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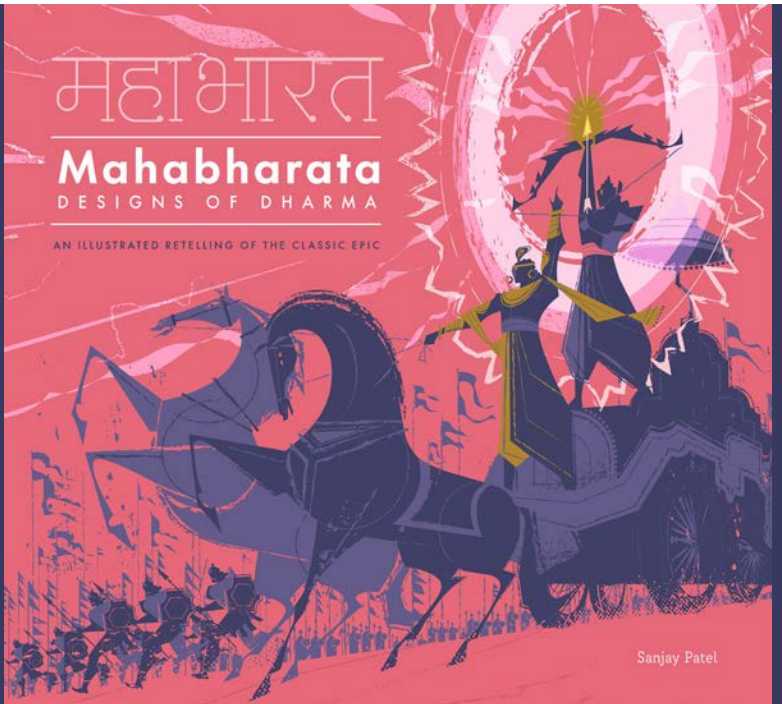
Are Especially Honored to Present Acclaimed Author and Illustrator

Sanjay Patel

Academy Award-Nominated Pixar Animator and
Director-Founder of Ghee Happy Studio

In a Talk and
Multimedia Presentation

Animating the Epic From Pixar to Mahabharata: Designs of Dharma



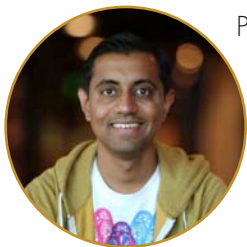
Sanjay Patel's new book, *Mahabharata, Designs of Dharma*, Courtesy, Mandala Publishing

A Retelling of India's greatest epic

Adapted and illustrated with both humor and heart for a contemporary audience, **MAHABHARATA: DESIGNS OF THE DHARMA** (Mandala; October 28, 2025) is a stunning visual retelling of the Indian epic, *The Mahabharata*. It features more than 400 pages of illustrated text in Sanjay Patel's iconic style.

Ten times the length of the *Iliad* and *the Odyssey* combined, *The Mahabharata* is astonishingly vast in both scope and size, a library of ancient Indian culture and knowledge. In this thrilling modern adaptation, Patel has condensed over 200,000 lines of the original Sanskrit verse into a single volume that is easy to understand for those new to the story.

In his Bay Area presentation, Patel weaves together his creative journey through animation, visual storytelling, identity, and the process of reimaging *The Mahabharata* for modern audiences.



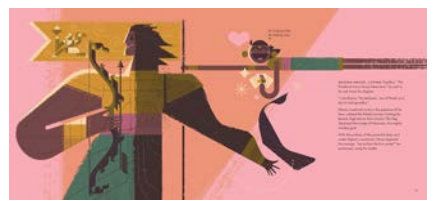
Patel brings a singular creative pedigree to this adaptation. An animator and illustrator who spent two decades at Pixar contributing to many of its most celebrated films, he went on to write and direct the acclaimed short, *Sanjay's Super Team*, which earned an Academy Award nomination in 2015. In 2018, he founded Ghee Happy Studio, which continues his exploration of Hindu mythology through animated storytelling for younger audiences.

Though meant to be approachable for young adult readers, this *Mahabharata* is for everyone. Patel's modern retelling resonates across age groups and cultural backgrounds, offering an entry point to one of the world's greatest epics without sacrificing depth or wonder.

You can order Sanjay Patel's *Mahabharata* through the following platforms, or through major online retailers:

[Insight Editions](#): The official publisher's website.

[Simon & Schuster](#): The official publisher page with direct ordering links.



ARJUNA SMILED, LIFTING Gandiva
"The Pandavas have always been here",
he said, as he cast away his disguise.

"I am Arjuna" he declared,
"son of Pandu and heir to Indraprastha".

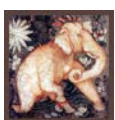
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