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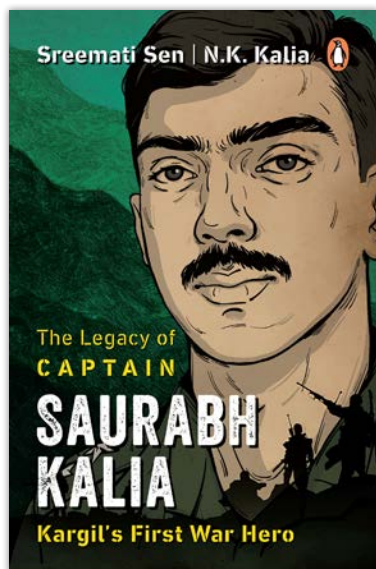
As we reveal our catalogue for July-September 2025, I am pleased to announce our new imprint, Penguin Eight, dedicated to books that explore the culture and literary richness of North-east India. At Penguin, we are deeply committed to inclusive and representative publishing, and this imprint reflects the ethos in action.

I am also elated 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.

Shikha Acharya



NON-FICTION



THE LEGACY OF CAPTAIN SAURABH KALIA

KARGIL'S FIRST WAR HERO

Dr N.K. KALIA AND SREEMATI SEN

Imprint Penguin Veer

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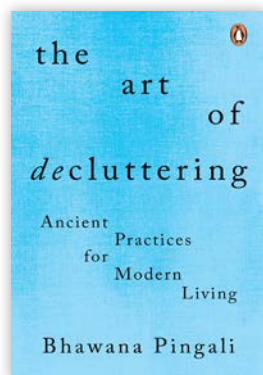
Price Rs 399

The inspirational story of Captain Saurabh Kalia, Kargil's First War Hero

Captain Saurabh Kalia was the first casualty of the Kargil War in 1999. *The Legacy of Captain Saurabh Kalia* documents the short but inspiring life of the brave captain, his pivotal role in the Kargil war and the relentless efforts of a family in their quest for justice. Written by the martyr's father himself, with Sreemati Sen, the book has exclusive photographs, excerpts from Saurabh's handwritten diary and letters written by him.

Dr N.K. KALIA is the father of Saurabh Kalia who immortalized himself in the Kargil War of 1999. He is actively engaged in various social welfare activities.

SREEMATI SEN is a Kolkata-based writer. She lives with her children and a furry girl.



THE ART OF DECLUTTERING

ANCIENT PRACTICES FOR MODERN
LIVING

BHAWANA PINGALI

Imprint Ebury Press

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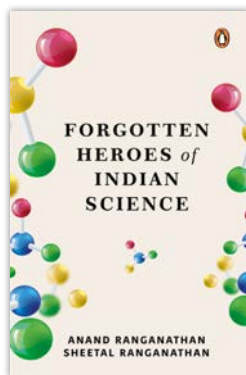
Language Rights All languages

Price Rs 399

**Nine ancient practices decoded for
modern living**

Bagging seeds to relax our eyes, making a cloth pad as self-care, draping a saree like trousers to go upside down: Can ancient rituals, practices and their things work as modern 'tools' to 'declutter' our almost-overloaded senses? And if tweaked, help us stay on top of our body-mind game? Laced with nostalgia and punctuated with delightful memories, happenings, explorations and failures, here are nine narratives for you to delve into.

BHAWANA PINGALI is a mother of a teen and has been a fashion writer-academic for over two decades. After a stint as Features Editor-Fashion with FEMINA (Worldwide Media Ltd.—Times of India/BBC Magazines), she contributed independently to *The Hindu*, *Hindustan Times-Mint Lounge*, *Lonely and Planet*, among others.



FORGOTTEN HEROES OF INDIAN SCIENCE

ANAND RANGANATHAN AND
SHEETAL RANGANATHAN

Imprint Vintage

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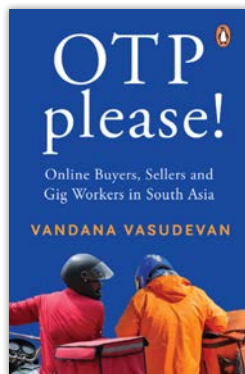
Price Rs 399

A treasure trove of untold stories

A collection of profiles of Indian scientists who made significant contributions to the field of research in India. Widely researched and replete with personal anecdotes, this book brings alive the untold stories and achievements of India's forgotten heroes.

ANAND RANGANATHAN is a scientist and an author. His laboratory works in the area of Directed Evolution and Pathogenesis, with special emphasis on Tuberculosis and Malaria.

SHEETAL RANGANATHAN is an alumna of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, from where she obtained her BSc (Hons) degree in Human Biology, and her Master's in Medical Biotechnology, after which she pivoted into business strategy and consulting with an MBA from Xavier Institute of Management. In her corporate career of over twenty years, she has held several leadership positions in global organization in the healthcare and biotech sectors.



OTP PLEASE

ONLINE BUYERS, SELLERS AND GIG WORKERS IN SOUTH ASIA

VANDANA VASUDEVAN

Imprint Penguin Books

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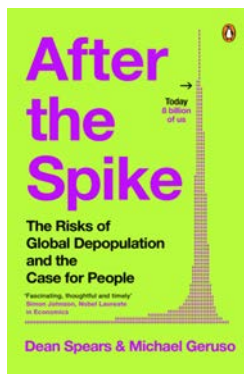
Language Rights All languages

Price Rs 499

What lies behind the veil in the brave new gig economy

OTP Please delves into the world of e-commerce by connecting diverse stories and perspectives gathered from Peshawar to Patna and Colombo to Kathmandu. It explores the emotional dynamics between the different actors on this stage, the workings of tech companies and policy implications. Essential reading to understand this extraordinary digital age that we inhabit.

VANDANA VASUDEVAN has written extensively for mainstream newspapers and has been a columnist for several years for *Mint* and *DNA*. She studied in the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad and worked in the corporate sector for many years.



AFTER THE SPIKE

THE RISKS OF GLOBAL DEPOPULATION AND THE CASE FOR PEOPLE

DEAN SPEARS AND
MICHAEL GERUSO

Imprint Allen Lane

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Pub Month July 2025

Territory Indian Subcontinent

Language Rights English and Hindi

Price Rs 999

What if the challenge for humanity's future is not too many people on a crowded planet, but too few people to sustain the progress that the world needs?

