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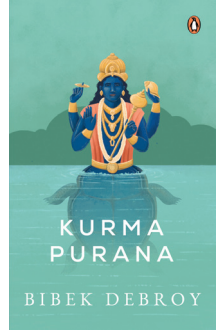
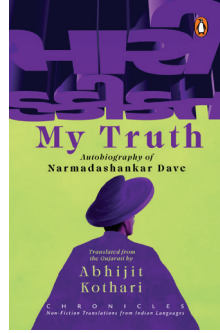
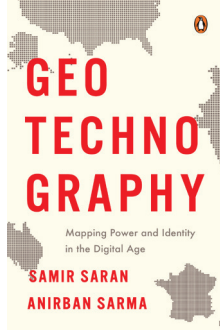
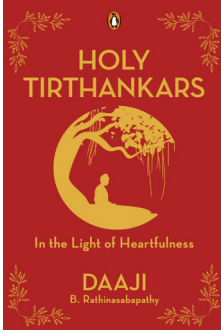
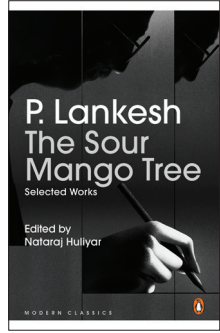
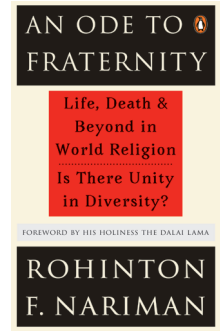
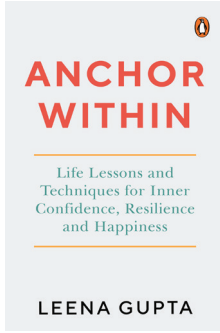
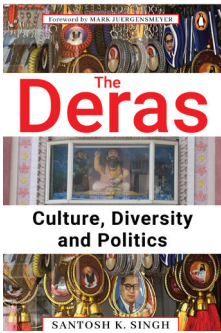
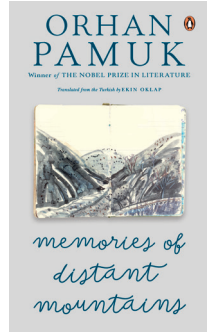
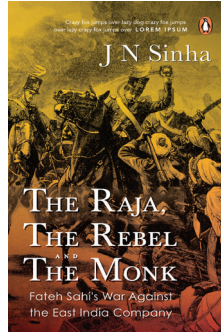
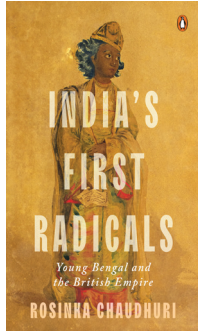
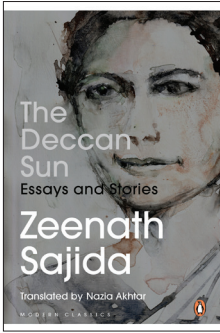
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## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

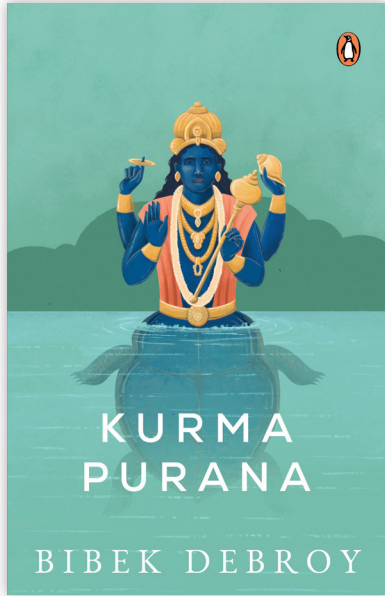


*As we reveal our catalogue for January–March 2025, I am pleased to share that we will continue to publish promising debut voices and new books from our established authors. Our list offers an eclectic mix of prose, fiction and translation, and I hope you will enjoy the range of books we are proud to publish. Keep on reading with Penguin.*

*Mila Ashwarya*



# NON-FICTION



# KURMA PURANA

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BIBEK DEBROY

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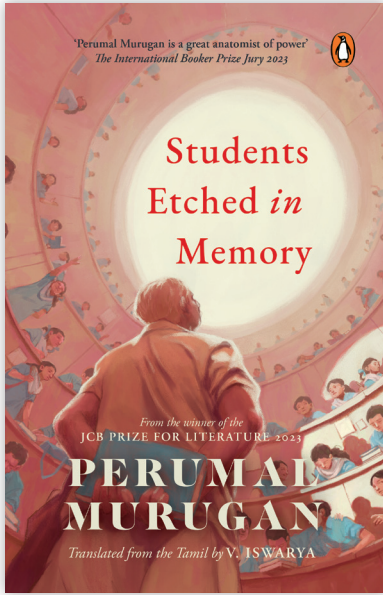
**Price** Rs 699

**Vishnu's second avatar, the Kurma comes to life in Bibek Debroy's swan song, the *Kurma Purana*.**

To save the world from cosmic annihilation, Lord Vishnu takes on his second avatar, that of the Kurma, or the tortoise. The Kurma Purana is one of the eighteen classic Hindu texts known collectively as the Puranas. The origins of the Kurma Purana can be traced back to 600 to 900 CE, and we encounter Indradyumna, Varaha, Devi, Vyasa and the divine presence of Shiva in this text as we delve into the deep and nuanced tale of one of the greatest Hindu legends. The seventh book in the Purana series, this translation of the *Kurma Purana* by Bibek Debroy is an attempt to bring to readers, the rich and layered history of our myths and classics.

Previous books in the series include the *Bhagavata Purana*, *Brabma Purana*, *Markandeya Purana*, *Brabmanda Purana*, *Visbnu Purana* and the *Shiva Purana*.

**BIBEK DEBROY** was a renowned economist, scholar and translator. He has widely published books, papers and articles on economics. As a translator, he is best known for his magnificent rendition of the Mahabharata in ten volumes as well as the three-volume Valmiki Ramayana-both of which have been published to wide acclaim by Penguin Classics. He is also the author of the Purana series for Penguin Random House as well as the author of the widely popular, *Sarama and Her Children*, which splices his interest in Hinduism with his love for dogs.



# STUDENTS ETCHED IN MEMORY

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PERUMAL MURUGAN,  
translated by V. ISWARYA

**Imprint** Hamish Hamilton

**Format** B/Hardback

**Page Extent** 256

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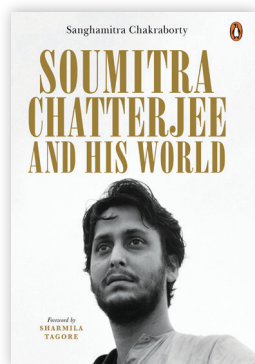
**Price** Rs 599

## A powerful collection of essays by the legendary Perumal Murugan

In these forty deeply personal essays, Perumal Murugan offers an intimate look into the lives of college students from small-town Tamil Nadu. With profound empathy for his students, he recognizes that education is far more than textbooks and exams. The essays, translated with sensitivity and grace by V. Iswarya, reflect the broader challenges facing students—pressures of family expectations, class, caste and the tension between tradition and modernity. Yet, they carry a sense of hope—of education as a pathway to change, upward mobility and the possibility of personal transformation.

Once again, Perumal Murugan demonstrates his mastery in capturing the lived experiences of individuals navigating the shifting currents of change.

**PERUMAL MURUGAN**, is the star of contemporary Tamil literature. An award-winning writer, poet and scholar, he has garnered both critical acclaim and commercial success for his vast array of work. His book *Pyre* was longlisted for the International Booker Prize in 2023, the same year he won the coveted JCB Prize for Literature for his novel *Fire Bird*.



## SOUMITRA CHATTERJEE AND HIS WORLD

SANGHAMITRA CHAKRABORTY

**Imprint** Vintage

**Format** Demy/Hardback

**Page Extent** 512

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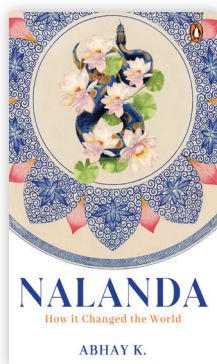
**Language Rights** English only

**Price** Rs 799

### The last icon of modern Bengali cinema

This definitive biography—drawing on interviews with Soumitra's family, friends, colleagues and admirers, as well as on a wealth of archival material—covers the complete arc of Soumitra Chatterjee's extraordinary life and captures the many facets of his talent as a creative artist and all-round icon of the Bengal cultural sphere.

SANGHAMITRA CHAKRABORTY, is a journalist and editor.



## NALANDA

HOW IT CHANGED THE WORLD

ABHAY K.

