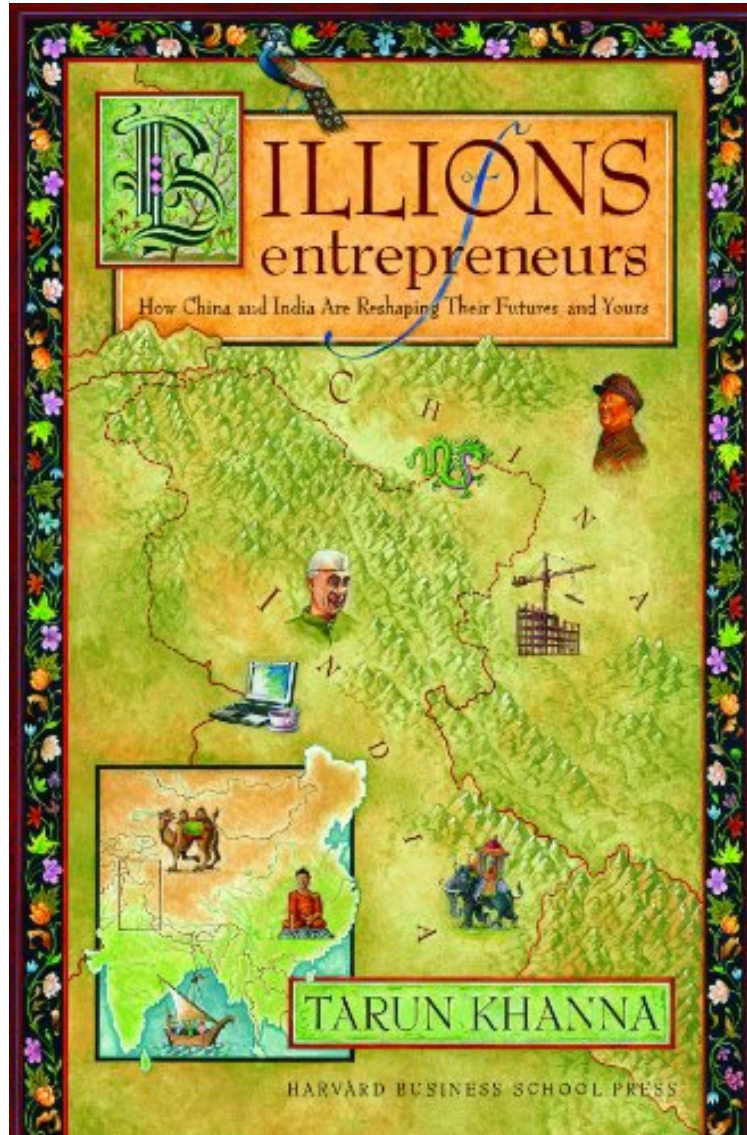


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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Valiant, sometimes fascinating but ultimately flawed attempt at a comparative examination of India and China. By SunBoKai Being born and raised in India, married in the US to my

beloved who is originally from China, and currently living and raising our two kids in China for the last several years, I have had the opportunity to observe a lot of what this book talks about in an up-close and personal way. While I am impressed by the amount of research and effort that has obviously gone into this book, I am ultimately disappointed by the author's inability to transcend his own biases and the tendency to measure everything from what may be best called a "Western" viewpoint. The author's understanding of India is clearly much superior than his familiarity with China. China is a notoriously difficult onion to peel and I'm afraid the author does not get beyond a couple of outer layers. As a result, while the book has some interesting anecdotes and some valiant attempts at analysis, it fails in providing an objective and genuinely insightful comparison of the two countries and cultures. I found particularly galling the failure to adequately examine areas of radically different performance of the two nations in areas such as literacy, general health and nutrition, gender equality, social harmony, facility with the physical world, success in organized sports, and many other areas where China is outpacing India. There are some salient reasons for the differences, but you won't find them in this book. What analysis does exist, I would rate as average at best. For those interested in understanding China and India and indeed Asia more deeply, I would recommend much more highly the work of Kishore Mahbubani, Dean of the Lee Kwan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore.

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By lovebooks
The billions of entrepreneurs book was very informative. This book is really a comparison between the history and current positioning of India and China. I really enjoyed learning the history of the two nations and how they compare against each other. Another aspect of the book that was very surprising, was the history of India being under British rule and that the U.S. started the same way - so why don't we spend more time understanding India than China? Aligning those ideas made me question for the first time, why do we focus on China so much? These salient points and others made the book worth reading.

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By Michael D.
This is great and glad I bought it. Was just what I was looking for!!

China and India are home to one-third of the world's population. And they're undergoing social and economic revolutions that are capturing the best minds--and money--of Western business. In *Billions of Entrepreneurs*, Tarun Khanna examines the entrepreneurial forces driving China's and India's trajectories of development. He shows where these trajectories overlap and complement one another--and where they diverge and compete. He also reveals how Western companies can participate in this development. Through intriguing comparisons, the author probes important differences between China and India in areas such as information and transparency, the roles of capital markets and talent, public and private property rights, social constraints on market forces, attitudes toward expatriates abroad and foreigners at home, entrepreneurial and corporate opportunities, and the importance of urban and rural communities. He explains how these differences will influence China's and India's future development, what the two countries can learn from each other, and how they will ultimately reshape business, politics, and society in the world around them. Engaging and incisive, this book is a critical resource for anyone working in China or India or planning to do business in these two countries.

The eye of this business-school professor for interesting stories is sharp and he offers illuminating explanations of why India and China work in the ways that they do. --*The Economist*, January 24, 2008
Khanna delivers a dense but lively blend of anecdotes and analysis. He shows how entrepreneurial spirit is transforming both these countries not only economically, but strengthening ties between the two. --*Newsweek*...an objective and insightful comparison of China and India. --*Foreign Affairs*, May 1, 2008

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