Despite what we may have been told, depopulation is not the solution we urgently need for challenges like climate change. Nor will it raise living standards by dividing what the world can offer across fewer people. Spears and Geruso investigate what depopulation means for the climate, for living standards, for equity, for progress, for freedom, for humanity's general welfare.

Dr DEAN SPEARS is an economic demographer, development economist, and associate professor of economics at the University of Texas at Austin.

MICHAEL GERUSO is an economic demographer, public economist, and associate professor of economics at the University of Texas at Austin.



HUNDRED GREATEST LOVE SONGS

BISWAMIT DWIBEDY

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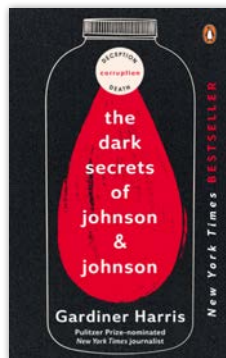
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Price Rs 599

A life devoted to poetry, music and friendship

Hundred Greatest Love Songs is a genre-bending memoir of a young artist and poet willing to risk his life for his craft. Told in a hundred short chapters and arranged like a playlist, the story chronicles a journey of transformation—spiritual, sexual and intellectual—as the protagonist, a waiter, carves his path from a greasy diner in small-town Iowa to a prestigious arts college in upstate New York.

BISWAMIT DWIBEDY is the author of six collections of poetry and teaches creative writing at the American University of Paris.



THE DARK SECRETS OF JOHNSON & JOHNSON

DECEPTION, CORRUPTION, DEATH

GARDINER HARRIS

Imprint Ebury Press

Format Demy/Hardback

Page Extent 464

ISBN 9780143476818

Pub Month July 2025

Territory Indian Subcontinent

Language Rights English only

Price Rs 899

A *New York Times* Bestseller, the book contains crucial information about an extremely prevalent American company and how medical providers make treatment decisions—from a Pulitzer Prize-nominated *New York Times* journalist

For decades, pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson was seen as a paragon of ethical conduct. However, Harris, who has been reporting on the company since 2004, has uncovered reams of evidence of deceitful and dangerous corporate practices that reveal a historic threat to the health of the American public. Filled with shocking insights, the book is a landmark work of investigative journalism that reveals the corruption behind the image of babies bathing with a smile.

GARDINER HARRIS covers international diplomacy for the *New York Times*. He has won the Worth Bingham Prize for investigative journalism and the George Polk Award for environmental reporting. He has also been a Pulitzer Prize finalist.



IT'S OKAY

JAYA KISHORI

Imprint Penguin Ananda

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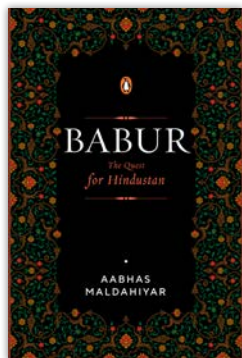
Language Rights All Languages

Price Rs 299

Jaya Kishori offers practical advice for a more balanced life

Jaya Sharma, popularly known as Jaya Kishori, is a well-known spiritual orator and a famed motivational speaker. Having seen people immersed in every kind of difficulty, trouble, sicknesses, stress, trauma, she has put together in this book advice and thoughts that can help readers make their lives better and more meaningful.

JAYA KISHORI is an Indian spiritual speaker, singer, motivational speaker, life coach, and social reformer known for her spiritual discourses and soulful bhajans.



BABUR

THE QUEST FOR HINDUSTAN

AABHAS MALDAHIYAR

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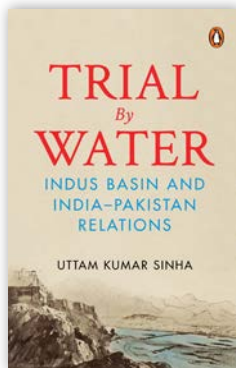
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Price Rs 999

Unravel the enigma of Babur: Where history's conqueror meets the chessboard of destiny.

Embark on a captivating journey with *Babur: The Quest for Hindustan*, where the narrative resumes with Babur's daring campaign in Bajaur. This meticulously researched biography continues to challenge the conventional portrayal of Babur, offering a nuanced view of his ambitions and complexities.

AABHAS MALDAHIYAR, an architect and urban designer, amalgamates an intense love for history with captivating storytelling. He champions the seamless fusion of History and Architecture, recognizing their intrinsic connection in narrative creation.



TRIAL BY WATER

THE INDUS WATER TREATY AND
INDIA-PAKISTAN

UTTAM KUMAR SINHA

Imprint Vintage

Format Demy/Paperback

Page Extent 288

ISBN 9780143471028

Pub Month July 2025

Territory World

Language Rights All Languages

Price Rs 599

A river that binds and divides us

This book analyses how the Indus Water Treaty has been at the centre of the turbulent relationship between India and Pakistan. Through history, political dynamics and the roles of key leaders, it explores the evolution and workings of one of the world's most crucial transboundary water agreements.

UTTAM KUMAR SINHA is a leading expert on transboundary water issues, climate change and the Arctic.



LONGFORM 2025

AN ANTHOLOGY OF GRAPHIC NARRATIVES

DEBKUMAR MITRA, PINAKI DE,
ARGHA MANNA

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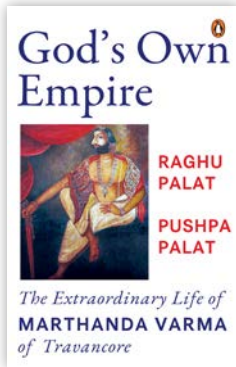
***Longform 2025*, where every tale is a journey beyond the ordinary**

Longform 2025 invites readers into a world where stories defy expectations and redefine the art of storytelling. Journey through dystopian futures, explore imaginary cities and immerse yourself in kaleidoscopic dreamscapes. *Longform 2025* transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary, making it a must-have for those who cherish innovative and thought-provoking tales.

DEBKUMAR MITRA is a mathematics major, a science writer and a comics fan.

PINAKI DE is a renowned book cover designer and a comics scholar.

ARGHA MANNA is Artist-in-Residence, Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Gandhinagar.