**Imprint** Penguin Vintage

**Format** Demy/Hardback

**Page Extent** 288

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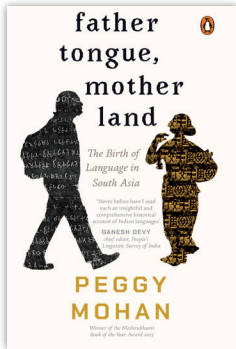
**Price** Rs 699

### An untold history of a lost university

Much about Nalanda remains a mystery. When was it founded, who founded it, who studied and taught there? What subjects were taught there? How many students and teachers were there? Was Nalanda a university in the modern sense? What led to Nalanda's downfall? Nalanda by Abhay K. unveils these mysteries and tells the story of the rise, fall, and re-rise of Nalanda Mahavihara.

ABHAY K. is the author of a dozen poetry books, including *Celestial*, *Stray Poems*, *Monsoon*, *The Magic of Madagascar* and *The Alphabets of Latin America*. His poems have appeared in over a hundred literary magazines, including Poetry Salzburg Review and Asia Literary Review.





## FATHER TONGUE, MOTHERLAND

THE BIRTH OF LANGUAGES IN  
SOUTH ASIA

PEGGY MOHAN

**Imprint** Allen Lane

**Format** Demy/Hardback

**Page Extent** 376

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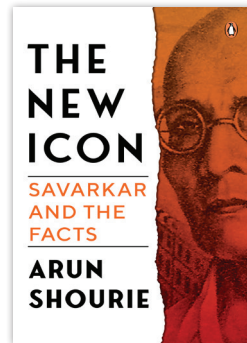
**Language Rights** All Languages

**Price** Rs 699

### A deeply researched work on Indian languages

How do languages mix? Does it begin in chaos, new migrants and old inhabitants needing a pidgin to communicate? Or does it happen more smoothly? What is a prakrit? Why do we hear only of prakrits, and never of pidgins, in South Asia? In *Father Tongue, Motherland*, Peggy Mohan looks at how languages in South Asia came to life.

**PEGGY MOHAN** studied linguistics at the University of the West Indies, going on to do her PhD in linguistics from the University of Michigan. She is the author of *Wanderers, Kings, Merchants*, (Penguin Random House 2021) which won the Mathrubhumi Book of the Year Award.



## THE NEW ICON

SAVARKAR AND THE FACTS

ARUN SHOURIE

**Imprint** Viking

**Format/Binding** Royal/Hardback

**Page Extent** 568

**ISBN** 9780670100095

**Pub Month** January 2025

**Territory** World

**Language rights** All Languages

**Price** Rs 999

### A radical new look at V.D. Savarkar

Did Savarkar battle a stormy sea when he attempted his legendary escape at Marseilles? Did Gandhiji and he stay together 'as friends' in London as Savarkar claimed during Gandhiji's assassination trial? What is one to make of his 'mercy petitions' to the British? In *The New Icon*, Arun Shourie delves deep into Savarkar's books, essays, speeches, statements to answer these and other questions.

Scholar, author, former editor and minister, **ARUN SHOURIE** has, for the last four decades, been one of the most prominent voices in our country's public affairs and discourse.



## THE LITTLE BOOK OF BIG GIRL THINGS

AKSHARA ASHOK

**Imprint** Ebury Press

**Format** Special size—157 x 157 mm

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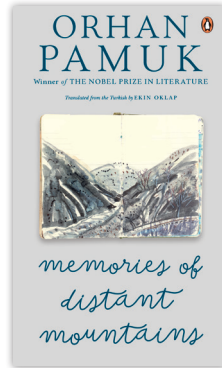
**Language Rights**

**Price** Rs 499

**A semi-autobiographical comic showing the complexities of growing up**

Do you ever wonder how everyone knows what they should be doing? Everyone around you is talking about getting married or investing in the stock market, and your biggest worries are: What's for dinner? Oh, did I leave the stove on? If this sounds like you, you've picked up the right book. This book discusses everything from everyday problems that come with being a girlie to anxiety, depression, body image issues, seeking help and self-discovery.

AKSHARA ASHOK is the creator of the goofy Happy Fluff Comics on Instagram which have been featured on multiple platforms worldwide and are loved by millions of readers across the globe.



## MEMORIES OF DISTANT MOUNTAINS

ILLUSTRATED NOTEBOOKS

ORHAN PAMUK

**Imprint** Hamish Hamilton

**Format** Special/Hardback

**Page Extent** 400

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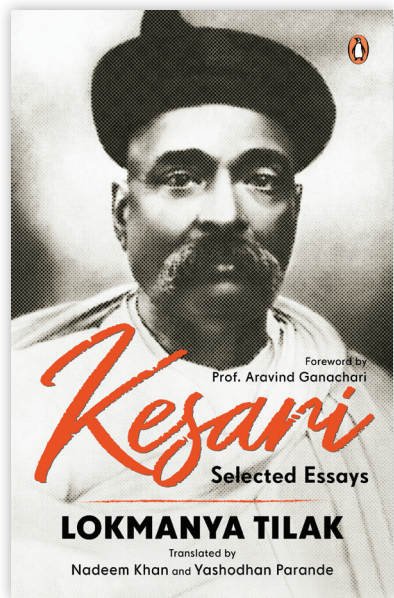
**Language Rights** English

**Price** Rs 1299

**Illustrated journals from the Nobel Prize winning author Orhan Pamuk**

Every day for over a decade, Orhan Pamuk has written and drawn in his notebooks. Translated into English for the first time, these entries include daily events and reflections; dialogues with his fictional characters; notes on his works-in-progress; his experience of writer's block and the unfolding of his difficulties with the current Turkish government.

ORHAN PAMUK won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2006. His novel *My Name Is Red* won the 2003 International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award.



# KESARI

## SELECTED ESSAYS

LOKMANYA TILAK, translated by  
NADEEM KHAN, YASHODHAN  
PARANDE

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**Format/Binding** Royal/Hardback  
**Page Extent** 392  
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**Language Rights** All Languages  
**Price** Rs 799

Revolutionary essays written in *Kesari* by Lokmanya Tilak.

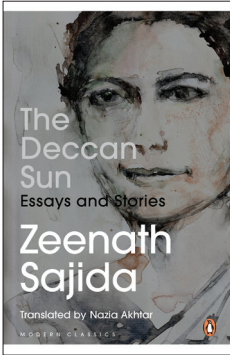
Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak was one of the first and central figures of Indian nationalist movement. He was a radical and upheld the concepts of Swadeshi, Boycott of foreign goods and gave the slogan: 'Swaraj is our Birthright and We shall have it.' *Kesari* became the mouthpiece of Tilak's political ideas and that of the Indian nationalist movement.

The book includes essays published in *Kesari* between 1886 and 1918 on topics ranging from the Indian National Congress, Economy to Nationalism, and expresses Tilak's views on sedition, women's rights and education. Translated by Nadeem Khan and Yashodhan Parande, the essays are a peek into the crucial moments of Indian history and the ideas of Lokmanya Tilak.

**LOKMANYA BAL GANGADHAR TILAK** has been a teacher of English since 1973, retiring as Associate Professor in 2010. He was the founder-director of the Western Regional Centre of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, from 2011 to 2018. He has translated a score of books, mainly from Marathi to English. His translation of Avadhoot Dongare's *The Story of Being Useless* won him the Valley of Words award for 2020.

**NADEEM KHAN** has been a teacher of English since 1973, retiring as Associate Professor in 2010. He was the founder-director of the Western Regional Centre of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, from 2011 to 2018. He has translated a score of books, mainly from Marathi to English. His translation of Avadhoot Dongare's *The Story of being Useless* won him the Valley of Words award for 2020.

**YASHODHAN PARANDE** is a former civil servant who joined the Indian Revenue Service, Customs and C. Excise (now Customs and Indirect Taxes) in 1975. He retired from the service as a Member of the Central Board of Excise and Customs 2011. After a life-long career as a civil servant, he now devotes himself to translating important works from Marathi into English in order to make them accessible to a wider readership.



## THE DECCAN SUN

ESSAYS AND STORIES

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ZEENATH SAJIDA, translated by  
NAZIA AKHTAR

**Imprint** Penguin Modern Classics

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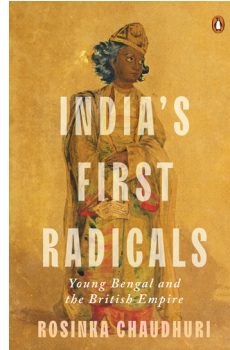
**Price** Rs 399

**A rare collection of satirical essays based on the Deccan region.**

Zeenath Sajida was an Urdu writer who dominated the literary and intellectual circles of Hyderabad for half a century. She was often compared with Ismat Chughtai for her boldness, defiance and verbal craft. Nazia Akhtar's nuanced translation brings Zeenath's sparkling wit and eloquent prose to a new readership and reminds us of the neglected legacy of Hyderabad women writers.

**ZEENATH SAJIDA** (1924–2009) was an Urdu writer and professor of Urdu literature who lived and worked in Hyderabad.

**NAZIA AKHTAR** is an assistant professor in the Human Sciences Research Centre at the International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad.



