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disturbed by such sights as they pass by. I enjoyed this book as well as learned from it, insights into some of the day to day details of life for these people, and how they manage within their own sub societies to scrape out a living. Imagine, if you can, earning money by foraging through garbage for any small scraps of metal or plastic that could be of value and could be sold to recyclers or scrap agents, at best earning pennies each day and at times not having enough money for even the simplest meal. It is a life that is hard to imagine even when reading about it, but it exists and is very real to those who live there today and will continue to live in these circumstances for the foreseeable future. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Eyeopening By Owen Brown Stunning description of impoverishment and corruption in urban India. The pressures, hopes, goals and losses show a world of difference, show where poverty and impoverished institutions lead, and make clear the fact that what are thought to be inalienable rights and acceptable behaviors in the West are a fiction of our own making. The Forevers was brilliantly collated over years of research. Boo is an acute and sensitive observer. Throughout the work one feels that she's making these conversations up. Don't. Read her afterword, where she describes her working methods. This view of lives so different from ours should be required for every HS student in the U.S. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I found this book fascinating and yet incredibly sad. The fact that people still live in incredibly ... By Ken I found this book fascinating and yet incredibly sad. The fact that people still live in incredibly poor conditions, while others are living in luxurious, two, three homes and yachts, really infuriates me. Katherine Boo's style of writing made it hard, (for me) to get through. I also found that for such a highly rated book, it had a lot of spelling and punctuation errors. I normally read a book in two to three days. This one took me about three months. It did give an incredibly, detailed view of how those in the slums of India live.

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