



## Maxims of Vidur

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Abhinav Publications, New Delhi. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. First Edition. 148pp. The scriptures have recorded that Vidur in his previous birth was *Dharma Deva*, the God of Justice himself. Once the great ancient sage *Mandavya* was wrongly apprehended by the then king's officers as leader of a robber gang who had concealed themselves in his hermitage. He was impaled to a spear by the king's order. When the sage went to Dharma Raj after two days the sage was released from the punishment still alive on the strength of his great spiritual merit. The sage went to Dharma Raj and asked what crime he had committed to deserve the punishment. He was told that as he had tortured birds and bees as a child he got the punishment. The sage was angry and cursed Dharma Raj saying you shall be born on earth for the inordinately harsh punishment meted out for a child's crime committed in ignorance. As a result of the curse, Dharma Deva had to be born as *Vidura* to the palace maid of Vichitra-Virya son of King Santanu, the forerunner of Pandavas and Kouravas. Vidura was so well up in knowledge of Dharma that he was given the...



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