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The Elephant Paradigm

2002

the elephant paradigm india wrestles with change is quite simply about an ancient civilization rsquo s reawakening to the spirit mdash and potential mdash of its youth following up on the success of india unbound which took up the process of india rsquo s transformation in the 1990s from a closed to an open economy the elephant paradigm ranges over a vast area mdash covering subjects as varied as panchayati raj national competitiveness and the sacred and philosophical concerns of the average indian consequent to india rsquo s entry into what the author calls the lsquo age of liberation rsquo while india may never roar ahead like the asian tigers das argues it will advance like a wise elephant moving steadily and surely pausing occasionally to reflect on its past and to enjoy the journey gurcharan das employs the essay form to sew together varied facets of this remarkable transition divided into three sections the book first establishes a context for the changes that have occurred and then assesses how we have changed mdash or not changed mdash in our public

and private lives as he sweeps over the major political social and economic developments he does not forget to examine the individual beliefs and aspirations that underpin the process crisp insightful and witty these essays capture both the disappointments and the joys that resulted from the rsquo 90s revolution and serve as an essential guide to the new india nbsp

Another Sort of Freedom

2023-10-30

another sort of freedom is a funny moving and honest memoir of a man s struggle to break free from expectations gurcharan das was born in lyallpur punjab during world war ii when hitler churchill and hirohito were bashing everyone around his mother noted in her diary this is a restless baby by age two he had become a difficult child and by three she was calling him a troublemaker he discovered one day that he could run and he has been running ever since there are strange twists in his journey from partition s chaos to misguided attempts at winning over first loves setting out to become an engineer he ends up with a

philosophy degree from harvard university he then abandons a promising academic career in ivy covered halls to become a salesman for vicks vaporub in india s dusty bazaars this leads him to the ceo s position of procter gamble india one day at the peak of his professional life his high powered corporate mask crumbles and he walks away to become a celebrated writer and public intellectual candid witty and wry the memoir is filled with moments of deep introspection at every turn alongside wise observations on the author s encounters with history on four continents this is gurcharan das as you have never seen him before

The Great Indian Elephant Book

1999

collection of elephant stories descriptions and insight into animal behavior anatomy and haunts

India Grows at Night

2013-08-05

indians wryly admit that india grows at night but that is only half the saying the full expression is india grows at night when the government sleeps suggesting that the nation may be rising despite the state india s is a tale of private success and public failure prosperity is indeed spreading across the country even as governance failure pervades public life but how could a nation become one of the world s fastest growing economies when it s governed by a weak ineffective state and wouldn t it be wonderful if india also grew during the day in other words if public policy supported private enterprise what india needs gurcharan das says is a strong liberal state such a state would have the authority to take quick decisive action it would have the rule of law to ensure those actions are legitimate and finally it would be accountable to the people but achieving this will not be easy says das because india has historically had a weak state and a strong society about the author gurcharan das is a well known author commentator and public

intellectual he is the author of the much acclaimed the difficulty of being good and the international bestseller india unbound which has been translated into many languages and filmed by the bbc his other works include the novel a fine family a book of essays the elephant paradigm and an anthology three plays consisting of larins sahib mira and 9 jakhoo hill gurcharan das writes a regular column for a number of indian newspapers including the times of india and occasional guest columns for newsweek wall street journal and foreign affairs gurcharan das graduated from harvard university and was ceo of procter and gamble india before he took early retirement to become a full time writer he lives in delhi

Elephant Days and Nights

1994

raman sukumar is a leading naturalist and a key member of project elephant a plan set up by the indian government to protect the elephant along the lines of project tiger this book is a highly readable account of his experiences during ten years of research on

the indian elephant anecdotal but at the same time thoroughly sound in terms of its scholarship the book looks at the relationship of the indian elephant to the people with which it shares the land and the elephants effects on the environment and the ecology of southern india it also gives a full account of elephant behavior and the effects of environmental degradation and ivory poaching this highly readable account will prove fascinating reading for everyone interested in the dramatic story of the indian elephant and the fight to protect its endangered habitats

