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Out of India a Raj Childhood

Michael Foss

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Michael Foss was born in India in 1937 and educated in England and America. He has travelled widely and, after a spell as a lecturer at an American university, he settled in London and took up writing full time. His books include *Out of India*, *The Road Taken*, *Looking for the Last Big Tree*, *Tudor Lives*, *The Founding of the Jesuits*, *Undreamed Shores*, *On Tour: The British Traveller in Europe*, *Poetry of the World Wars*, *Gods and Heroes: The Story of Greek Mythology*, *The World of Camelot*, *Celtic Myths and Legends* and *People of the First Crusade*. He won the J. R. Ackerley prize for *Out of India* in 2002.

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