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# DRIVING HOLDAYS IN INDIA

Driving holidays in India By Bob Rupani Published by Rupani Media Rs 495

#### On the road

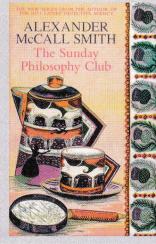
The potential for adventure is built into a road trip. The unpredictable seems to lurk around every corner. A car journey yields sights and sounds which may not be accessible when one uses other modes of transport like a flight or a train – in this context, the journey is the destination. In addition, a car gives you the flexibility to travel as and when you wish and liberates you from the usual travel handicaps like making reservations and booking tickets well in advance. With one of the largest road networks in the world, India is an open invitation to any road traveller. Exploring the country by road can be an immensely fulfilling experience. If that is something that has not crossed your mind so far, here comes a

book that is bound to make you think on those lines. Based on the author's first-hand travel experiences, this book is divided into 25 drives across the country, originating and finishing in major towns and cities. Each drive section has details of the journey, of places of interest on the way and information on accommodation. Every chapter is followed by a data page with road directions, required drive time and a tour map. Lucidly written and with striking visuals, *Driving Holidays* will surely come in handy when you are planning your next holiday and would like to do something out of the ordinary.

#### Sleuthing

At a concert, Isabel Dalhousie, philosopher and amateur detective, witnesses a young man hurtle to his death. Instinctively sensing that it is not an accident, she sets out to investigate. A trail of misleading clues and false suspects later, she solves the case. The denouement is a surprise, which is the hallmark of any good detective story worth its salt. Isabel Dalhousie's investigations are characterised by a native intelligence, backed by an assessment of human nature. What sufficiently humanises the story is her mental turmoil — the moral dilemma she grapples with throughout the book, over a rather unpalatable secret she stumbles upon regarding her niece's boyfriend. Happily for the reader, both the stories conclude favourably.

By Atreyee Gohain



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