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Nice Guys Finish Second - Braj Kumar Nehru 1997
Memoirs of an Indian civil servant.

India's First Dictatorship - Christophe Jaffrelot
2021-04-01

In June 1975 Prime Minister Indira Gandhi imposed a 'State of Emergency', resulting in a 21-month suspension of democracy. Jaffrelot and Anil explore this black page in India's history, a constitutional dictatorship of unequal impact, with South India largely spared thanks to the resilience of Indian federalism. India's First Dictatorship focuses on Mrs Gandhi and her son, Sanjay, who was largely responsible for the mass sterilisation programmes and deportation of urban slum-dwellers. However, it equally exposes the facilitation of authoritarian rule by Congressmen, Communists, trade unions, businessmen and the urban middle class, as well as the complacency of the judiciary and media. While opposition leaders eventually closed ranks in jail, many of them collaborated with the new regime--including the RSS. Those who resisted the Emergency, in the media or on the streets, were few in number. This episode was an acid test for India's political culture. While a tiny minority of citizens fought for democracy during the Emergency, in large numbers the people bowed to a strong

woman, even worshipped her. Equally importantly, Hindu nationalists were endowed with a new legitimacy. The Emergency was not a parenthesis, but a turning point; its legacy is very much alive today.

100 THINGS TO KNOW AND DEBATE BEFORE YOU - Hindol Sengupta 2014-03-03

A primer on what you should know and take into account before your voteWhy are we restless? What is it that makes us dissatisfied? Why is General Election 2014 part of every conversation? What is it with the state of India that makes us so uneasy today? Why are thousands dying without healthcare in India? Why is our air unbreathable, our water poisoned? What do our MPs see when they drive to work and what does that say about our democracy? Why is our diplomacy so weak? Ever thought about why 'family problems' caused more than 30,000 Indians to commit suicide last year? What is slower - our Internet or our bureaucracy?Here are 100 things to think about before you press that button in the critical election of 2014. This is the ultimate state-of-the-nation guide to make us think beyond the fourletter acronyms that we have turned our national debate into. This is a call to action, a warning, an urging, a prodding, an appeal to give real issues a think before

we vote.

Muslim Politics in Bihar - Mohammad Sajjad 2014-08-13

This book studies the engagement of various Muslim communities with Bihar politics from colonial times to present-day India. It debunks several myths in highlighting Muslim resistance to the Two-Nation theory, and counters the 'Isolation Syndrome' faced by Muslim communities after Independence. Using rare archival sources and hitherto unexamined Urdu texts, this book offers a nuanced exploration of complex themes such as the struggle against Bengali hegemony, communalism, regionalism and alienation before Independence, recent language politics, the political assertion of low-caste Muslims in current Bihar, as well as their quest for social and gender justice. An important contribution to the study of South Asian Islam, this book will interest students and scholars of modern Indian history, politics, sociology, religion, gender, and minority studies.

The Gujarat Carnage - Asghar Ali Engineer 2003

This book is a compilation of articles, editorial, investigative reports, surveys, memoranda and other significant material on the Gujarat carnage. The final report of the Human Rights Commission (that took a direct interest for the first time, of its own accord, in communal violence) is included in it. Useful material and information will be found in it by future researchers, academics and lay readers. As the specific event of the grim year are blurred and glossed over by other issues and by time, it is important to have such a compilation that preserves the lessons learnt in one of the most horrifying and ominous periods in India's modern history.

Crony Capitalism in India - Naresh Khatri 2017-07-17

Crony Capitalism in India provides a comprehensive and scholarly examination of the important topic of crony capitalism, filling an important gap in the market. Bringing together experts from various backgrounds, it addresses the key underpinnings of this complex and multifarious issue. Given the emergent nature of the

Indian economy, this book provides important information for decision makers in both government and business to help establish a robust institutional framework that is so desperately needed both in India and globally.

Stranger than Fiction: The Rajiv Gandhi Assassination -

Harish Venugopalan 2022-09-15

Rajiv Gandhi, Former Prime Minister of India, was assassinated on May 21st 1991 in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu. A special investigation team was formed by the CBI to investigate the case. The SIT version is that the conspiracy was hatched by Prabhakaran in connivance with Pottu Amman and Akila. Hence the whole act was committed by the LTTE alone. However, both the Verma Commission, which was set up to probe the security lapses leading to the assassination, and the Jain Commission, which was set up to probe the wider conspiracy, have raised enough questions to warrant a suspicion that there is a wider conspiracy and many of the culprits have been left untouched. This book investigates whether the LTTE did it alone. Who could have been involved in the conspiracy other than the LTTE? It asks questions that have been asked and questions that have not been asked too. The author has also provided answers but only based on evidence, circumstantial and otherwise. Based on the evidence, the dots can be connected and the question of who the larger culprits are in the assassination can be ascertained.

