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Mahatma Gandhi : His Own Story - C. F Andrews 2022-03-06

The Material of this Autobiography, which Mahatma Gandhi has called The Story of My Experiments with Truth, was first dictated by him in his own mother-tongue to one of his fellow political prisoners during long imprisonment in the years 1922-24. It was afterward continued in a serial form, as a feature of his Gujarati paper, called Navajivan, and translated into English by his intimate friends, Mahadev Desai and Pyarelal Nair, receiving at the same time his own careful revision. Miss Slade, who is known in Mr. Gandhi's Asram as Mirabehn, also assisted in shaping its final English form. The whole series of short chapters has now been published by the Navajivan Press at Ahmedabad in two large volumes, containing over twelve hundred octavo pages. Another book of equal importance has been used, wherein Mahatma Gandhi describes personally his own (Soul-Force) in South Africa, and the translation has been made by Valji Govindji Desai. Its Indian publisher is Mr. S. Ganesan, Triplicane, Madras, India. When we turn to the three volumes and

try to gain the clue to Mahatma Gandhi's estimate of human conduct, it will be found to entre in three cardinal virtues, current in all his writings. These are Truth, Loving-kindness, and inner purity. Since this book was compiled and edited the Indian situation has become very grave indeed.

Savage Beauty - Nancy Milford 2001-11-27

Thirty years after the smashing success of *Zelda*, Nancy Milford returns with a stunning second act. *Savage Beauty* is the portrait of a passionate, fearless woman who obsessed American ever as she tormented herself. If F. Scott Fitzgerald was the hero of the Jazz Age, Edna St. Vincent Millay, as flamboyant in her love affairs as she was in her art, was its heroine. The first woman ever to win the Pulitzer Prize, Millay was dazzling in the performance of herself. Her voice was likened to an instrument of seduction and her impact on crowds, and on men, was legendary. Yet beneath her studied act, all was not well. Milford calls her book "a family romance"—for the love between the three Millay sisters and their mother

was so deep as to be dangerous. As a family, they were like real-life Little Women, with a touch of Mommie Dearest. Nancy Milford was given exclusive access to Millay's papers, and what she found was an extraordinary treasure. Boxes and boxes of letter flew back and forth among the three sisters and their mother—and Millay kept the most intimate diary, one whose ruthless honesty brings to mind Sylvia Plath. Written with passion and flair, *Savage Beauty* is an iconic portrait of a woman's life.

Singapore - Mark Ravinder Frost
2013-02-19

Brimming with verve and dramatic incident, *Singapore: A Biography* offers fresh insights into the life story of this island city-state through the personal experiences of the workers, adventurers, rulers and revolutionaries who have shaped its history over the last seven centuries. The authors, drawing on research undertaken in collaboration with the National Museum of Singapore, have woven together ancient chronicles, eyewitness accounts, oral histories and even modern radio and television broadcasts to create a vivid and compelling narrative that brings the past back to life. Grounded in scholarship yet fired by the imagination, this book reveals the Singapore story to have been as rich, diverse and multilayered as the city-state is prosperous, ordered and successful today.

Gandhi and the Stoics - Richard Sorabji 2012-11-06

Richard Sorabji presents a study of Gandhi's philosophy in comparison with Christian and Stoic thought. He shows that Gandhi was a true philosopher, who not only aimed to give a consistent self-critical rationale for his views, but also thought himself obliged to live by

what he taught.

The Diary of Manu Gandhi - 2019-08-20
Manu Gandhi, M.K. Gandhi's grand-niece, joined him in 1943 at the age of fifteen. An aide to Gandhi's ailing wife Kasturba in the Aga Khan Palace prison in Pune, Manu remained with him until his assassination. She was a partner in his final yajna, an experiment in Brahmacharya, and his invocation of Rama at the moment of his death. Spanning two volumes, *The Diary of Manu Gandhi* is a record of her life and times with M.K. Gandhi between 1943 and 1948. Authenticated by Gandhi himself, the meticulous and intimate entries in the diary throw light on Gandhi's life as a prisoner and his endeavour to establish the possibility of collective non-violence. They also offer a glimpse into his ideological conflicts, his efforts to find his voice, and his lonely pilgrimage to Noakhali during the riots of 1946. The first volume (1943–44) chronicles the spiritual and educational pursuits of an adolescent woman who takes up writing as a mode of self-examination. The author shares a moving portrait of Kasturba Gandhi's illness and death and also unravels the deep emotional bond she develops with Gandhi, whom she calls her 'mother'.

