

TRACKING THE TIGER

Bob Rupani

50 days in India's Best Tiger Reserves

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“THE WORLD IS DIVIDED between those who have seen a tiger in the wild, and those who have not,” says Tracking the Tiger author, Bob Rupani. This one simple line is a microcosm for Rupani’s passion for wildlife in general, and tigers in particular. So when Rupani, a veteran automotive journalist and a nature-lover, and ace wildlife photographer, Dhritiman Mukherjee, ventured on a 50-day journey across India’s rich and diverse tiger reserves, the result is



the absolutely fascinating Tracking the Tiger.

As the title suggests, the tiger is the hero of this book, but that doesn’t detract from the fact that this book is a treasure-trove of facts about the reserves and their varied

▲ (L to R) Dell Shrema; Bob Rupani and Ed Harvey

inhabitants, be it birds, beasts or plants. The narrative is also kept riveting through trivia such as the story behind the naming of the Corbett Tiger Reserve, the sloth bear’s addiction to alcoholic Mahua flowers, the forest that inspired the popular children’s fable, The Jungle Book, and what a peculiar expression made by the tiger, called flehmen, represents, and may more such examples. All this is highlighted and embellished by Mukherjee’s fantastic lens-craft, and if for nothing else, this book is a must-buy at least for the sensational images on display through its pages. For those of you who are of a petrol-head persuasion, there’s even a section on publishing partners, Land Rover’s, long association with the wild and their efforts towards conservation. **CEI**