Elephants and Kings

2015-08-03

retreat and persistence of elephants elephants and indian kingship war elephants structures of use caturaga vihana vyha elephant knowledge the spread of the war elephant north india south india sri lanka the near east north africa europe southeast asia after the war elephant drawing the balance looking ahead

Elephas Maximus

2004

revered in indian religion as the source of life respected in indian culture as a bringer of good fortune and coveted by poachers for its ivory tusks the majestic asian elephant has lived worked and even fought side by side with humans for more than four thousand years stephen alter first encountered *elephas maximus* when he was a child now he has traveled to every corner of india to create an unabashed celebration of these compelling powerful creatures alter s search takes him from the depths of wildlife preserves to a tempting elephant auction from a dazzling festival dedicated to ganesha the elephant headed god to a remote valley filled with ancient carvings of the revered animals he finds conservationists fighting to protect the elephants habitat mahouts who are as close to their elephants as they are to their own families and even ivory poachers whose ongoing assault on the animals may be contributing to the evolution of tuskless males tracking the elephant in history art religion and folklore alter draws a vivid gorgeously written portrait of its past

and its troubled present while offering hope for its future

Personal and National Destinies in Independent India

2016-09-23

personal and national destinies in independent india is an innovative analysis of the interface between individual lives and national history between citizen and state in modern india as reflected in contemporary fiction it critiques the selected works of a host of distinguished indian english novelists such as gurcharan das arun joshi rohinton mistry arundhati roy meher pestonji kiran desai vikas swarup david davidar aravind adiga manjula padmanabhan and tarun tejpai the author offers a new interpretation of twelve major novels with reference to the enormous framework of nearly seventy years of the history and politics culture and economy of independent india this is a study of fiction that re writes the grand indian narrative from a genuine subaltern point of view and pays tribute to the heroism of ordinary indians in times of extraordinary transformation in these

times of conflict and disparity which threaten democratic values these novelists advocate an inclusive and humane india with a strong moral core instead of aggressive or elitist nationalism they represent an era of painful introspection an attempt to keep the soul of the nation alive this unique project would be of interest to students and scholars of literature political science and history especially post colonial studies the vast scope of the time period geographical expanse social groups writers and works covered here makes the work comprehensive and contemporary very few such works on recent indian history and fiction exist as of now

Kama: the Riddle of Desire

2022-04-15

a riveting account of love and desire india is the only civilization to elevate kama desire and pleasure to a goal of life kama is both cosmic and human energy which animates life and holds it in place gurcharan das weaves a compelling narrative soaked in philosophical historical and literary ideas in the third volume of his trilogy on

life's goals india unbound was the first on artha material well being and the difficulty of being good was the second on dharma moral well being here in his magnificent prose he examines how to cherish desire in order to live a rich flourishing life arguing that if dharma is a duty to another kama is a duty to oneself it sheds new light on love marriage family adultery and jealousy as it wrestles with questions such as these how to nurture desire without harming others or oneself are the erotic and the ascetic two aspects of our same human nature what is the relationship between romantic love and bhakti the love of god

The Elephant Doctor of India

2021-03-02

the elephant doctor of india is the heart quickening true story of a boy who loved elephants and grew up to forge a maverick path to help them dramatic moving and packed with fascinating elephant facts young readers will find inspiration and excitement on every page no matter what age you are if you love elephants you will love this book sy

montgomery author of the soul of an octopus and kakapo rescue early on a january morning in 2015 a young bull elephant touched on a sagging electric line in the paneri tea plantation in the udalgari district of assam india the elephant s soft padded feet conducted the current and the animal fell kicking in the mud the local veterinarian called to the scene thought the tusker was going to die the forest department warden called the one person who could help dr kushal konwar sarma india s beloved elephant doctor the elephant doctor of india brings the middle grade reader into the heart of assam a remote land of tea plantations paddy fields and ancient forests to tell the true story of the last viable population of wild asian elephants and one man who is dedicated to saving them author janie chodosh spent time with dr sarma and brings his incredible story and the lives of these magnificent animals to readers in classrooms everywhere