[ISIS Cumulative Bibliography 1966-1975: Subjects, periods and civilizations](#) - History of Science Society 1980

[Gandhi The Holy Man](#) - Rene Fulop-Miller

Gandhi The Holy Man The people look on Gandhi as a saint; he is venerated in India as no other man has ever been. Although his birth and caste are not such as to seem likely to win prestige, since he is neither Brahman nor a Kshatriya, belongs to the Banya caste, nevertheless, the most high-caste Brahmans bow reverently before him. "The whole nation follows him

implicitly," says Rabindranath Tagore, "and for one reason only, that they believe him to be a saint. To see a whole nation of different races, of differing temperaments and ideals, joining and following a saint, is a modern miracle and only possible in India. The worst and most deep-rooted passions re-soothed by the words: 'Mahatma Gandhi forbids it...' I don't agree with Gandhi in many things but I give him my utmost reverence and admiration. He is not only the greatest man in India; he is the greatest man on earth today. It is not only the masses who feel Gandhi's spell Indian intellectuals also peak of Gandhi as their "Mahatma." That this word "Mahatma," "great soul," means to the Hindu is also explained to us by Rabindranath Tagore: "The word 'Mahatma' means he liberated ego which rediscovers itself in all other souls that life no longer confined in individual human beings, he comprehensive soul of the Atman, of the spirit. In this way, the soul comes 'Mahatma,' by comprehending all souls, all spirit in itself." Anyone who would understand the greatness of Gandhi's influence must make himself familiar with the peculiar conditions prevailing in India. The population of the country consists of an immense number of stocks, races, and groups, widely separated ethnologically, who speak eleven different languages and belong to the most varied religions and sects. Seventy million are adherents of Islam alone, and have for centuries lived with the Hindus in continual dissension and perpetual hostility. The English Governor, Mr. Lloyd, one of Gandhi's fiercest enemies, declared after his arrest that he must be buried alive in prison and no one allowed access to him, or his cell would soon become a Mecca for the whole world. How well-founded this fear was is clearly shown by the description in an Indian

paper: "In the evenings" this journal states, "the public assembled in large numbers at the Sabarmati Prison to do homage to their beloved leader; the masses stood before the prison as before a temple. When the bell rang to announce the hour of admission the sound was received with thrills of joy. Then the crowd of pilgrims & Gandhi: The Holy man approached their revered Mahatma; some threw themselves at his feet, others touched him with awe, others again showed their respect only by profound salaams. Mothers laid their infants in his arms and old women touched the ground before him to show their devotion."— from the book *India* - Indira Gandhi 1975

The Story of Gandhi - Rajkumari Shanker 1969

Interesting Facts About Gandhi S Childhood, Education, Stay In London And South Africa And His Fight For India S Freedom.

Teachings of Mahatma Gandhi - Jag Chander 2018-03-22

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Gandhi: The Years That Changed the World, 1914-1948 - Ramachandra Guha 2019-10-22

Opening in July 1914, as Mohandas Gandhi leaves South Africa to return to India, *Gandhi: The Years That Changed the World, 1914-1918* traces the Mahatma's life over the three decades preceding his assassination. Drawing on new archival materials, acclaimed historian Ramachandra Guha follows Gandhi's struggle to deliver India from British rule, to forge harmonious relations between India's Hindus and Muslims, to end the pernicious practice of untouchability, and to nurture India's economic and moral self-reliance. He shows how in each of these campaigns, Gandhi adapted methods of nonviolence that

successfully challenged British authority and would influence revolutionary movements throughout the world. A revelatory look at the complexity of Gandhi's thinking and motives, the book is a luminous portrait of not only the man himself, but also those closest to him—family, friends, and political and social leaders.

Indian Books in Print - 2003

Great Events from History - Robert F. Gorman 2007

Contains essays that examine significant events in the history of the early twentieth century from 1901 to 1940, covering world politics, society and culture, literary movements, art and music, immigration, and legislation; arranged chronologically with maps, illustrations, and quotations for primary source documents.

