

## From Amazon Reviews:

### *United States Reviews:*

1. The author weaves a compelling narrative that transports readers back to a time of tumultuous resistance and political upheaval, writes Alan.
2. Krishna Kumar's take on this important period is brilliantly navigated and articulated. A must-read for anyone interested in world history, writes Sai.
3. The author masterfully unravels the complex events of the Quit India movement and the expansion of the Indian National Army in Singapore. The book's revelation of lesser-known facts, like Burma's role in the Bengal famine, is particularly enlightening. With an engaging narrative style that defies the usual dryness of historical writing, this book makes history come alive, writes Michael West.
4. Paints a painfully real picture of what the British did to India, from the divide and conquer philosophy that ended up in the trauma of Partition to the complex political maneuvering that turned British India into what it is now. This is proper history writing, truly bringing the past to life, writes Loukas S.
5. It seems to be a detailed and informative account of a pivotal year in Indian history, particularly highlighting the Japanese military advances in Burma and their subsequent bombings in Madras, Vizag, and Calcutta. This book appears to be a valuable resource for those interested in understanding the historical context leading to the decline of the British Empire in India, writes Thomas Covington.
6. As a lover of history, this book was enlightening for my knowledge, and refreshing to see the diligence put into such a book. I like that the book dives into the little intricacies of India's history. It is the little nuggets not widely known that surface in this book and makes it a good read, writes Ian Griffin.
7. Kumar skillfully provides historical context, vividly analyzing and narrating the series of events that ultimately challenged and contributed to the downfall of the British Empire in India, writes Jinn K.

### *India reviews:*

1. What gripped me more is the easy narrative style that skillfully weaves together military, political, and socio-economic dimensions, offering a nuanced understanding of the challenges faced by British rule. As a pre-historical independence of India, this book has

literally checked all the boxes, whether it is about elaborating geopolitical tension beautifully or adding the pure depth of the Quit India movement etc, writes Ariba.

2. The author has not only done a great job in indulging us with the past but also connected the dots beautifully. Surely gonna read more of his books. Easy and free narrative style, the grip he has on all political, geographical, and sociological data is truly phenomenal, writes Munai.
3. Dive deep into the tumultuous year of 1942 with this meticulously researched and thoughtfully crafted book. Through a combination of historical analysis and narrative storytelling, the author paints a vivid portrait of a nation on the brink of change.

Rather than simply recounting events, this book delves into the underlying causes and consequences of the pivotal moments that shaped India's destiny. From the Japanese invasion to the Quit India movement, each chapter is a window into the hopes, fears, and aspirations of a nation striving for independence, writes Vir M.

4. While unsparing in his criticism of imperial policies, Kumar retains a balanced tone. He refrains from shrill condemnation or simplistic vilification of British motives. Instead, he builds an evidence-based case to highlight systemic flaws rather than personalities. For instance, he incisively shows how the race-based hubris of British leadership resulted in fatally underestimating Japanese capabilities. Kumar also frankly acknowledges instances where Japanese expansionism was fortuitously halted by factors like difficult terrain rather than British pluck, writes Mitul Patel.
5. "1942: When British Rule in India Was Threatened" traces the events that ultimately led to this pivotal year. Starting from the 16th century when the British first arrived in India, it chronologically traces all the major events in pre-partition Indian history, vividly illustrating the detrimental impact of British rule on India, writes Sankalpita Singh.

