



Colonial and Contemporary Bihar and Jharkhand

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Primus Books, India, 2014. Microfilm. Book Condition: New. 241 x 160 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Since colonial times Bihar and Jharkhand have been the arena of diverse social and political struggles. The formation of the state of Jharkhand, which was earlier a part of Bihar and known as Chotanagpur, has been the result of such movements, some of which have not only created a democratic space in these regions, but also brought about a paradigm shift in Indian politics. This book tries to capture the complexities of some of these diverse movements. The articulation of backward castes and tribal protests have been problematized by the emergence of internal hierarchies, differentiations and contestations. The predicament of ethnic identity and culture in the face of unrestrained globalizing forces in the tribal belt is also a matter of concern. Bihar and Jharkhand also have a rich popular/subaltern culture, which has been overshadowed and eclipsed in most of the scholarly work on this region. This book highlights how popular culture and oral cultural traditions emerged as a site for multiple articulations - articulation of marginalization, as well as resistance and subversion. This collection of essays will appeal to those interested in...



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