GOD'S OWN EMPIRE

PUSHPA PALAT AND
RAGHU PALAT

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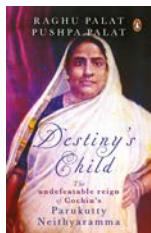
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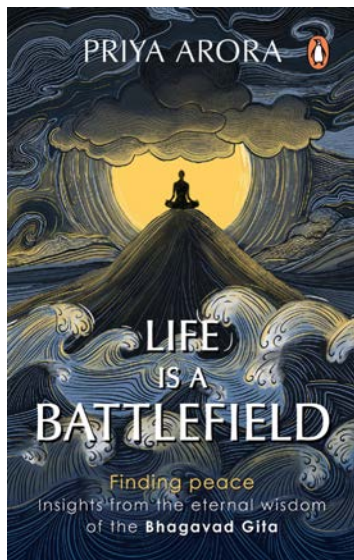
The story of a king who defeated a European power in a naval battle

A deeply researched and deftly narrated biography of Marthanda Varma, an extraordinary eighteenth-century ruler in Kerala, who established the kingdom of Travancore. He defeated the Dutch in a naval battle and ended their colonial aspirations in India.

RAGHU PALAT is a banker, consultant, writer and teacher.

PUSHPA PALAT has been a writer for the over three decades and has written for the *Times of India*, *Economic Times* and *Destination Traveller*, among others.





LIFE IS A BATTLEFIELD

INSIGHTS FROM THE ETERNAL WISDOM OF
THE BHAGAVAD GITA

PRIYA ARORA

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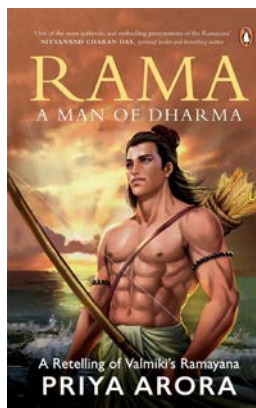
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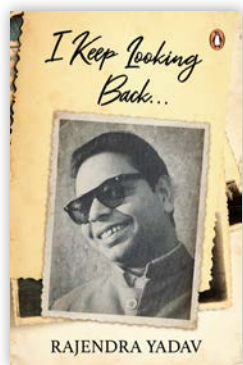
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An accessible explanation of the lessons we can learn from the Bhagavad Gita and how we can implement them in our everyday life

The Gita speaks of timeless values and its lessons harmonize with contemporary life. It offers sensible, hands-on advice for difficulties we all face. In this book, Priya Arora has clubbed together verses that have a common theme or concept such as the power of focus, actions have consequences, that no one is inherently evil, and explained the lessons or the advice / instruction that the Gita offers using Vedanta.

PRIYA ARORA is a spiritual seeker and a devoted follower of Advaita Vedanta.





I KEEP LOOKING BACK

RAJENDRA YADAV
POONAM SAXENA (Tr.)

Imprint Vintage

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The remarkable life of Rajendra Yadav

A stalwart of Hindi literature, Rajendra Yadav was one of the most controversial figures of the literary world. His charming personality, open living style and scathing criticism of contemporary writers drew both ire and admiration. He was also known for helping Dalit writing and promoting new authors. *Mud Mud ke Dekhta Hoon*, translated by noted journalist Poonam Saxena, is a collection of his writings that also exposes a man much criticized for his marriage to Mannu Bhandari, a doyen of Hindi literature, who held him up for thirty-two years before finally giving up on him.

POONAM SAXENA, a former columnist with *Hindustan Times*, writes and translates extensively from Hindi literature.



THIS TOO IS A STORY

MANNU BHANDARI
POONAM SAXENA (Tr.)

Imprint Vintage

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Price Rs 499

A woman lost and found and lost again . . .

In a world that was unfair to women, Mannu Bhandari grew up to be a sensitive, fiery and outspoken story writer. Getting married to a man from her own field proved to be the death of her own writing, for the next decade. In this book, Mannu ji lays bare the fault lines of her controversial marriage—of being together and yet completely alone. With candid ease and sentimentality, she takes the reader through her life, revealing her writing genius and claiming her rightful position as one of the best writers in Hindi literature.

POONAM SAXENA, a former columnist with *Hindustan Times*, writes and translates extensively from Hindi literature.



RESILIENCE DECODED

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO TEENAGE
MENTAL HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL
WELL-BEING

SUJATA KELKAR SHETTY

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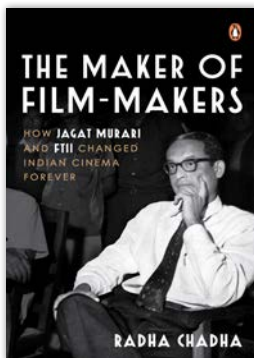
Language Rights English only

Price Rs 399

**A practical, research-backed guide to help
parents support teens through anxiety,
depression and everyday challenges**

Teens are uniquely vulnerable to mental health issues, particularly anxiety and depression. Moreover, in our post-pandemic world, they suffer from a crisis in resilience. The concern is two-pronged: those who are unwell need healing and those who are well need to get skilled in resilience to continue staying well. This book is written to serve parents looking to fulfil both needs. And help them build their own resilience as they navigate their busy lives.

SUJATA KELKAR SHETTY, PhD, a trained scientist, certified resilience coach and health columnist, has worked on preventive health and wellness for over a decade. She is the author of *99 Not Out! Your Guide to a Long and Healthy Life*.



THE MAKER OF FILM-MAKERS

HOW JAGAT MURARI AND FTII
CHANGED INDIAN CINEMA FOREVER

RADHA CHADHA

Imprint Viking

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Language Rights English and Hindi

Price Rs 999

**The story of modern Indian cinema through
the life of a film pioneer**

Jagat Murari's biggest creation, which revolutionized Indian cinema, was the iconic Film and Television Institute of India (FTII). FTII consistently turned out top talent—Jaya Bachchan and Shabana Azmi, Subhash Ghai and Adoor Gopalakrishnan, K.K. Mahajan and Mani Kaul. Its alumni became Bollywood's leading names, who upped its artistic tenor and technical capability, kickstarted regional language cinema and helped usher television into the country. This book captures how Jagat went about nurturing a community of extraordinary artists, helping Indian cinema become the powerhouse it is today.

