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The *Rāmarakṣāstotra* ascribed to Budha Kauśika is one of the most popular Sanskrit stotra-s in Māharāṣṭra today. An intensive textual study of the work—textual versions, interpretations, descriptions of its use, etc.—is given in this volume. It is sure to be welcomed by those interested in the living religious traditions of India.

The *Rāmarakṣāstotra* exists in several textual versions—*Padmapurāṇa*, *Ānandarāmāyaṇa*, *Agastyasamhitā* etc. and has been commented on by Mūdgala, and Nīlakaṇṭha Caturdhara. The first part is a *Kavaca* (protective armour) and the second part contains verses in praise of Rāma.

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