Understanding Gandhi - Jayshree Mehta 2011-02-14

Understanding Gandhi is a collection of interviews conducted by Fred J. Blum (1914–1990), of six of Mahatma Gandhi's closest associates—J.B. Kriplani, Raihana Tyabji, Dada Dharmadhikari, Sushila Nayar, Jhaver Patel and Sucheta Kripalani. The interviewees reflect on Gandhi's ideas in the light of changes that took place in India after Independence. The book provides glimpses of Gandhi's ideas and working relationship with his colleagues who came from a wide range of backgrounds, professions and geographical regions. It also brings out the thoughts of Gandhi and his followers on several important issues such as Satyagraha, non-violence, Brahmacharya, spirituality, and fasting. This blend of an intimate knowledge of Gandhi and the reflective hindsight gives the book a unique vantage point that promotes a holistic understanding of Gandhian

thought and philosophy.

Mahatma Gandhi - Dennis Dalton 2012-02-21

Dennis Dalton's classic account of Gandhi's political and intellectual development focuses on the leader's two signal triumphs: the civil disobedience movement (or salt satyagraha) of 1930 and the Calcutta fast of 1947. Dalton clearly demonstrates how Gandhi's lifelong career in national politics gave him the opportunity to develop and refine his ideals. He then concludes with a comparison of Gandhi's methods and the strategies of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, drawing a fascinating juxtaposition that enriches the biography of all three figures and asserts Gandhi's relevance to the study of race and political leadership in America. Dalton situates Gandhi within the "clash of civilizations" debate, identifying the implications of his work on continuing nonviolent protests. He also extensively reviews Gandhian studies and adds a detailed chronology of events in Gandhi's life.

International Books in Print - 1998

Chicago Psychoanalytic Literature Index - 1976

Wings of Fire - Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam 1999
Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam, The Son Of A Little-Educated Boat-Owner In Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, Had An Unparalleled Career As A Defence Scientist, Culminating In The Highest Civilian Award Of India, The Bharat Ratna. As Chief Of The Country'S Defence Research And Development Programme, Kalam Demonstrated The Great Potential For Dynamism And Innovation That Existed In Seemingly Moribund Research Establishments. This Is The Story Of Kalam'S Rise From Obscurity And His Personal And

Professional Struggles, As Well As The Story Of Agni, Prithvi, Akash, Trishul And Nag--Missiles That Have Become Household Names In India And That Have Raised The Nation To The Level Of A Missile Power Of International Reckoning.

Gandhi's Assassin - Dhirendra Jha
2023-01-24

Dhirendra Jha's deeply researched history places Nathuram Godse's life as the juncture of the dangerous fault lines in contemporary India: the quest for independence and the rise of Hindu nationalism. On a wintry Delhi evening on 30 January 1948, Nathuram Godse shot Gandhi at point-blank range, forever silencing the man who had delivered independence to his nation. Godse's journey to this moment of international notoriety from small towns in western India is, by turns, both riveting and wrenching. Drawing from previously unpublished archival material, Jha challenges the standard account of Gandhi's assassination, and offers a stunning view on the making of independent India. Born to Brahmin parents, Godse started off as a child mystic. However, success eluded him. The caste system placed him at the top of society but the turbulent times meant that he soon became a disaffected youth, desperately seeking a position in the infant nation. In such confusing times, Godse was one of hundreds, and later thousands, of young Indian men to be steered into the sheltering fold of early Hindutva, Indian nationalism. His association with early formations of the RSS and far-right thinkers such as Sarvakar proves that he was not working alone. Today he is considered to be a patriotic hero by many for his act of bravery, despite being found guilty in court and executed in 1949.

Bioethics Around the Globe - Catherine Myser 2011-06-10

This book is a comparative anthropology and sociology of globalizing bioethics, exploring the global dissemination, local adaptations, cultural meanings and social functions of bioethics theories, practices and institutions. Regions considered include: Africa, Asia, Australia, Central and South America, Europe, Middle East, and North America.

Thinking the Greeks - Bruce M. King
2018-07-27

This volume, from an international and interdisciplinary cohort of scholars, offers independent-minded essays about central Greek texts and about the relation of social theory and comparative method to the study of archaic and classical Greek literature. It is in honour of James M. Redfield, whose innovative and theoretically-informed work has been a touchstone for the contributors; it includes an Introduction that discusses Redfield's work, as well as a complete Bibliography of Redfield's scholarship. The volume is divided into three parts: on Homer; Plato in conversation with epic, tragedy, and comedy; and finally reception and transmission. An exploration of the dialectical relationship between literary genre and social form animates many of the essays. Drawing on work in anthropology, linguistics, sociology, art history, and philosophy, this volume offers ground-breaking perspectives on the study of Greek literature. It will be an invaluable resource to students and researchers alike.

