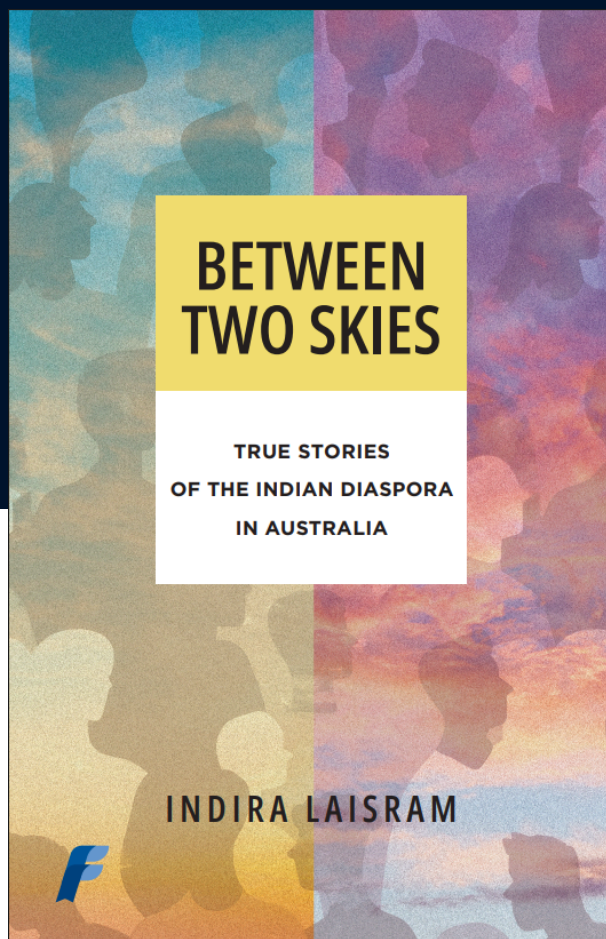




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ABOUT THE BOOK

How do journeys across borders transform not only individuals but also the communities they become part of?

Between Two Skies: True Stories of the Indian Diaspora in Australia brings together 19 deeply personal stories of Indians who have built lives in Australia across generations. Drawn from direct conversations, these accounts span very different eras, backgrounds, professions, and experiences, offering a rich and varied portrait of what it means to make a home in a country far from where one began. Some stories speak to hardship and perseverance; others to opportunity, reinvention, and the freedom to forge new paths. Together, they reveal the many ways migrants adapt to their new surroundings while carrying forward languages, traditions, values, memories, and connections to the places they left behind.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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She migrated to Australia in 2009 after a 17-year career in Indian mainstream media, working with organisations including the Press Trust of India, *The Times of India*, and *Businessworld*. In 2020, she was awarded the Judith Neilson Institute grant.

Her work focuses on the lives of Indians and South Asians in Australia, exploring migration, identity, belonging, and the many ways communities contribute to the nation's multicultural story. Her literary work has appeared in the HarperCollins anthology *But I Am One of You* (2024). *Between Two Skies* is her first book.

READERSHIP

Members of the Indian diaspora in Australia; students, researchers, and academics working in migration studies, diaspora studies, sociology, cultural studies, and Australian studies; general readers interested in contemporary Australian society, multiculturalism, social history, migration narratives, and narrative non-fiction.

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"Indira Laisram's *Between Two Skies* tells the stories of 19 Indian migrants who have made Australia their home.... A must-read for anyone interested in migration, identity, and the changing face of contemporary Australia."

Pradeep Taneja, The University of Melbourne

"This is a book to be savoured for its sensitive portrayal of the Indian diaspora in Australia and for the way it balances nostalgia, aspiration, and hope with the realities of making a home in an adopted land."

Sanjay Barbora, University of California Santa Cruz

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