## INDIA'S FIRST RADICALS

YOUNG BENGAL AND THE BRITISH  
EMPIRE

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ROSINKA CHAUDHURI

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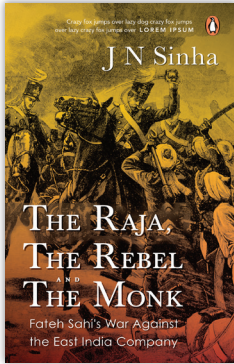
**Language Rights** All

**Price** Rs 899

**The first history of the Young Bengal Movement**

In 1831, the editor of the *India Gazette* wrote about a group he called the 'Ultra-Reformers' or the 'Ultras', who were responsible for an upheaval in social, religious, and political thinking in Calcutta. Later named Young Bengal, these students had embarked upon a collision course with orthodoxy and authority.

**ROSINKA CHAUDHURI** is director and professor of cultural studies at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC).



## THE RAJA, THE REBEL AND THE MONK

FATEH'S WAR AGAINST THE EAST INDIA  
COMPANY

J.N. SINHA

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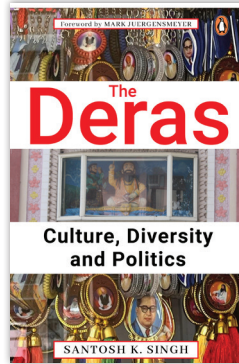
**Language Rights** All Languages

**Price** Rs 499

### The extraordinary story of a forgotten hero

In late eighteenth century India, an obscure king who ruled in northwest Bihar, challenged the might of the British. He was Maharaja Fateh Bahadur Sahi. This work is an effort to unravel Sahi's unusual life. How did he operate and survive for so long? *The Raja, the Rebel and the Monk* attempts to answer.

J.N. SINHA, PhD, has taught history at the University of Delhi, New Delhi, and has researched, published and presented extensively in India and abroad.



## THE DERAS CULTURE, DIVERSITY AND POLITICS

SANTOSH K. SINGH

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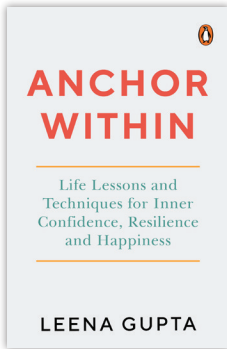
**Language Rights** All Languages

**Price** Rs 699

### A deep dive into the Deras of Punjab

The Deras is an effort to discuss this fascinating and emancipatory realm and prevent it from getting boxed in a narrow sectarian and parochial framework.

SANTOSH K SINGH is currently with the School of Liberal Studies at Dr.B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi where he teaches Sociology. He earned his Masters, MPhil and PhD degrees in Sociology from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.



## ANCHOR WITHIN

LIFE LESSONS AND TECHNIQUES FOR INNER CONFIDENCE, RESILIENCE AND HAPPINESS

LEENA GUPTA

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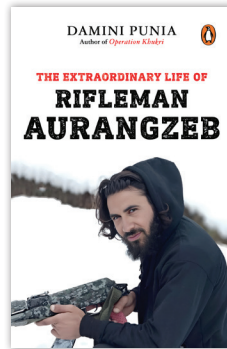
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**Price** Rs 299

**A well-crafted book on how to develop the essential life skills to 'anchor within'**

This book aims to equip readers with ten life lessons and techniques to Anchor Within and tap into oneself as a source of happiness, peace, creativity, and joy. It provides a step-by-step guide and incorporates Leena's 3P approach: Philosophy, Psychology, and Practicality, which blends ancient wisdom, modern psychology, and practical tools and techniques, to help readers imbibe and implement the lessons into their daily lives.

**LEENA GUPTA** is a holistic life coach, spiritual mentor, and founder CEO of Leena Gupta Inc.



## THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF RIFLEMAN AURANGZEB

DAMINI PUNIA

**Imprint** Penguin Veer

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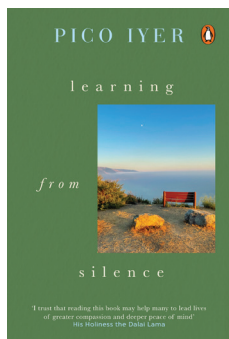
**Language Rights**

**Price** Rs 399

**A touching account of a soldier's sacrifice**

This book is the story of a man who was ready to fight his people for his country. It is the story of Rifleman Aurangzeb, a braveheart who was kidnapped by the Lashkar, tortured, recorded and brutally murdered—the militants still lost because there was no fear in his eyes and he died with his head held high.

**DAMINI PUNIA** is an accomplished author, celebrated for her debut book, *Operation Khukri*.



## LEARNING FROM SILENCE

PICO IYER

**Imprint** Hamish Hamilton

**Format/Binding** Hardback

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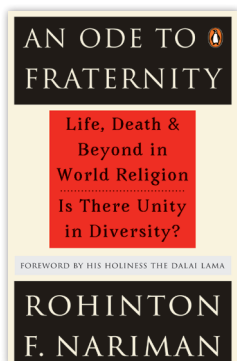
**Language Rights** English only

**Price** Rs 599

**Learn about the ageless counsel about the power of silence**

In *Learning From Silence*, Iyer travels deep into inner stillness and joy in his many seasons at the monastery, even as his life is going through constant change: houses burn, a parent dies, a daughter is diagnosed with cancer. He shares the revelations he experiences, alongside wisdom from other non-monastics who have learned from adversity and inwardness. Most profoundly, he shows how solitude can be a training in community and companionship.

PICO IYER is the acclaimed and bestselling author of more than a dozen books translated into twenty-three languages. His TED talks have been viewed over eleven million times.



## AN ODE TO FRATERNITY IS THERE UNITY IN DIVERSITY?

ROHINTON F. NARIMAN

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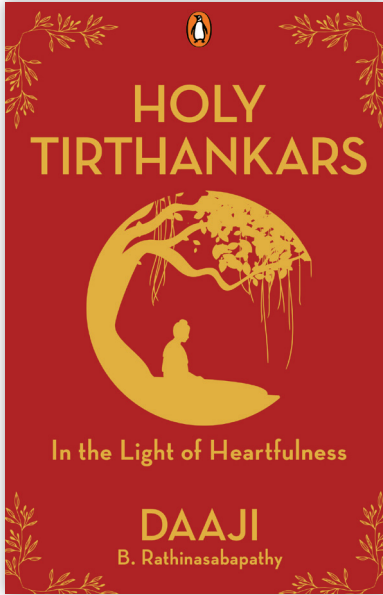
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**Price** Rs 699

**Definitive, thought provoking and deeply researched, this book deep dives into comparative religion.**

*An Ode to Fraternity* is a brilliant meditation on world religion. From Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Buddhism and Bahai to Sikhism and Christianity, among others, this is an apt book for our times, one that opens a window to understand how multiple faiths, life philosophies and religions can create a peaceful world.

JUSTICE ROHINTON FALI NARIMAN, a Parsi priest, scholar of western music and comparative religion, is a retired judge of the Supreme Court of India.



# HOLY TIRTHANKARS

IN LIGHT OF HEARTFULNESS

DAAJI and B. RATHINASABAPATHY

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**Format/Binding** Demy/Hardback

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**Language Rights** All

**Price** Rs 999

**A book on the twenty-four holy Tirthankars and the influence of nature in their life and teachings**

In the Jain tradition, a Tirthankar is a person who has attained a very high spiritual state and enlightenment because of their spiritual practice over many lifetimes. The trees under which they attained Kaivalya are called *Deeksha-Vriksha*. It symbolises the profound connection between the individual's spiritual journey and the natural world. The Jain Tirthankars are the earliest advocates of non-violence and harmonious coexistence. The qualities of tolerance, willpower, aspiration for evolution, courage, confidence and compassion are vital for the contemporary world.

Inspired from the Tamil book by B. Rathinasabapathy, *Holy Tirthankars* is a close reading of the lives of twenty-four venerable Tirthankars and their connection with nature.

**DAAJI**, also known as Kamlesh D. Patel, is the fourth and current spiritual guide of the global Heartfulness movement. He has spent the past four decades training people across the globe in Heartfulness meditation. He is the author of numerous books, including *The Wisdom Bridge*, *Spiritual Anatomy*, *Designing Destiny* and the *USA Today* bestseller *The Heartfulness Way*. Daaji enjoys going on nature walks with his grandchildren in Kanha Shanti Vanam, India, where he lives with his family.

**B. RATHINASABAPATHY** an Msc and Mphil graduate from Mayiladuthurai AVC College, B. Rathinasabapathy served at Coimbatore Zoological Park for twenty years, restoring the Nilgiris Biosphere Nature park. He has authored 50+ research papers and ten books on biodiversity. He was the recipient of Gerald Durrell Memorial and BGCJ plant conservation awards.





## THE MASTER OF UNFINISHED THINGS

GEET CHATURVEDI, translated  
by ANITA GOPALAN

**Imprint** Penguin Books

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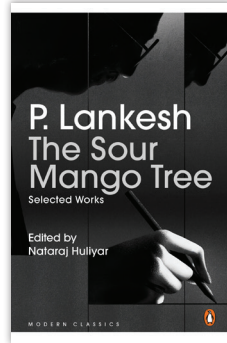
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**An intriguing memoir from the Hindi author Geet Chaturvedi**

*The Master of Unfinished Things* is a translation of Geet Chaturvedi's Hindi memoir, *Adhoori Cheezon Ka Devata*. A compilation of insightful, witty, and heart-touching memoirs, meditations, introspections, and literary criticisms this collection is sure to provide something meaningful and enjoyable to all types of readers.