The Law and The Lawyers - M. K. GANDHI 2021-01-01

The valuable experience and skill that he acquired in the course of his large and lucrative practice stood him in good stead in fighting his battles with the South African and British governments for securing political, economic and social

justice for his fellow-countrymen. Gandhiji was not a visionary but a practical idealist. As Sir Stafford Cripps has remarked: "He was no simple mystic; combined with his religious outlook was his lawyer-trained mind, quick and apt in reasoning. He was a formidable opponent in argument."

Why I Believed - Kenneth W. Daniels
2008-06-28

Part auto-biography and part exposé of Ken Daniels' experience and long time belief in Christianity and the questions and answers he's had to ask about with regard to the validity of Christian theories.

You Have to Be Prepared to Die Before You Can Begin to Live - Paul Kix
2023-05-02

From journalist Paul Kix, the riveting story, never before fully told, of the 1963 Birmingham Campaign—ten weeks that would shape the course of the Civil Rights Movement and the future of America. It's one of the iconic photographs of American history: A Black teenager, a policeman and his lunging German Shepherd. Birmingham, Alabama, May of 1963. In May of 2020, as reporter Paul Kix stared at a different photo—that of a Minneapolis police officer suffocating George Floyd—he kept returning to the other photo taken half a century earlier, haunted by its echoes. What, Kix wondered, was the full legacy of the Birmingham photo? And of the campaign it stemmed from? In *You Have To Be Prepared To Die Before You Can Begin To Live*, Paul Kix takes the reader behind the scenes as he tells the story of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's pivotal 10 week campaign in 1963 to end segregation in Birmingham, Alabama. At the same time, he also provides a window into the minds of the four extraordinary men who led the campaign—Martin Luther King, Jr., Wyatt Walker, Fred

Shuttlesworth, and James Bevel. With page-turning prose that read like a thriller, Kix's book is the first to zero in on the ten weeks of Project C, as it was known—its specific history and its echoes sounding throughout our culture now. It's about *Where It All Began*, for sure, but it's also the key to understanding *Where We Are Now* and *Where We Will Be*. As the fight for equality continues on many fronts, Project C is crucial to our understanding of our own time and the impact that strategic activism can have.

The World Book Encyclopedia - World Book, Inc 2007

The 'World Book Encyclopedia' was first published in 1917 as an 8-volume set. The encyclopedia has been expanded many times through the years and now has 22 volumes. This edition contains 2900 new or revised articles, 200 new or revised maps, 225 new photos, 212 new tables and charts, and 4890 pages are revised. *Literature for Young Adults* - Joan L. Knickerbocker 2017-03-15

Young adults are actively looking for anything that connects them with the changes happening in their lives, and the books discussed throughout *Literature for Young Adults* have the potential to make that connection and motivate them to read. It explores a great variety of works, genres, and formats, but it places special emphasis on contemporary works whose nontraditional themes, protagonists, and literary conventions make them well suited to young adult readers. It also looks at the ways in which contemporary readers access and share the works they're reading, and it shows teachers ways to incorporate nontraditional ways of accessing and sharing books throughout their literature programs. In addition to traditional genre chapters, *Literature for Young Adults* includes

chapters on literary nonfiction; poetry, short stories, and drama; cover art, picture books, illustrated literature, and graphic novels; and film. It recognizes that, while films can be used to complement print literature, they are also a literacy format in their own right-and one that young adults are particularly familiar and comfortable with. The book's discussion of literary language--including traditional elements as well as metafictional terms--enables readers to share in a literary conversation with their students (and others) when communicating about books. It will help readers teach young adults the language they need to articulate their responses to the books they are reading.

Identity - Gerald Izenberg 2019-03-08
Identity: The Necessity of a Modern Idea is the first comprehensive history of identity as the answer to the question, "who, or what, am I?" It covers the century from the end of World War I, when identity in this sense first became an issue for writers and philosophers, to 2010, when European political leaders declared multiculturalism a failure just as Canada, which pioneered it, was hailing its success. Along the way the book examines Erik Erikson's concepts of psychological identity and identity crisis, which made the word famous; the turn to collective identity and the rise of identity politics in Europe and America; varieties and theories of group identity; debates over accommodating collective identities within liberal democracy; the relationship between individual and group identity; the postmodern critique of identity as a concept; and the ways it nonetheless transformed the social sciences and altered our ideas of ethics. At the same time the book is an argument for the validity and indispensability of

