



Memoirs of Roads: Calcutta from Colonial Urbanization to Global Modernization (Hardback)

By Sumanta Banerjee

OUP India, India, 2016. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. In seventeenth-century India, the fates of three little hamlets were forever changed when East India Company officials chose them to be developed into a city suitable for their settlement. Thus was born Calcutta. In *Memoirs of Roads*, Banerjee journeys through time and narrates the story of three of the arterial roads of British India's first capital. And through their story, he presents an engrossing history of the development of this remarkable urban landscape, which became a melting pot of Indo-European lifestyle and architecture. He imagines the city as an extended joint family, where the matriarch, Bagbazar Street, watches over the future generations of lanes and by-lanes. Theatre Road is imagined as a midwife, helping to birth the hybrid cultural milieu that characterizes the city. Rashbehari Avenue's rise to prominence is likened to a middle-class Bengali housewife's tentative steps into the limelight of modern society. The author focuses on this family of roads as a site of protests, living spaces, and locations of high and low cultures. Using official archives and popular perceptions, Banerjee scrutinizes the imprints that technology, settlement patterns, transportation, and demography have...



READ ONLINE
[9.43 MB]

Reviews

This published pdf is wonderful. it was writtern really completely and valuable. I found out this book from my dad and i recommended this pdf to find out.
-- **Dr. Bryon Gleichner**

This ebook is definitely not easy to get going on looking at but quite fun to learn. We have read and so i am sure that i will gonna study once more yet again later on. I am very happy to inform you that here is the finest publication i actually have read inside my personal daily life and might be he best publication for possibly.
-- **Sister Langosh**