



Illustrations of the History and Practices of the Thugs

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Asian Educational Service, New Delhi, 2006. N.A. Book Condition: New. 22 cm. 21cm, viii, 476p A well detailed book that gives the modus operandi and thoughts of the Thugs. The Thugs were a band of highway assassins who were spread all over India. They were usually disguised as pilgrims and used to win the confidence of other travelers saying that the highway was dangerous. Their main weapon was a yellow scarf with which they used to strangle the unsuspecting travelers. The Thugs were a secret society who were in contact with other Thug gangs. They had their own language called Ramaseena and carried out their enterprise after elaborate ceremonies dedicated to the goddess Bhavani, who they thought had given her protection and blessing to their operations. This book offers exhaustive notes on their operations and also the depositions of captured Thugs. The Thugs were detected and crushed by Maj. Gen. Sleeman, who was the superintendent of the commission for suppression of the Thuggees. This book is a reprint of the 1851 edition.



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