**GEET CHATURVEDI** is a poet, novelist, essayist, and translator. He is one of the most important and widely read authors in contemporary Hindi literature.

**ANITA GOPALAN** is a translator, writer, and artist. Her translation of his Hindi novel *Simsim* (Penguin Random House India, 2023) was longlisted for the JCB Prize for Literature.



## THE SOUR MANGO TREE

WRITINGS BY P. LANKESH

NATARAJ HULIYAR

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**From the mind of P. Lankesh, comes a collection of essays, musings, and stories about his life and work.**

P. Lankesh's prolific journey as a Kannada writer, journalist, filmmaker and poet is a tale of grit, determination, and unflinching conviction. As Editor of *Lankesh Patrike*, he was known to publish content intended to mobilise a people, fight against caste hierarchies, and attack communal politics.

*The Sour Mango Tree* is a homage to this life far less ordinary. Lankesh's oeuvre encompasses essays and stories, a selection of which has been curated for this volume by his many readers.

**PALYA LANKESH** was an Indian poet, fiction writer, playwright, translator, screenplay writer and journalist who wrote in the Kannada language.



## THE LOST HEER

WOMEN IN COLONIAL PUNJAB

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HARLEEN SANDHU

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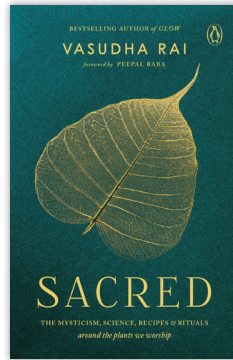
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**Price** Rs 799

### Women in Colonial Punjab

This book is a history of women in colonial Punjab – covering the period from roughly 1800 to 1947. It talks about the early encounters that Punjabi women had with westerners, the incorporation of Punjab into the empire and then the change in the lives of Punjabi women once British rule was imposed on Punjab.

**HARLEEN SINGH** is a historian and scholar working on uncovering hidden histories through the art of storytelling.



## SACRED

THE MYSTICISM, SCIENCE, RECIPES  
& RITUALS AROUND THE PLANTS WE  
WORSHIP

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VASUDHA RAI

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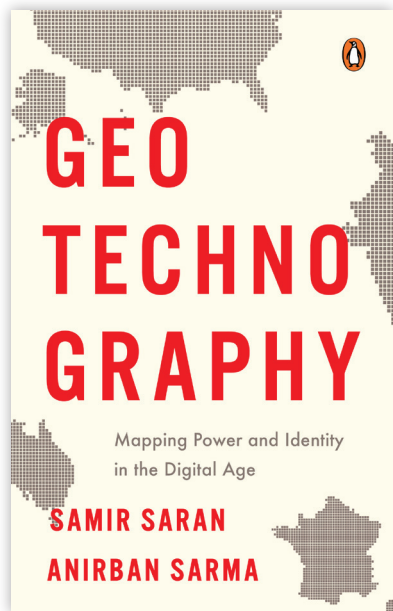
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**Price** Rs 399

**An extremely useful, easy-to-follow book explaining the mysticism, science and benefits of plants worshipped in India.**

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**VASUDHA RAI** is an author, columnist and podcaster who has written on beauty and wellness for more than two decades. Her bestseller, *Glow: Indian Foods, Recipes and Rituals for Beauty, Inside and Out*, has revived the use of traditional ingredients in everyday living.



# GEOTECHNOGRAPHY

MAPPING OUR DIGITAL SOCIETIES

SAMIR SARAN AND ANIRBAN SARMA

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**The definitive book on the digital world is shaping our society today.**

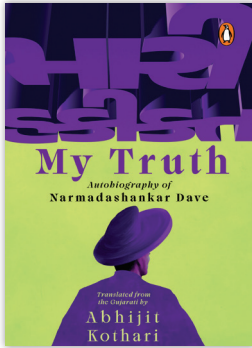
The digital economy is changing beyond recognition as platforms mediate between consumers, service providers and markets. And as more people begin to live their lives online, our rootedness in the real world is being pitted against our new sense of self, carefully constructed through social media and other forums.

Digital spaces, therefore, have become a universal global amphitheatre where social and commercial forces are competing against each other, and the choices and individual propositions facing us are in curious contest. As these trends intensify, will digital societies survive? Or, are they destined for an all-too-brief future as they disintegrate into a patchwork of virtual tribes? Can states and societies incubate cohesion, cooperation and creativity online?

Samir Saran and Anirban Sarma, two of the leading minds working at the intersection of technology, politics, governance and society offer an astute analysis of our times.

**SAMIR SARAN** is the president of the Observer Research Foundation (ORF). His research focuses on issues of global governance, climate change and energy policy, technology and media, and India's foreign policy.

**ANIRBAN SARMA** is deputy director of ORF Kolkata and a Senior Fellow at ORF's Centre for New Economic Diplomacy. He is also Chair of the Think20 Task Force on 'Our Common Digital Future'.



## MY TRUTH

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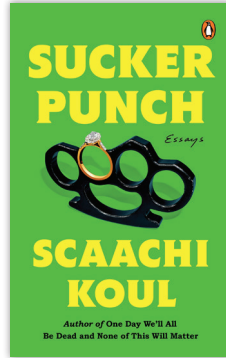
NARMADSHANKAR DAVE,  
translated by ABHIJIT KOTHARI

**Imprint** Vintage  
**Format/Binding** B/Paperback  
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**Language Rights** English only  
**Price** Rs 450

The landmark autobiography of a great Gujarati writer.

Originally titled *Mari Hakikat*, this is the autobiography of one of the foremost figures in Gujarati literature: Narmadashankar Dave (1833–86), popularly known as Narmad. The book, part of the Chronicles series, is a fascinating assemblage of different forms of writing—diary, reflection, poetry—that document the early period of Narmad's life.

ABHIJIT KOTHARI combines sociology, business and management in his research and teaching.



## SUCKER PUNCH

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ESSAYS

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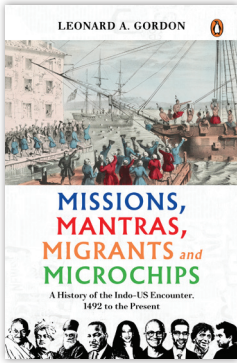
SCAACHI KOUL

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**Price** Rs 499

Scaachi Koul's witty and humorous take on dealing with life's many punches and people.

Scaachi employs her signature humor and fierce intelligence to interrogate her previous belief that fighting is the most effective tool for progress. She examines the fights she's had—with her parents, her ex-husband, her friends, online strangers, and herself—all in an attempt to understand when a fight is worth having, and when it's better to walk away.

SCAACHI KOUL is the nationally bestselling author of *One Day Will All Be Dead* and *None of This Will Matter*, a finalist for the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humor and the Kobo Emerging Writers Prize.



## MISSIONS, MANTRAS, MIGRANTS AND MICROCHIPS

INDIA AND UNITED STATES, 1492 TO  
THE PRESENT

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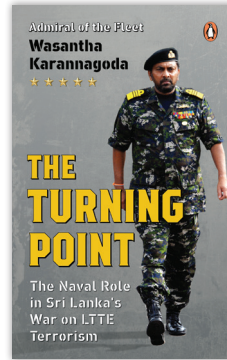
LEONARD GORDON

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**Language Rights** All Languages  
**Price** Rs 999

### The Indo-US encounter examined historically

This is a book that explores the India-US connection over the last 250 years. Beginning with the Boston Tea Party (the tea thrown overboard was from India) in 1773 even before American independence in 1776, India and the US have a connection that has become extremely thick as we speak what with the latest instance of the Indo-US encounter being Kamala Harris who ran for President.

LEONARD ABRAHAM GORDON is a historian of South Asia, whose 1990 book *Brothers Against the Raj: A Biography of Indian Nationalist Leaders Sarat and Subhas Chandra Bose* is considered the definitive biography of Subhas Chandra Bose.



## THE TURNING POINT

THE NAVAL ROLE IN SRI LANKA'S  
WAR ON LTTE TERRORISM

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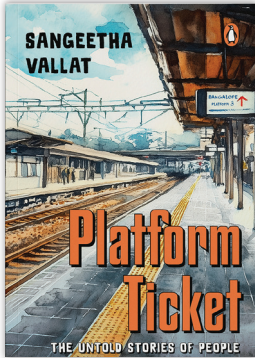
ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET  
WASANTHA KARANNAGODA

**Imprint** Penguin  
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**Price** Rs 499

### The naval role in the Sri Lankan Civil War

*The Turning Point* dwells on the naval role in the defeat of the LTTE in the Sri Lankan Civil War (2006-09). The Sri Lankan Navy played a critical role in ensuring that the high seas were policed and the LTTE could not therefore obtain weapons and fuel thus severely reducing their ability to fight.

ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET WASANTHA KARANNAGODA was the naval chief between 2003 and 2009 when the Sri Lankan Armed Forces decisively defeated the LTTE and ended the civil war in Sri Lanka.



## PLATFORM TICKET

THE UNTOLD STORIES OF PEOPLE  
WHO MAKE TRAIN TRAVEL POSSIBLE

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SANGEETHA VALLAT

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**Language Rights** All Languages

**Price** Rs 399

**A wonderful chronicle of memories from the author's time as a 'commercial clerk' in the Indian Railways.**

Sangeetha's life has been intertwined with the Indian Railways since she signed her Service Register at age of twenty, and after fourteen years of service, railway ticketing is an integral part of her. *Platform Ticket* is a chronicle of memories from her time as a 'Commercial clerk' in the Indian Railways.

**SANGEETHA VALLAT**, a seeker of stories, is passionate about books, travel, friends and conversations. Her short stories are a part of several anthologies and online journals.



## FROM PINECONES TO PODI

13 CITIES. 12 MONTHS. ONE  
CLUELES 19 YEAR OLD

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INDRAJEET MORE

**Imprint** Ebury Press

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**Language Rights** All Languages

**Price** Rs 399

**A delightful travel memoir that chronicles the author's year-long travels across various cities in India.**

*From Pinecones to Podi* is an illustrated travel memoir of the author's year-long backpacking experience across thirteen cities in India. Initially sent on an assignment to shoot a crafty travel series, it is an account of all the eccentricities, serendipities, epiphanies that occurred in between, when the camera wasn't rolling. It's a mix of the author's own ruminations and learnings and thoughtful accounts of the places he travels to.

**INDRAJEET MORE** is a director and illustrator based in Mumbai. He has worked on a range of projects, from directing YouTube content to hosting various travel series and podcasts.



## HEDGEWAR

A BIOGRAPHY

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SACHIN NANDHA

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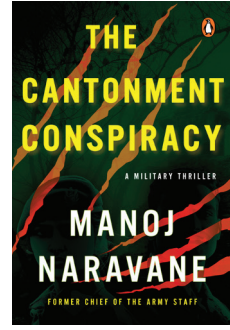
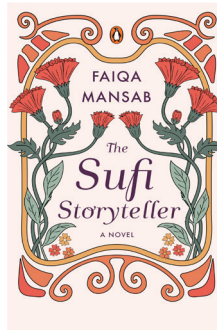
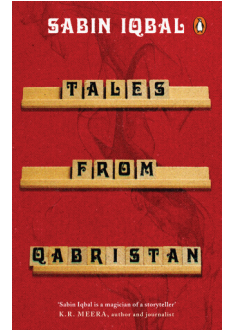
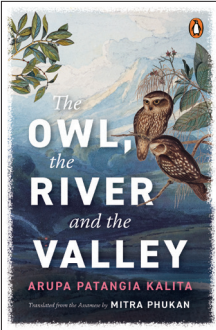
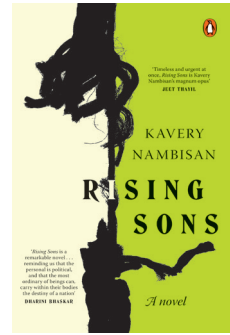
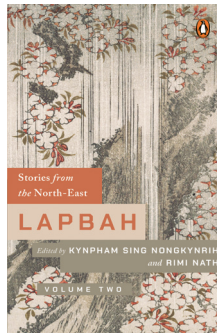
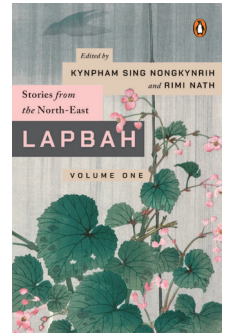
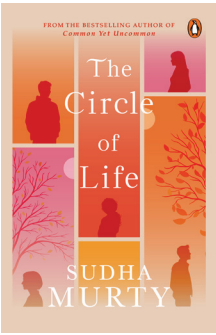
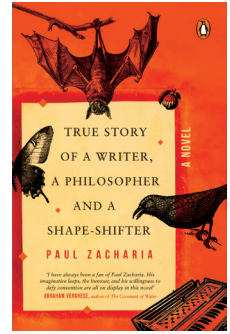
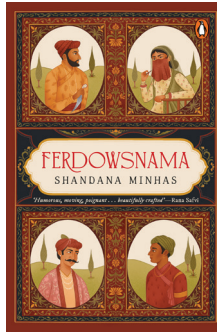
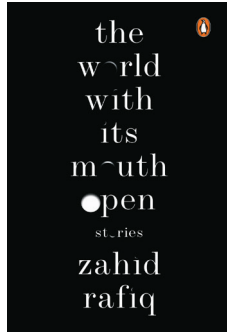
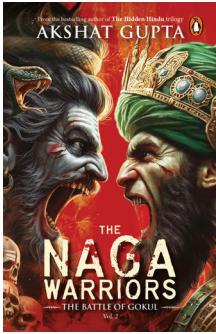
**Price** Rs 999

**The most definitive biography of K.V. Hedgewar, the man who founded the RSS based on the ideology of Hindu nationalism.**

This is a hard-hitting biography of K.V. Hedgewar, the founder of the RSS. If the shadow of his influence is anything to go by, then he has been more influential on modern India than any other including Gandhi.

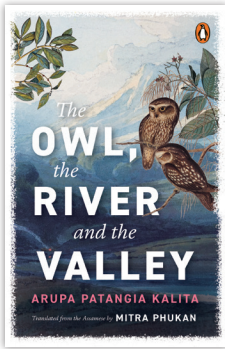
Comprehensive and unputdownable, Hedgewar will be a book people will not forget in a hurry.

**SACHIN NANDHA** is a public philosopher. He has an expertise in political economy, religion, and identity.



# FICTION





## THE OWL, THE RIVER AND THE VALLEY

ARUPA PATANGIA KALITA,  
translated by MITRA PHUKAN

**Imprint** Penguin

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**Language Rights** All languages

**Price** Rs 399

**‘Powerful, magical stories about contemporary women in Assam.’**

In Arupa Patangia Kalita’s stories, contemporary women in Assam take centre stage. The powerful, lyrical and empathetic narratives talk about issues such as surrogacy, migration, employment and history, all of which affect women in the region today. Each short story transports you to fablesque settings—the storytelling hypnotic yet believable.

In Mitra Phukan’s nuanced translation, the region and its people come alive. A deeply felt and satisfying collection for lovers of contemporary fiction, *The Owl, the River and the Valley* is a compelling journey into Assam.

**ARUPA PATANGIA KALITA** began writing at an early age and is today one of the most renowned Assamese writers. Her books have been translated into English, Hindi, Bengali, Bodo and Marathi.

**MITRA PHUKAN** is a writer, translator, columnist and trained Shastriya Sangeet vocalist. Her seventeen published works include four children’s books, two biographies, and several novels and short story collections.



## THE GIRL ON FIRE

DEVASHISH SARDANA

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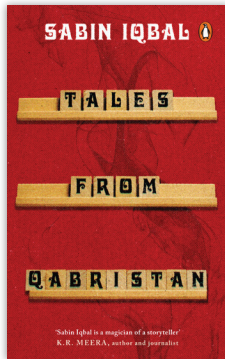
**Price** Rs 299

**A new crime thriller in the Simone Singh series!**

Coming off a fresh suspension, IPS Simone Singh is thrown headfirst into a bizarre case of serial murders—a killer is targeting doctors at the Regional Hospital in Kullu, Himachal Pradesh. Nurse Aadya is on the run. She is running from what she once believed was her salvation—to protect her baby.

Can Aadya prove her innocence in time? More importantly, can Simone catch the killer before someone else dies?

**DEVASHISH SARDANA** is the author of the bestselling *The Girl in the Glass Case* and *The Girl with Broken Dreams*. *The Girl on Fire* is his third book in the Simone Singh Series, inspired by a range of experiences—Devashish’s lifelong love affair with thriller fiction, his passion for suspenseful cinema, and his struggles with mental health as a kid.



## TALES OF QABRISTAN

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SABIN IQBAL

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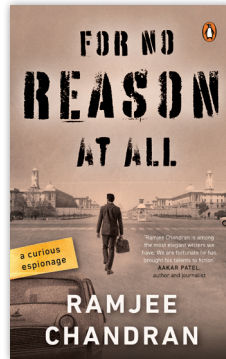
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**A vivid portrayal of life in a backwater village in Kerala**

*Tales from Qabristan* is a strikingly vivid portrayal of a boy trying to understand the world through the eyes of the adults around him, as he navigates failure, love, life and death. Its language often slipping into magical realism, traversing the realms of both fantasy and reality, the novel reminds us that children are capable of discerning extremely complex realities even if they cannot fully understand them.

**SABIN IQBAL** is author of the critically acclaimed novels *The Cliffhangers* and *Shamal Days*. He is curator of the Mathrubhumi International Festival of Letters.



