



# Shahjahanabad

## Mapping a Mughal City

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- Includes a stunning facsimile map of Shahjahanabad

Delhi's Shahjahanabad was first founded as an empire's capital at the glorious height of the Mughal dynasty; from this vantage point, it was also witness to the empire's decline and eventual extinction. The city would transform profoundly in the aftermath of the Revolt of 1857, with many of its neighbourhoods and buildings obliterated, and many of its inhabitants, including the Mughal emperor, Bahadur Shah Zafar, having left, never to return. Fortunately, a mapmaker, working in 1846, painstakingly depicted important buildings, streets, and landmarks, providing a wealth of information about the city as it had evolved up to that time. **Shahjahanabad** reproduces this large scale, beautifully drawn and coloured map, and considers the city as it had stood prior to its mid-19th century changes. It also examines the city, neighbourhood by neighbourhood, and explores its diverse communities and important landmarks. This book is a must-have for anyone interested in cartography and Delhi's vibrant cultural history.

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