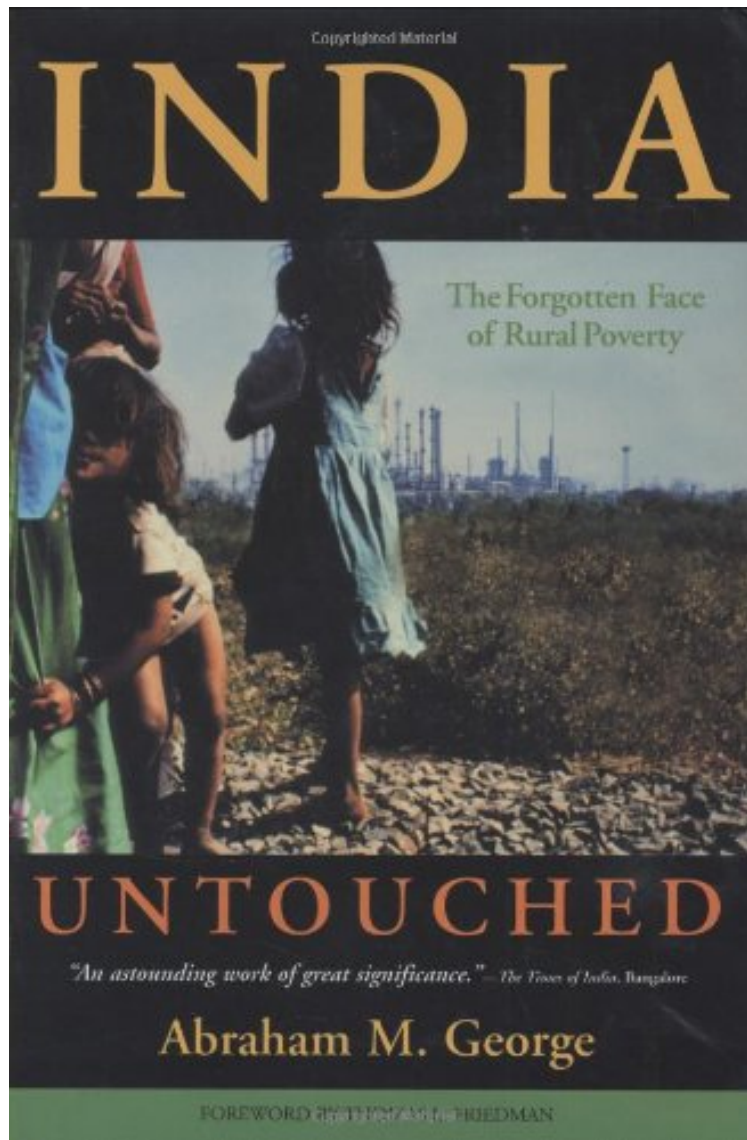


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Abraham George : India Untouched: The Forgotten Face of Rural Poverty before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised India Untouched: The Forgotten Face of Rural Poverty:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I hope all educators, policy makers, and INDIANS get a chance to read this book By Pietro Mundoozi After reading this book - it is obvious why Thomas Friedman feels that "We must have more Abraham Georges -- everywhere -- by the thousands" I have to admit that some generalizing parts were a little slow (especially if you have a basic understanding of third-world poverty) - but most parts were gripping and