identity, properly understood. Identity was not a concept before the twentieth century because it was taken for granted. The slaughter of World War I undermined the honored identities of prewar Europe and, as a result, the idea of identity as something objective and stable was thrown into question at the same time that people began to sense that it was psychologically and socially necessary. We can't be at home in our bodies, act effectively in the world, or interact comfortably with others without a stable sense of who we are. Gerald Izenberg argues that, while it is a mistake to believe that our identities are givens that we passively discover about ourselves, decreed by God, destiny, or nature, our most important identities have an objective foundation in our existential situation as bodies, social beings, and creatures who aspire to meaning and transcendence, as well as in the legitimacy of our historical particularity.

The Story of My Experiments with Truth: An Autobiography - Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi 2009-07-01

The Story Of My Experiments With Truth is a bestseller which describes the ups and downs of the author's life. This book is about the author's experiments in his life, and how he developed himself as a person. This book instead of explaining Gandhi as a perfectionist, instead describes his many flaws and how he defeats his problems with his enormous willpower. *The Story Of My Experiments With Truth* is the story of a simple, immoral man who eventually transforms into a great freedom fighter. This book contains various incidents in this author's life from his birth to 1920s. His time in South Africa as an anti-apartheid activist is also looked into. This autobiography begins when he was a common man and ends right around the time he became

an international figure. How he became Gandhi is quite fascinating to read. His philosophies of simplicity, nonviolence, and truth are comprehensively explored. This book is easy to read as it has good translation. The Story Of My Experiments With Truth was published by Om Books in 2010, and is available in the form of a paperback.

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists - 1979-03

The SAGE Handbook of Interview Research - Jaber F. Gubrium
2012-02-14

The new edition of this landmark volume emphasizes the dynamic, interactional, and reflexive dimensions of the research interview. Contributors highlight the myriad dimensions of complexity that are emerging as researchers increasingly frame the interview as a communicative opportunity as much as a data-gathering format. The book begins with the history and conceptual transformations of the interview, which is followed by chapters that discuss the main components of interview practice. Taken together, the contributions to *The SAGE Handbook of Interview Research: The Complexity of the Craft* encourage readers simultaneously to learn the frameworks and technologies of interviewing and to reflect on the epistemological foundations of the interview craft.

Isis Cumulative Bibliography 1966-1975: Subjects, periods, and civilizations - John Neu 1980

Transforming Work - Patricia Boverie
2008-01-07

In this age of stiff competition and "free agency," no organization can afford to take its employees for granted. The new labor-market landscape is forcing organizations to think creatively about how to inject

passion in the workplace and motivate their employees to find meaning in their work. In *Transforming Work*, Boverie and Kroth draw from their extensive research and experience in the field to show executives, HR professionals, and students how to create inspiring, employee-friendly work environments in order to capture, develop, and retain talent and transform both the employees and the organization in the process.

Gandhi and Churchill - Arthur Herman
2010-01-26

Mohandas Gandhi and Winston Churchill: India's moral leader and Great Britain's greatest Prime Minister. Born five years and seven thousand miles apart, they became embodiments of the nations they led. Both became living icons, idolized and admired around the world. Today, they remain enduring models of leadership in a democratic society. Yet the truth was Churchill and Gandhi were bitter enemies throughout their lives. This book reveals, for the first time, how that rivalry shaped the twentieth century and beyond. For more than forty years, from 1906 to 1948, Gandhi and Churchill were locked in a tense struggle for the hearts and minds of the British public, and of world opinion. Although they met only once, their titanic contest of wills would decide the fate of nations, continents, peoples, and ultimately an Empire. Here is a sweeping epic with a fascinating supporting cast, and a brilliant narrative parable of two men whose great successes were always haunted by personal failure - and whose final moments of triumph were overshadowed by the loss of what they held most dear.

Indian Home Rule - M K Gandhi
2020-12-24

Death'S Door Denied - Fred F. Everhart 2011-03-15

An addition to the title should be, so that the door to life would be opened. Is there a God? If so, how do we find God and what is God's nature? Is the Bible the inerrant word of God? Is there a heaven and hell? If so, where and when does it exist? What is the secret to finding maximum health and a joyful life? A lifelong search for truth answered these questions as it was revealed to an 83-year-old man as he suffered a massive hemorrhagic stroke. He should have died, would have died, but could not die. Particular providence exercised through divine intervention undoubtedly saved his life for the purpose of revealing the truth about these long sought after answers.

