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Going to School in India

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Heydlauff, Lisa. *Going to School in India*. Illustrated by Upadyhe, Nitin. Charlesbridge, 2005. ISBN 1570916667. \$21.95. 98 pp.

Reviewer: Gillian Streeter

Reading Level: Intermediate, Young Adult

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Informational books;

Subject: Education-India-History-Juvenile literature; Schools-India-History-Juvenile literature;

The first of this book's many attractions is its cover. It gives the reader an idea of the beautifully bright colors and photographs that accompany the text. According to the author information, this book was inspired by one of her students, who asked what it was like to go to school in India. Heydlauff gives the reader a broad view of Indian life, including the problems of India's overcrowded government schools, what sort of things the students study, different types of schools, what sort of lunches the children eat, and more. The reader will feel some sympathy for the plight of some Indian schoolchildren, but mainly a sense of admiration and hope for their determination and ingenuity in the face of problems. An uplifting and inspiring read, recommended for third grade and up.