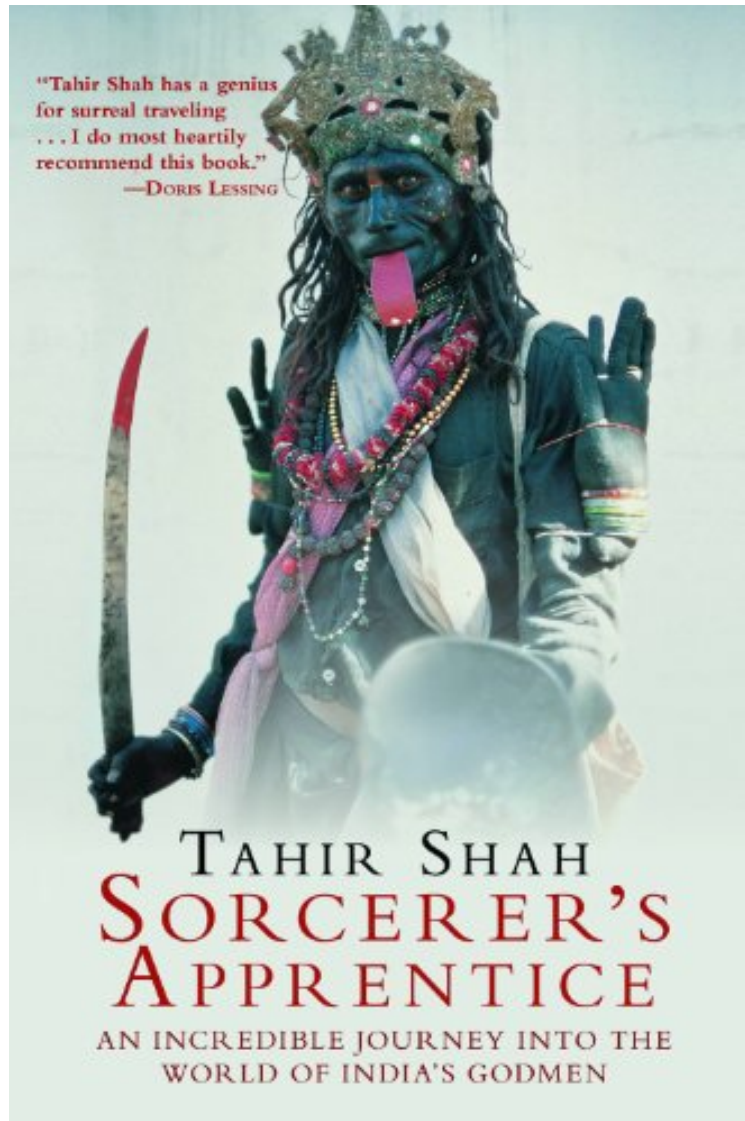


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**Von Tahir Shah : Sorcerer's Apprentice: An Incredible Journey into the World of India's Godmen** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sorcerer's Apprentice: An Incredible Journey into the World of India's Godmen:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Mostly about street magic in IndiaVon Laura De GiorgioWhen I purchased this book, due to the title of the book, I expected

the book to have an esoteric, occult, flavor and to describe some of the esoteric practices of India - perhaps something along the lines of the books on Aghora, given the illustration on the cover where the individual looks as if he were a devotee of Kali. To me the word "sorcery" represents working in some way with consciousness and energy. This book has nothing of the sort. It is all about performing illusions and is in a way a collection of tricks done by street magicians. If you like street magic, you may enjoy this book. Some of the tricks are based on outright deception, as in the slight-of-hand, while others may involve some knowledge of chemistry, physics, anatomy and psychology. You may feel inspired to get one of those Harry Potter science experiments kits or similar that begin by teaching you how to pass a boiled egg through a glass bottle. You may then progress onto other illusions as performed by David Blaine, Derren Brown or Chris Angel. I did find the writing style of the author rather entertaining and at times rather funny, which helped to swallow some sad facts about the life of the poor people in India (as in beggars renting babies so that they could make money - the book also has pictures of a "baby dealer" in Calcutta), about the way people look at and treat widows, and few other beliefs and customs that made me appreciate all over again all the comforts I have and sometimes take for granted. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Very good, nearly excellent Von S. Sadanandan Perhaps because I am an Indian, I didn't find the journey as incredible as the author claims in the title. But it was really good. Some of the things he's written are quite fascinating (even to the extent that I would not want to believe it without checking). The major plus of this book to me is that it's been done well in all departments - narration/observation/content/suspense/etc. But the major minus is that, while all these departments are well done, none is perfect. There is an "incomplete" feeling. So, I give it a 4.. I wish there were a 4.5 though.

Kurzbeschreibung Sorcerers Apprentice is the amazing story of Shah's apprenticeship to one of India's master conjurers, Hakim Feroze, and his initiation into the brotherhood of Indian godmen. Told with self-deprecating wit, panache, and an eye for the outlandish, it is an account of a magical journey across India. Feroze teaches the author the basics of his craft, such as sleights of hand, immersing his hands in boiling oil and lead, and Aaron's old trick from the Bible turning a rod into a serpent. To complete his training and prove himself, he is sent on a quest to discover the ways illusion is manifested in every corner of the subcontinent. Saddled with a hilarious sidekick and guide he calls the Trickster, Shah travels from Calcutta to Madras, from Bangalore to Bombay. Even as he recounts the most miraculous and bizarre feats of the sadhus, sages, sorcerers, avatars, fortune-tellers, healers, hypnotists, and humbugs whom he encounters, he reveals and admires the imagination and resourcefulness ordinary Indians deploy in order to survive. In this incredible book, Tahir Shah lifts the veil on the East's most puzzling miracles and exposes a side of India that most never imagine exists.