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Identity and Violence

The Illusion of Destiny

Amartya Sen

One of the world's leading intellectuals looks at the deep reasons behind so many of the world's conflicts, and suggests a way to resolution

In this book, Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen argues that conflict and violence are sustained today, no less than in the past, by the illusion of a unique identity. The world is increasingly taken to be no more than a federation of religions (or of 'cultures' or 'civilisations'), ignoring the many other ways in which people see themselves. Brilliantly exploring multiculturalism, fundamentalism, terrorism and globalization, Sen overturns stereotypes and shows how the world can be made to move towards peace as firmly as it has recently spiralled towards war.

Amartya Sen is Lamont University Professor at Harvard. He won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1998 and was Master of Trinity College, Cambridge 1998–2004. His last book, *The Argumentative Indian*, was also published by Allen Lane. His books have been translated into more than thirty languages.

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'In this great book of social science Amartya Sen brings to our generation a new and modern vision of how to obtain peace, by respecting the humanity and diversity of others'
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