

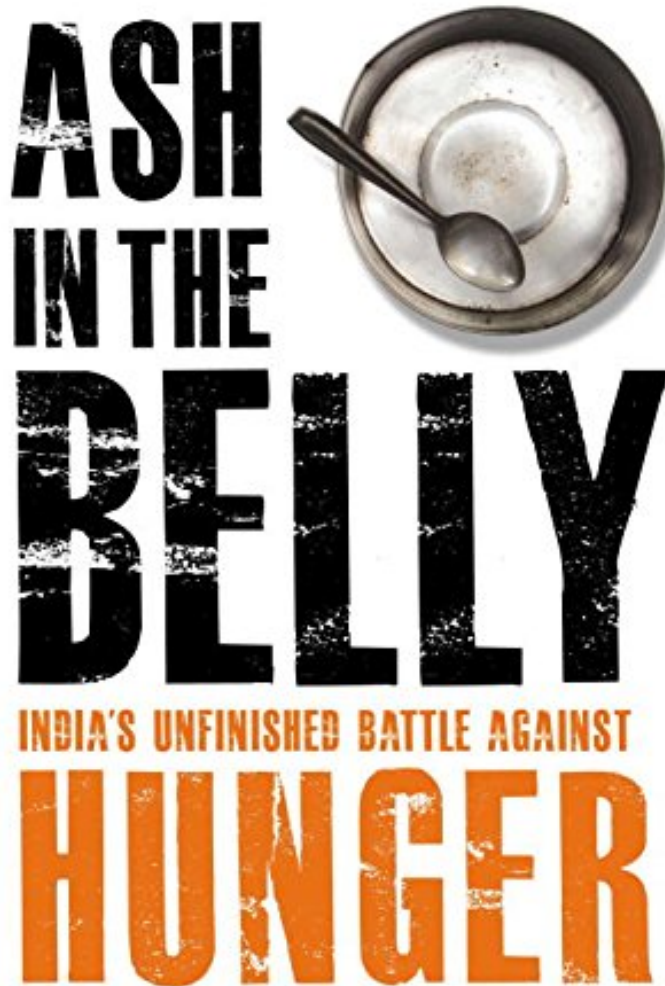
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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting book that will challenge your preconceived assumptions!By pranee pangal started reading this book simply to satisfy my curiosity related to poverty and hunger in India, however Mr. Mander's book converted this exercise into a very thought provoking experience. It never lets you distance yourself from the data and continuously brings to life the real faces behind each data point.I finished this

book on my way from Los Angeles to Delhi. Even though I grew up in India and travel there frequently, this time I saw India from Mr. Mander's perspective and a different India came to life. It forced me to realize how my indifference and ignorance continue the oppression and plight of the impoverished. Mr. Mander supports his point of view with data backed by thorough academic research. I recommend it very highly. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Essential, sensitive reading. Hunger is a curse By Rajiv Chopra This is an excellent book in many ways. I have worked in the field of nutrition, have travelled in villages, have walked the streets with my camera, and have seen hunger on the streets of India. However, I have not experienced hunger. What Harsh Mander does very well, is that he clearly highlights the issues, and he gives voice to the stories of those who experience hunger every day. This is something that most of us cannot imagine. I have seen cruelty on the streets, I have seen a little girl whose eye was put out because she was not bringing in enough money for her master, and she did not have a voice. The sadness, as Harsh points out, is that in our rush to gain wealth, we have also gained indifference to the plight of the starving millions of India. The statistics are revealing in themselves, but his stories really bring the statistics to life. A bit more detail on his personal recommendations would have been very nice. However, I think that this book is essential reading in India's schools, so that we can sensitize our young at an early stage to what we need to do to really move our country forward. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Important Book on the Persistence of Hunger in India By Romi Mahajan The mainstream (business-driven) press is replete with muscular representations of India as a shining economy which produces billionaires by the bushel; the number of books around India's growth and emergence onto the world economic scene is off the charts. Against this backdrop, Harsh Mander's "Ash in the Belly" is a salutary and needed corrective-- despite all the boasts, hundreds of millions of Indians-- rural and urban-- eat less than they did before the advent of liberalization. Hunger has many dimensions - class, caste, gender, location but the fact remains that the India has a high percentage of world's desperately poor. Mander's analysis of the various connected causes of hunger and of the venality of the corporate-government nexus is second to none. This book is a clarion call for anyone who is interested in the well-being of the hundreds of millions of children, women, and men whose lives are hobbled by hunger, in a world of food surpluses. The statistics will shock. But shock they must.

A detailed examination of hunger in India, based on case studies from 10 years of research in 9 states! Ash in the Belly is a penetrating account of men, women and children living with hunger, illuminated by their courage in trying to cope and survive. It is simultaneously an investigation into the political economy of hunger, whereby one in every two children is malnourished, despite the creation of wealth and economic growth. Mander critically examines the increasing economic inequalities, the range of State failures, and public indifference, in general, and brings out how they have contributed to creating this grim situation. While doing so, he argues passionately for the passage of a universal right to food law, which guarantees food to all persons, not as state benevolence but as a legal entitlement. Compelling and insightful, this book reminds us that the right to food with dignity is indeed the right to life.

About the Author Harsh Mander, formerly IAS, now social worker and writer, was a member of the National Advisory Council and special commissioner to the Supreme Court of India in the Right to Food case. He is Director, Centre for Equity Studies, in New Delhi.