Reshaping Theory in Contemporary Social Work - William Borden

2009-09-25

William Borden's persuasive collection of original essays reaffirms the place of theory in social work practice, showing how different theoretical models, therapeutic languages, and modes of intervention strengthen eclectic and integrative approaches to psychosocial intervention. A distinguished group of scholars and practitioners examine emerging developments in cognitive theory, psychodynamic thought, resilience research and family therapy, psychobiography and narrative perspectives, and conceptions of place and environment in psychosocial intervention. They introduce integrative frameworks for intervention and examine a series of crucial issues in the field, including the role of theory in evidence-based practice, the development of practice wisdom, and the ways in which conceptions of love, acceptance, and social justice influence theorizing and practice. The contributors to this volume, each one carefully selected, reaffirm the

framing perspectives and core values of the social work profession and identify fundamental challenges and tasks in developing theory and practice. Exploring contemporary yet no less essential concerns, they reflect the richness and creativity of theorizing in our time.

Psychological Perspectives on Politics - Carol Barner-Barry 1985

Moral Lessons From Gandhi S Autobiography And Other Essays - K.D. Gangrade 2004

Provides Fresh Insights Into Gandhi'S Autobiography-My Experiments With Truth And Identifies Moral Lessons It Offers For Individuals And Moral Reconstruction Of Our Society.

Contains 3 Case Studies Of Gandhian Way Of Conflict Resolutions. Has 9 Chapters And 3 Appendices. Useful For Those Interested In Gandhiana.

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists - 1969-02

The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists is the premier public resource on scientific and technological developments that impact global security. Founded by Manhattan Project Scientists, the Bulletin's iconic "Doomsday Clock" stimulates solutions for a safer world.

Mahatma Gandhi and His Myths - Mark Shepard 2002-01-01

*****#1 AMAZON.COM BESTSELLER IN WAR & PEACE (JUNE 2013)*****

*****#1 KINDLE (INDIA) BESTSELLER IN POLITICS (NOV. 2015)*****

*****#1 KINDLE (INDIA) BESTSELLER IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (NOV. 2015)*****

"All my actions have their source in my inalienable love of humankind." -- Gandhi Mahatma Gandhi is one of the least understood figures of all time -- even among his admirers. In this Annual Gandhi Lecture for the International Association of Gandhian Studies, Mark Shepard tackles some persistently wrong-headed views of Gandhi, offering us a more accurate

picture of the man and his nonviolence.

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Mark Shepard is the author of "Mahatma Gandhi and His Myths," "The Community of the Ark," and "Gandhi Today," called by the American Library Association's Booklist "a masterpiece of committed reporting." His writings on social alternatives have appeared in over 30 publications in the United States, Canada, England, Norway, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Japan, and India.

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"A model of Gandhian journalism. . . . [Shepard] has put his finger on seemingly all of the popular (and some less common) misconceptions of both Gandhi and his philosophy, including some particularly important ones. . . . This book takes little space to cover its topic concisely and well. It would be [some] of the most valuable pages many people could read about Gandhi." -- Global Conscience, July-Sept. 1990

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SAMPLE I suspect that most of the myths and misconceptions surrounding Gandhi have to do with nonviolence. For instance, it's surprising how many people still have the idea that nonviolent action is passive. It's important for us to be clear about this: There is nothing passive about Gandhian nonviolent

action. I'm afraid Gandhi himself helped create this confusion by referring to his method at first as "passive resistance," because it was in some ways like techniques bearing that label. But he soon changed his mind and rejected the term. Gandhi's nonviolent action was not an evasive strategy nor a defensive one. Gandhi was always on the offensive. He believed in confronting his opponents aggressively, in such a way that they could not avoid dealing with him. But wasn't Gandhi's nonviolent action designed to avoid violence? Yes and no. Gandhi steadfastly avoided violence toward his opponents. He did not avoid violence toward himself or his followers. Gandhi said that the nonviolent activist, like any soldier, had to be ready to die for the cause. And in fact, during India's struggle for independence, hundreds of Indians were killed by the British. The difference was that the nonviolent activist, while willing to die, was never willing to kill. Gandhi pointed out three possible responses to oppression and injustice. One he described as the coward's way: to accept the wrong or run away from it. The second option was to stand and fight by force of arms. Gandhi said this was better than acceptance or running away. But the third way, he said, was best of all and required the most courage: to stand and fight solely by nonviolent means.