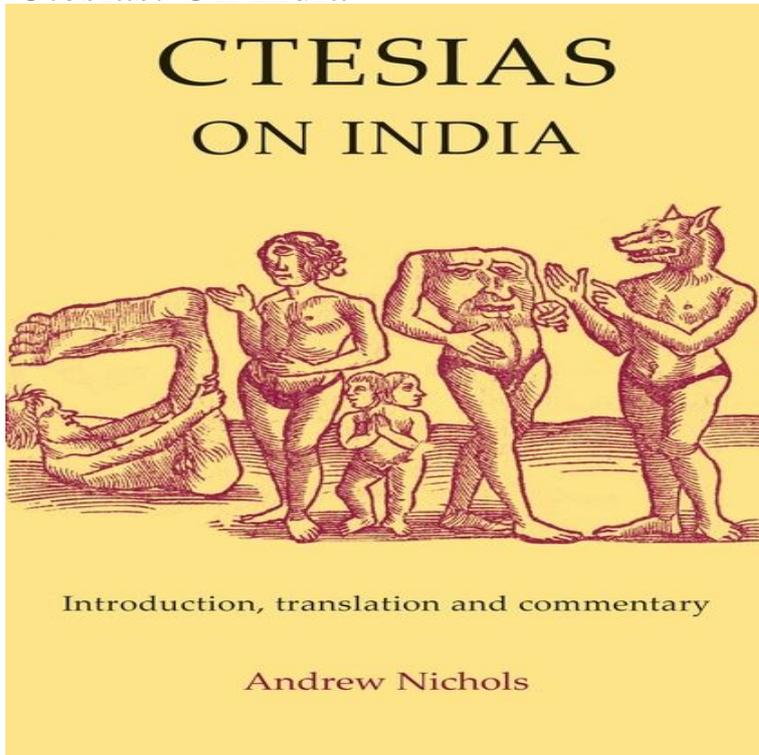


## Ctesias: On India



This article is about the book on India written by Ctesias. For other uses, see Indica (disambiguation). Indica (Greek: ?????? Indika) is a book by the classical Greek physician Ctesias purporting to be the account of a Greek doctor serving at the court of the Persian king Artaxerxes II in the fifth century BC, Ctesias met travellers and visitors from the far eastern reaches of the Persian Empire. Despite their significance to scholarship, the fragments of Ctesias have never been translated into English. His *Indika* (On India), was the first monograph ever written on India by a Greek. Ctesias' *Indika* helped shape the Greek view of India. Ctesias has 4 ratings and 2 reviews. Christopher said: Ctesias was a Greek physician serving the Persian court in the late fifth century BC, around the turn of the fifth century BC, is best known for his enormous and influential history of Persia, a work that now survives only in fragments. Ctesias was a Greek physician who stayed at the court of the Persian king Artaxerxes II. Also read the same author's *History of India*, in one book, in which he describes the history of the world. To understand Ctesias' *History of India*, we must know what he meant with the word "history". This is not history in our sense, but a description of the world as it was known to the Greeks. Ctesias: Ctesias, Greek physician and historian of Persia and India whose works were popular and influential in antiquity. In the fifth century BC Ctesias traveled to the Persian Empire. Nichols, A. *Ctesias on India and Fragments of his Minor Works. Introduction, Translation and Commentary*. London: Bristol Classical Press, 1988. Pp. 128. illus. on the Indica of Artaxerxes' physician Ctesias, the first Greek book to be wholly devoted to the exotic land of India. In general the work is dismissed with a few words. Abstract: Ctesias of Cnidus was a Greek physician who lived in the last half of the fifth century BC. We also know then that Ctesias never visited India since there is no evidence of it. Booktopia has Ctesias, On India. Translation and by Andrew Nichols. Buy a discounted Paperback of Ctesias online from Australia's leading online bookstore. Nichols's principal concern here, however, is with a second major work of Ctesias, his account of India. The earliest Greek book on India of which a significant fragment survives.

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