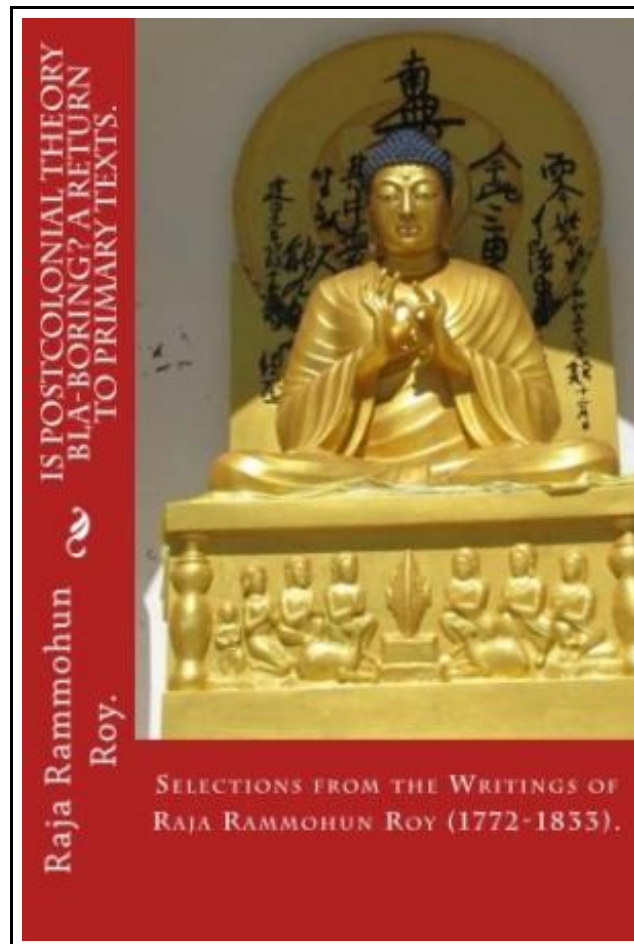# Is Postcolonial Theory Bla-Boring? a Return to Primary Texts.: Selections from the Writings of Raja Rammohun Roy (1772-1833). (Paperback)

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