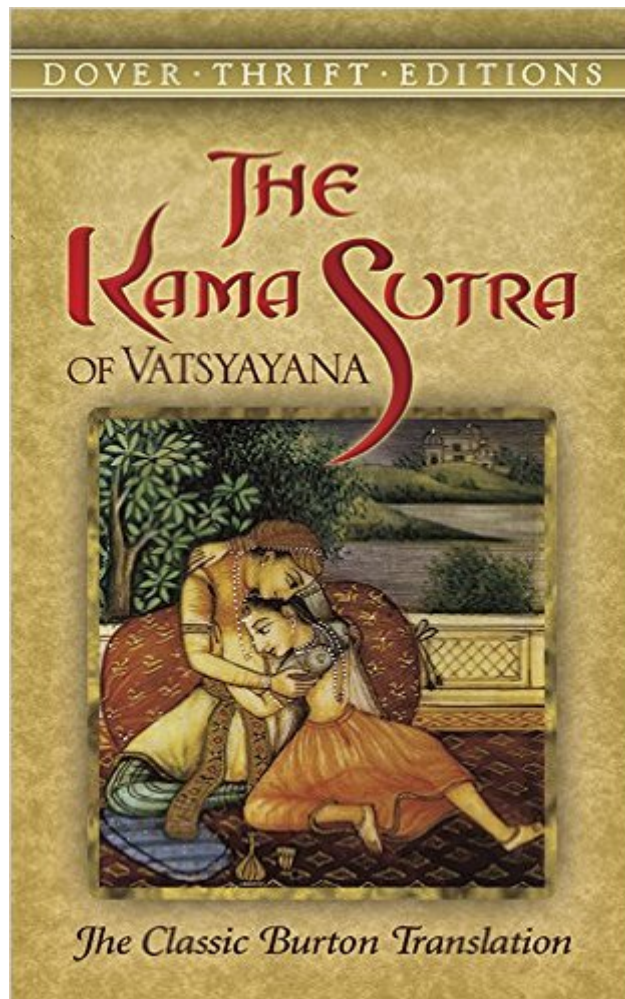


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# The Kama Sutra Of Vatsyayana: The Classic Burton Translation (Dover Thrift Editions)



## Synopsis

Kama means desire, love, and lust; sutra means teachings and "verses." The Kama Sutra, then, is the book of love, teaching the best methods of cultivating sensual pleasure, sexual desire, and loving union. A classic of world literature for 1,700 years, this is the most explicit and fascinating book ever written for lovers. This immortal work also serves as a window into Indian culture and mysticism. Its unique approach "combining meditations on politics and social customs with counsel on love and intimacy" features frank, direct advice on bodily pleasures, from aphrodisiacs and kissing to orgasm-delaying techniques. This edition is the renowned translation by the great 19th-century explorer and writer Richard Burton. Its crisp style sets a new standard for Sanskrit translation, and its unblushing faithfulness to the original text sparked controversy in certain corners of the Victorian world. A wellspring of erotic knowledge, it remains an inspiration to readers of every era.

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## Customer Reviews

As an earlier review failed to note, this is the translation of Sir Richard Francis Burton (1821-90). A noted Victorian literary figure, Burton produced a number of translations for middle eastern works with a very specific sense of them AS literature. This means a fine sense of freedom (i.e. the opposite of a 'literal' or scholarly tradition) among other things, as well as various hesitations in what could and could not be published at the time. At his best, Burton ignored these conventions rather shamelessly; this counts for a great deal of the fun in reading the book or any of his other

works. Customers complaining about the quality of the translation, the "thrift edition" format favored by Dover Books - really a wonderful institution precisely for making such quality texts available at such low cost - or the lack of illustrations shouldn't blame research so much as simply read the title of the edition offered here. Readers (or perhaps 'customers' works better) seeking a nicer edition of the Burton text in particular should look towards *The Kama Sutra of Vatsyayana* (Modern Library Classics). Otherwise, there is the *Illustrated Kama Sutra of the Burton text* as well as scholarly, if still friendly editions like the *Kamasutra* (Oxford World's Classics). As an insightful customer noted in an earlier comment, the original text was not illustrated; the introduction to Oxford World Classic edition discusses this at length. But for \$3.50, this makes for a wonderful starting point nevertheless.

Great read with a very interesting history behind it all. Should deff get this for 5 bucks you can't beat that. Lots of detailed illustrations and explanations make it worth the while.

My girlfriend and I are very sexual people and are always looking for new ways to spice up the romance. We purchased the *Kama Sutra* and ever since the sex is better than ever, I have never helped her achieve climax so often. I definitely recommend it.

This is a great way to have some fun in the bedroom. For some of these positions I admit me and my husband just ended up laughing and having fun our usual way because we had a hard time, but I think these are about practicing and connecting with your partner. Some of them are a little more for the athletically inclined, but even trying to get into the positions can be half the fun! Some of the easier ones are very delightful, this book is a great guide and really explains how it isn't just about sex, but you and your partner connecting to please one another.

I first read this ancient Hindu text as a teenager. Imagine my surprise when I realized that it wasn't just 'all about sex'. It's about LIFE and what holds it together. It was a pleasant experience to read this again, almost thirty years later as an adult, and realize that there was an awful lot that I missed the first time around when I read this at fourteen. This is really a book for any age. Read it. You just might be surprised.

This book is a really great read if you're looking for something new to do with your partner, or maybe even your self. ;) I give this book 5 stars.

This book is an instructional book, Kama means love and Sutra mean lessons. This book is teaching one the act of love from a 3,000 +/- perspective. A simple, natural and intimate way which many have forgotten. Puts life into a new perspective and opens one's own sexuality! Enjoy and take notes.

this book was really good and made my experiences very worth while to my mate. she thoroughly enjoys everything I do now.

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