RADHA CHADHA, Jagat Murari's daughter, grew up on the FTII campus in Pune, and has an insider's feel for it. She is the author of *The Cult of the Luxury Brand: Inside Asia's Love Affair with Luxury* and wrote a column for *Mint*. She has an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, and a BA from St Stephen's College, Delhi.



WAITING IN THE WINGS

A MEMOIR

SALIMA HASHMI WITH
MARYAM HASAN

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Price Rs 699

The first volume of art historian Salima Hashmi's memoir

Waiting in the Wings is Salima Hashmi's memoir covering her childhood and youth. It is a ringside view of early Pakistan, an intimate portrait of Faiz Ahmed Faiz and a coming-of-age account of a gentle child discovering her artistic potential, her first love and her burgeoning political awareness. Salima's Lahore home, presided over by Faiz and her feisty English mother, Alys, was the centre of impassioned discussions on literature, art and the politics of the fledgling nation of Pakistan.

SALIMA HASHMI is an internationally renowned artist, curator, contemporary art historian and activist from Pakistan. She is the daughter of renowned Urdu poet, Faiz Ahmed Faiz.



ENTER STAGE LEFT

A MEMOIR

SALIMA HASHMI WITH
MARYAM HASAN

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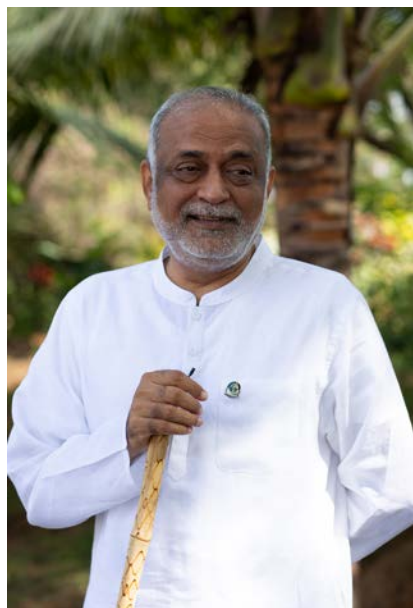
Language Rights All except Urdu in Pakistan

Price Rs 699

The second volume of art historian Salima Hashmi's memoir

Enter Stage Left continues from where Vol. 1 of Salima Hashmi's memoir ended. After returning to Pakistan from England, Salima and her husband Shoaib became well-known TV artistes, acting in several acclaimed PTV shows. This frenetic period of creativity ended with Zia-ul-Haq coming to power in the late 1970s. Even as Pakistan's cultural life eroded through the 1980s and Salima's beloved father passed away in 1984, she continued to remain active, finding creative ways of artistic expression.

SALIMA HASHMI is an internationally renowned artist, curator, contemporary art historian and activist from Pakistan. She is the daughter of renowned Urdu poet, Faiz Ahmed Faiz.



THE HEARTFULNESS WAY VOL. 2

CONTEMPLATING LIFE'S GREAT QUESTIONS ON THE NATURE OF REALITY

DAAJI/KAMLESH PATEL in conversation with ELIZABETH DENLEY

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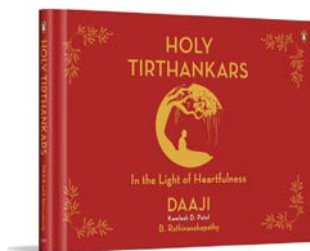
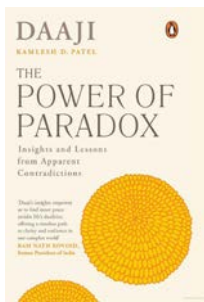
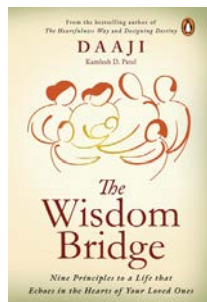
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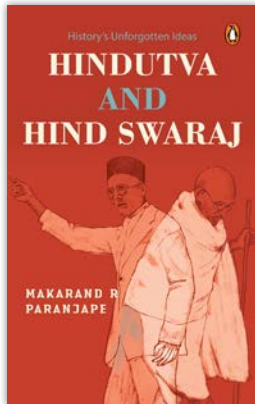
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A series of conversations on human life and purpose

In 2018, *The Heartfulness Way*, Volume 1, was published as a series of conversations between the yogic master Daaji and his associate Joshua Pollock on Heartfulness practices and tradition. Here, in Volume 2, Daaji focuses on the spiritual journey from its starting point to the ultimate realization of the purpose of human life and potential.

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 was conferred with the Padma Bhushan in 2023 for distinguished service of a high order in the field of spirituality by the Government of India.





HINDUTVA AND HIND SWARAJ

HISTORY'S UNFORGOTTEN IDEAS

MAKARAND R. PARANJAPE

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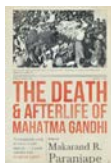
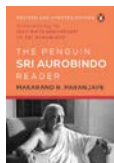
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A close reading of *Hind Swaraj* by M.K. Gandhi and *The Indian War of Independence* by Savarkar and how their ideas, ideology and freedom differed.

A close reading of two crucial concepts: Hindutva and Hind Swaraj, underlying which is the ongoing struggle between the 'two notions of power, two positions on the use and abuse of violence in public life, and two notions of nationalist India.' The book tries to understand the two ideas of India, the understanding of Swaraj and ways of being Indian.

MAKARAND R. PARANJAPE has been professor of English at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, for over twenty-three years. He also served as the director, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.



COMRADES AND COMEBACKS

HOW THE INDIAN LEFT IS POISED TO
WIN THE BATTLE FOR THE INDIAN MIND

SAIRA SHAH HALIM

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Price Rs 699

The rise, decline and future of the Indian Left

This book is about an ideology that is under threat or, as many say, almost extinct, at least in India. It tries to sketch a rich historical narrative that foregrounds Left politics in world history, locates its relevance in India and charts a future of its revival.

SAIRA SHAH HALIM is an activist, educator and politician.



