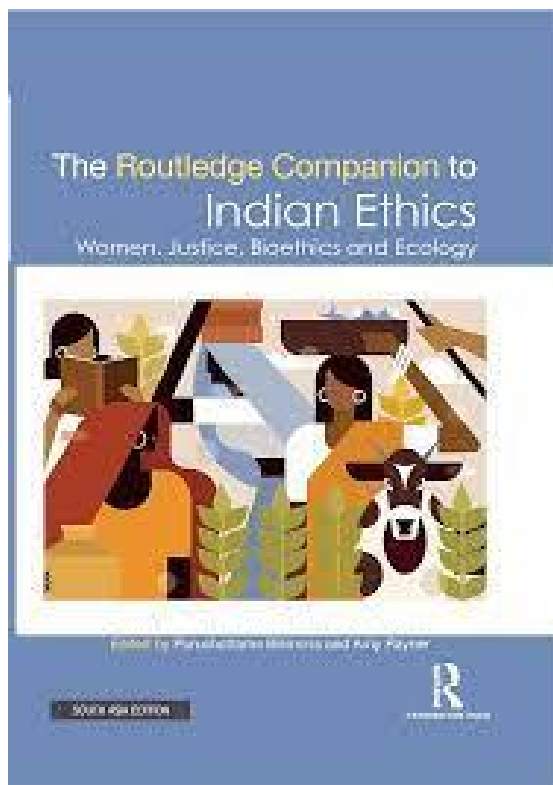
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About the Book

This companion volume focuses on the application and practical ramifications of Indian ethics. Here Indian *dharma ethics* is moved from its preeminent religious origins and classical metaethical proclivity to, what Kant would call, *practical reason* – or in Aristotle’s poignant terms, *ēhikos* and *phronēis* – and in more modern parlance *normative ethics*. Our study examines a wide range of social and normative challenges facing people in such diverse areas as women’s rights, infant ethics, politics, law, justice, bioethics and ecology. As a contemporary volume, it builds linkages between existing theories and emerging moral issues, problems and questions in today’s India in the global arena. The volume brings together contributions from some 40 philosophers and contemporary thinkers on practical ethics, exploring both the scope and boundaries or limits of ethics as applied to everyday and real-life concerns and socio-economic challenges facing India in the context of a troubled globalizing world. As such, this collection draws on multiple forms of writing and research, including narrative ethics, interviews, critical case studies and textual analysis.

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