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Lion



Synopsis

At only five years old, Saroo Brierley got lost on a train in India. Unable to read or write or recall the name of his hometown or even his own last name, he survived alone for weeks on the rough streets of Calcutta before ultimately being transferred to an agency and adopted by a couple in Australia. Despite his gratitude, Brierley always wondered about his origins. Eventually, with the advent of Google Earth, he had the opportunity to look for the needle in a haystack he once called home and pore over satellite images for landmarks he might recognize or mathematical equations that might further narrow down the labyrinthine map of India. One day, after years of searching, he miraculously found what he was looking for and set off to find his family. Lion is a moving, poignant, and inspirational true story of survival and triumph against incredible odds. It celebrates the importance of never letting go of what drives the human spirit: hope.

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Customer Reviews

I'm pretty sure that almost everybody who reads this book, "Lion" by Saroo Brierley, is going to see the movie with Dev Patel. Or, has already seen it. The book, which was originally published under the title of "A Long Way Home: A Memoir", has been reissued as a tie-in for the newly released movie. "Lion" is the story of a journey a five year old boy makes by himself from his hometown in rural India, to the large city of Calcutta. (now, Kolkata) and after being lost in the streets of the huge city, is taken to an orphanage, where he is luckily adopted by an Australian family from Tasmania. He lives the next twenty years, happily with his new family, but always remembers the tragic journey and his mother and siblings he left behind in India. With the advent of Google maps, he's able to

trace his birth family's village. He then travels back to India and is reunited with that family, while remaining close to his adopted family and life in Australia. That's basically Saroo Brierley's story and how he tells it in the book is interesting. But as I read it, I felt a bit of a remove from Brierley's telling it. Am I asking for more emotion, and if so, is that a fair request? I'm looking forward to seeing the movie next week, and there, on the screen, might be a more vivid recreation. I enjoyed reading the book, though.

I saw the movie before reading the book and found the story to be very similar. There were a few changes in the movie but not many. Saroo's story is a fascinating one of tragedy, survival, hope, coincidences, luck, and a happy ending.

I am a fan of true stories and this one doesn't disappoint. A great story about a boy from India who gets lost on a train, winds up in an orphanage and eventually gets adopted by an American couple. Although happy with his American folks and life, he eventually works at finding his original family and is successful.

An amazing story of a lost little boy in India. He was lucky enough to be adopted by a kind a loving family from Australia. But he always wanted to find his original home and birth family. A wonderful true story that became a great film.

I have thought about this movie a lot since I saw it last week. Mostly because my daughter is adopting a newborn boy. Adoption is a crapshoot and this movie describes it well. I liked it a lot and recommend.

Read the book then rented the movie. As always, the book was better because it gave you details that are hard to portray in a movie. It's a good read. Not fantastically written - but what autobiographies are?

This was an amazing story -- all the more so since it's true. I thoroughly enjoyed it and highly recommend it. I haven't seen the movie, *Lion*, but am told it is beautiful and happy. The book certainly is.

Saroo Brierley's story is amazing. But his ability to tell that story in an engaging manner is even

more amazing. I haven't seen the movie, but having read the book I look forward to seeing the story play out on the screen.

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