## FOR NO REASON AT ALL

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A CURIOUS ESPIONAGE

RAMJEE CHANDRAN

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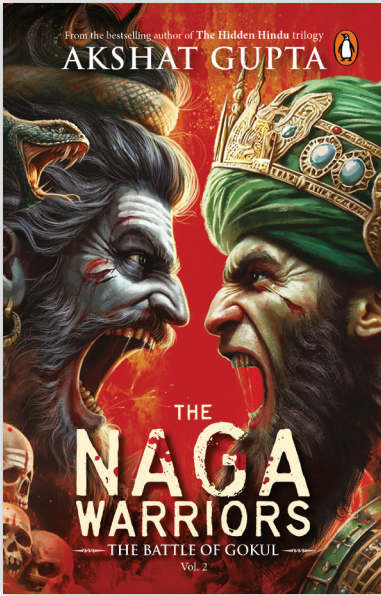
**Price** Rs 699

**An entertaining tale set in 1980s New Delhi**

Based on true events, *For No Reason At All* captures the mood of the New Delhi administration, where its new, young Prime Minister must make a difficult decision.

Set in the New Delhi of the 1980s, this tale of espionage, intrigue, deception and sexual escapade is pacy and funny.

**RAMJEE CHANDRAN** is the host of *The Literary City* podcast—on literature and books and *The History of Bangalore* podcast about the rich history of his home city, Bangalore.



# THE NAGA WARRIORS 2

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AKSHAT GUPTA

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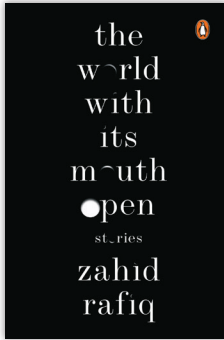
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**Price** Rs 299

## A riveting sequel to *The Naga Warriors 1*

Is the nameless Naga, an immortal and still alive in the year 2025? Did the eighteen last-standing guardians of Gokul, including Ajaa and Shambhu ji succeeded or lost against Sardar Khan and the reinforced army of thousands of brutal Afghans? Did Dhruv find the paranormal protectors of Dharma in the mysterious ranges of the Himalayas? Brace yourself before diving into the final war of the Naga warriors that follows the hidden history, the divine destiny, and the lethal legends in a never-told-before saga, the *Naga Warriors 2*. Know the perturbed past of the heroes of Gokul, their unwavering commitment, and selfless sacrifice for your precious present. *The Naga Warriors 2* brings together the mystical warriors and formidable Avatar against the demonic enemies of Dharma.

**AKSHAT GUPTA** is a national bestselling author, a TEDx speaker and an excellent screenwriter and dialogue writer in the Indian film industry. The Hidden Hindu series, authored by him, has sold over 1 lakh copies, with each book a national bestseller. Akshat is well known in the publishing industry, as well as in the Indian film industry, with a number of films and web-series signed on his name.



## THE WORLD WITH ITS MOUTH OPEN

ZAHID RAFIQ

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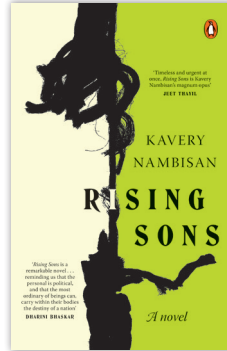
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**Price** Rs 499

**Eleven hard-hitting and exquisitely written stories about life and lives in Kashmir**

In eleven stories, *The World with Its Mouth Open* maps the inner lives of the people of Kashmir as they walk the uncertain terrain of their days, fractured from years of war. From a shopkeeper's encounter with a mannequin, to an expectant mother walking on a precarious road, to a young boy wavering between dreams and reality, to two dogs wandering the city, these stories weave in larger, devastating themes of loss, grief, violence, longing, and injustice with the threads of smaller, everyday realities that confront the characters' lives in profound ways.

**ZAHID RAFIQ** is a writer living in Srinagar, Kashmir. *The World with Its Mouth Open* is his first book.



## RISING SONS

A NOVEL

KAVERY NAMBISAN

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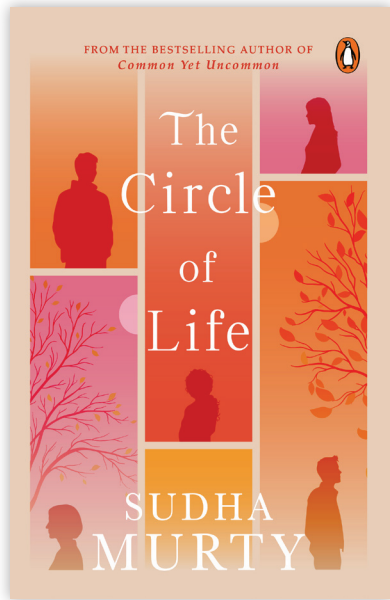
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**Price** Rs 699

**A fantastic saga about caste and legacy set during the Indian Independence movement**

Roll back the time a hundred years and visit this very small Indian village of Kesarugattu where Mud is Life. With vivid characterization and storytelling, *Rising Sons*, a novel in four parts, tells the delicate tale of the relationship between fathers and sons, between husbands and wives, between family and society; of the fate of a small village that is tied to the making of a great nation; of the hope and promise of the young against the disappointments of the past; and of the complexly-tangled hows and whys of political life.

**KAVERY NAMBISAN** has written seven novels, including *The Scent of Pepper*, *The Story That Must Not Be Told* and *A Town Like Ours*. She has also written *A Luxury Called Health* and *Cherry Red*, *Cherry Black: The Coffee Story*.



# THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

SUDHA MURTY

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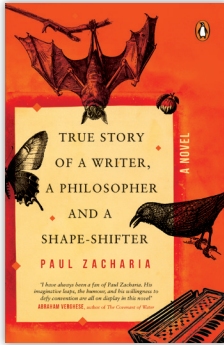
**Price** Rs 399

**They all came from varied strata of society and spoke different languages. But there was one thing in common: their love for knowledge.**

Uttara Rao, Janaki Paranjape, Arvind Shah, K. Subba Rao and Sumithra Iyer first cross each other's paths at IISc, Bangalore, in 1998. Coming from vividly different backgrounds, the five soon become friends. As they navigate relationships, careers and life, they vow to come back to the campus twenty-five years later.

A story of hardships, perseverance, successes and disappointments, the book examines the lives of five friends as they look back and reminisce about how life has indeed come full circle for them. Inspirational yet realistic, *The Circle of Life* is a moving story of five friends as they deal with life's great expectations.

**SUDHA MURTY** was born in 1950, in Shiggaon, North Karnataka. Author, philanthropist, educator, public speaker and engineer, she completed her master's in computer science from IISc, Bangalore. She is the founder of the Infosys Foundation and the chairperson of the Murty Trust. A bestselling author, with more than three hundred titles to her acclaim, some of her most famous books include *Three Thousand Stitches*, *Dollar Babu* and *Wise and Otherwise*. She writes in English and Kannada, and her books have been translated into all major Indian languages and have sold over 60 lakh copies around the country.



## TRUE STORY OF A WRITER, A PHILOSOPHER, AND A SHAPE-SHIFTER

PAUL ZACHARIA

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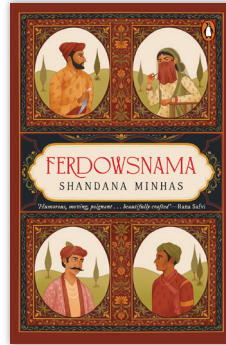
**Price** Rs 499

### Welcome to lord spider's world of marvelous lies

Lord Spider, celebrated author of popular fiction; J.L. Pillai, eminent executioner and voyeur; Rosi, Spider's wife and freelance philosopher. When they get together to write an essay on Compassion for the revolutionary party, the art of flying reaches its outrageous zenith. So does story-telling.

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**PAUL ZACHARIA** is one of the best-known novelists and short-story writers of India. He writes in Malayalam and English. A winner of the Sahitya Akademi award, he is a Distinguished Fellow of the Kerala Sahitya Akademi.



## FERDOWSNAMA

SHANDANA MINHAS

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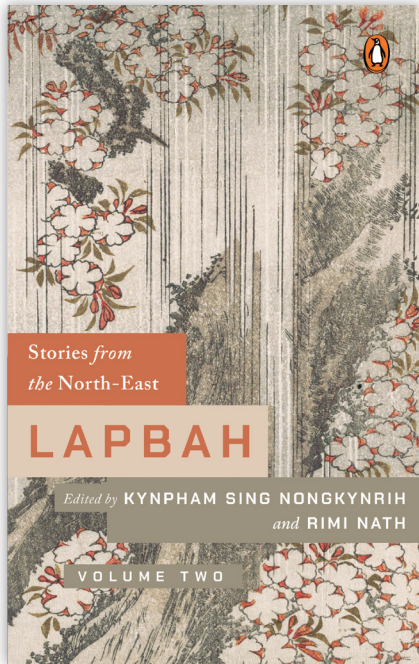
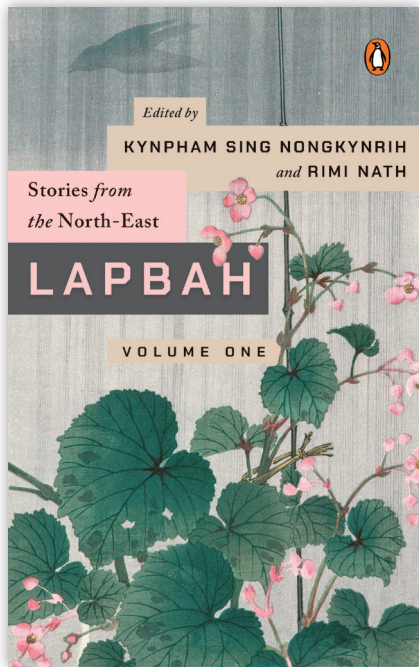
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In sixteenth-century India, warrior Amar Singh, tracker Jingu, artist Qamaruz Zaman and fire-scarred scholar Ferdows travel through a land teeming with clans, languages and deities, stealthily rigging the emperor's dominion over man, beast and demon. The unlikely quartet prove adept at engineering spectacles reflecting the Great Moghul's divine right to rule. The Great Moghul takes credit for each hunt, and this strategy of empire expansion seems to be working, until there's an abrupt turn of affairs.