Doing Business in India

2016-03-01

the aim of this book is to analyze the nature of european and north

american firms business experience in india with a particular emphasis on understanding the causes of their successes and failure part of this is due to the fact that although india resembles the west in some ways the institutional environment is radically different from that of euro american societies differences in culture politics the economy and business structure all make it difficult for a western manager to act accordingly this book strives to offer western managers the knowledge they will need to succeed in business in india

On India

2007-08

powerful images of india have emerged during the last fifteen years after the country s economy was opened up in 1991 the economic rise of india started to grab the attention of global policy makers and economists recently little more than 15 years ago this giant was virtually off the radar of many western countries the era of skepticism is now over and the era of awe has begun the global competitiveness of indian industry and the role its knowledge capital

is playing in the process of globalization and structural change in the world economy are the visible signs of india s empowerment india is transforming the global economy in many ways that could not have been conceived a decade earlier the world is coming to understand its success in information technology off shore centers and above all the contributions of indians in the hi tech start up arena india today is at the cusp of a paradigm change in its growth trajectory and its position in the world this text is a discourse on india s recent rise its present competencies and the future challenges the country needs to overcome if it has to live up to the reputation as the next economic power house

Elephant Conservation and Society in India

2014-01-15

the asian elephant is an endangered species and a cultural icon in both asia and the west while in india it is both deified and demonized human elephant encounters and relationships are the focus of this book which shows how these are politicized and pose challenges for rural

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The Difficulty of Being Good

2010-10-04

why should we be good how should we be good and how might we more
deeply understand the moral and ethical failings splashed across today
s headlines that have not only destroyed individual lives but caused
widespread calamity as well bringing communities nations and indeed
the global economy to the brink of collapse in the difficulty of being
good gurcharan das seeks answers to these questions in an unlikely
source the 2 000 year old sanskrit epic mahabharata a sprawling witty
ironic and delightful poem the mahabharata is obsessed with the
elusive notion of dharma in essence doing the right thing when a hero
does something wrong in a greek epic he wastes little time on self

reflection when a hero falters in the mahabharata the action stops and everyone weighs in with a different and often contradictory take on dharma each major character in the epic embodies a significant moral failing or virtue and their struggles mirror with uncanny precision our own familiar emotions of anxiety courage despair remorse envy compassion vengefulness and duty das explores the mahabharata from many perspectives and compares the successes and failures of the poem's characters to those of contemporary individuals many of them highly visible players in the world of economics business and politics in every case he finds striking parallels that carry lessons for everyone faced with ethical and moral dilemmas in today's complex world written with the flair and seemingly effortless erudition that have made gurcharan das a bestselling author around the world and enlivened by das's forthright discussion of his own personal search for a more meaningful life the difficulty of being good shines the light of an ancient poem on the most challenging moral ambiguities of modern life

Handbook of India's International Relations

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

The India Way

2010-03-22

exploding growth soaring investment incoming talent waves india s top

companies are scoring remarkable successes on these fronts and more how instead of adopting management practices that dominate western businesses they re applying fresh practices of their own in strategy leadership talent and organizational culture in the india way the wharton school india team unveils these companies secrets drawing on interviews with leaders of india s largest firms including mukesh ambani of reliance industries narayana murthy of infosys technologies and vineet nayar of hcl technologies the authors identify what indian managers do differently including looking beyond stockholders interests to public mission and national purpose drawing on improvisation adaptation and resilience to overcome endless hurdles identifying products and services of compelling value to customers investing in talent and building a stirring culture the authors explain how these innovations work within indian companies identifying those likely to remain indigenous and those that can be adapted to the western context with its in depth analysis and research the india way offers valuable insights for all managers seeking to strengthen their organization s performance

