



Maps of Delhi

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- A breathtakingly illustrated cartographic history of India's capital
- The first text of its kind to focus on Delhi
- Provides a comprehensive and engaging overview of mapping in Delhi, from the nineteenth century all the way up to the near-distant future: the 'master-plan' of 2021

As the first ever organized collection of Delhi's maps, containing a chronology of magnificent ancient and modern hand-drawings as well as digital maps of the city, this book is as visually stunning as it is informative. Dr Guerrieri describes each map as an individual entity. She gives the maps unique and detailed focus, elaborating on their idiosyncrasies, aesthetic details, and rich historical relevance. The evolution of planning and architecture, which elegantly unfolds through the maps, mirrors the political, social, and historical progression of the capital. *Maps of Delhi* is both beautiful and stimulating, while also offering deeply insightful commentary that will be appreciated by the most discerning of scholars. It is an indisputable milestone for those wanting to research the capital. The book reveals, as A.G. Krishna Menon notes in the foreword, the charm of printed maps and the many pleasures and insights they offer when they are physically handled. It is a remarkable tribute to a remarkable city.

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