The God Market - Meera Nanda 2011-10-01

Conventional wisdom says that integration into the global marketplace tends to weaken the power of traditional faith in developing countries. But, as Meera Nanda argues in this path-breaking book, this is hardly the case in today's India. Against expectations of growing secularism, India has instead seen a remarkable intertwining of Hinduism and neoliberal ideology, spurred on by a growing capitalist class. It is this "State-Temple-Corporate Complex," she claims, that now wields decisive political and economic power, and provides ideological cover for the dismantling of the Nehru-era state-dominated economy. According to this new

logic, India's rapid economic growth is attributable to a special "Hindu mind," and it is what separates the nation's Hindu population from Muslims and others deemed to be "anti-modern." As a result, Hindu institutions are replacing public ones, and the Hindu "revival" itself has become big business, a major source of capital accumulation. Nanda explores the roots of this development and its possible future, as well as the struggle for secularism and socialism in the world's second-most populous country.

The Political Twittersphere in India - Shekh Moinuddin 2019-01-29

The book investigates political re/tweets that reveal the nature and patterns of politics and digital political revolution in India. The re/tweets are made by Indian politicians at various capacities in order to communicate to followers, which shaped the political discourse in form of response, activism, and technology. The book is based on interdisciplinary approaches wherein geography interfaces with political, cultural, social, economic and social media studies. The book is mapping patterns of spatial politics through Twitter which revolutionized the digital politics in India. It discusses and answers the questions: Why do politicians use Twitter and other social networking sites? When do politicians make re/tweets? Is Twitter all about official? The book triggers questions about the politics of gadgets. To what extent are politics inseparable from re/tweets? The book adheres the inevitable role of technology, particularly of Twitter in day-to-day spatial reporting in the shape of politics, culture, identity, ideology, norms and empiricism. This book is the result of the research project "Mapping Political Tweets: The Digital Political Revolution in India" (2015-16), funded by Kalindi College, University of Delhi, New Delhi. KC/GB/3349(a). The book appeals to research scientists, graduate students and practitioners in the fields of political science, media representation, communication, and those who have interests to investigate the linkages between different

parts of geography and social science with communication technology.

My Enemy's Enemy - Avinash Paliwal 2017-10-15

The archetype of 'my enemy's enemy is my friend', India's political and economic presence in Afghanistan is often viewed as a Machiavellian ploy aimed against Pakistan. The first of its kind, this book interrogates that simplistic yet powerful geopolitical narrative and asks what truly drives India's Afghanistan policy.

The Descent of Air India - Jitender Bhargava 2013

Shaping the Emerging World - Waheguru Pal Singh Sidhu 2013-08-01

India faces a defining period. Its status as a global power is not only recognized but increasingly institutionalized, even as geopolitical shifts create both opportunities and challenges. With critical interests in almost every multilateral regime and vital stakes in emerging ones, India has no choice but to influence the evolving multilateral order. If India seeks to affect the multilateral order, how will it do so? In the past, it had little choice but to be content with rule taking—adhering to existing international norms and institutions. Will it now focus on rule breaking—challenging the present order primarily for effect and seeking greater accommodation in existing institutions? Or will it focus on rule shaping—contributing in partnership with others to shape emerging norms and regimes, particularly on energy, food, climate, oceans, and cyber security? And how do India's troubled neighborhood, complex domestic politics, and limited capacity inhibit its rule-shaping ability? Despite limitations, India increasingly has the ideas, people, and tools to shape the global order—in the words of Jawaharlal Nehru, "not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially." Will India emerge as one of the shapers of the emerging international order? This volume seeks to answer that question.

Hindu Nationalism in India and the Politics of Fear - D. Anand 2016-04-30

The representation of the Muslims as threatening to India's body politic is central to the Hindu nationalist project of organizing a political movement and normalizing anti-minority violence. Adopting a critical ethnographic approach, this book identifies the poetics and politics of fear and violence engendered within Hindu nationalism.

