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Innovatively composed in blank verse rather than prose, Carole Satyamurti’s English retelling covers all eighteen books of the *Mahabharata*. This new version masterfully captures the beauty, excitement, and profundity of the original Sanskrit poem as well as its magnificent architecture and extraordinary scope.

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