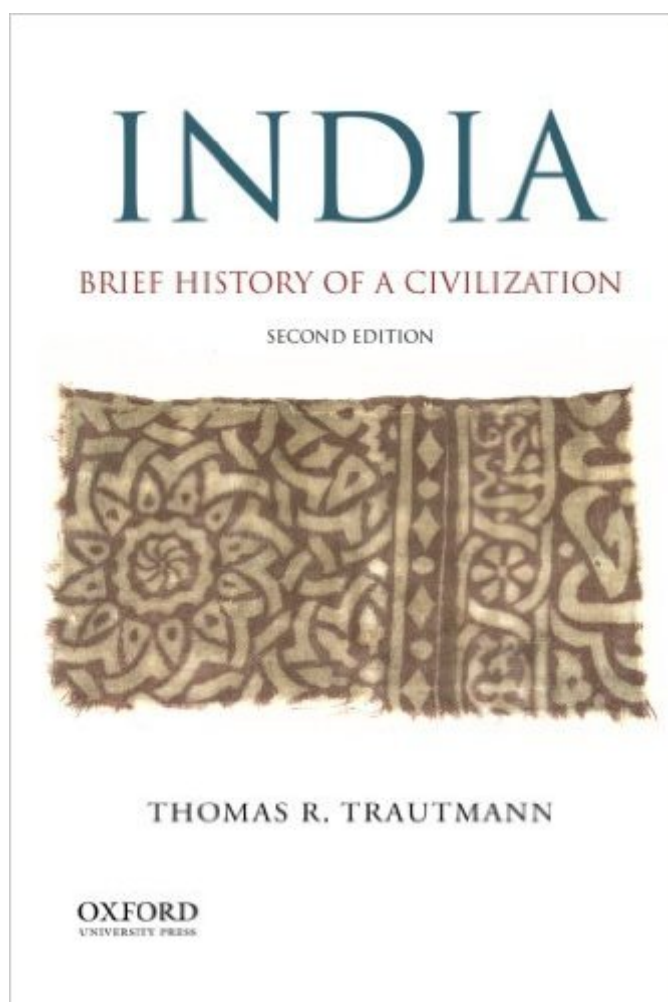


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THE definitive concise introduction to the history of India - thoroughly researched, authoritative, comprehensive in scope, interesting, informative, well-reasoned and well-told.

Great book, Trautmann is really good at explaining things without making his writing super dense

and boring. Very interesting.

Acutally I haven't read any of his books but since he is my second cousin I'm sure all his writings are extraordinary!!! Yay Tom!!

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