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there are cases where the 'common past' or a 'collective memory' is no

longer shared. This book centres on the construction, elaboration and negotiation of the narratives that have become official history in India. These narratives influence politics and the representation of the nation. Depending on the c