

Chapters 1-4
vocabulary
"homeless bird"



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Saffron One of the most rare and special spices in the Hindu Religion; used for cooking
Ganges River Located in India, this river is considered sacred to Hindus and is used for spiritual cleansing, funeral rites, and other Hindu rituals.
Monsoon The rainy season in southern Asia when the southwestern monsoon blows, bringing heavy rains
Lotus A type of water lily, sacred to Hindus
Ghat A stairway in India leading down to a landing on the water
Dung Cakes A cake made of manure; used to fuel fire
Rabindranath Tagore An Indian Poet who was also a social reformer, spiritual leader, educator, philosopher, singer, and painter
Untouchables LOWEST LEVEL OF INDIAN SOCIETY; not considered a real part of the caste system; often given degrading jobs; their life was extremely difficult
DALA spiced sauce of pureed lentils
Bandicoot A various agile rat-like marsupials of India
Australia and adjacent islands
Vermillion A vivid bright red or scarlet color
Sari A dress worn primarily by Hindu women; made of cotton or muslin
Brahman the highest in the caste system in India
Pyre A heap of wood arranged for burning a dead body
Auspicious Tending to favor or bring good luck
Rickshaw A small two-wheeled cart pulled by a bicycle for one passenger
Kohl A cosmetic preparation used by women in India, Egypt, and Arabia to darken the edges of their eyelids
Sadhus Hindu holy men
Charpoy A wooden bed frame with knotted string in place of a mattress
Pilgrimage A journey to a holy place

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