captivating. This book offers a COMPLETELY NEW perspective on education as a vehicle for poverty alleviation. A basic ABC/123 education will no doubt improve poor people's lives. But a truly stellar education (one comparable to that from the world's best prep schools) will bring up children from the lowest levels of society and empower them to truly make an impact on Indian society and work to effectively end the historical cycles of poverty. For anyone interested in education models, poverty alleviation, or social entrepreneurship - this is a MUST read. (Yes, I'm talking to you - the Teach For America and Teach for India folk!) 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Deeply flawed analysis based on religious agenda... By Ravi S. Madapati This is a well written book. It's a well researched book. I purchased it because I read good reviews about it. However, Mr. George does seem to have a hidden agenda here. There is a section of the book that is dedicated to "Hindutva". I do not understand why he has to specifically write a long chapter on that. What does religion have to do with the issues at hand? The author by the way runs a school with ties to Indian Society of the Church of Jesus Christ - Latter Day Saints. You see the connection here? There is a section of Indians, highly educated no less, who are staunchly anti-Hindu. They have a single minded obsession, to Christianize the country. The author goes very soft on burning issues in the current world such as Islamic Terrorism but talks about non-existent issues like threat of Hindutva. It's apparently wrong for a largely Hindu nation to be Hindu. How strange is that? A journalist needs to be brave and honest but you don't find that here. There is also a long section on Vajpayee BJP government and how it blocked funding for a few missionaries. In current day India, many Vatican funded missionaries are selling religion like a franchisee business and are on a membership drive. With decreasing attendance in Europe, the church leadership has focused on Asia and in particular on India. Little wonder, North East India is 99% Christianized in the last few decades. Even little wonder, there is no statistical evidence that this Christianization of North East India has reduced any poverty there. It's pretty simple that they do not care about social service, they do not care about poverty, they only want to convert local religion to Christianity. Wipe out local customs, age old traditions and McDonaldize the World. What's even strange is that fact that the author, who is so well educated in the West, wants to convert India into the US. These two countries are so vastly culturally different. These elite authors, glass house academicians and successful businessmen, do not understand ground reality. India is a country of epic proportions. It's home many different cultures and traditions. It can't be seen through a single frame of reference like this author is trying to do. I suspect a hidden agenda just like those "intellectuals" but deeply flawed academicians like Max Mueller had all those years back. While there are issues in the Indian society, many problems if you will, I doubt if changing the religion will remove all these. Even Europe has deep issues, and so does the US as a society (racial, health etc). That does not mean, that current major religions in those countries are to be blamed. The author needs to rethink about this. It might help if he removes his religious biases and rewrites this book, without any mention of religion. 14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Reality check for wannabe activists By Raghuvver This is an important book for anyone who thinks 'educating people' is a magic wand that will somehow wipe away poverty and other evils in the third-world. It is unbelievable how many barriers exist in India even for someone who wants to provide unselfish help. This book is a reality check for those who, by watching some sappy movies, think that things can be changed easily by mouthing platitudes and by making token donations to NGOs. How readable is the book? It reads very well when the author talks about his personal experiences in detail. His difficulties while he went about setting up his school are a real eye-opener to how things really are. But the chapters become cliched when he starts generalizing; you feel like you have heard similar talk before and probably have. But George Abraham is sincere and has done what many of us think we should do. For that alone, he deserves a lot of praise and support.

India Untouched is a personal account of the experiences of an extraordinary philanthropist of Indian origin, Abraham George, who has devoted his life to working for the poor in South India for the past eight years. The backdrop is the day-to-day lives of a great majority of Indians who live in the villages, mostly untouched by the rapid economic progress that has been occurring in every city across the country since reforms were introduced in 1991. George tells his powerful story candidly and honestly as he seeks solutions that would reduce the hardships faced by hundreds of millions of Indians still living in poverty and social deprivation. India Untouched is an inspiring work offering many innovative ideas for social and economic reform, born out of one man's vision for change. George makes the compelling argument and demonstrates through his social work that only by embracing departures from traditional ways can the problems of poverty and social inequality be effectively addressed in India and in other developing countries.

I see what a single man's vision can do. I complement Mr. George for his incisive understanding of the situation. --I. K. Gujral, Former Prime Minister of India A remarkable story of what one man can accomplish with vision and determination. Ralph Nader, Consumer Advocate and Environmentalist Dr. Abraham M. George has written an important and moving story about one of the world's most critical issues. --Alex S. Jones, Director, Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy, Harvard University Abraham George has precisely the kind of imagination that we should all want to emulate. --Thomas L. Friedman, Foreign Affairs Columnist, The New York Times About the

AuthorA former Indian Army artillery officer with a PhD in Business Administration from NYU, Abraham George founded a software company, authored three books on international finance, served on the board of a global investment bank and consulted for over 100 Fortune-500 companies. Today, he shuttles between New Jersey and Bangalore directing the humanitarian projects of The George Foundation in India.