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A GHOST STORY

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Synopsis

From the poisoned rivers, barren wells, and clear-cut forests, to the hundreds of thousands of farmers who have committed suicide to escape punishing debt, to the hundreds of millions of people who live on less than two dollars a day, there are ghosts nearly everywhere you look in India. India is a nation of 1.2 billion, but the country's 100 richest people own assets equivalent to one-fourth of India's gross domestic product. Capitalism: A Ghost Story examines the dark side of democracy in contemporary India, and shows how the demands of globalized capitalism have subjugated billions of people to the highest and most intense forms of racism and exploitation.

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With her outstanding ability to craft well-written, witty and biting sentences, and the canny insightfulness of her observations, Arundhati Roy achieves something quite amazing: an easy read that is infuriating, but entertaining, polemic, but true, short, but grand in scope and insight.lâ [™]m not usually one for polemic writing and an anecdotal rather than academic approach to facts, and lâ [™]m not crazy about books that are actually collections of essays. Yet in her very own enraged, engaged and witty style, Arundhati Roy manages to bind it all together into one powerful narrative, and expose on less than 100 pages, more â " at times surprising â " aspects of the insidious nature of global capitalism (and on the threat it poses to our freedom and well-being), than a half dozen much longer academic treatises on the subject combined. While you will learn a lot about politics in what is purportedly the worldâ [™]s largest democracy â " India â " the principles at work and the insights gained are universal in nature, so that if you donâ [™]t see the relevance of Indian politics to your life, you neednâ [™]t worry. This book is relevant! Among many other insights of global

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