



## Invisible Forgotten Sufferers: The Plight of Widows Around The World

By Vijay Dutt

Konark Publication, New Delhi, 2010. Hardcover. Condition: New. 175pp. This book on the worlds widows has primarily been written to convince the United Nations that the exploitation, torture and humiliation of widows the world over and the stress that their children are put to is a human rights issue. And, therefore, the UN must treat them as victims of human rights violations. The Loomba Foundation has been campaigning that June 23 be officially recognised by the UN as the International Widows Day so that on that day a certain awareness about the plight of widows is raised globally. The Foundation has also prepared comprehensive guidelines for the UN, governments and communities to help protect and nurture the worlds widows and their children. The book provides an in-depth analysis of the state of widows, the causes for their deprivation, and its effects on their dependents. It also shows how laws have failed and customs and old beliefs continue to torment widows, especially in the developing world. The book also seeks to make an appeal to the UN to set up an exclusive agency for widows to help them fight discrimination. It also presents various ways of empowering these hapless women so...



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