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The Ocean Of Churn: How The Indian Ocean Shaped Human History

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Synopsis

Much of human history has played itself out along the rim of the Indian Ocean. In a first-of-its-kind attempt, bestselling author Sanjeev Sanyal tells the history of this significant region, which stretches across East Africa, the Middle East and the Indian subcontinent to South East Asia and Australia. He narrates a fascinating tale about the earliest human migrations out of Africa and the great cities of Angkor and Vijayanagar; medieval Arab empires and Chinese "treasure fleets"™; the rivalries of European colonial powers and a new dawn. Sanjeev explores remote archaeological sites, ancient inscriptions, maritime trading networks and half-forgotten oral histories, to make exciting revelations. In his inimitable style, he draws upon existing and new evidence to challenge well-established claims about famous historical characters and the flow of history. Adventurers, merchants, explorers, monks, swashbuckling pirates, revolutionaries and warrior princesses populate this colourful and multifaceted narrative. The Ocean of Churn takes the reader on an amazing journey through medieval geopolitics and eyewitness accounts of long-lost cities to the latest genetic discoveries about human origins, bringing alive a region that has defined civilization from the very beginning.

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The Ocean of Churn is very well researched, compelling, enlightening work and is a must read. Many surprising facts that we encounter in the book are either forgotten, unheard, ignored or deliberately suppressed. History shapes the future as they say. We see it being played out in a different shape and form now of the past. Kudos to the author by keeping the attention of the reader with lucid narrative.

I enjoyed reading the book. I felt that i was talking to the author. The style is simple and reflects genuineness of the author as well as the labour that has gone into the task of data collection. The information gathered appears to have been analysed dispassionately. It is notable that no great leader has been shown in bad light and only some new f

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