**SHANDANA MINHAS** is an award-winning author of *Tunnel Vision*, *Survival Tips for Lunatics*, *Daddy's Boy* and *Rafina*.



## LAPBAH – VOLS 1 and 2

STORIES FROM THE NORTH-EAST

Edited by KYNPHAM SING  
NONGKYNRIH AND RIMI NATH

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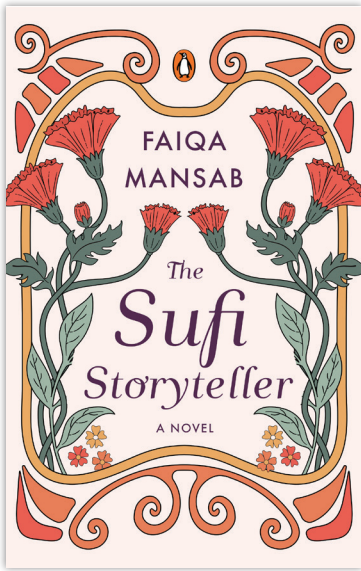
**A stunning anthology of writings from the North-east**

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**KYNPHAM SING NONGKYNRIH** writes poetry, drama and fiction in Khasi and English. He is the author of *The Distaste of the Earth*, *Around the Hearth: Khasi Legends*, and the co-editor of *Dancing Earth*.

**RIMI NATH** is an assistant professor in the Department of English, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, Meghalaya, India. She is an avid writer of poetry, haiku and short fiction. Her collection of poetry was published under *Kushiara and Other Poems*.



# THE SUFI STORYTELLER

FAIQA MANSAB

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## A gripping murder mystery featuring an estranged mother, daughter and a book of stories

An estranged mother and daughter urgently need to reconnect and navigate a world of Sufi story traditions to catch a killer, and to save each other.

Layla is a scholar of women's histories and stories. Her life is a carefully constructed set of routines in her small American liberal arts college, but all of that is about to change...

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Together they enter the realm of Story, but can Layla find the forgiveness in her heart necessary to lead them to the answers they are looking for?

This contemporary murder mystery takes readers from small town America to the mountains of Afghanistan.

**FAIQA MANSAB** is a Pakistani writer. Her debut novel *This House of Clay and Water* was published by Penguin India in 2017 to much critical and popular acclaim. It was also translated into Turkish and published by Dedalus Press Turkey. It was published as audiobook by Blackstone Publishers USA. It has been optioned for screen. The book was Amazon Editor's Pick 2018, Amazon Best Women's International Fiction 2018 and was shortlisted for the Getz Pharma Literary Award and German Consulate Peace Prize 2018.

Faiqa has contributed two stories to a charity anthology published in 2024 by Spellbound Books UK.





## TALES FROM THE DAWN-LIT MOUNTAINS

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SUBI TABA

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**A stunning collection of stories from Arunachal Pradesh**

This book is an alluring escape to the land of dawn-lit mountains, Arunachal Pradesh. It features stories that are products of visceral observation and a delicate understanding of the ethnic communities living under intervening shadows of magic and realism in the isolated hinterlands of the state.

SUBI TABA is a poet and writer from Arunachal Pradesh.



## MATRIARCHS, COWS AND EPIC VILLAINS

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SELECT FABLES

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SUNITI NAMJOSHI

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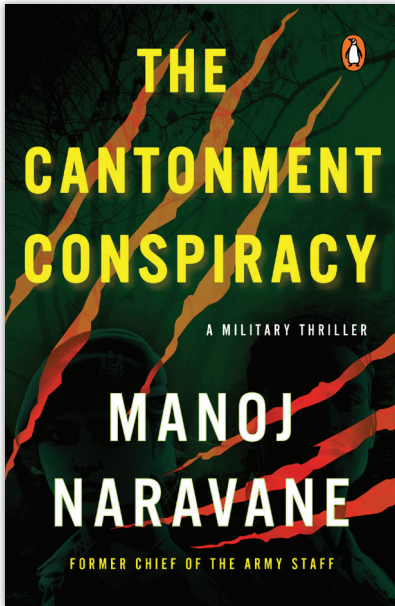
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SUNITI NAMJOSHI is a poet, a fabulist and a children's writer who has written over forty books. A selection of her writings is published in *The Fabulous Feminist* (Zubaan, 2012).



# THE CANTONMENT CONSPIRACY

GENERAL M.M. NARAVANE

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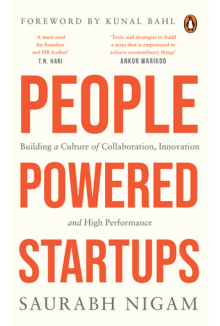
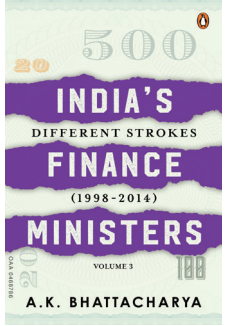
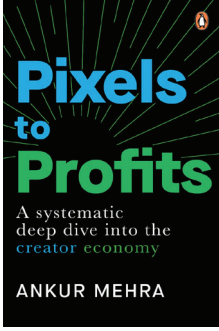
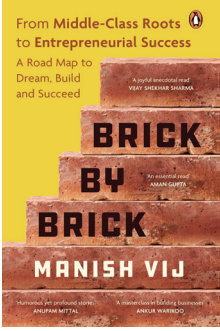
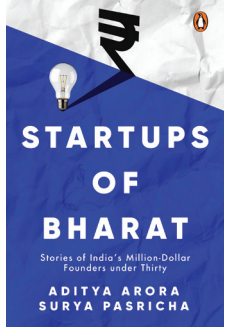
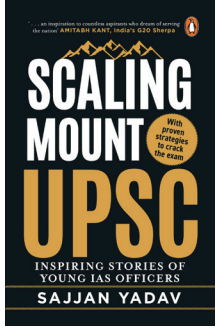
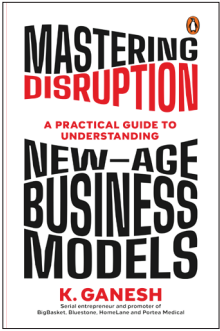
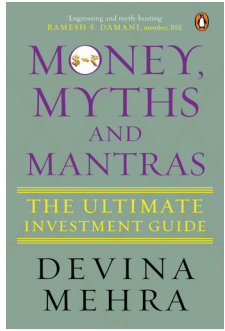
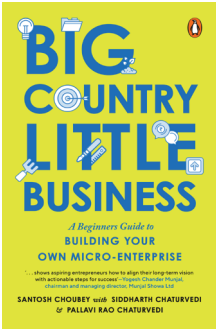
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## A murder mystery set in an army garrison, written by India's former Chief of Army Staff

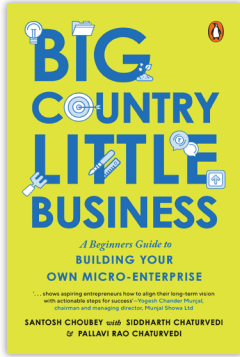
Two officers fresh out of NDA get posted at a laid-back military garrison on the banks of the Ganges river in Western UP. Lieutenant Rohit Verma comes from an Army background, knows the ropes and generally has it easy. Lieutenant Renuka Khatri, on the other hand, is from a civilian background, and from the first batch of girl cadets admitted to the NDA. They both have to prove that they are worthy of being Army officers. During a welcome party at the Officers' Mess, one of the ladies is assaulted and the needle of suspicion falls on Rohit. A Court of Inquiry is ordered, with Renuka unearthing crucial evidence which point to more sinister connections.

When one of the witnesses due to depose before the Court is murdered, it not only absolves Rohit, but also starts the hunt for the real killer. Initially skeptical, the Commandant throws his weight behind the investigation, which as it unfolds, reveals similarities to events rooted in the past. In their hunt for the suspect, Rohit and Renuka are assisted by Rehmat, a local village girl. The trio of Rohit-Renuka-Rehmat (RRR) must race against time to catch the killer before he can strike again.

