

Global Issues, Local Contexts

The Rabi Das of West Bengal



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This book is an ethnographic study of a community of leather workers (the Rabi Das), and their transformations under global capitalism. The lived experiences of the Rabi Das are embedded within the broader context of India's economic liberalisation as well as in the local system of class and cultural relations in Bengali society.

In her richly textured narrative Ruchira Ganguly-Scrase uncovers the process of Rabi Das cultural and economic marginalisation despite more than four decades of efforts towards self-improvement. This book will be interest to readers in anthropology, comparative sociology, development studies and Asian Studies.

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