INSTANT NOTES FOR BIOPROCESS TECHNOLOGY - Dr. L. KRISHNASAMY 2022-03-03

Bioprocess Technology combines concepts and ideas from biology, engineering, materials science, and clinical processes. The industrial use of biological processes utilising living cells or their components to achieve desired substrate transformations is known as bioprocess technology. Bioprocesses provide several benefits over standard chemical processes, including the need for moderate reaction conditions, increased specificity and efficiency, and the production of renewable by-products (biomass). Bioprocesses' potential has been broadened and extended thanks to the introduction of recombinant DNA technology. Bioprocesses are now widely employed in a variety of commercial biotechnology disciplines, including the synthesis of enzymes (used in food processing and waste management, for example) and antibiotics. Bioprocesses may find applications in other sectors where chemical processes are now applied as methodologies and equipment improve. Many of biotechnology's potential applications are created through laboratory processes that yield very modest quantities of valuable chemicals. As bioprocess technology advances, particularly separation and purification techniques, commercial firms will be able to produce these substances in large quantities at a low cost, allowing them to be used in medical research, food processing, agriculture, pharmaceutical development, waste management, and a variety of other fields of science and industry.

Moving Away from the Death Penalty - Ivan Šimonović 2014
Capital punishment is irrevocable. It prohibits the correction of mistakes by the justice system and leaves

no room for human error, with the gravest of consequences. There is no evidence of a deterrent effect of the death penalty. Those sacrificed on the altar of retributive justice are almost always the most vulnerable. This book covers a wide range of topics, from the discriminatory application of the death penalty, wrongful convictions, proven lack of deterrence effect, to legality of the capital punishment under international law and the morality of taking of human life.

America's Message - Will Christopher Wood 1925

The Extraordinary Life and Death of Sunanda Pushkar - Sunanda Mehta 2019-07-25

An extraordinary life. A strange death. The untold story of Sunanda Pushkar. On 17 January 2014, Sunanda Pushkar, businesswoman and wife of writer and politician Shashi Tharoor, was found dead in her hotel suite in New Delhi. Her death was as shocking as it was suspect, spawning many a controversy and complex legal battles. Her life was no less dramatic but far lesser known. A culmination of material drawn from personal archives, numerous interviews and investigation across continents, this riveting biography attempts to answer the question: Who really was Sunanda Pushkar? Was she a social climber hankering after power and fame? Or was she bold and unconventional, achieving success on her own merit only to become a casualty of circumstance? Was she a villain or a victim? Or a bit of both? In search of these answers, Sunanda Mehta, journalist and Pushkar's former schoolmate, traces her subject's life from her early days in cantonment towns, to her first two marriages, a largely unknown stint in Canada, her rise as a Dubai businesswoman, and finally her much-publicized years with Tharoor until her controversial death shook the nation. Through the soaring highs and wrecking lows that marked her forty-nine years, Sunanda Pushkar lived with passion, ambition and defiance. This definitive biography is the account of her phenomenal life and its turbulent end.

The Myth of Saint Thomas and the Mylapore Shiva Temple - Ishwar Sharan 2019-06-20

• Comprehensive study of the St. Thomas in India myth with reference to Christian iconoclasm in South India from the 7th century till today. • Reviews and related material for this book can be accessed on the Acta Indica website at <https://ishwarsharan.com/>. • The copyright © of this book belongs to Voice of India, 2/18 Ansari Road, New Delhi 110002. The Creative Commons licence for this book is Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivs (CC BY-NC-ND).

Himalayan Challenge - 2020

Stifling Dissent - Jayshree Bajoria 2016

"India's constitution protects the right to peaceful expression and its courts have issued numerous decisions that are protective of the right. However governments at both the national and state level persist in using harsh laws, many of them relics of the colonial era, to criminalize peaceful expression and arrest critics. While some prosecutions, in the end, have been dismissed or abandoned, many people who have engaged in nothing more than peaceful criticism have been arrested, held in pre-trial detention, and forced to defend themselves in costly criminal proceedings. Fear of such actions has led others to engage in self-censorship. In 2016 there has been a spike in the number of sedition cases filed nationwide. Human Rights Watch calls on the Indian government to drop all pending charges and investigations against those who are facing prosecution for the exercise of their right to freedom of expression, halt the abuse of the legal process and detain critics, and amend or repeal relevant laws to bring them into line with international human rights standards"--Page [4] of cover.

