



Salient Ideas

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Salient Ideas... is a compendium of Dr. Rammanohar Lohia's views on different subjects and situations, in Lohia's own words. Eminent scholar and writer, Sahitya Akademi and Jnanpith Award winner, Dr. Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya, undertook this work in a spirit of devotion to Dr. Lohia and after going through his whole voluminous writings, compiled this book as his last tribute to his mentor. He could not see this book in print because he passed away after completing the work and handing over the script to his friend Dr. Hari Dev Sharma. After Dr. Sharma's death, this manuscript was found in his papers.

Dr. Lohia mingled with all sorts of people from rickshaw-pullers and waiters to writers, artists, philosophers and politicians and, therefore, all of them have something to say with some authority, about what Lohia said or thought. This is likely to create confusion at some point of time. This book gives an authentic version of what Lohia said on different matters.

The book is likely to become a treasury of quotable quotes on account of sheer originality and ever-freshness of Lohia's mind.

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