

# Demystifying Kashmir; Navnita Chadha Behera; 2007; 9780815708599; Brookings Institution Press, 2007; 359 pages

Demystifying Kashmir argues that recognizing the rich, complex, and multi-faceted character of Kashmir is important not only for understanding the structural causes of this conflict but also for providing opportunities to establish a just, viable, and lasting solution. This book is an attempt to redefine the Kashmir conflict by breaking away from conventional assumptions about the basic issues and underlining their many facets. Navnita Chadha Behera's book, *Demystifying Kashmir*, is a work of considerable ambition. Comprehensive in scope, carefully researched, and thoroughly documented, this work is also mostly dispassionate given the extremely fraught features of the subject. Political analysts, journalists, and policymakers with little knowledge of the complexity of the Kashmir conundrum will benefit from this all-encompassing work. The Indian Army landed in Kashmir on the invitation of the ruler of the state Maharaja Hari Singh Ji who after the attack by Pakistan acceded his state with India. Sheikh Abdullah had also made desperate appeals to Pandit Nehru to despatch Indian Army before it was too late. One thought on "Kashmir Turmoil: Demystifying a few Myths". Suresh Bhavne on July 27, 2016 at 1:53 am said: Excellent article. *Demystifying Kashmir* by Navnita Chadha Behera. *Kashmir: In Search of A Future* by David Devadas. *Kashmir: Behind The Vale* by MJ Akbar. Curfewed night By Basharat peer (first hand account of Kashmiri Muslims). "DEMYSTIFYING KASHMIR is the best analysis of why the Kashmir dispute has proven to be enduring." — Ashley Tellis, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "This book provides new insights into India's as well as Pakistan's grand strategies of achieving their critical, though diverging, political objectives in Kashmir....It is an outstanding piece of work and will make an important contribution to the current debates on the peace process in Kashmir." — Director, Centre for Air Power Studies, Air Commodore Jasjit Singh.