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For Joy, of course,
and for Jennifer Livett

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Prefatory Note

In the interests of consistency, I have referred to the British community in India as Anglo-Indians throughout this study. Similarly, I have used the term Eurasian to describe the mixed-race community, despite the fact that after the census of 1911 these people were officially recognised as Anglo-Indians.

Many Indian words have no definitive English spelling. As Olivia writes in O. Douglas's *Olivia in India*: 'One trait [Hindustani] has which appeals to me is that one can spell it almost any way one likes'. I have been consistent throughout my own text, but various spellings of words like chapati and Muslim appear in quotations.

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It is not down on any map; true places never are.

(Herman Melville, *Moby-Dick*)