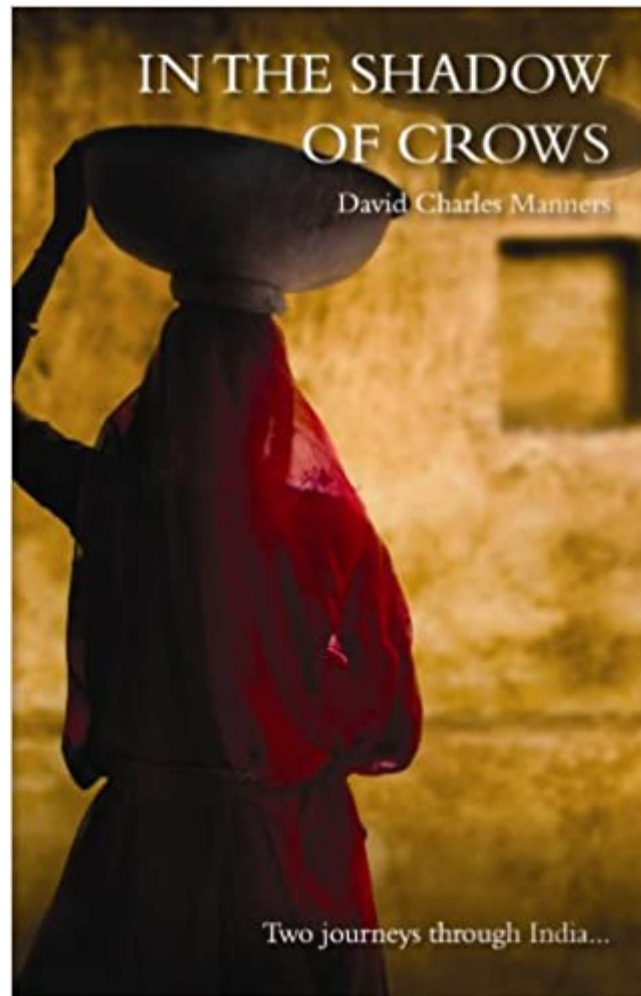




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Synopsis

After their lives have crossed many times, David meets Bindra in a leper colony and both their lives are transformed. They both survive attempts to kill them by black market medicine peddlers and David founds a charity dedicated to helping the leper outcasts like Bindra. This is their story.

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remarkable stories, and his is one I will always remember. Read him. Meet him. It will be time well spent.' Bill Richardson, CBC, author & broadcaster 'A volume to provoke true soul-searching ... A must read.' Professor Dharendra Sharma, Concerned Scientists & Philosophers, India

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oh my, I have almost read this book non-stop for the last three days. I kept reading it slower and slower because I knew I didn't want it to end. At various times, the wisdom contained in this book relieved so much of my life's depressions, pressures and unrequited striving. My problems and my physical ailments seemed so petty. I am so grateful and humbled, David, by your ability to weave the written word in such a deep, wise and compassionate way. This book should be a New York Times Best Seller. It would benefit so many. It is so profound and sacred. Amazing. Amazing. Amazing. Thank YOU.

I began reading *In The Shadow of Crows* and could not put it down. It was an engaging and powerful story. The young mother faced unbelievable struggles and trials and remained positive and loving. The descriptions of India were enlightening. It was a country I felt sure I never wished to visit, and at the same time would love to see. There were a number of characters in the story you could not help but love. The people of India came through as strong and loving people with many obstacles. Poverty and disease being a huge challenge. David told his story with honesty and flair. The time he spent in this camp for leprosy was so impressive. It was heart wrenching to see how human beings could be made to suffer so horribly and without basic dignity. I was amazed to discover it was based on a true story of the authors time in India, and he and his partners determination to help them. It was a lesson in love, strength, and giving of ones self. I whole heartedly recommend it!

I chanced to meet David Manners and Bernard whilst standing in queue (that, my fellow Americans is "while standing in line" in Britspeak) for six hours at Delhi Airport a couple of years ago. We chatted about any number of things; The Obama-McCain race, India in general, etc. It was only after

I asked what brought them to India that they told me about their NGO, SARVA. These two are selfless and remarkable guys and this book was an excellent read, especially considering that it is David Manners first effort. Read the book and if you are as moved as I was, you may consider supporting their work.

An amazing read. I LOVED it.

I have read this book a few years ago and I knew at the time I was reading a masterpiece. What makes a book special is when you can still have feels of this read later on... There is still some drops of its generosity, melancholia, joy and adventure in my veins. I am not sure I will ever go to India, but this book will be India for ever to me. David Charles Manners is a great writer and I highly recommend everybody who happens to read the reviews to sink into it immediately. Bravo!

This is a moving account of the meeting of people from two completely different worlds who touch each others lives in a remarkable way. David tells his extraordinary account of his journey through India and the life of Bhindra who inspires him to set up a charity to help the leprosy colony he encounters there. The story is beautifully written with such descriptive language that the reader is transported through the pages to the places and people he describes so vividly. I could not put it down and laughed and cried as I read his amazing story. It is a truly memorable read and I can thoroughly recommend it.

I was recommended this book by a good friend and cannot begin to describe what a wonderful and captivating book this is, you are taken on a journey of immense joy and hardship and left with the feelings and aftermath of this book long after you have finished it , words cannot do this book justice however I would recommend it to anyone

One of the most amazing books I have ever read... It takes you to the heart of India & carries you through a completely different world. The spiritual insight and wisdoms are breath taking as is the imagery and the incredible use of language. I cannot recommend this book more highly~ it is intelligent, emotionally aware, spiritual & philosophical with the most stunningly beautiful relationships. Thank you David for your mind blowing book.

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