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Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar's statues are found in the most remote villages in the country, where they represent the aspirations of all Dalits. In this book, the author presents with empathy Ambedkar's struggle to become educated, overcome the stigma of untouchability and pursue his higher studies abroad.

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Umesh Kesavan says

A short yet vital introduction to the life and ideas of a remarkable man.

Sadiq Kazi says

Had never read anything about Ambedkar earlier...and this book did enlighten on several aspects of the man who was as complex as the times he lived in.

Yash Sharma says

Dr B R Ambedkar : The chief architect of the Indian constitution : -

" Without education knowledge is lost ; without knowledge development is lost ; without development wealth is lost ; without wealth Shudras are ruined.

- Jotirao Phule

1) Ambedkar, towards an enlightened India, is very short and a concise biography of Ambedkar, and latter is the chief architect of the Indian constitution and independent India's first law minister.

2) In this book the Author tells us that how a boy who was born in a family of untouchables, faced the discrimination because of his caste, he was forced to sit separately in his school, and he was not allowed to study Sanskrit, because it was banned for the untouchables.

3) But the story doesn't ends here, this boy was very stubborn and because of his excellence in studies he received the scholarship from the maharaja of Baroda, and after completing his BA from Bombay, he went to Columbia University, and later to London, where he lived and studied for almost 3years, and afterwards he returned to India with good quality education behind him, a huge achievement for a boy who had faced the discrimination because of his caste.

4) Later he joined the Indian freedom movement, and started working for the " Depressed classes " of India. He wanted a complete overhaul of the Indian caste system, and he firmly believed in the ideals of the first french revolution of liberty, equality and fraternity. Later he emerged as one of the greatest leader of the " Depressed classes " of India.

5) And if mahatma gandhi was "Bapu" for the people of hindustan, than B R Ambedkar was "Baba" amongst his followers.

6) This book is a gem, and it deserves to be read and digest by every rational Indian.

My Ratings : ????? (5/5)

I hope you like the Review, Thanks for reading, Jai Hind.

Sandeep Ravivanshi says

A short, crisp and balanced biography of Dr. Ambedkar...

Shrutiin says

When designing a solution, there is the obvious to factor in. Also the basic necessity. But almost always, imagination and the number of possible solutions, is proportional to the effort invested into understanding the problem.

Dr. Ambedkar was about that difference. He represented the results of going the extra mile.

The seemingly impossible climb to educate himself, and to constant learning subsequently.

In an overwhelming problem, he chose to see not just the obvious solutions, but what else can be. Of course, being a part of the so-called problem, helped. But as did his empathy and refusal to allow the status-quo to go unchanged.

How can the solution be more inclusive? How can it be equal? And more progressive?

India's growth as a country, would have been unimaginably superior, with arguably a fraction of the religious tensions, had the forerunners in the freedom struggle given Dr. Ambedkar a stronger role in shaping our country. But he did, nevertheless, contribute immensely towards the fabric of the country, apart from almost single-handedly bringing much respect and recognition to our country abroad, and for which, we would remain ever grateful.

This book is a very interesting and detailed glimpse into the mind, life and times of Baba Saheb.

Manamala Sreenivas says

i wanna read this book

Beera says

A super quick introduction to the life of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar.

Though, it was heavy sometimes with a lot of information loaded in a single chapter which was not easy to decipher. But overall a decent and smooth introduction.

Unfortunately, the Kindle version published by the Penguin group is having several basic spelling mistakes

(including one in title of a chapter).

It looks like the Kindle version was a OCR version of the paperback copy and the software was not able to figure out couple of words.

free says

The one time i had cried while reading a book was when dumbledore died in the harry potter series...and then after a long time this book brought me tears. These tears were more out of pride than out of grief- that i belong to the same country and community as Babasaheb Dr.B.R.Ambedkar.

Dhananjay keer's biography on Babasaheb was one of mere facts and based on a 'neutral' frame(i.e an idea where one can perceive both Babasaheb and gandhi in a good light without affecting either's greatness). But Gail Omvedt has perfectly drawn out ideas on why this neutral frame should be rejected for a healthy and happy India. I consciously avoid the word 'developed' india here. This is because India might become a rich and developed country without making an effort to remove its social evils but under its foundation will lie the uncared carcasses of over exploited and over worked bahujans.

This book is an unbiased and logical version on not just Babasaheb's life and ideology but also sheds light on the true meaning of freedom struggle. Freedom struggle and nation building are two different things. While the gandhian freedom struggle was based on a mere transfer of power to the indians, Babasaheb's was one of removing the social evils which was the root cause of constant invasions through the centuries. It shows why Babasaheb is the real father of modern India. In addition, Babasaheb's paramount role in nation building and the revival of buddhism have been discussed most elegantly.

Sameer says

Dr. Ambedkar is unique. We see his statues in each town, we still hear his name frequently in our daily discourse, our school textbooks sing paeans to him, yet, we know little of him. He remains an enigma to most of us. At least to me, he did until I read this book. Gail Omvedt did a good job in presenting a concise biography of Dr. Ambedkar. She is a sociologist and it reflects in her writing. Without delving deep into his personal life, Omvedt shows how Ambedkar was functional in our nation building. I recommend you to start with this book to understand one of the greatest intellectuals, rather, the man who challenged Gandhi.

Kris says

If you find political biographies too long and tedious, then this one's for you. A short and precise summary of the life of one of India's greatest gems.

Sanjeev says

Gail Omvedt presents a very precise text for anyone wishing to have a peek inside the extraordinary life of

Dr. Ambedkar. Without citing any unnecessary piece of information, Gail sticks to an exceptionally simple style of writing which is fairly easy to grab. A must read of everyone before going ahead with Dr. Ambedkar's self written works. Jai Bheem.
