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*(Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute)*

"Huberman provides profound insights on the lives of children who work the streets of the tourist industry, and equally profound insights on the experience of tourists and their search for meaning and self understanding in India."

*(Joseph S. Alter professor of anthropology, University of Pittsburgh)*

"Through her research on tourist-child encounters in Banaras, Huberman makes a real contribution to the ethnographic and psychological literature on working children and changing gender systems in India."

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"*Ambivalent Encounters* is one of the most ethnographically detailed and multifaceted books on children. Huberman expertly captures and explores relationships between value, age, and work in a contemporary Indian city."

*(Chaise LaDousa associate professor of anthropology, Hamilton College)*

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