The Temple Elephant

2007

the temple elephant is a novel meant for all those with a young heart a vivid imagination and a thirst for divine love narrated from the viewpoint of an elephant it may be called a bestiary with a socio political and spiritual message the novel opens with an eloquent description of an ancient south indian temple in which the aged elephant kesavan is serving god as he ambles along the streets of a temple town with the silver image of krishna on his back kesavan recalls the events of his past life his turbulent youth and manhood in the jungle his capture in a keddah operation his sufferings at the hands of his tormentors his revenge and finally his willing submission to the maharishi his guru who not only saves him from slavery and death but also shows him a path of love and self surrender that eventually brings him to serve in an ancient temple set against the backdrop of the british raj the novel takes its readers on an odyssey from the beautiful jungles of south india through the opulence of palace life to the serene simplicity of an ashram

Poetry, Politics and Culture

2014-03-14

this book maps the journey of the indian poetic imagination in hindi panjabi and indian english from its original quasi spiritual longings to its activist interventions in the public domain as indian poetry of the post 1990s gravitates towards a non orientalist postcolonial nationalism it seeks to rewrite and disseminate the shifting coordinates of nationalist imagination in terms of the dissent of the subaltern discontents of the nation the book is interdisciplinary it studies indian poetry from the new emerging imperatives of postcolonialism new historiography subaltern dalit and diasporas nationalism and cultural studies covering the two major north indian languages hindi and punjabi along with poetry in indian english the book is a close textual study of about 150 poetry collections in these languages it is path breaking in its study of secular poetry written in the so called vernaculars with critical attention to its participation in the political as well as cultural processes of nation making this cutting edge book should be of interest to scholars of

indian writings in english hindi and panjabi gender studies dalit and diaspora studies postcolonial poetry and to students reading south asian literature and culture

The Elephant, the Tiger, and the Cell Phone

2007

over the past 25 years india has moved from a largely impoverished underdeveloped country to a bustling innovative and fast changing society shashi tharoor one of india s most respected writers and diplomats describes the changes that have recently taken place to turn this once sleeping giant into one of the world s leaders in the realms of science and technology and which has developed a burgeoning middle class as large as the entire population of the usa

International Negotiation in China and India

2011-11-22

negotiation is an important managerial skill the ability to negotiate across cultures becomes even more challenging due to differences in institutional practices this book explores how the institutional environment in india and china shapes their negotiating behaviour

Environment, Development and Sustainability in India: Perspectives, Issues and Alternatives

2021-03-18

this book provides a comprehensive account of asymmetric linkage in the trilogy of environment development and sustainability and its impact on society it examines varied perspectives and issues of development related to environmental destruction and sustainability challenges by examining the recent trends of development and recording the dilemmas which are creating ecological imbalances it explores some alternative ways of development to achieve sustainability divided into three parts it has a broad canvass the first section examines critically the perspectives on ecology practice and ethics rural development and man forest interaction in the metropolis issues of

dams river agricultural distress environmental migration eco tourism ecological conservation and land acquisition are assessed in part second alternative means of development is explored in part third by incorporating chapters on the constructed wetland biofuels subsistence economy water and traditional knowledge practice this interdisciplinary book is of immense significance to academicians researchers postgraduate and graduate level students of social sciences and environmental studies policymakers development practitioners and ngos working in the area of environment and development

The Argumentative Indian

2013-10-15

a nobel laureate offers a dazzling new book about his native country india is a country with many distinct traditions widely divergent customs vastly different convictions and a veritable feast of viewpoints in the argumentative indian amartya sen draws on a lifetime study of his country s history and culture to suggest the ways we must

