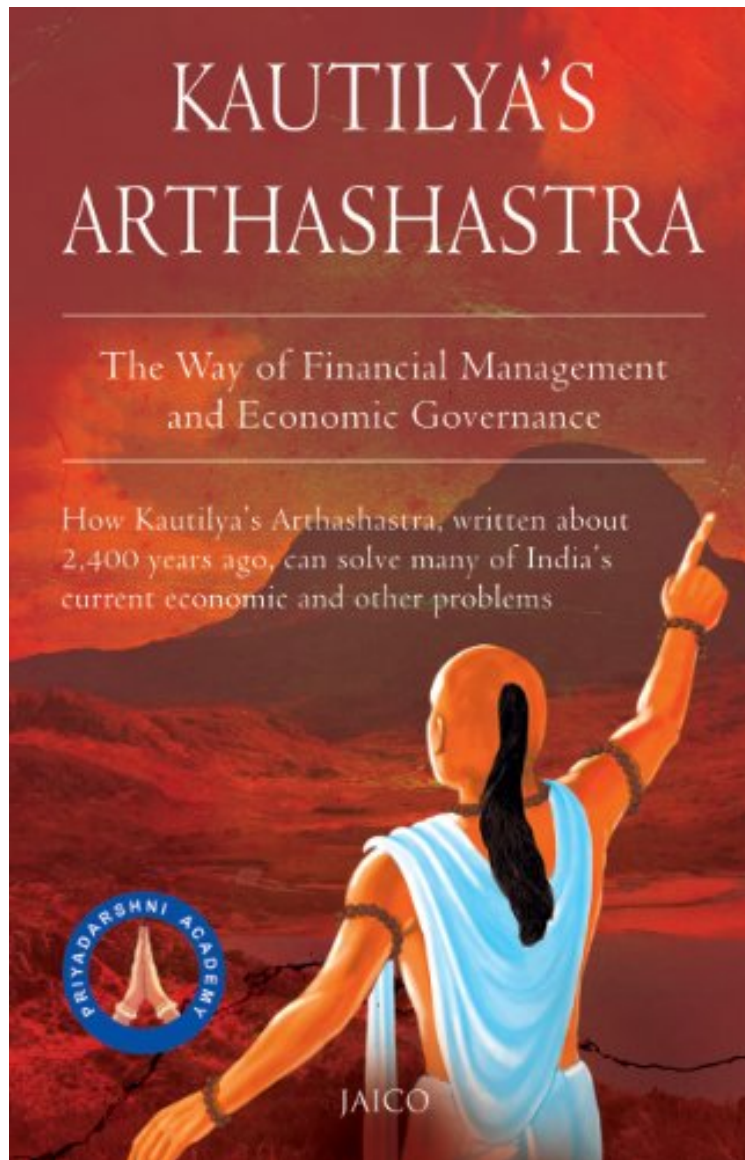


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About the Author Kautilya, or Chanakya as he was also known, was an Indian philosopher and statesman. He was responsible for the conquests of Chandragupta Maurya, whom he raised from childhood into the emperor we know today.