HAPPINESS HAPPENS

HAPPINESS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
EVERYTHING ELSE

ROBIN SINGH

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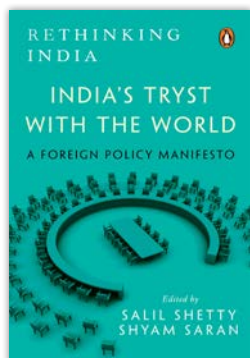
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Price Rs 399

A deeply personal memoir and a brilliant exploration of happiness by the founder of the animal sanctuary Peepal Farm

Robin Singh is a hacker-turned-founder of the popular animal sanctuary—Peepal Farm. His pursuit of happiness after gaining financial independence at an early age made him cognizant of our suffering footprint—the damage we cause via consumerism. He gave up on the pursuit of happiness and pursued purpose instead, which eventually made him happy. This is his journey, told with the hope of reaching as many people as possible, who can repurpose their lives to do good.

ROBIN SINGH is an entrepreneur who started his career as a hacker in 1997. He founded E-junkie in 2003, a service to remove technology barriers for artists and authors wanting to sell their digital content directly to buyers. After successfully exiting E-junkie in 2011, Robin started working to help animals in February 2013. In December 2014, he started Peepal Farm with two co-founders—it's a place for animals to heal and be heard. He's been building it, running it and living there since.



NEPAL 2043

A ROADMAP TO PROSPERITY

SUJEEV SHAKYA

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SUJEEV SHAKYA is a thought leader who traverses many worlds. He earned the title of Nepal's CEO, 'chief eternal optimist', for the optimism he projected in his book, *Unleashing Nepal* (2009). He writes and speaks extensively on business, development, economy and leadership. In 2008, after spending two decades in one of Nepal's leading business groups, he founded Beed Management, an international management consulting and advisory firm based in Kathmandu, Nepal. He is also founder and chair of the Nepal Economic Forum.



SHEHER MEIN GAON

URBAN VILLAGES OF DELHI

EKTA CHAUHAN

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Dr EKTA CHAUHAN is a researcher of cities, cultures and communities. She is an assistant professor at OP Jindal Global University. She holds a BA (Hons.) in history from St. Stephen's College, a master's in public policy from NLSIU Bangalore and a PhD in world heritage studies from BTU Cottbus, Germany.



YOUR PERFECT PARTNER WON'T BE PERFECT

A TRUTHFUL DATING GUIDE

SIMA TAPARIA

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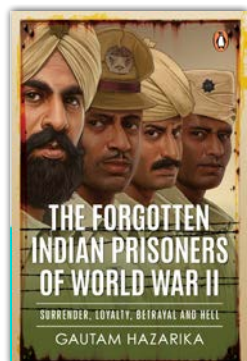
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SIMA TAPARIA has been a matchmaker since 2005 and resides in Mumbai. With more than two decades of experience in the matchmaking field, her expertise lies in understanding her clients' preferences, cultural backgrounds and personal values, enabling her to make a compatible match. Her documentary *A Suitable Girl* won an award at the 2017 Tribeca Film Festival, and she stars in Netflix's Emmy-nominated hit reality show *Indian Matchmaking*. She is also featured in Netflix's *Fabulous Lives of Bollywood Wives* and *Bigg Boss*.



THE FORGOTTEN INDIAN PRISONERS OF WORLD WAR II

GAUTAM HAZARIKA

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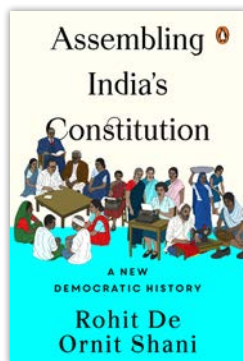
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GAUTAM HAZARIKA has lived in India and Singapore and is a history enthusiast researching the lesser-known aspects of World War II in the Far East.



ASSEMBLING INDIA'S CONSTITUTION

A NEW DEMOCRATIC HISTORY

ORNIT SHANI AND ROHIT DE

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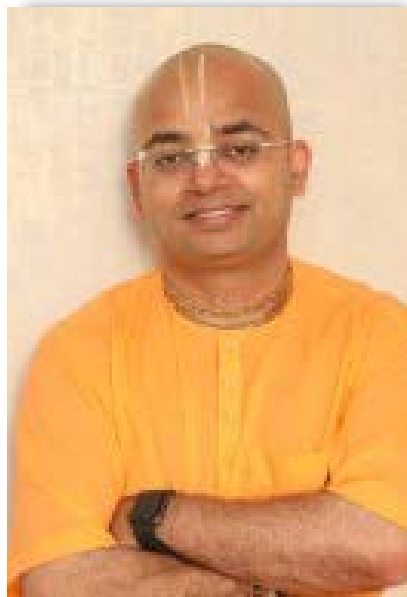
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ORNIT SHANI is an associate professor of Asian studies at Haifa University. She is the author of *How India Became Democratic: Citizenship and the Making of the Universal Franchise* which won the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay New India Foundation Prize.

ROHIT DE is an associate professor of history at Yale University. He is the author of *A People's Constitution: The Everyday Life of Law in the Indian Republic* which won the Willard J. Hurst Prize.



GITA FOR THE YOUNG AND URBAN

NITYANAND CHARAN DAS

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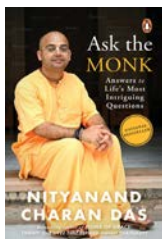
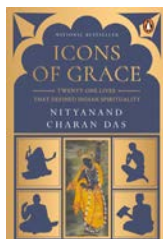
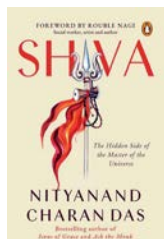
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NITYANAND CHARAN DAS is a practicing monk and spiritual teacher at ISKCON Chowpatty, Mumbai where he has been serving for the past nineteen years. A disciple of His Holiness Radhanath Swami, he has dedicated his life to making spiritual wisdom accessible and meaningful in the modern world. Over the years, he has authored several books—including *Icons of Grace*, *Ask the Monk*, *Shiva*, *A Monk's Almanac*, *Bound by Love*, and *Epic Tales of Wisdom*—each rooted in timeless teachings and intended to support readers in living with clarity, purpose, and inner peace. Today, he shares insights from the Bhagavad Gita, Shrimad Bhagavatam, Ramayana, and Mahabharata through talks, writings, and travels across India and abroad.





