When Kushanava Choudhury arrived in New Jersey at the age of twelve, he had already migrated halfway around the world four times. After graduating from Princeton, he moved back to the world which his immigrant parents had abandoned, to Calcutta, a city built between a river and a swamp, where the moisture-drenched air swarms with mosquitos after sundown.

Working for its leading English newspaper, Choudhury found the streets of his childhood unchanged by time. Sifting through the chaos for the stories that never make the papers, Choudhury paints a soulful, compelling portrait of the everyday lives that make Calcutta. Written with humanity, wit and insight, The Epic City (Bloomsbury, 2018) is an unforgettable portrait of an era, and a city which is a world unto itself.

"A beautifully observed and even more beautifully written new study of Calcutta." - William Dalrymple, The Guardian

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