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This book describes the author's first journey to India and Nepal in 1984. He was a third-year geography student when he decided to make his dream come true, and to travel to India, Nepal, and Himalaya with his friends.

Kathmandu, the capital of Kingdom of Nepal, and the highest mountains of the world like Mount Everest, Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, Makalu and Kangchenjunga, were familiar to him only from maps or literature. The mountains were hidden behind the clouds and it rained for days. The breathtaking mountain scenery was visible only momentarily.

The trip took place in May and June during the hot and rainy monsoon season. Unlike the peak tourist seasons in spring and fall, the monsoon caused much pain and suffering from rains and muddy trails, landslides, leeches, snakes, bad food, and severe diarrhea. After returning to Finland, the author had lost 20 pounds of his weight, and looked like a skinny Indian holy man. This did not, however, prevent the author from returning to Nepal again and again.

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Kai Sairanen says

I truly enjoyed reading the book. “India and Nepal – Truth is stranger than fiction: A Himalayan adventure” is a travel book about everything you need to know when travelling in the heat of pre-monsoon and the rainy season in South Asia. The author took a trip with his friends first to Calcutta, then to Darjeeling and Kalimpong in the Himalayas, and finally to Nepal in 1984. They hiked in two different regions: Darjeeling Region and Annapurna. The travellers had to return back with their tails between their legs from the mountains. This was not a surprise, as they were for the first time in South Asia, as well as hiking there. However, they got a lot of experience of it.

The book is beautifully designed and has lots of colour and black and white photographs taken along the way. I would recommend the book for anyone who enjoys reading travel books.

Laura says

I got this book from Goodreads Giveaway.

I enjoyed reading this book though I thought some parts were unnecessary and a bit overwrought. The pictures are beautiful and the story is interesting and unique.

Overall, I would recommend this book to people who like reading about traveling and adventures.

Shereen Lang says

I enjoyed reading this book though I thought some parts were unnecessary and a bit overwrought. The pictures are beautiful and the story is interesting and unique.

Overall, it was a good easy read I would recommend this book to people who like reading about traveling and adventures but avoid the monsoon time lol

Sara W. says

This is real! I never thought that there is a place that anyone wouldn't like to go back. As I have this book, I have imagined what place this could be. If the author would have not come by that month maybe the place is beautiful and attractive. But I believe that there are some people who are adventurous and love to stroll down this place. Worth to read though!

Kerttu says

"India and Nepal – Truth is stranger than fiction: A Himalayan adventure" is the author's first English-language travel book from the Himalayas. The book describes his first journey to India and Nepal in 1984 during the hot and wet rainy season. Typically, today's travel books are heroic descriptions of journeys to distant and exotic countries, but this book is very different. The author and his friends are the real beginners in the heat of Calcutta and on the slopes of the Himalayas. Twice they go trekking in the Himalayas, and both times they have been forced to interrupt their trek and return to the city. The author describes vividly and credibly all the difficulties which they face. I love reading this kind of story. I would definitely recommend this book for those readers who like travel books and are interested in South Asia.

Marianna says

This was a delightful reading. The particulars of the story were very interesting and full of details that made me truly imagine the places the author visited, tho I've never been there. I learnt a lot from this narration, for example costumes and ways of living I've never thought they could exist anywhere, such as having no driving code at all! Another thing I really enjoyed about this book is that it's full of amazing photos taken in various occasions, with different subjects, light expositions, colours and settings. I also loved reading how those finnish people were so good-hearted they lent everybody some money, and they never had it back. A bit naive but really sweethearted and liberal. The author also explains very well all the difficulties and troubles you could find during such an exotic trip. He was also funny in some parts. Seemed a good experience after all!

[I received this book through Goodreads giveaways.]

Ocean says

I am super excited to read this book to be able to relate to my husband's experience of living in India more closely. I will update my review once I have read the book.