The Shudra - Kancha Ilaiah Shepherd 2021-02-22

The Shudras echoes Dr Ambedkar's question in Who Were the Shudras? that he asked in 1946. More than 70 years later, Kancha Ilaiah and his team of authors revisit this issue to give Shudras a voice again' -CHRISTOPHE

JAFFRELOT *The Shudras: Vision for a New Path* weaves together multiple dimensions of the predicament of India's productive castes-in the spiritual, social, political, economic, philosophical and historical spheres. It reformulates their current position as well as future pathways. It strives to provoke Shudras-including regional political party leaders-all over India to realize their unique historical role in fighting unequal caste structures. And it gives a call to resist Hindutva, in which they have no liberated, equal space with the Dwija castes. At a juncture when the Shudra castes are regionalized and the Dwijas have become 'national', the fifth volume of the Rethinking India series, in collaboration with the Samruddha Bharat Foundation, seeks to bring home the real picture of their marginalized status in all key structures of the nation. It posits that the emancipation and progress of the Shudras are vital to sustain Ambedkar's constitutional democracy and move towards socio-spiritual equality.

The Vijay Mallya Story - K Giriprakash 2014-04-15

The Vijay Mallya Story is an extraordinarily detailed and lively chronicle of the life of one of India's most celebrated and reviled businessmen-Vijay Mallya. His extraordinary career spans three decades and is spread across multiple industries. The book covers Mallya's childhood, his relationship with his father and his inherent deal making abilities. It tracks his meteoric rise with Kingfisher and how the airline led to his downfall. K. Giriprakash has closely followed Vijay Mallya's career over the last two decades which gives him a unique vantage point to draw an extraordinary portrait of a man whom everyone is fascinated by but not many know.

Militant Groups in South Asia - Surinder Kumar Sharma 2014

Profiles important militant groups presently active in South Asian countries. The information related to these militant groups has been culled from open sources and due care has been taken to check the facts for

consistency and reliability. The threat perception from each group is covered in detail.

Contesting Colonialism and Separatism - Mohammad Sajjad
2014-09-05

Contesting Colonialism and Separatism: Muslims of Muzaffarpur Since 1857 is an account of the Muslim communities of Muzaffarpur in north Bihar, and explores the history of the area, the socio-political behaviour of the Muslim communities, their economic conditions and negotiations for a share in the power-structure. This study is presented in three segments: (a) the political evolution of the area during the colonial era through an exploration of the sub-regional socio-political setting; (b) the participation of the Muslims of this area in the Congress-led movements till the 1930s, narrating the largely untold story of Muslim resistance to the Muslim League's politics of territorial separatism, despite their grievances against and alienation from the Congress during 1937-47; and (c) their post-independence experiences and political anxieties, problems and prospects. This book attempts to look at history from both a national as well as local perspectives, describing the broader events of Indian politics in the context of the local political system as it evolved, and the participation as well as location of the Muslim communities in those events and processes. Inter-community cooperation and harmony prevailed over divisive politics even during the most vitiated atmosphere of 1946-7. Tracing the trajectory of Contesting Colonialism and Separatism: Muslims of Muzaffarpur Since 1857 is an account of the Muslim communities of Muzaffarpur in north Bihar, and explores the history of the area, the socio-political behaviour of the Muslim communities, their economic conditions and negotiations for a share in the power-structure.
Economic Growth in China and India - Subramanian Swamy
1989

Reset - Subramanian Swamy 2019

Economic Growth in China and India, 1952-1970 -
Subramanian Swamy 1973

Treasured Epistles - K. Natwar-Singh 2018

Dr. Manmohan Singh- A Decade of Decay - M.R.Venkatesh
2013-07-11

This Book is a compilation of select articles authored by M R Venkatesh, mostly in Rediff.com. To the reader, his writings offer a ring side view of the debilitating state of affairs in India under the leadership of Dr. Manmohan Singh. With a persuasive, passionate and powerful style of writing the author demystifies the challenges confronting India and Indian economy in a manner that is comprehensible even to the layman. Making a strong case for a small yet effective government, Venkatesh canvasses for sweeping economic, administrative and judicial reforms while simultaneously pointing out to the gargantuan failures of Dr. Manmohan Singh's administration. Written between 2011 and 2013 these articles capture India's precipitous decline in various spheres caused by a singular lack of willingness and / capacity to govern. In a refreshing departure from the known suspects who end up merely being critical of the Government, he also offers various alternatives to the challenges confronting the country. Needless to emphasize, while his suggestions are eminently debatable, the fact remains that these proposals are sure to secure necessary traction in days to follow. The Toynbee like sweep of the subjects dealt by Venkatesh in a precise, succinct and incisive manner makes this book a compelling read. The foreword of this book has been authored by Dr. Subramanian Swamy.