THE EVERGREEN LEGENDS OF KERALA: PART 2

**SREEKUMARI
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SREEKUMARI RAMACHANDRAN is a Malayalam-language novelist, short story writer, orator, columnist, trained dancer and an accomplished singer from Kerala.



BEING MODERN

A BIOGRAPHY OF
ANANDARAM DHEKIAL PHUKAN

**GUNABHIRAM BARUA,
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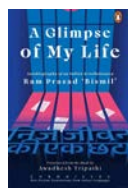
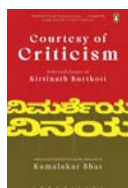
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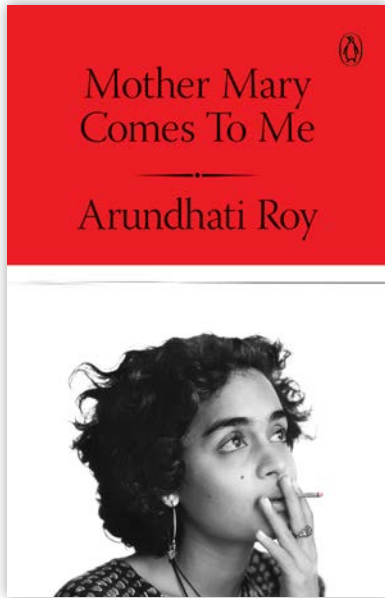
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ANANDARAM DHEKIAL PHUKAN was an Assamese writer and government administrator.

BANANI CHAKRAVARTY is a translator and scholar.





MOTHER MARY COMES TO ME

ARUNDHATI ROY

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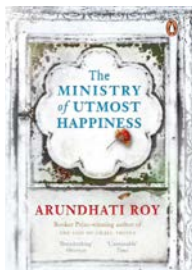
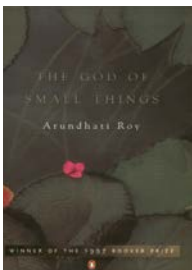
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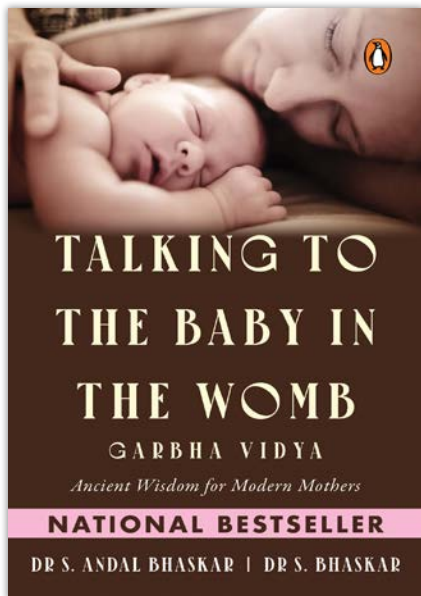
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ARUNDHATI ROY is the author of the novels *The God of Small Things*, which won the Booker Prize in 1997, and *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness*, which was longlisted for the Booker Prize in 2017. She is the author of various works of non-fiction including *My Seditious Heart*, *Azadi* and, most recently, *The Architecture of Modern Empire*.





TALKING TO THE BABY IN THE WOMB

GARBHA VIDYA – ANCIENT WISDOM FOR
MODERN MOTHERS

Dr S. ANDAL BHASKAR,
Dr S. BHASKAR

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FICTION



SILK ROUTE

SACHIN KUNDALKAR,
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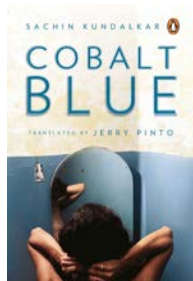
From the bestselling author of *Cobalt Blue*, comes another tale of desire and mystery.

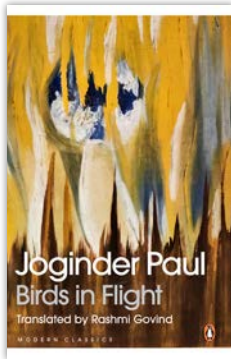
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SACHIN KUNDALKAR is a novelist, playwright and filmmaker. He debuted in the literary world with *Cobalt Blue*, initially published in Marathi and later translated into English by Jerry Pinto and published in 2013. The novel was adapted into a film for Netflix, which was critically acclaimed. Kundalkar has written and directed four feature films. He won the National Award for the Best Screenplay for *Gandha* in 2008.

AAKASH KARKARE is a multi-talented artist with a rich background in writing, filmmaking, photography and translation. His portfolio spans acclaimed documentaries, articles for leading publications and award-winning short films. He has written for Scrollin on urban culture, architecture and the arts and worked as assistant director on projects examining India's urban and cultural landscapes, such as the Indian Jews community and the feminist movement in India.





BIRDS IN FLIGHT

JOGINDER PAUL, SUKRITA PAUL
KUMAR AND
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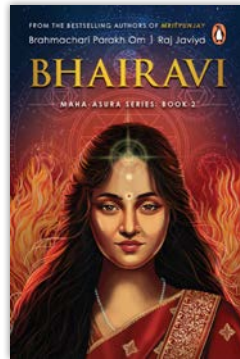
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JOGINDER PAUL (1925–2016) was a renowned and award-winning writer of Urdu fiction. *Ek Boond Laboo Ki* (published in Penguin Classics as *A Drop of Blood* was his first novel and remains one of his most significant works.



BHAIRAVI

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BRAHMACHARI PARAKH OM and
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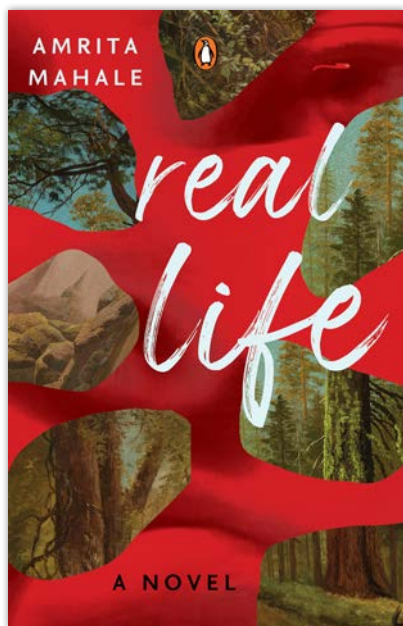
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BRAHMACHARI PARAKH OM is a renowned columnist, electrical engineer and tantra practitioner.

