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"It took me a long time and most of the world to learn what I know about love and fate and the choices we make, but the heart of it came to me in an instant, while I was chained to a wall and being tortured."

So begins this epic, mesmerizing first novel set in the underworld of contemporary Bombay. Shantaram is narrated by Lin, an escaped convict with a false passport who flees maximum security prison in Australia for the teeming streets of a city where he can disappear.

Accompanied by his guide and faithful friend, Prabaker, the two enter Bombay's hidden society of beggars and gangsters, prostitutes and holy men, soldiers and actors, and Indians and exiles from other countries, who seek in this remarkable place what they cannot find elsewhere.

As a hunted man without a home, family, or identity, Lin searches for love and meaning while running a clinic in one of the city's poorest slums, and serving his apprenticeship in the dark arts of the Bombay mafia. The search leads him to war, prison torture, murder, and a series of enigmatic and bloody betrayals. The keys to unlock the mysteries and intrigues that bind Lin are held by two people. The first is Khader Khan: mafia godfather, criminal-philosopher-saint, and mentor to Lin in the underworld of the Golden City. The second is Karla: elusive, dangerous, and beautiful, whose passions are driven by secrets that torment her and yet give her a terrible power.

Burning slums and five-star hotels, romantic love and prison agonies, criminal wars and Bollywood films, spiritual gurus and mujaheddin guerrillas---this huge novel has the world of human experience in its reach, and a passionate love for India at its heart. Based on the life of the author, it is by any measure the debut of an extraordinary voice in literature.

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Linda says

This may be the best book I've ever read.

Flynn says

Part 2:

At 46-some hours between both of the "Part"s, this tale probably could have ended a bit sooner. Though the story is really incredible, most of the good stuff was in Part 1. When the plot thinned, some of the cornier elements of the author's style became more glaring, and I found myself rolling my eyes quite a bit during this second set of discs.

I still highly recommend the story over all. If you can listen to the first portion and don't mind not knowing what happens in the end, that's probably optimal.

Nicole says

A Wonderful, wonderful novel. There's a reason why this has so many "this is my favorite book ever" comments. Well deserved.

Wurtzies says

I chose this book because I was looking for something that would take me awhile to finish. I literally walked down the aisles of the book store looking for something thick and meaty, when I found Shantaram. I read the back, and was hooked immediately, just reading about the author. As I read the book, I kept telling my husband that someone had to buy the rights and turn this into a movie. About a year later, I heard that it had been bought by Johnny Depp. Sadly, the project ran into so many problems, they finally canceled it. I'm a little disappointed, but then, there's nothing like a movie to ruin a good book.

I think this should be a must-read!

Just realized I'm review the audio version. I have no idea about the audio version. I read the book.

Pamela says

One of my favorite books ever! His writing makes the slums a beautiful place. His writing really strikes my fancy.

Jul says

Great picture of various segments of life in India, primarily the poor and the underworld. Painted great characters but so many to keep track of. Good story, hard to believe it's true. Very long. Read it in segments. Generated lots of purpose of life thinking.

Patricia Salla says

My favorite book ever, I read it twice actually as it is a marvelous masterpiece!! Delicious!!

Betsy Patel says

This book has me. Completely. A friend from high school gave this to me because I married an Indian man. She said "Now you are an Indian, so here is a book to teach you everything you need to know about India and Indian culture."

She was right. I have been telling my husband things that he didn't even know before.

This is a novel that will catch you and draw you in before you've even realized it. You will learn more than you ever knew you wanted.

I can't wait to give a copy to my husband and my mom to read and learn.

Clare218 says

Shantaram was the best book I have ever read. I recommend it to just about anyone interested.

Lisa Walker says

One of my all time favorites.

Nonie says

Good book based on the author's own experience; a continuation of part 1 and should be read/heard in sequence. It's sobering to realize that both the prison sequences & the drug use/cold turkey recovery were based on his own experience. (not for the faint of heart)

Anna Hundal says

Almost as good as Rohinton Mistry's " A Fine Balance " . glad I read it first , many years ago. What I vividly remember is the superb characterisation of the Taxi Driver -Prabaker. . Amazing true story which wonderfully depicts the essence of India . Epic storyline covering the slums to prison life to Bollywood to the underworld mobster with fraud and drugs and if thats not enough a significant section covering the war in Afghanistan . . thoroughly recommend. Not a quick read !

Kyle says

This book was amazing. It was violent, philosophical, humorous, heart-felt, and provided so much Indian culture. It was such an interesting book that I couldn't put down.

Debbie says

The writing is so vivid you feel like you are there. It feels like a true to life memoir and not a novel. Some parts are tough to take and then speed reading comes in handy.

Reading Glasses says

This book is simply amazing! Hard to put down. I live in Bombay and the way David's has described Bombay is completely mesmerizing and poetic in a way. I haven't read a single author whose description comes even close to the way David's describe it. It's the little little things that make this novel a masterpiece! A truly must read for everyone :)
