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Foreword

How can a book tell us about him and his strange and wonderful personality that has gripped the millions of India? How can we find out from the printed page wherein lies that elusive and rarest of qualities which makes a man tower above his fellows and leaves its impress on the ages to come? This little man has been and is a colossus before whom others, big in their own way and in their own space and time, are small of stature. In this world of hatred and uttermost violence and the atom bomb, this man of peace and goodwill stands out, a contrast and a challenge. In an acquisitive society madly searching for new gadgets and new luxuries, he takes to his loincloth and his mud hut. In man's race for wealth and authority and power, he seems to be a nonstarter, looking the other way; and yet that authority looks out of his gentle but hard eyes, that power seems to fill his slight and emaciated frame, and flows out to others. Wherein does his strength lie, wherein this power and authority? Has he drunk somewhere from the secret spring of life which has given strength to India through the ages? . . .

We who have known him for these many years in all his moods and activities and tried to fathom what lay behind them, what distant

