



The Cow Dust Hour: A Boy's Growing Up in British India (Paperback)

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Dog Ear Publishing, 2014. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.This is a book about British India during the 1930 s and 40 s. It is seen through my eyes as a boy, from as young as I can remember, up to the age of sixteen. It covers British Indian life, their customs, idiosyncrasies and superstitions, and Indian superstitions, the Hindu churel being one, the poltergeist another. It talks of Indian traditions and games adopted by British children: goli dunda, Diwali with its fireworks and kite flying, fighting kites with patang, choorkee and Lucknow Nuck manja - the tissue and bamboo kite, line reel, and crushed glass covered thread to cut opponent's lines! And your own fingers! It includes some of India's wild life, from black leopards through red monkeys to green Alexandra parakeets. It is a book about the India I loved, an India now much changed but nevertheless still loved. It is about the Indian Army, the largest all volunteer army the world has ever known, an army that served in two world wars, from Flanders to Mesopotamia to El Alamein. An army that enlisted Hindu, Moslem, Jew, Parsee...



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