

'They Came to Mauritian Shores: Portraits and Life-Stories of the Indentured Labourers (1826-1925)' by Satyendra Peerthum, Historian, at the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund, provides a detailed and clear narrative on the life-stories of more than 110 Indian and other indentured workers from the late 1920s to the 1930s. It vividly explores the social history of more than 462,000 indentured men, women, and children who reached Mauritian shores between 1826 and 1910. Through its more than 180 highly visual and informative pages, more than 270 pictures, maps, charts, and tables. It also highlights the long-term and complex social, economic, and demographic transformations of the island from the 1830s and the early 1900s.

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