

The Sanghi Who Never Went to Shakha



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In a time of increasing polarization and communal tension, it is more important than ever to understand the different forces that are shaping Indian society. One of the most influential and controversial of these forces is the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), a Hindu nationalist organization that has been accused of promoting violence and intolerance.

In his new book, *The Sanghi Who Never Went to Shakha*, Aakar Patel tells the story of his own journey from being a secular liberal to becoming a member of the RSS. Patel's personal story is a fascinating and nuanced one, and it offers a unique perspective on the RSS and its role in Indian society.

Patel begins his book by describing his childhood in a secular, middle-class family in Mumbai. He was raised with a strong sense of Indian nationalism, but he was also taught to be tolerant of other religions and cultures. As he grew older, Patel became increasingly disillusioned with the corruption and inefficiency of the Indian government. He was also troubled by the rise of communal violence in India.

In 2002, Patel joined the RSS in an effort to find a solution to the problems that he saw in Indian society. He was initially drawn to the RSS by its emphasis on discipline, self-sacrifice, and service to the nation. However, he soon became disillusioned with the RSS's narrow-minded and intolerant ideology.

Patel eventually left the RSS, but he continued to be interested in Hindu nationalism. He became a vocal critic of the RSS, and he wrote extensively about the dangers of Hindutva, the political ideology that is associated with the RSS.

In *The Sanghi Who Never Went to Shakha*, Patel argues that the RSS is a dangerous organization that is promoting a divisive and intolerant ideology. He also argues that the RSS is a threat to India's secular democracy.

Patel's book is a timely and provocative one. It is a must-read for anyone who is interested in Indian politics, history, or culture.

Praise for *The Sanghi Who Never Went to Shakha*

"Aakar Patel's *The Sanghi Who Never Went to Shakha* is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the complex and often misunderstood world of Hindu nationalism. Patel's personal journey from secular liberal to

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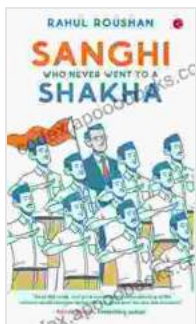
— Pankaj Mishra, author of *The Age of Anger*

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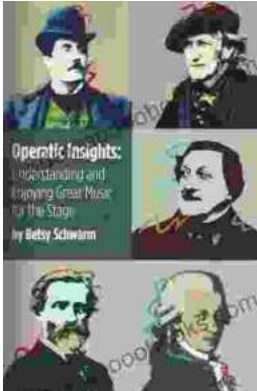
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