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TO THE READER

THIS book tells how Richard Thompson aged twenty-three leaves his job at a London draper's and sets out to make his fortune in the golden East. He has seen India on maps, and he has heard tales of rajahs and elephants and dancing-girls; now he is going to find out if India really is like what he has pictured.

Going East does not try to tell you all about anything; it is concerned simply with one ordinary young Englishman, what he saw and what he did, what he thought and what he felt, in his first three months out East. The things he saw are real things; if you come to Calcutta you can take this book in your hand and follow exactly the drive Dick took with Mrs. Laurenz that first evening, and see exactly what he saw. The events are true events. But Dick could not see everything, could not learn everything, so there is much left untold—even about that part of India which he saw. Some matters which are not written in the book are not far from its pages; you can read about these in other books—you will find some suggested at the end.

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