## Contents

	List of illustrations ix
	List of maps x
	Preface xi
	A note on languages and pronunciation xv
1	Reason and Belief 1 Richness and diversity in Indian thought
2	The Brahmanical Beginnings 18 Sacrifice, cosmic speculation, oneness
3	Renouncing the Household 34 The Buddha's Middle Way
4	Issues and Justifications 57 Language, grammar, and polemics
5	Categories and Method 70 Vaiśeṣika and Nyāya
6	Things and No-things 84  Developments in Buddhist thought
7	The Witness and the Watched 107

The Word and the Book 118
Bhartrhari, Mīmāṃsā, and Vedānta

Postscript 136
From Classical Thought to the Modern Day
Recommended Further Reading 141
Index 147

8