understand india today in the light of its rich long argumentative tradition the millenia old texts and interpretations of hindu buddhist jain muslim agnostic and atheistic indian thought demonstrate sen reminds us ancient and well respected rules for conducting debates and disputations and for appreciating not only the richness of india s diversity but its need for toleration though westerners have often perceived india as a place of endless spirituality and unreasoning mysticism he underlines its long tradition of skepticism and reasoning not to mention its secular contributions to mathematics astronomy linguistics medicine and political economy sen discusses many aspects of india s rich intellectual and political heritage including philosophies of governance from kautilya s and ashoka s in the fourth and third centuries bce to akbar s in the 1590s the history and continuing relevance of india s relations with china more than a millennium ago its old and well organized calendars the films of satyajit ray and the debates between gandhi and the visionary poet tagore about india s past present and future the success of india s democracy and defense of its secular politics depend sen argues on understanding and using this rich argumentative tradition it is also essential to removing the inequalities whether of caste gender class

or community that mar indian life to stabilizing the now precarious conditions of a nuclear armed subcontinent and to correcting what sen calls the politics of deprivation his invaluable book concludes with his meditations on pluralism on dialogue and dialectics in the pursuit of social justice and on the nature of the indian identity

The Indian Way

2016-05-23

there is no other book that explains both the philosophies and religions of india in their full historical development the indian way is accessible to beginning students and does justice to the indian tradition s richness of religious and philosophical thought clear and powerful explanations of yajna and dharma and appealing intimate descriptions of krishna kali and shiva allow students to read some of the great indian texts for themselves

India and the IT Revolution

2004-10-08

the indian techie has become a global icon taking its place alongside mcdonalds and mtv as one of the key symbols of contemporary globalization india and the it revolution explores the contemporary emergence of cosmopolitan high tech india as marking the arrival of a truly global cyberculture it argues against the notion that globalization is a process of westernization which radiates out unilaterally from the core imposing itself upon a passive backward periphery instead it conceives of global culture as a dynamic innovative network which proceeds primarily from its edges

Contemporary Indian English

2009-04-15

contemporary indian english variation and change offers the first comprehensive description of indian english and its emerging regional

standard in a corpus linguistic framework drawing on a wealth of authentic spoken and written data from india including the kolhapur corpus and the international corpus of english this book explores the dynamics of variation and change in the vocabulary and grammar of contemporary indian english the aims are to document the extent of lexical and grammatical nativization at the beginning of the twenty first century and compare contemporary indian english to other varieties around the world for example british and american english the results are relevant to sociolinguists variationists and lexicologists seeking to investigate ongoing language change in emerging standard varieties of english with its strong empirical foundation and its comparative outlook the book is also of interest to anyone looking for an introduction to the corpus based description of varieties of english

India Grows At Night

2013-07-15

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the saying the full expression is india grows at night when the government sleeps suggesting that the nation may be rising despite the state india s is a tale of private success and public failure prosperity is indeed spreading across the country even as governance failure pervades public life but how could a nation become one of the world s fastest growing economies when it s governed by a weak ineffective state and wouldn t it be wonderful if india also grew during the day in other words if public policy supported private enterprise what india needs gurcharan das says is a strong liberal state such a state would have the authority to take quick decisive action it would have the rule of law to ensure those actions are legitimate and finally it would be accountable to the people but achieving this will not be easy says das because india has historically had a weak state and a strong society about the author gurcharan das is a well known author commentator and public intellectual he is the author of the much acclaimed the difficulty of being good and the international bestseller india unbound which has been translated into many languages and filmed by the bbc his other works include the novel a fine family a book of essays the elephant paradigm and an anthology three plays consisting of larins sahib mira

and 9 jakhoo hill gurcharan das writes a regular column for a number of indian newspapers including the times of india and occasional guest columns for newsweek wall street journal and foreign affairs gurcharan das graduated from harvard university and was ceo of procter and gamble india before he took early retirement to become a full time writer he lives in delhi

