



Crimes Against Women: Three Tragedies and The Call For Reform In India

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HarperCollins Publishers India Pvt. Ltd., Noida, India, 2013. Soft cover. Book Condition: New. As 2012 came to a close, news of the gang rape of a young woman in Indias capital generated headlines around the world. Her assault on a moving bus with a metal rod, and her death two weeks later from her injuries, focused attention on the dark side of the worlds largest democracy: the struggle that faces many Indian women in a country where chauvinistic and misogynistic attitudes prevail. The Wall Street Journals India bureau explored this horrendous crime and others that have shaken the conscience of civil society. The reporting in all the stories stands out for its gripping detail and its emotional pull. In many cases, central figures involved in these everyday dramas were speaking out for the first time. The book begins with the story of a Catholic nun murdered in rural India as she tried to preserve ancient tribal ways in the face of mining expansion, while also coming to the aid of a woman who had allegedly been raped. Next is an account of a young woman from rural Bihar who was duped into moving to Delhi, where she was forced to...



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