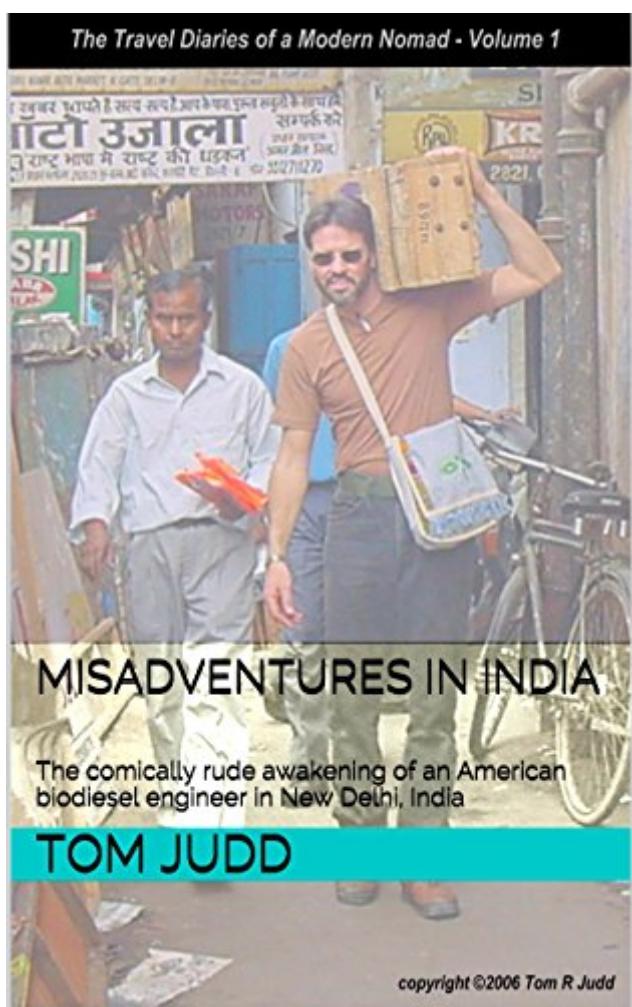


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Misadventures In India: The Comically Rude Awakening Of An American Biodiesel Engineer In New Delhi, India (The Travel Diaries Of A Modern Nomad Book 1)





Synopsis

A hilarious and sometimes heart-rending diary/biography of an American engineer's first experience working in India. Classic motorcycles? Engineering? Biodiesel? This true story has it all. - Excerpt: Delhi, India, 21 Feb 2006"..."The Metro is the ultra-modern (overhead) subway system that has just come online here in Delhi. It is air conditioned, fast and cheap. Once the masses start using it, it'll be worn out in no time, like most of our own big-city subways. Right now though, it's a new thing. The way it works is like this; you walk up to the ticket (or token, actually) window, ask for a fare to, say, Rajiv Chowk, they tell you how much, you pay, then they hand you a token that is electronically keyed for that destination. The way it works for tourists is; you walk up to the ticket window, ask for a fare to Rajiv Chowk, and then they say, "Rajiv Chowk"?, with an inquiring look on their face. You repeat, "Rajiv Chowk" clearly and precisely, the way they just said it, to which they again give a puzzled look as if you just said, "My underwear is made of cake." This continues for as many times as you'd care to pronounce and hear Rajiv Chowk repeated by them in perfect Hindi until you find yourself yelling something completely unintelligible (both to you and them) in total frustration. This is their cue to say, "Ahhh..., Rajiv Chowk. Yes." "Nine rupees." Not that I would actually do that kind of thing, myself, constantly in remembrance of times spent in Mexico and not expecting them to speak my language, but having to scratch my way through Spanish to be able to communicate. I've just seen this very thing happen more than once here, waiting in line behind a frustrated tourist to get a token myself, although the exact wording they'd use cannot be accurately recalled at this time. My own tactic at the Metro token window is to just go right to the worst pronunciation of "Shadipur" that is humanly possible and stare at them like I just said, "my underwear is made of cake," with a reassuring grin that tells them "hey, I have all day to dick off, how 'bout you?"*Note from author: This is a glimpse of my brief personal diary during one of my various travels. It might be considered self-absorbed by some, but it's a diary and I suppose that's the nature of diaries, perhaps even a definition of such. And being that it's about my life and actual experiences, it may sometimes be considered "Not Safe for Work." Some will love that aspect, some, unfortunately, may not. My life as I live it is sometimes mundane, sometimes incredible. But it's real, it's honest, it's my life and I wouldn't have it any other way. More about: Some will find a method in the madness of the author's self-indulgent behavior and the penning of such for the entire world read. There are some jewels to be found no doubt, buried in the muck masking the outer garb of sexual depravity or worse, dereliction of duty and work that man must perform all his days, at least that's what most manuscripts of wisdom will claim it to be. Many readers will indeed find a pearl of limited price, offered here by the author attempting to bestow a warning (and even

encouragement) to others who chose a similar vagabond life, or in merely conveying a hard lesson painted in such a way that will perhaps take the reader down a gentler and less painful road to their own re-awakening to who they truly are. But, that is life at its essence. If to no other end, it is infinitely more entertaining to read about and see others, even solidly bohemian writers, make mistakes and suffer their falls and bruises, than it is to experience the same ourselves. Check out the video "teaser" on 's Tom Judd authors page.

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I really enjoyed this book. A cowboy boot wearing American in India.what is there not to like. I feel this writing style gives me a better understanding of India then one could learn from travel books. I felt myself hoping his trip would be successful in regard to the bio diesel project but understood that the simplest of task became very time consuming and frustrating. I admire his humor in adverse conditions . Sure one could go to India and check into an expensive hotel but it appears that he was able to have an experience that brought him closer to the everyday Indian experience not the standard Tan Mahal tourist version.

If you are a traveling engineer, you will enjoy this book. If you are interested in the adventure of a working traveler, check this out.

Great insight into the mind and man who is Tom Judd. Witty and observant, an interesting read on what its like to work in India and interact with the people that manage survive there.

This book relates to anyone who has thought about going or has been to this part of the world. An amusing and informative look into the realities of doing business in India. Tom gives us insight into the Indian psyche as well as a colorful travelogue of the area. This is a must read.

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