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# **Hot Tea Across India**





### **Synopsis**

On Rishad Saam Mehtaââ ¬â,¢s journeys â⠬⠕ and as a travel writer and all-round road-trip junkie, heââ ¬â,¢s been on many â⠬⠕ thereââ ¬â,¢s a particular thing he noticed. Thereââ ¬â,¢s not a highway, road or dirt track in India where you canââ ¬â,¢t find a cup of chai whenever you want it. And with those cuppas come encounters and incidents that make travelling in India a fascinating adventure. In this riveting book, which includes stories of honey- and saffron-infused tea shared with a shepherd in Kashmir, and a strong brew that revives the author after almost getting lynched by an irate mob in Kerala, Rishad takes you across the length and breadth of India, from Manali to Munnar, from the Rann of Kutch to Khajuraho, with a wonderful combination of wit, sensitivity and insight.

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#### **Customer Reviews**

This was a wonderful book about the authors adventures and misadventures across India. His love of travel and the love for his country, comes across clearly in the pages of this book. Filled with humor, at times I had to laugh out loud, and his wonderful way of making one fall in love with the

places he visits and the people he meet. A cup of tea, always helping in any situation. I literally had to make a cup of chai tea after having read a few chapters, It just seemed appropriate. We view a lot of wonderful places, through the authors descriptive prose, from temples to parks, to road races. He gives us a lot of history of the areas he visits, and a lot about the mythology as well. It definitely made me want to travel the areas he talked about., but at least for now, he made me feel I was on the journey along with him.

I found it repetitious and somewhat boring. I think i just wasn't that interested in the problems of motorcycling. I would have enjoyed it more had there been more descriptions of the places visited.

This was the first Indian travelogue (set in contemporary times) that I read, and I enjoyed it immensely. The author has had some wonderfully unique experiences across the length and breadth of India, and has penned them down with great enthusiasm. The dry humour that is evident in many places of the book is very engaging, and the author comes off as a truly genuine character. I think that the transition from incident to incident could have been much smoother (the author jumps from the Himalayas to Kerala abruptly).

I picked up this book on a day I was tensed and wanted to get away from the hassles of my work life. We had taken a small weekend off out of Pune and this book certainly helped me easing out. Good for leisurely reading. Very good in parts and you are transported to the locations author is talking about.

Great work by the author,of the many good things, its the real life like depictions that makes this book a joyful read. One can actually potray themselves on the Bike enjoying the rides in the different parts of India, Not to forget the wonderful chai!!! I actually was glued to the book and finished it in 2 days on my Subway journey to work. Wish there were more books like this. Thumbs up to the book and the author!!!!

It would have been great to include pictures of all those landscapes, however this book makes you feel connected with Rishad. I loved the stories and it made me feel even more interested in India.

A very enjoyable read. Not sure whether all the stories are entirely true but it was fun nonetheless. I genuinely laughed while reading this book. :)

Well worth reading! So many places I now was to go and see but only if travelling with Rishad Saam Metha. Entertaining and informative.

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