SWAMI IN A STRANGE LAND
HOW KRISHNA CAME TO THE WEST
The Biography of A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
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“I always liked his simplicity and humility . . . .
[He] has already had such an amazing effect on the world.” — George Harrison

Praised as “masterfully written and thoughtfully executed,” and now available in paperback, Swami in a Strange Land shows how one man with a dream can change the world — a relevant story at a time when the principles of justice, compassion, and peace are being challenged throughout the world.

Fifty years ago, a 69-year-old holy man sailed from India with 40 rupees and the determination to re-spiritualize humanity. He arrived in New York at the peak of the Sixties counterculture and inspired a movement that has grown to more than 600 Bhakti Yoga centers and millions of practitioners worldwide.

In honor of the fiftieth anniversary of his arrival, bestselling biographer Joshua M. Greene (Here Comes the Sun) delivers a candid, immensely readable account of a spiritual pioneer who demystified India’s ancient yogic culture and showed its relevance to current events. Carefully researched and skillfully crafted, Swami in a Strange Land follows Swami Prabhupada as he rises from anonymous monk to world-renowned spiritual leader.

“Swami Bhaktivedanta brings to the West a salutary reminder that our highly activistic and one-sided culture is faced with a crisis that may end in self-destruction because it lacks the inner depth of an authentic metaphysical consciousness. Without such depth, our moral and political protestations are just so much verbiage.”
— Thomas Merton, Catholic theologian, monk, author
About the Author
Joshua M. Greene is the author of numerous books on journeys to enlightened life. His films on Holocaust history have aired on PBS, Disney, and Discovery. He served as senior vice president for a leading New York communications firm and was appointed director of strategic planning for the 2000 U.N. Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders. His previous biographies include *Justice at Dachau: The Trials of an American Prosecutor; Witness: Voices from the Holocaust*; and the best-seller *Here Comes the Sun: The Spiritual and Musical Journey of George Harrison*. In 1970, he was initiated as Yogesvara by Swami Prabhupada. He served for thirteen years in Prabhupada’s society as director of French-language publications.

“Swami in a Strange Land is a timely volume, auspiciously marking the fiftieth anniversary of Swami Prabhupada’s arrival in the West. It offers an attractive narrative of this most interesting and surprising pilgrim and pioneer, the devotee and teacher who brought Krishna to the West.”
—Francis X. Clooney, S.J.,
Director of the Center for the Study of World Religions,
Harvard Divinity School

“Masterfully written and thoughtfully executed. Greene artfully shares with his readers the trials and successes of a modern-day saint.”
—Steven J. Rosen,
Editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Vaishnava Studies*

“A beautifully written, enthralling, and scrupulously researched book about an extraordinary personality. Full of detail and spiritual resonance. A must-read.”
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Trustee of the Ford Motor Company Fund