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Desai wrote this book to "increase the public understanding of accountability". According to the author, the recent flood of scams, however, leaves some big questions unanswered. "Will accountability among our public officials change with the passage of time? Could it become much worse than we see today, horrifying as it may sound? Will it improve at some point in the not-so-distant future? These are undoubtedly difficult questions to answer, but nevertheless important ones to consider. Grappling with these subjective questions necessarily requires us to take a more qualitative approach to charting the possible trajectory of accountability out into the future," he writes. "To paint this new world, let us draw from the palette of business, where organisations constantly have to reinvent themselves to cope with the unrelenting pressure from customers, competitors and collaborators, as well as from the aspirations of their own employees." The author hopes that those who read his book will transit from a state of angst about accountability, to one of awareness and finally into action. Among other issues, Desai compares the paucity of accountability reforms over the past six decades with the intensity of economic reforms over the same period. "India has been endowed with every political, economic and social obstacle that a country in search of its global position would not want to encounter on its path to modernity. Creating these obstacles are the endemic maladies of weak accountability and poor governance. Failure to circumvent these obstacles could result in disastrous consequences for the nation, if we collapse into the unending downward spiral of crony capitalism, oligarchic somnolence, stumbling growth, and the ever-waiting middle-income trap that swallows promising economies with gusto," he writes.

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