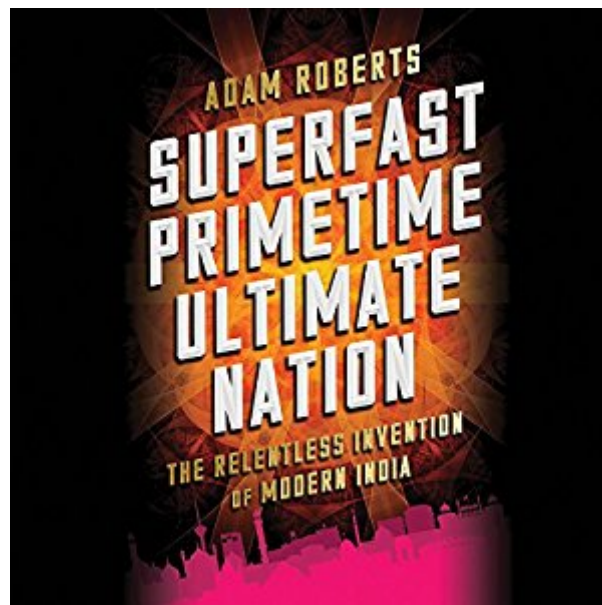


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Who can foretell India's future? Mr. Joshi is a fortune-teller in a slum in South Delhi who uses a soothsaying green parrot to make predictions. When Adam Roberts visited him in 2012, Joshi's parrot declared that India was destined to become the most powerful nation under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The parrot also foretold that India would win the soccer World Cup. Parrots may not be the preeminent political authority, but many Indians were just as confident. So Adam Roberts spent five years traveling the length and breadth of the country, from Kerala to the Himalayas, Bengal to Gujarat. As he encountered the power brokers, gatekeepers, and elaborate social dynamics of the world's largest democracy, he asked if - and how - India can become a truly great economic power, more influential abroad, and stable at home. He met prime ministers, multimillionaires, traveling salesmen, pilgrims, ecowarriors, farmers, and tech innovators, each wrestling with the trials posed by the world's most conspicuously nearly great power. He experienced an immense country that, despite daunting challenges, is entering the most optimistic period in its modern history. Through vivid storytelling and insight, *Superfast Primetime Ultimate Nation* examines the problems and promises of fast-growing India to reveal how it might reach its full potential and become, as Mr. Joshi's parrot predicted, a truly powerful nation.

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Adam Roberts spent many years in India and was able to interview many key people in the government and also religious folks. He collected an enormous amount of information, insight, and data, which enables him to give a great review of how India evolved, economically and politically.

Also it is very much up to date, up to the end of 2016. The relative low rating is for providing too much information, at times too many examples for the same observations making it a tedious read. It appears he had to give it all making the book too long.

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