The Routledge Encyclopedia of Indian Writing in English

2023-09-29

today indian writing in english is a field of study that cannot be overlooked whereas at the turn of the 20th century writers from india who chose to write in english were either unheeded or underrated with time the literary world has been forced to recognize and accept their contribution to the corpus of world literatures in english showcasing the burgeoning field of indian english writing this encyclopedia documents the poets novelists essayists and dramatists of indian origin since the pre independence era and their dedicated works

written by internationally recognized scholars this comprehensive reference book explores the history and development of indian writers their major contributions and the critical reception accorded to them the routledge encyclopedia of indian writing in english will be a valuable resource to students teachers and academics navigating the vast area of contemporary world literature

Building Brands in the Indian Market

2004

how are brands built is an advertising campaign capable enough to build a brand what are the criteria for making a brand successful is building and managing a brand in india different than elsewhere how customer relationship management shapes a branding paradigm do extensions dilute the master brand many more intriguing questions answered in this book by researchers academicians ceos brand gurus and consultants

Contemporary Indian English Poetry and Drama

2019-07-29

this anthology of essays maps the divergent issues that have become relevant in contemporary indian english poetry and drama by providing a clear idea about the new themes techniques and methods used by the indian english poets and playwrights to address the issues emerging in the changing socio cultural scenario particularly during the post globalization period the essays offer insightful observations on canon formation and its reception it is high time to consider afresh whether the canons of indian english poetry and drama have widened their scope to include innovative forms of writing or whether they have evolved significantly to generate novel perspectives these questions which are linked with the issue of canon formation and its reception are intricately woven into the fabric of these essays this anthology will respond to the scholarly interests of inquisitive students research scholars and academics in the field of indian english literature

Jumbos on the Edge

2021

a wall street journal top 10 nonfiction book of 2017 a publishers weekly best book of 2017 a shelf awareness best book of 2017 ants among elephants is an arresting affecting and ultimately enlightening memoir it is quite possibly the most striking work of non fiction set in india since behind the beautiful forevers by katherine boo and heralds the arrival of a formidable new writer the economist the stunning true story of an untouchable family who become teachers and one a poet and revolutionary like one in six people in india sujatha gidla was born an untouchable while most untouchables are illiterate her family was educated by canadian missionaries in the 1930s making it possible for gidla to attend elite schools and move to america at the age of twenty six it was only then that she saw how extraordinary and yet how typical her family history truly was her mother manjula and uncles satyam and carey were born in the last days of british colonial rule they grew up in a world marked by poverty and injustice but also full of possibility in the slums where they lived everyone

had a political side and rallies agitations and arrests were commonplace the independence movement promised freedom yet for untouchables and other poor and working people little changed satyam the eldest switched allegiance to the communist party gidla recounts his incredible transformation from student and labor organizer to famous poet and founder of a left wing guerrilla movement and gidla charts her mother s battles with caste and women s oppression page by page gidla takes us into a complicated close knit family as they desperately strive for a decent life and a more just society a moving portrait of love hardship and struggle ants among elephants is also that rare thing a personal history of modern india told from the bottom up

Elephant, Lord of the Jungle

1969

the strengths of families from culture to culture when compared to each other are remarkably similar and give us common ground around the world upon which to unite and develop mutual understanding strengths

based research and perspectives strong families around the world provides a conceptual framework for global family strengths discussing the diverse strengths and challenges that families face regardless of location this book presents 43 expert authors from 18 countries in all seven major areas in the world who explain what it means to be a family in the context of their country and the challenges their country faces in the world today focusing on the latest studies of similarities between strong families of different cultures strengths based research and perspectives strong families around the world presents a wide variety of disciplines including family studies family education family therapy modern languages psychology social work sociology cultural anthropology and nursing this insightful text centers on the family strengths perspective a paradigm that not only recognizes that there are problems in families today but demonstrates clearly how these can be dealt with successfully this valuable resource provides case study examples quotations from literature and cultural mythology tables figures and extensive references to give readers an in depth understanding of the issues from strengths based perspectives topics in strengths based research and perspectives strong families around the world include an introduction into the

family strengths perspective the international family strengths model
the propositions of the family strengths perspective how the family
strengths perspective fits with other conceptual frameworks families
from a global perspective a conceptual framework for understanding
global family strengths and challenges strengths based research and
perspectives strong families around the world is useful as a text in
marriage and family relationships classes cross cultural family
patterns classes strengths based practitioner training classes and
family therapy and family educator training classes this valuable
resource will also be of great interest to family educators family
therapists psychologists social workers nurses and religious
counselors