The Dynasty - S. S. Gill 1996

The first 40 years of post-independence India were dominated by the Nehru-Gandhi family. This biography covers this era in all its bewildering diversity and shows the decisive contribution made by the dynasty towards the shaping of modern India.

From Bharata to India - M. K. Agarwal 2012-06

Continuing the narrative from Volume One of: From Bharata to India, this second volume spans the years from the Muslim conquests down to the present era. The Volume begins by contrasting the stifling theocracy of the Abrahamic religions (Judaism and Christianity), and of Islam, to the pristine ideation of compassion, love and universal wellbeing inherent in the Vedic world. The forced conversion of "pagan" peoples and their places of worship was consequently institutionalized by intolerance, savagery, barbarism, cruelty, and unparalleled brutality. This cultural and religious Invasion shook the very foundations of the Vedic patrimony as the native Hindus adapted Alien lifestyles where Vedic values were repackaged as European and/ or Islamic. Consequently, the modern Indians began to despise what had once been their own legacy, the Cradle of civilization, and embraced imported modes of behavior. The transformed, native polity, supported by foreign vested interests, exploited their own country even more than the alien invaders. As the Western world frees itself from the shackles of Middle Age conformism and depravity, this second volume concludes that the eternal values of Vedic Bharata are to inspire the nascent Civilization of tomorrow. Eastern introspection will replace, then, the Western tradition of a 'wholly other' divinity.

Governance in Developing Asia - Anil B. Deolalikar
2015-04-30

Governance in Developing Asia is one of the first books of its kind to provide an overview of the role that better governance and citizen empowerment can play in improving public service delivery in developing Asia.

The World Development Report 2004 see

Handbook of India's International Relations - David Scott
2011-05-09

This Handbook gives an overview of India's international relations, given the development of India as a major economic power in the world, and the growing interest in the impact of Asia on the international system in the future. Edited by David Scott of Brunel University, and

with chapters written by a variety of experts, the Handbook of India's International Relations offers an up-to-date, unbiased and comprehensive resource to academics, students of international relations, business people, media professionals and the general reader. There is a pre-publication price on this title, the price rises to £150 three months after publication.

India's New Capitalists - H. Damodaran 2008-06-25

In order to do business effectively in contemporary South Asia, it is necessary to understand the culture, the ethos, and the region's new trading communities. In tracing the modern-day evolution of business communities in India, this book uses social history to systematically document and understand India's new entrepreneurial groups.

Hashimpura - Vibhuti Narain Rai 2016-08-10

Searching for survivors among the blood-soaked bodies strewn around the canal and between the ravines near Makanpur village, on the Delhi-Ghaziabad border, on the night of 22 May 1987, with just a dim torchlight—the memories are still fresh in Vibhuti Narain Rai's mind. On that fateful night, when Rai first heard about the killing, he could not believe the news was true until he, along with the district magistrate and a few other officials, went to Hindon canal. He quickly realized that all of them had become witnesses to secular India's most shameful and horrendous incident—personnel of the Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) had rounded up dozens of Muslims from riot-torn Meerut and had killed them in cold blood in Rai's area of jurisdiction. Offering a blow-by-blow account of the massacre and its aftermath, Hashimpura is a screaming narrative of the barbaric use of state force and the spineless politics in post-Independent India.

