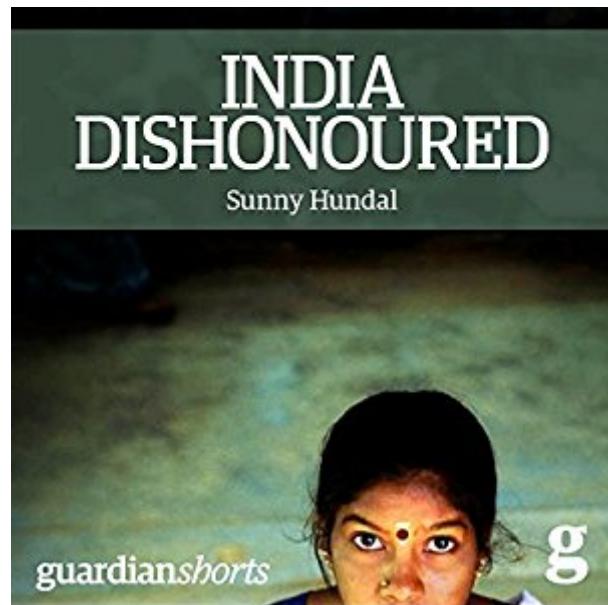


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India Dishonoured: Behind A Nation's War On Women



Synopsis

In December 2012, the violent gang rape of a young Indian woman in Delhi shocked the world. India was a country of booming modernisation twinned with centuries-old cultural riches. Was the cruelty of the assault indicative of something profoundly disturbing lurking beneath the surface? Sunny Hundal's arresting exploration of how Indian society treats its women argues exactly this. As a country, India has a disproportionate amount of men to women. They are financial and often social burdens upon their parents. Yet it is also a country that has produced towering women such as Indira Gandhi, who have so powerfully influenced the history of the 20th century. India Dishonoured is an attempt to understand the contradictions at the heart of how India treats its women, and why the country is sitting on a cultural timebomb that may have only just begun to explode.

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Customer Reviews

I was surprised to learn that India was rated worst G20 country for women in 2012. This placed them below Saudi Arabia, well noted for its male oriented culture. I was unaware that the female to male ratio had decreased to 930:1000. This book makes a devastating point about a country that has been afflicted with female infanticide, attacks, dowry killing, honor killing, and unpunished rapes. The author investigates in depth the cultural factors contributing to the problem. The book also makes real suggestions for reform. The prose is never dry. There is no soap box lecturing, but a statement of conditions. Bear witness.

If you've got an hour and \$3, give it to this book. It is a wide-angle look at the backstory on the

problems facing women in modern Indian society. It is very interesting and highlights many points that surely contribute to India's "war on women."

Too frequently there are reports of violence against women in India, so I wanted to read this mini-book to better understand these actions. Sadly, I have done just that! I know recognize how deep and troubling the attitude towards women in India is -- from cultural, social, and religious standpoints. The most surprising revelation: that "India was rated the worst G20 country for women" in 2012!! I had no idea that the situation was so bad.

India currently has 37 million more men than women. THAT is a scary statistic. Another scary statistic? India and China together represent 36% of the entire world population and these two countries have phenomenal sex-ratio imbalances....The author points this out and highlights that this is going to have significant global implications. ...I'm trying to understand those implications but I can't...I'm still stuck on the number and it sends chills down my spine. I purchased this "Kindle Single" as I wanted to learn more about Indian culture and how women are treated in India. India is not the only country that suffers from rampant violence against women however given the increased international exposure from the violent gang rapes that took place in 2012 I was curious to understand the cultural and social issues that resulted in the "state of India" today. The author, Sunny Hundal does an excellent job of explaining the social and economic issues which has developed this country into a "ticking timebomb". Although this is an essay, Sunny Hundal covers a wide array of information to present the topic and leaves the reader more informed and curious to learn more. A worthwhile read and I would argue a necessary read, especially for women!

The Indian religions have been romanticized in the West. This book helps to provide a more nuanced view of Indian religious culture in view of the high incident of rapes in India. The book places most of the blame on Hindu religious traditions. That may be correct but before one accepts that stance it is necessary to understand the possible role of the religious rivalry between the Hindus and Muslims in the rapes. On this issue the book is silent. Because of this silence, I only gave the book four stars. .

Even news of the horrible gang rape of 2012 does not prepare you for the reality of widespread misogyny in India. The facts and individual stories in this short book left me in tears. This book should be read by everyone.

This is an easy to read, fact filled Kindle Single about what is happening to women in India now. But in the closing chapter, the author asks.... Why single out India? He says it is difficult to make any comparative survey, but it is general knowledge that in most countries (the more developed as well) women lead a far harder life than most men. There are few answers, but the very airing of the issue is important. I recommend this highly.

This issue is so important, it ought to get 10 stars; bull-headed "patriarchalists" abound --and the stench is overpowering at times. All my fundamentalistic relatives are up in arms about my pointing this out, saying, "Keep your liberalistic comments to yourself!!" OKAY, so long as all of you who read it, heed it and spread the word that the Truth will out!!

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