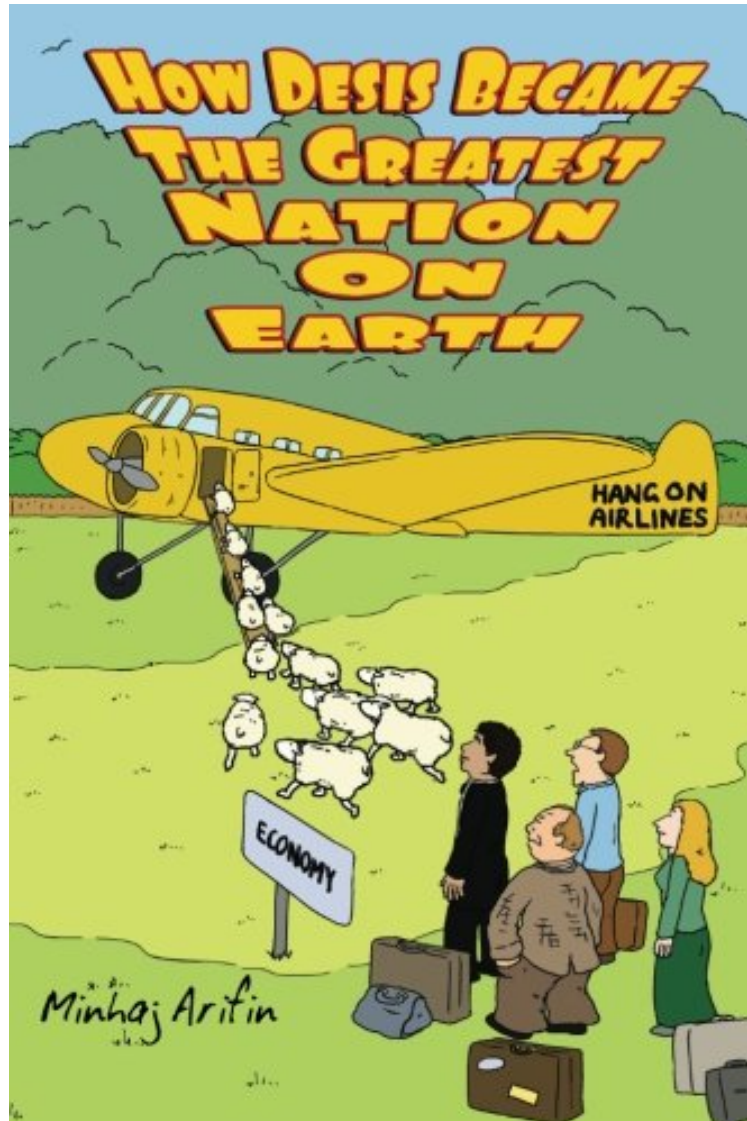


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Minhaj Arifin : How Desis Became The Greatest Nation On Earth before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised How Desis Became The Greatest Nation On Earth:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Laugh-out-loud read By Philip J. Nork How Desis Became the Greatest Nation on Earth is a unique book. I started reading it and thought it would be a satirical look at another culture and its people. What I found instead is that it is a satirical look about a culture, the American way of life. From the opening chapter where you learn about "the most despised man in the history of Desis" through the end where the

main character, Adnan Raheem Khan, the great leader, figures out "the more similar we are, the more we hate each other," this book is a funny laugh-out-loud read. I haven't laughed, or thought seriously, when reading a book as I did the last two nights. I found the author has a way with words, one that allows him to transfer his thoughts using humor and puns, to the reader without judgment. Whether you agree with what he says or not is not the question. The way the author sees America is different from how Americans see their world ... and the result is a very funny look at what Americans think they are all about. What I got out of it is that we are all the same, even though we are all different. Some look for status, others for money and most live for the day. What this book brings to light is that there is more to life than those things. You really can be happy living for what may come and that ordinary situations can either be a deterrent or a blessing--it's all in the way you perceive things. The writing style makes reading this book a joy, not an adventure. While it is a quick read, I recommend this be a book you read more than once. The enjoyment factor comes first, but if you read between the words there is a lesson here for all. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Social Satire; soul searching; raw humor - Genius. By Picture Man Loved it. This is not your stereotypical humorous jab at immigrants. Arifin brings you a classic tale of innocent soul searching and idealism; non-stop humor which will leave tears in your eyes; and real social issues which plague our society. Genius. This is the funniest book I have read in a decade. The only reason I could put it down, was because I was keeping my wife up till 2am by laughing so loudly. Arifin's humor is incredibly visual. He has an art of immersing you in an incredibly humorous scene without boring you with excess details - that is true comic genius. For those readers who have a hard time appreciating visual humor, the material is funny in its own right, but they are missing out on Arifin's gift. Needless to say, it would make for a fantastic comedy. The innocent soul searching reminds me of my idealist youth, when I thought I could solve the world's problems, and it was very refreshing. He has humorously tapped into that subconscious psyche that plague us all, but unfortunately we eventually suppress as we get caught up in our day-to-day lives. The real winner in this book is the social satire. He has brought up common social issues that plague conservative and liberal societies alike, and ordinarily would be impossible to portray in less than a few incredibly boring and lengthy sociology texts. Along with humor he has thrown all these social issues into a book less than 250 pages leaving his satire open for interpretation. No two people will judge the social issues alike. He portrays the humor in the situation, and doesn't try and influence the readers take on the issues at hand. It's almost to a journalistic quality that he doesn't editorialize the social issues. He mocks them and moves on. Arifin is to social satire, what Charlie Chaplin was to the silver screen. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious, a must read by every Desi!!!! By BossOfHim I have been waiting for a truly entertaining book on Desis that hits all the right spots for those who come to the West, settle down, build a life, and have children of their own. Minhaj does this with a funny flair, guarded passion, soft sarcasm, and mixes this with a blunt dose of reality that leaves one smiling. He has shown mastery in taking sharp jabs at ethnic life style at the same time not being obnoxious. The deadpan humor he displays in his book over and over again is an art-form. This is fantastic work and fills a void in the area of humor in Desi oriented literature. I would venture to say he is the Khaled Hosseini (Kite Runner) of the Desi humor world. I hope he continues to thrill us with similar jewels in the future. He is a great talent and makes us Desis proud!!!!

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