

# DOON SCHOOL CHRONICLES



The **Doon School Quintet** is an intimate study of India's most prestigious boys' boarding school, located in Dehra Dun in Uttaranchal. Sometimes called 'the Eton of India,' Doon School has nevertheless developed its own distinctive style and presents a curious mixture of privilege and egalitarianism. It was established by a group of Indian nationalists in the 1930s to produce a new generation of leaders who would guide the nation after Independence. Since then it has become highly influential in the creation of the new Indian elites and has come to epitomize many aspects of Indian postcoloniality.



Filed over a two-year period, this film looks at the life of Indian middle-class boys as they experience the effects of institutional, national, and global pressures during the transitional years from childhood to adulthood. The film explores the 'social aesthetics' and ideology of the school through its rituals, the physical environment it has created, and its effects upon several boys of different ages and temperaments. It is divided into ten 'chapters,' each headed by a text taken from school documents.

*"An extraordinarily insightful and intimate exploration of the social and cultural landscape of India's most elite boys' boarding school. In following the boys' daily routines and dramas, the film also affords us a rare glimpse at processes of postcolonial Indian identity formation. This is a wonderful teaching tool that will enhance any course dealing with issues of adolescence, education, institutional structure and 'habitus,' or postcolonial elites. My students were stupefied by the eloquence, independence, and maturity of the Doon School boys."*



- LUCIEN TAYLOR, THE FILM STUDY CENTER, HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

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