**GENERAL MANOJ MUKUND NARAVANE** (retd) served as the twenty-eighth Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army from 31 December 2019 to 30 April 2022. He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla (Pune); the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun; the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington; and the Army War College, Mhow, where he was also on the faculty. In a distinguished military career spanning more than four decades, he also served as the Vice Chief of Army Staff and General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Training and Eastern Commands. He has vast experience in foreign affairs, having been part of the Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka as well as defence attaché at Yangon, Myanmar, and head of the Indian delegation to several countries. He also writes a bi-weekly column for ThePrint on matters of national security.



# BUSINESS



## BIG COUNTRY, LITTLE BUSINESS

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO BUILDING YOUR OWN MICRO-ENTERPRISE

SANTOSH CHOUBEY,  
SIDDHARTH CHATURVEDI AND  
PALLAVI RAO CHATURVEDI

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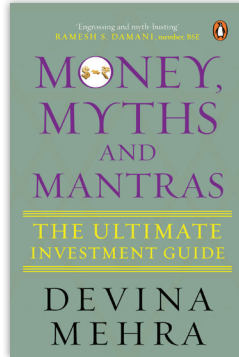
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Executive vice president of the AISECT Group, **SIDDHARTH CHATURVEDI** is one of the leading voices of skill development and entrepreneurship in India today.

**PALLAVI RAO CHATURVEDI** is executive vice president, AISECT Group.



## MONEY, MYTHS AND MANTRAS

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DEVINA MEHRA

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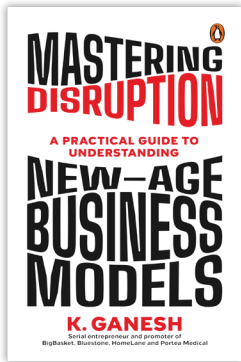
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**DEVINA MEHRA** is founder, chairperson and managing director at First Global. She was the only woman from the field of investing to appear on the Fortune India 2022 list of the '50 Most Powerful Women' along with Nirmala Sitharaman and Nita Ambani, among others.



## MASTERING DISRUPTION

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING  
NEW-AGE BUSINESS MODELS

K. GANESH

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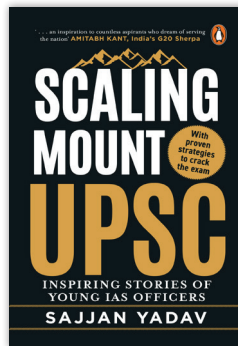
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**K. GANESH** is a seasoned serial entrepreneur and the founder of GrowthStory.in, a leading venture builder platform. He is a promoter of BigBasket, Bluestone, HomeLane and Portea Medical.



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# BUILD AN EPIC CAREER

ANKUR WARIKOO

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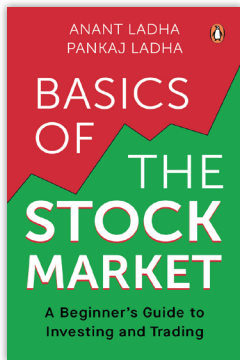
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**ANKUR WARIKOO** is a serial entrepreneur, a bestselling author, public speaker and content creator. He was part of Fortune Magazine's 40 under 40 List for India, Forbes Top 100 Digital Creators list, LinkedIn India's Top Voices, LinkedIn India's Spotlight List and India's Top Executives under 40 by Business Today.



## BASICS OF THE STOCK MARKET

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO INVESTING AND TRADING

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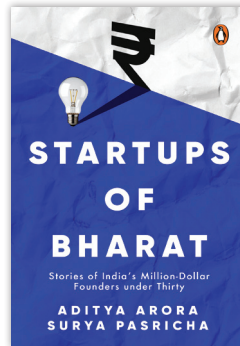
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ANANT LADHA is a CFA, CA, CFP, LLB and learner of the financial markets. Anant is the founder of Invest Aaj For Kal, a platform that spreads financial education.



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THE IDENTITY OF A NEW INDIA

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ADITYA ARORA  
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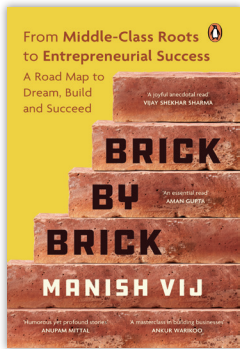
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ADITYA ARORA is the CEO at Faad Network, a SEBI-registered CAT -1 fund of 40 million dollars, and an angel investor.

SURYA PASRICHA is the founder of BaatCheet Media where he builds brands through the power of storytelling and conversations.



## BRICK BY BRICK

FROM MIDDLE-CLASS ROOTS TO ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS—A ROAD-MAP TO DREAM, BUILD AND SUCCEED

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MANISH VIJ

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**MANISH VIJ** is a distinguished serial entrepreneur in the internet and digital industry, with a journey that began in 1999. As Managing Partner of Smile Group, he has been instrumental in establishing successful ventures in digital media, eCommerce and gaming.



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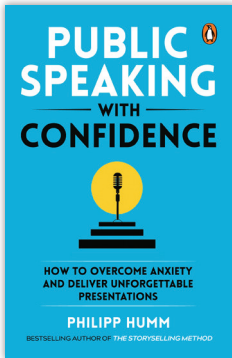
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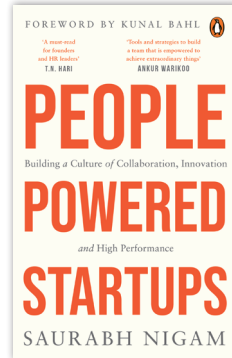
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## PEOPLE-POWERED STARTUPS

BUILDING A CULTURE OF COLLABORATION, INNOVATION AND HIGH PERFORMANCE

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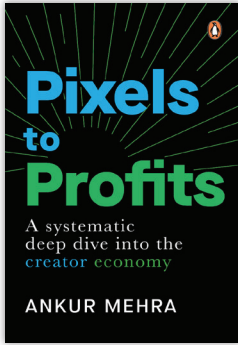
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## PIXELS TO PROFITS

A SYSTEMATIC DEEP DIVE INTO THE  
CREATOR ECONOMY

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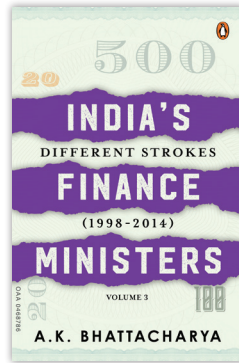
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**Your go-to guide to thriving in a creator-led  
economy**

*The Creator Economy* is estimated to be valued at a staggering half-a-trillion dollars by 2027. Packed with actionable insights, this book aims to help businesses to make the best use of the creator marketplace, help creators better monetize their talent and reach new audiences and inspire you to embark on your content creation journey.

With a remarkable journey managing over 120,000 creators across YouTube, Instagram, and Facebook, coupled with his extensive global tenure at Meta—from the Silicon Valley to the bustling Indian markets.

**ANKUR MEHRA** has meticulously deconstructed the intricacies of the Creator Economy in a manner that is both comprehensive and accessible.



## INDIA'S FINANCE MINISTERS

NAVIGATING COALITION POLITICS  
(1999–2014)

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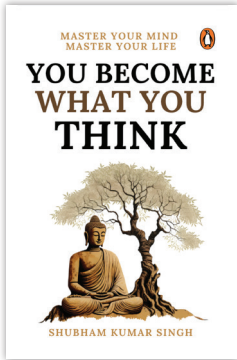
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**Price** Rs 1299

This is the third volume in the series of books on India's finance ministers. The present volume is a fascinating account of economic policy making and analyses the role of India's finance ministers in the management of the Indian economy during the era of coalition politics.

**A.K. BHATTACHARYA** is editorial director at *Business Standard*.



# YOU BECOME WHAT YOU THINK

MASTER YOUR MIND, MASTER YOUR  
LIFE

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SHUBHAM KUMAR SINGH

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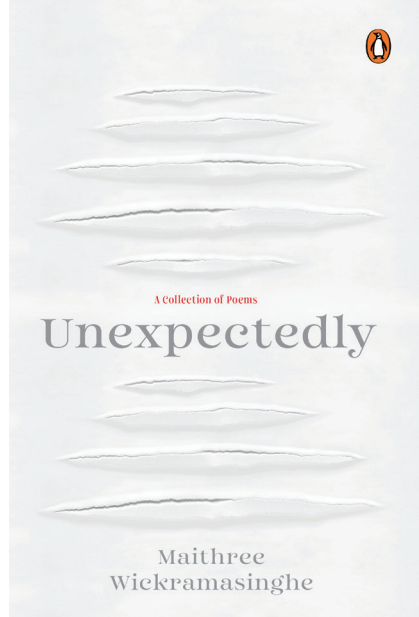
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SHUBHAM KUMAR SINGH is an avid reader and social media influencer.



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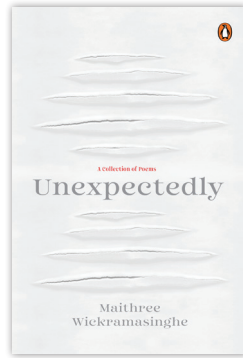
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