2014 - Rajdeep Sardesai 2015-05-22

With a new prologue 'Splendid . . . anyone who wants to understand Indian politics or think they do should read it' -Indian Express 'Delightfully written . . . he has a sharp eye for details, especially the actions of political leaders' - India Today 'Captures the drama of

2014 and the men who powered it’-Open ‘Holds you to your seat, often on the edge . . . A procession of India’s colourful political characters-Lalu Yadav, Amit Shah, Rahul Gandhi, Narendra Modi and many more come intimately close through the author’s accounts’ -The Hindu ‘Candid and forthright . . . and deliciously indiscreet’ -Hindustan Times ‘A racy narrative that goes beyond recording immediate political history’ -Tehelka The 2014 Indian general elections has been regarded as the most important elections in Indian history since 1977. It saw the decimation of the ruling Congress party, a spectacular victory for the BJP and a new style of campaigning that broke every rule in the political game. But how and why? In his riveting book, Rajdeep Sardesai tracks the story of this pivotal election through all the key players and the big news stories. Beginning with 2012, when Narendra Modi won the state elections in Gujarat for a third time but set his sights on a bigger prize, to the scandals that crippled Manmohan Singh and UPA-II, and moving to the back-room strategies of Team Modi, the extraordinary missteps of Rahul Gandhi and the political dramas of election year, he draws a panoramic picture of the year that changed India.

Sahara - Tamal Bandyopadhyay 2014-06-06
FEATURES EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW with SUBRATA ROY EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SUBRATA ROY AND SAHARA INDIA PARIWAR, BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK... Sahara: The Untold Story is based on painstaking research to demystify India’s most secretive and largely unlisted conglomerate, the Sahara India Pariwar. It also delves into the group’s ongoing legal battle with the market regulator. Entrepreneur Subrata Roy, the guardian angel of the group, whose feet are touched by everybody in the Pariwar, wants to reach out to a million lives and feels impeded and shuttered in by regulations. So the clash with the regulators was inevitable. But when a regulator slams one door, maverick Roy opens another. This play has been on since 1978, when Sahara was set up. Roy is well known for glamour and his association with film

stars, cricketers and politicians. He exudes patriotism, with a statue of Bharat Mata (the presiding deity of the group) on a chariot driven by four fierce-looking lions adorning his headquarters in Lucknow. He is the Robin Hood of a country where only 35% of the adult population has access to formal banking services. This India and its millions of illiterate poor depositors stand in awe and admiration of him. But does he also exploit them? Do these poor people actually keep money with him or are they fronting for others? EXCERPT FROM THE SAHARA INDIA PARIWAR DISCLAIMER ‘The book at best can be treated as a perspective of the author with all its defamatory content, insinuation and other objections, which prompted us to exercise our right to approach the court of law in order to save the interest of the organization and its crores of depositors and 12 lakh workers.’ TamalBandyopadhyay, a deputy managing editor of Mint, is one of the most respected business journalists in India. Tamal has kept a close watch of the financial sector for over a decade and a half and has had a ringside view of the enormous changes in Indian finance and banking over this period. His first book, *A Bank for the Buck*, released by P Chidambaram in November 2012, has been a non-fiction bestseller.

The Law and The Lawyers - M. K. GANDHI 2021-01-01
The valuable experience and skill that he acquired in the course of his large and lucrative practice stood him in good stead in fighting his battles with the South African and British governments for securing political, economic and social justice for his fellow-countrymen. Gandhiji was not a visionary but a practical idealist. As Sir Stafford Cripps has remarked: “He was no simple mystic; combined with his religious outlook was his lawyer-trained mind, quick and apt in reasoning. He was a formidable opponent in argument.”

Twelve Years a Slave - Solomon Northup 2021-01-01
"Having been born a freeman, and for more than thirty years enjoyed the blessings of liberty in a free State—and having at the end of that time been kidnapped and sold into Slavery, where I remained, until happily

rescued in the month of January, 1853, after a bondage of twelve years—it has been suggested that an account of my life and fortunes would not be uninteresting to the public." -an excerpt

Indira Gandhi - Pupul Jayakar 1992-11-27

Indira Gandhi's life was part of the unfolding history of India, intricately woven with India's past and future. It (became) inevitable, therefore, that politics (formed) a backdrop to her public and often private actions. Indira Gandhi's life spanned over two-thirds of a century. By the time of her brutal assassination in 1984, she had established herself as the most

significant political leader India had seen since the death of her father, Jawaharlal Nehru. In this book, written with the close cooperation of her subject, Pupul Jayakar seeks to uncover the many personalities that lay hidden within Mrs Gandhi. Much more than a political biography, the book reveals the complex personality of Indira Gandhi—her thoughts and feelings, her hates and prejudices, her insights and her faults, her loves and emotional entanglements. Full of startling insights, Indira Gandhi: A Biography paints a magnificent portrait—at once empathetic and unprejudiced—of one of the twentieth century's most remarkable women.