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*And the Teesta Flows...* is the biography of a mountain river—the Teesta. The book traces the river's course right from its origin in North Sikkim to its confluence with the Brahmaputra in Bangladesh. However, what lies as an undertone in this narrative is the story of a girl—Teesta, the river her namesake—who lived to see only thirteen summers. Authors Utpal and Samita Chaudhuri have constantly travelled to the Himalayas seeking a reflection of their daughter in the perennial flow of the river Teesta. Thus begins a story.

Written in the style of a diary without chronology, the book sketches the diversity of the people living by the Teesta, delineating the tales of their philosophies, their lifestyles, their livelihoods and their emotions. The anecdotes that find place in the narrative are the authors' first-hand experiences of interactions with them. A memoir, a piece of dedication, an offering in remembrance of a loved one, call it what you may, this book is bound to touch your heart.

- **The book affords a close view of the Lepcha community, their lifestyle, philosophies and traditions.**
- **Offers the readers a virtual tour through the course of the river Teesta, right from its origin in North Sikkim to its confluence with the Brahmaputra in Bangladesh.**
- **One of its kind, the book is an ideal pick for travel enthusiasts and both the discerning and lay readers alike, and is bound to touch hearts.**



**Samita Chaudhuri** did her post-graduation from the Jadavpur University in pharmaceutical technology, followed by a doctoral and post-doctoral research from the Calcutta University. She has served as a quality assurance manager at various pharmaceutical companies and is presently teaching pharmacy at a government polytechnic college. Samita is also a trained rock climber, an experienced high-altitude trekker and a passionate photographer.



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