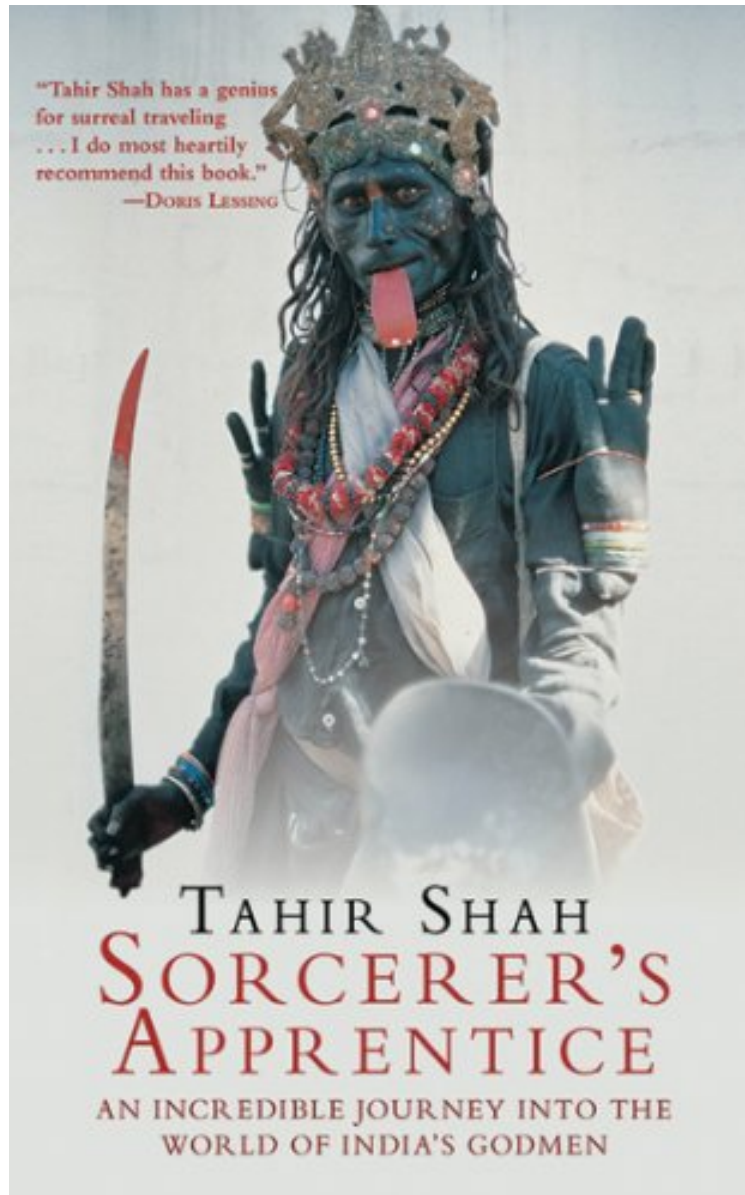


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8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Great read! By Border Corsair Shah is my new favorite travel writer. The trickster in him makes me suspicious of his veracity, but why let the truth get in the way of a good story? This is a damn good story, and, besides, now I know how the Sai Baba "manifested" those ashes he dropped in his devotee's palms. This book will dispel a lot of hogwash that gets sold as spirituality. The second profession may well have been godmen scammers. They thrive even yet, and not only in India. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.

**\*SPOILERS\*** By ST This is the only book I've read by the author and I really liked it but it's weird. I've always been interested in India and the descriptions of the places and culture were really great, well-written, articulate and often even eloquent but when it came to the author's dialog and actions it was almost like he was a simpleton. How Feroze had the patience to bother with him is a mystery. Had to be as a favor to his old pupil and the fact that he managed to survive everything he was hit with. His dimness wasn't confined to small things either, he was robbed, poisoned and duped at every turn. But, at the same time, he was able to explain all the "magic tricks" which, in my opinion, even though it's interesting, strikes me as very disloyal to the practice he was supposed to love so much. He could have left some details out. Why ruin it for everyone? Most of it was harmless. Meanwhile, a halfwit would have known half the characters were Feroze in disguise and Bhalu was leading him around by the nose. It made the denouement kind of stupid; could have been good if done better. But I still liked it, it had enough going for it to just eye-roll at the dumb parts. Would probably try one of the other books. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Learn how all those "miracles" are done By K. HILL Good insights into the rampant trickery on the streets of India and a tale well told. Kept me interested from beginning to end.

Sorcerers Apprentice is the amazing story of Shahs apprenticeship to one of Indias 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 Aarons 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 Easts most puzzling miracles and exposes a side of India that most never imagine exists.

Starred . By turns enrapturing and disquieting, droll and poignant. (Booklist) Vivid, lurid and amusing. (Publishers Weekly) About the Author Tahir Shah was born into Afghan nobility in 1966 and grew up in England. He has worked for the Institute of Cultural Research and with the Institute for the Study of Human Knowledge, and has written widely on the Middle East, Central Asia, Africa, and South America. When not traveling, he lives in London with his wife and daughter.