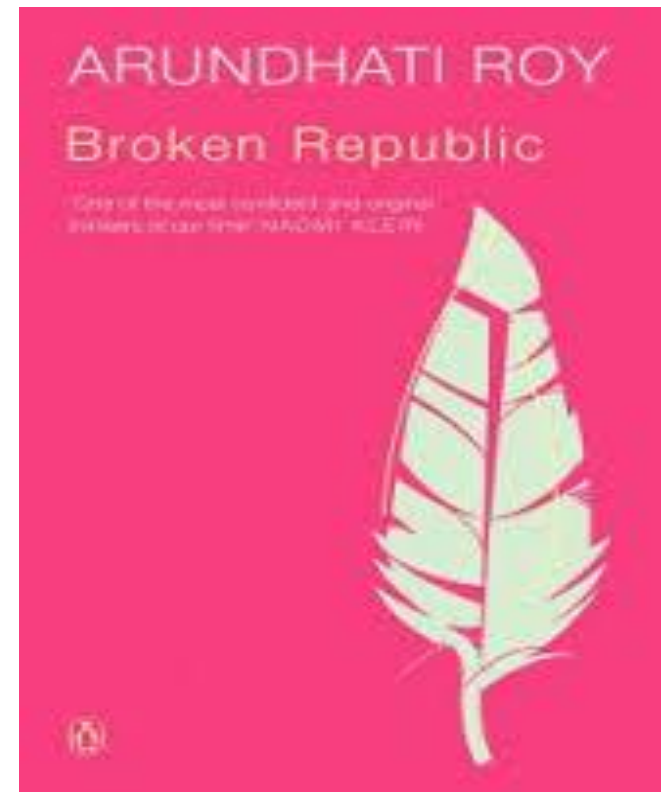


Book review: Broken Republic

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Suggested Title:
"Achieving by Depriving"

Suzanna Arundhati Roy

Indian novelist, political activist

Her career began with television and movies.

Roy mainly focused on penning down political issues



Born in 1961



She has won the Man Booker Prize for Fiction for her first novel ***"The God of Small Things"***

Lannan Foundation's Cultural Freedom Award in 2002

Woman of Peace at the Global Human Rights Awards in San Francisco in 2003

Sydney Peace Prize in 2004

Norman Mailer Prize in 2011 for Distinguished Writing

Introduction...

Compilation of four essays -

- Mr. Chidambaram's War
- Walking with the Comrades
- Trickle-down Revolution
- Capitalism- A Ghost Story



वैस्तर की जनता विकस
चाहती है विस्थापन नहीं



Mr. Chidambaram's War

- The first essay attacks the government attitude and approach towards the Maoist
- It examines the nature of progress and development and asks some fundamental questions about the real meaning of civilisation .
- Our development model is not inclusive and is heavily tilted towards the rich and neglects the basic needs of the tribals.
- Thus a huge gap between state policy and performance is giving rise to Naxalist problem.



Walking with the Comrades

- In this essay Roy narrates her personal encounters with the Naxals .
- She also provides an insight into the functioning, motives, methodology of the Maoist.



Trickle Down Revolution

- This essay points out that the benefits of our high growth has still not reached these tribals.
- Our growth rates have been built by taking land from the poor without properly rehabilitating and compensating them
- Roy also says that the relation between growth and jobs is a myth



MILITIA AT BHUMKAL CELEBRATE

Capitalism: A Ghost Story

- Author attacks the practice of 'corporate philanthropy' in India
- She strongly criticises the new 'megacorps' for exploiting the natural resources of the country under the veil of Corporate Social Responsibility .
- Demand for global capitalism is responsible for giving rise to unexplained displacement, dispossession and deprivation.



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EVALUATION

STRENGTHS

- It gives first hand information about Naxalism
- It depicts the Maoist viewpoint vividly
- Raises the nuances of the conflict between capitalist and maoist idea of development
- Highlights the nexus between politicians, corporates and media
- Exposes how the present model of development is not inclusive and unsustainable.



BHUMKAL BEGINS

Happiness is taken very seriously here, in the Dandakaranya forest. People are coming to put feathers in their hair.

SHORTCOMINGS

- Her opinions very often show a tilt towards extreme radicalism as denoted in her anti-state stance.
- She justifies the maoist violence in order to counter the structural violence in the system.
- She thus, undermines the constitution.
- While depicting one side of the story of development she blurs the other side completely.

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
Methodology

- ❖ Roy has an original style of writing based on first hand experience.
- ❖ Her writing is based very much on ground reality.
- ❖ Her style leans heavily towards leftist ideology.
- ❖ She has an extreme radical line of thinking
- ❖ She does not come up with constructive reforms rather tends to be revolutionary in her suggestions.

Recommendation

- This book helps us to come out of our comfort zones and see the other starker side of life wherein many people are languishing behind in the dark.
- It arouses our sensibilities towards the deprived lot of people.
- It makes us question the present model of development.

Conclusion

-  The book can be considered as a guiding light.
-  She has effectively tried to capture the other side of the story.
-  The conviction and passion shown by the author makes the book a worthwhile read.
-  The photographs shown in the book carry appeal and certainly add weightage to her words.
-  At times it is difficult to be convinced by all the arguments of the book.
-  She has tried to justify one wrong on the basis of another wrong.

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- 🌍 The author arouses our sensibilities and empathy to the deprived.
- 🇮🇳 She has tried to expose the failure of government machinery in reaching to the deprived .
- + Hence, 'Broken Republic' records the first hand experience of an original thinker and therein, lies its credibility.

“ An eye for an eye makes everyone
blind”

-Mahatma Gandhi

THANK YOU...