About the book

India has played host to numerous refugee groups since its independence, beginning with the refugees of Partition. Significantly, it has eschewed the major international agreements on displaced people. While this has enabled India to remain autonomous in dealing with refugees, it has resulted in the absence of laws and mechanisms to address cross-border migration, resulting in ad hoc and inconsistent executive responses to refugee groups.

Highlighting the emerging areas in the study of displaced persons in India, Abhijit Dasgupta presents an ethnographic account of lives in exile, analysing the agency and voices of those who flee across international borders, the identities they forge for themselves, their relations with their hosts, and their interactions with states and non-governmental organizations.

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