RAJ JAVIYA is a well-known columnist, mechanical engineer and successful entrepreneur.



REAL LIFE

AMRITA MAHALE

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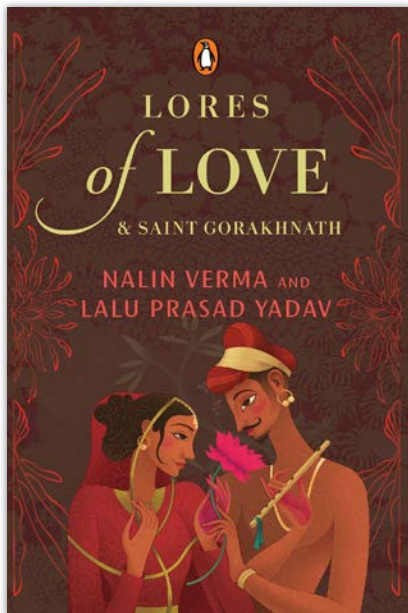
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AMRITA MAHALE was born in Mumbai and grew up in five cities across India. *Milk Teeth*, her first novel, was published to widespread acclaim in 2018 and was longlisted for the JCB Prize for Literature. It was also shortlisted for the Crossword Book Award for Fiction. She was trained as an aerospace engineer at IIT Bombay and Stanford University.



LORES OF LOVE AND SAINT GORAKHNATH

NALIN VERMA and
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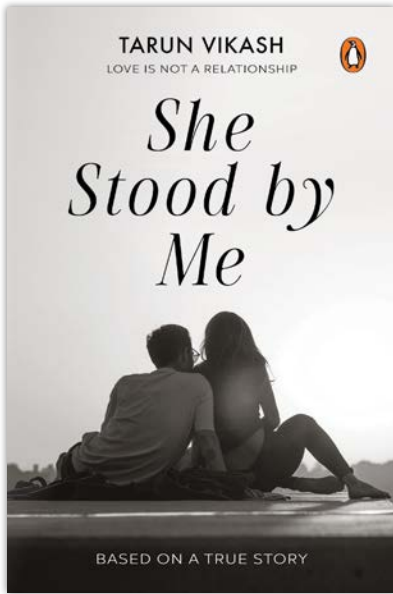
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LALU PRASAD YADAV has held many portfolios successfully over the years. He has been Chief Minister of Bihar twice, Union Railway Minister (2004-09), Member of Parliament for Saran and Madhepura Lok Sabha seats for six terms.

NALIN VERMA is a veteran journalist, media educator and independent researcher in folklore. He is the co-author of the much-acclaimed autobiography of Lalu Prasad Yadav, *Gopalganj to Raisina: My Political Journey*.



SHE STOOD BY ME

TARUN VIKASH

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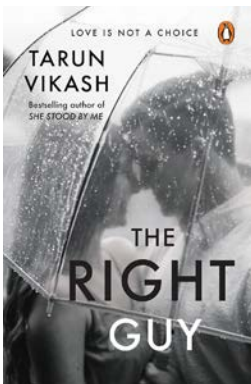
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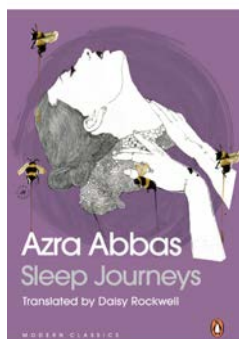
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SLEEP JOURNEYS

AZRA ABBAS,
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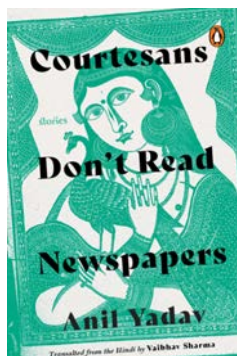
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AZRA ABBAS was born in Karachi, Pakistan in 1950. She completed her master's degree from Karachi University. She has written novels, verse, and essays.

DAISY ROCKWELL is a painter and award-winning translator of Hindi and Urdu literature. Her translation of Geetanjali Shree's *Tomb of Sand* (Tilted Axis Press, 2021; HarperVia, 2022) won the 2022 International Booker Prize.



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ANIL YADAV is an acclaimed travel writer and a serious journalist.

VAIBHAV SHARMA is a translator and poet from Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh. He was the 2023 Hindi Translation mentee under the NCW Saroj Lal mentorship programme, mentored by International Booker Prize winning translator, Daisy Rockwell.



A COMET FALLS

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KALKI,
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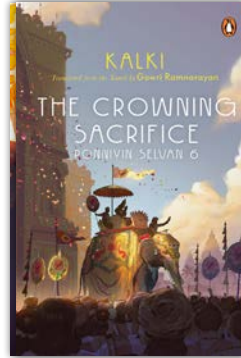
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PONNIYIN SELVAN 6

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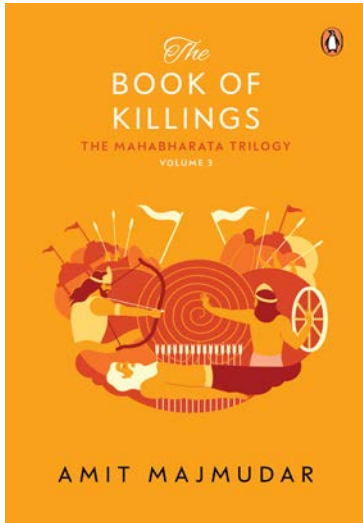
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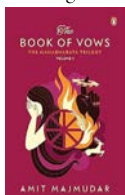
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Grounding his telling in the original Sanskrit version, Majmudar has recreated the ancient epic for a contemporary audience. His finest work yet, this is one of the most accessible, magical and unputdownable retellings of the Mahabharata.

AMIT MAJMUDAR is a diagnostic nuclear radiologist who lives in Westerville, Ohio, with his wife and three children. He is the author of several volumes of poetry, most recently *Dothead*. He is also the author of *Sitayana*, a retelling of the Ramayana that focuses on Sita's fierce resistance. He is also the author of *Godsong*, a verse translation of the Bhagwad-Gita with commentary.





