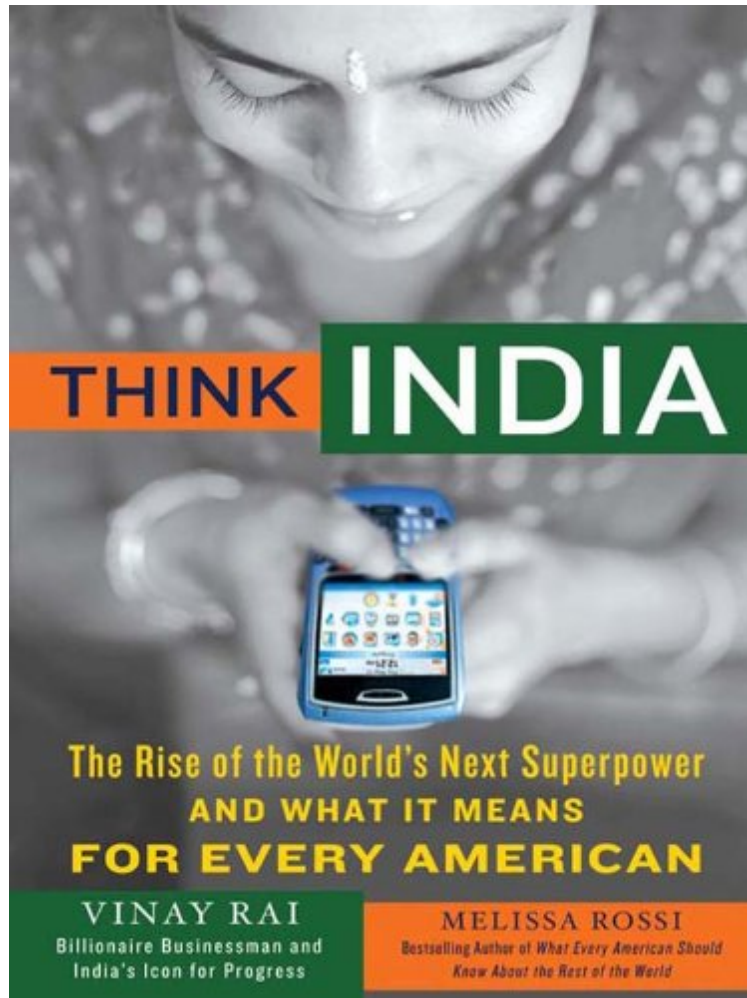


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2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Think IndiaBy Sergejs BoginskisI read this book just before my visit to India, book is completely different from what I saw in India.Few interesting points are covered in the book, that are inventing us to history of the modern India. Politic history of India, stories about rich Indians, story about different regions, the fields where India is developed a lot for the recent years.However book is far from daily Indian people life, it covers India globally, but omit information about common indian people.I had a little experience with topics covered in the books, such as politic history of India, rich Indian men stories, but I met a lot of Indian people, which

stories were far from optimistic points in the book. They don't speak English so well, huge poverty on the streets...Worth to read to get general imagination about India, but a bit far from usual Indian lives, who are living in shelters and earning 2\$ in month. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating look at the history, present situation, and ambitions of India. By Andrew Everett. The author is clearly a cheerleader for his native country, so in that sense, the book is biased, but informative and interesting nonetheless. India has a rich history. "In the early eighteenth century... India, rich in resources and at peace with the world, accounted for an incredible twenty-five percent, more or less, of global trade; by the time the British boarded their ships in 1947, India accounted for no more than one percent of global trade." The author puts the relationship with the U.S. in context. Since Indian independence, the U.S. had strategic interests with India's adversaries, and thus the Soviet Union ended up being India's primary trading partner. More recently, India is emerging as global player, counterbalancing the strength of China in the region. The author is very bullish on India's future, but points out the challenges as well, including massive poverty. The book also covers the general acceptance of bribery as necessary to get things done, particularly with civil servants who don't earn enough to live on. I've heard of the caste system, but didn't know much about it. This book gives the topic two and a half pages. It explains about the oppressed class of Dalits, and that the caste system continues even though it has been illegal since 1950. But I'm left not really understanding what the caste system is. I would have preferred more on this topic, as it seems important to understanding Indian culture. The book is written by Vinay Rai, who mentions that in 1999 he was ranked by Forbes as one of the five richest people in India, and among 200 wealthiest people in the world. He is not listed on the current Forbes Wealthiest list (I checked). The Afterword offers some insight in this regard, and raises questions about the business environment in India. In the Afterword the author explains how his political dissent was punished. "My actions stirred up some powerful forces within and outside the government and resulted in my being slapped with tax and revenue inquiries, and official harassment, leading to the government filing charges against me." Of course there are two sides to the story, but I think this raises questions about the political risks of doing business in India. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Refreshing Experience. By Sarah Bay. What a refreshing experience to discover a book about a country or region that wasn't written by some professor sitting in a campus office thousands of miles from the scene but by a successful entrepreneur and businessman who actually knows what's really going on. (And who was, he says, once the #5 richest man in India!) This book "tells it like it is." It pulls no punches, giving a frank and candid analysis of the problems the country faces. But it also paints a remarkable picture of the economic and social gains that are making this country America's strongest ally in that part of the world. This is a book is a must-read for anyone with an interest in new markets for his/her company, or finding ways of cutting costs by turning to India for research, design, or other highly skilled challenges. And for anyone who wants an understanding of what makes the world's largest democracy such an important partner of the U.S. Best of all, the book is a joy to read.

"If you don't read this book, you are going to be left behind. The future of the world will be determined by India." —Richard Aveni, Professor of Strategic Management, Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College, and author of *Hypercompetition*. With 1.1 billion residents and the fastest growing free market economy, the world's largest democracy is poised to dominate the world stage. Vinay Rai, one of India's top businessmen and philanthropists, gives an insider's view into his country's dynamic transformation and meteoric rise. With the economy soaring at eight percent a year, India is a medical and pharmaceutical frontrunner, an RD powerhouse, a rising manufacturing hub, and an up-and-coming cultural trendsetter from fashion to film. Rai also explores what impact this stunning growth will have on the United States in terms of business development and foreign policy, especially regarding China, with which India shares a border. Think Indian is fascinating and essential reading for forward-thinking businesspeople and anyone who wants to understand India's new muscle on the global stage.