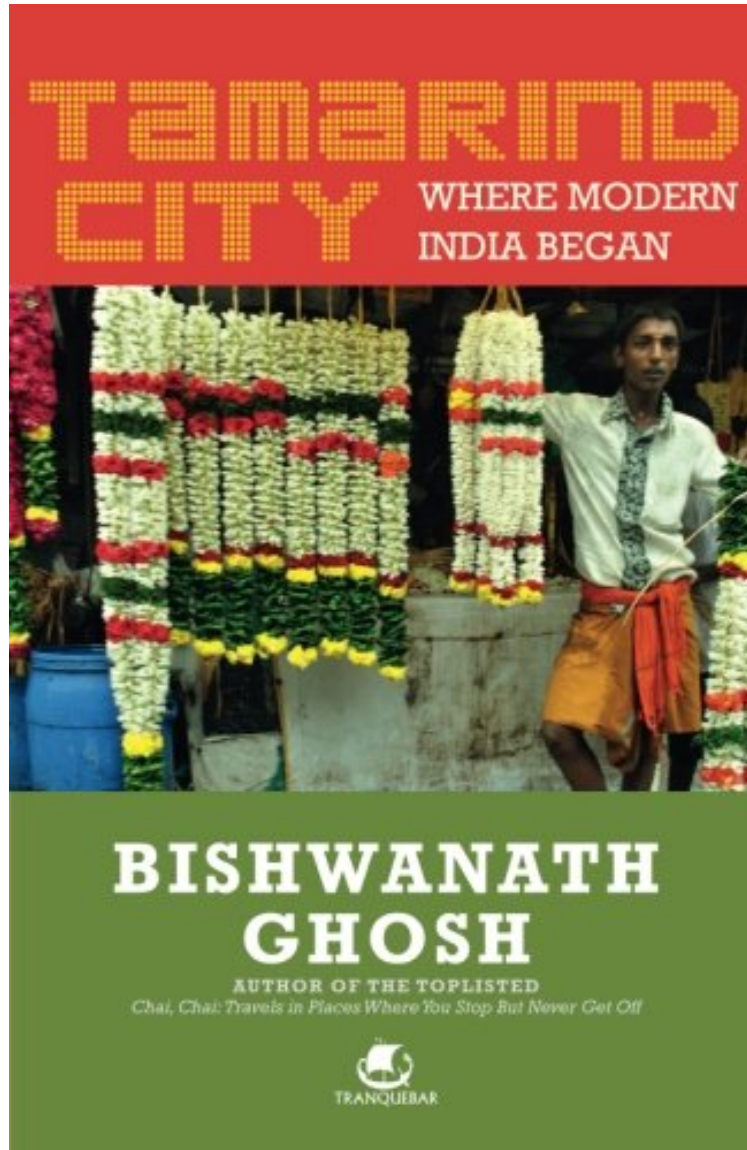


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**Bishwanath Ghosh : Tamarind City** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Tamarind City:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. To Madras with love !!By Puducheri AshokThis is just a fantastic book about the history and current social and political climate of the great metropolis of Madras, now called Chennai. I left Madras 1976 and that wonderful place no longer exists. It is now a megacity troubled by pollution, overpopulation and traffic gridlock. Nevertheless, I love the City deeply and have nothing but gratitude for the

education I received from Loyola and Madras Medical Colleges. My father grew up in Georgetown, Thambu Chetty street to be specific. During through second world war, he remembered the family moving to the Red Hills area as Japanese bombing of Madras was anticipated, as mentioned in the book. Picnic restaurant is mentioned. I frequented this restaurant frequently when I was a medical student. It was then run by the senior Gupta, a kind man who also owned a fine restaurant in Tirupati. Lastly, I remember a late friend who spoke with pride about being a member of the first family of Madras, about whom there is an entire chapter. Kudos to the author, who, although not Tamilian, truly "gets" Madras. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A wonderful book about Madras...or it Chennai. By Shikarishambu This is a biased review...the price was right and I grew up in the city (Chennai, aka Madras). When I got this I was wondering if it would disappoint me/ break my impression of the city that I lived for the first 20 plus yrs. This book took my appreciation of the city to a new level. It is a fast read and full of information that this long time resident didn't (care to) know. It looks like the author moved to Chennai around the time I last visited the city. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. that sometimes some of the anecdotes did seem to ramble on - each individual story or meeting seemed to have a message that he wanted to convey and that was good. I would recommend it to my friends who know Madras (Chennai).

'While in other big cities tradition stays mothballed in trunks, taken out only during festivals and weddings, tradition here is worn round the year.' This is just one of the author's many keen observations of Chennai. With mordant wit, this biography of a city spares neither half of its split personality: from moody, magical Madras to bursting at the seams, techsavvy Chennai. And, a minute into the book, the reader knows they are inseparable - and Bishwanath Ghosh refuses to take sides. And yet, he tells us, while Chennai is usually known as conservative and orthodox, almost every modern institution in India - from the army to the judiciary, from medicine to engineering - traces its roots to Madras's Fort St George, which was built when Delhi had only just become the capital of the Mughal Empire, and Calcutta and Bombay weren't even born. Today, the city once again figures prominently on the global map as 'India's Detroit', a manufacturing giant, and a hub of medical tourism. There have been sweeping changes since pre-Independent India, but even as Chennai embraces change, its people hold its age-old customs and traditions close to their heart. 'This is what makes Chennai unique,' says Ghosh, 'the marriage of tradition and technology'. Bishwanath Ghosh wears a reporter's cap and explores the city he has made his home, delving into its past, roaming its historic sites and neighbourhoods, and meeting a wide variety of people - from a top vocalist to a top sexologist, from a yoga teacher to a hip transsexual, from a yesteryear film star to his own eighty-five year old neighbour, from the ghosts of Clive, Wellesley, Hastings and Yale to those of Periyar and MGR, two people who redefined the political skyline of Tamil Nadu. What emerges is an evocative portrait of this unique city, drawn without reservation - sometimes with humour, sometimes with irony - but always with love.

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