Ants Among Elephants

2017-07-18

when twentysomething reporter miranda kennedy leaves her job in new
york city and travels to india with no employment prospects she longs
to immerse herself in the turmoil and excitement of a rapidly

developing country what she quickly learns in delhi about renting an apartment as a single woman it s next to impossible and the proper way for women in india to ride scooters perched sideways are early signs that life here is less westernized than she d counted on living in delhi for more than five years and finding a city pulsing with possibility and hope kennedy experiences friendships love affairs and losses that open a window onto the opaque world of indian politics and culture and alter her own attitudes about everything from food and clothes to marriage and family along the way kennedy is drawn into the lives of several indian women including her charismatic friend geeta a self described modern girl who attempts to squeeze herself into the traditional role of wife and mother radha a proud brahmin widow who denies herself simple pleasures in order to live by high caste hindu principles and parvati who defiantly chain smokes and drinks whiskey yet feels compelled to keep her boyfriend a secret from her family in her effort to understand the hopes and dreams that motivate her new friends kennedy peels back india s globalized image as a land of call centers and fast food chains and finds an ancient place where in many ways women s lives have scarcely changed for centuries incisive witty and written with a keen eye for the lush vibrancy of the country that

kennedy comes to love sideways on a scooter is both a remarkable memoir and a cultural revelation

Strong Families Around the World

2014-06-11

this edited volume reconsiders the conventional wisdom which argues that comparative performance in economic social political as well as diplomatic arenas of china has been superior to that of india the book brings together new paradigms for evaluating the comparative performance of two countries essays show that if not outright wrong conventional wisdom has proven to be overly simplified the book brings out the complexity and richness of the india china comparison

Sideways on a Scooter

2011-04-26

we live in a highly interdependent world where 95 percent of the world

s consumers live outside the u s two thirds of the world s purchasing power is also outside the u s shaking the globe guides everyone on how to absorb the world s diversity and to build upon his or her global citizenship by using the fiso factor skills to transform themselves from a conventional leader into a courageous one the new dynamics of global leadership developing different competencies curiosity and caring must be learned shaking the globe introduces the newly developed fiso factor assessment tool that can be used to evaluate a leader s ability to both fit in and stand out the ingredients necessary for leaders to make differences in their lives globalization is happening with or without you to be a leader you must learn how to take advantage of this opportunity in this book you will learn how to transcend any existing biases and prepare for the new world in order to keep your business growing strategies to develop transformational global leadership skills in order to establish beachheads for future growth opportunities and how to stimulate coordination and cooperation across national borders in order to create a lasting and rewarding relationship with people with whom you will be connected

Asia's Giants

2005-12-01

beginning with the 1990s the subject of caste has seen a profound increase in interest among scholars what was until then approached as a fossilized tradition of the ritual obsessed hindus refusing to see the progressive spirits of the emerging world and studied as a branch of anthropology suddenly began to be seen as a complex reality deeply embedded in a range of institutions and social practices attracting scholars from a wide range of disciplines sociology political science history literature and even economics underlying this opening of the subject of caste were many factors epistemic empirical and political caste is no longer approached through the classical binaries of traditional and modern the east and the west or the closed and open systems of stratification with the growing consolidation of caste based identities among those ranked lower down in the hierarchy since the 1990s raising questions of citizenship and dignity the subject has acquired a new salience as the emerging research shows the realities of caste on the ground have always been diverse across regions often

contested and ever changing this handbook presents a wide range of essays written by authors representing diverse academic disciplines and perspectives bringing together the emerging trends in the research imaginations and lived realities of caste

India's Population Policy--changing Paradigm

1996

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