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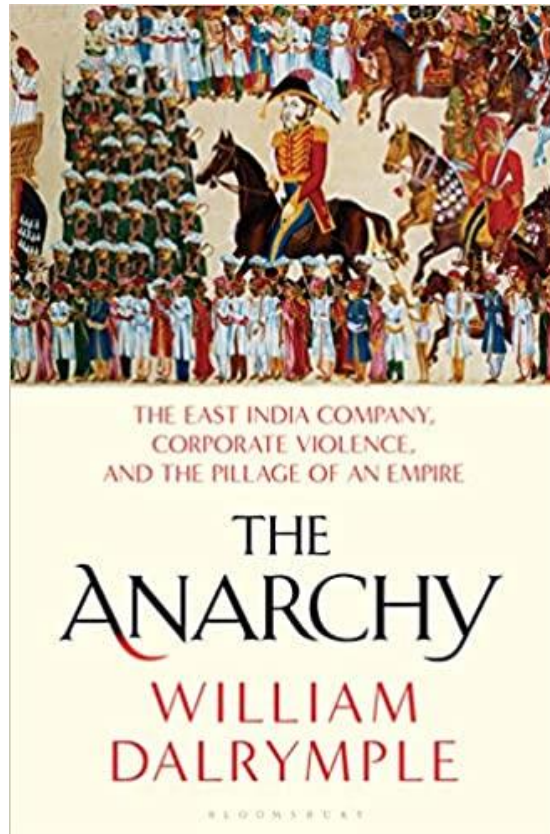
*The Anarchy -*

*The East India Company, Corporate Violence,  
And the Pillage of an Empire*

**Author: William Dalrymple**

**Kindle Edition**

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*The Anarchy* by William Dalrymple has the subtitle *The Relent Rise of the East India Company*. William Dalrymple has written many insightful books on Indian history such as *The Last Mughal: The Fall of a Dynasty, Delhi 1857*, *Koh-i-Noor: The History of the World's Most Infamous Diamond*, and *Nine Lives: In Search of the Sacred in Modern India*.

*The Anarchy* has nine chapters, preceded by an introduction, and followed by and epilogue. The book is a blend of history of power in political set up and the story of gaining power through trade. When we read the book, we feel that we are reading an interesting historical novel. At the same time the author presents solid facts and shows how the East India Company put making money and profit for its shareholders on top of other issues, including gaining political power in India, and how they manipulated the House of Commons in England to establish themselves a powerful group.

Students of Business Administration in India will gain substantial knowledge of the origin, emergence, and domination of a trading company not only in the economic affairs of a territory but also as ruler of India. Not that India did not gain anything from the rule of East India Company, but it shows the potential and practice of modern corporations of India gaining power in various fields in India, including power over the government and people.

The book has the following chapters. Note that the titles of the chapters may not convey what they contain just as other descriptive studies do. If we have a good background in modern Indian history, we may be able to anticipate the contents of these chapters. And when we read this book, we are shocked by the developments portrayed in the book. An ancient land, known for its pioneering fields of knowledge and for maintaining peace and freedom even when the kings and princes fought among themselves for power, continuity of culture and belief systems, with classics dealing with business deliberations, etc., become an easy prey to a well-organized profit-seeking traders. As the time went on, law-abiding nature of Indians enable them to become part of the activities of the East India Company in administering the country.

Corporate violence actually involved physical fight as well against the regional ruling princes and kings of India, even as it involved corrupt practices of the East Indian Company officials and the Members of the House of Commons.

The book *Anarchy* has the following chapters:

Introduction

1. 1599
2. An Offer He Could Not Refuse
3. Sweeping With the Broom of Plunder
4. A Prince of Little Capacity
5. Bloodshed and Confusion
6. Racked by Famine
7. The Desolation of Delhi
8. Impeachment of Warren Hastings
9. The Corpse of India

## Epilogue

The book *Anarchy* really presents the anarchy created by the East India Company in India while capturing political power to expand its business. It also presents the anarchy it created in England by corrupting politicians and focusing primarily on making profit.

Students and faculty of business administration may like to read this book to gain more insight into the development of modern business in India. It will become clear to all of us that business is not simply business, it could be an important element of all activities whether connected with business or not. Business Ethics becomes then an important thing to learn about and practice.

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