A SIMLA AFFAIR

SRISHTI CHAUDHARY

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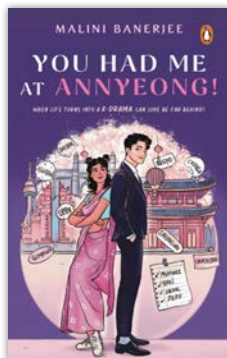
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A heart-wrenching tale of love and patriotism!

Set in pre-independence Simla, *A Simla Affair* follows three sisters—Nalini, Afreen, and Noor—as they navigate the political turmoil of this time. As political and communal tensions in Simla rise rapidly, our protagonist, Nalini, is faced with an impossible choice – to betray the man she loves or to lose her family and home forever.

SRISHTI CHAUDHARY studied Creative Writing from the University of Edinburgh and English literature at Lady Shri Ram College for Women. She has previously written *Lallan Sweets* and *Once Upon A Curfew*.



YOU HAD ME AT ANNEYYONG

MALINI BANERJEE

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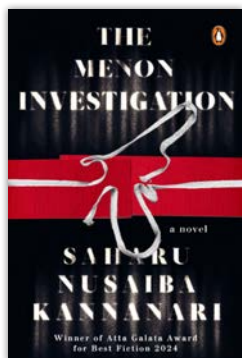
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An exuberant, entertaining, feel-good romance about a young Indian woman in Seoul, Korea

The novel follows Timira Leia Marak, a thirty-something PR consultant from India, who finds herself in a real-life K-drama when she lands up in Seoul for a new job and meets her handsome boss, Baek Hancul. But many complications abound, not least Timira's ex-boyfriend Rodrigo, a Japanese–Brazilian superstar who signs up to play for a Korean football club, and the rich heiress Ri Mina, key to Hancul's future and his fiancée. Caught between the intensity of their feelings and the constraints that keep them apart, can Timira and Hancul even hope for their own chance at Happily Ever After?

MALINI BANERJEE is a media professional turned independent singer-songwriter. She has formerly held positions at DNA, NDTV 24x7, Walt Disney Studios and Atletico de Kolkata (now Mohun Bagan SG).



THE MENON INVESTIGATION

A NOVEL

SAHARU NUSAIBA KANNANARI

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A tragedy profoundly Indian by the award-winning author of *A Chronicle of an Hour and a Half*.

The Menon Investigation follows Inspector General Vijay Menon of the Kerala Police as he attempts to unravel an eight-year-old cold murder case. Caught up in a world in which the law is a fiction and justice merely an exception to the rule, Menon must confront all the honourable delusions he harbours about who he is and what he stands for. Charged with flashes of dark humour and underpinned by a deep awareness of class and caste, the novel subverts the rules of the police procedural genre even as it hurtles to a devastating finale.

SAHARU NUSAIBA KANNANARI completed his BA from Aligarh Muslim University and MA from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.



THE STAIN

SARA JOSEPH,
SANGEETHA SRINIVASAN (Tr.)

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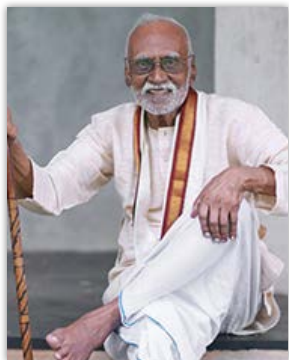
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Sara Joseph takes us through a dystopic journey back to 3400 BC in this novel of greed, lust, blood and wrath

The opium business is widespread since 3400 BC in the Mediterranean landscape, funded the opulent and morally lax existence of the two cities, Sodom and Gomorrah. But life in Sodom is brutal, oppressive, corrupt as we see through the eyes of Lot, a foreigner residing in the city. When the cries of the neglected and the poor from the city of Sodom reached the ears of God, He decided to destroy both cities. As we look at the burning embers of Sodom, we ask ourselves whether the destruction of a city is an act of divine wrath or the annihilation of a people by the people.

SARA JOSEPH (born 1946) is a highly acclaimed Indian novelist, short story writer, political commentator, and activist, best known for her work in Malayalam literature.

SANGEETHA SRINIVASAN's translations include Elena Ferrante's *The Days of Abandonment* (into Malayalam) Annie Ernaux's *The Girl's Story* (into Malayalam) Sarah Joseph's *Budhini* (into English) and *Acid* (translated into English)



THE PEOPLE OF GOPALLAPURAM

KI RAJANARAYAN,
SUBHASHREE DESIKAN (Tr.)

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A sequel to Ki Ra's 2011 classic, *Gopallapuram*, this part takes us into the epic writer's world of rural life, love, and drama

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KI RAJANARAYAN was an Indian Tamil language folklorist and writer from Kovilpatti, in Tamil Nadu. Some of his popular works include *Mayamaan* (transl. *The Magical Deer*), and *Nattupura Kadhai Kalanjyam* (transl. *Collection of Country Tales*). He was a recipient of the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1991.



THE SIRENS OF SEPTEMBER

ZEENATH KHAN

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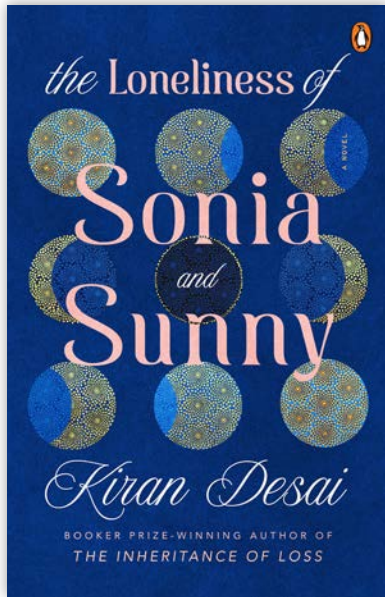
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ZEENATH KHAN is an author and researcher deeply interested in the history of Hyderabad.



THE LONELINESS OF SONIA AND SUNNY

KIRAN DESAI

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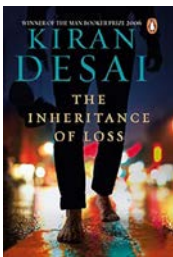
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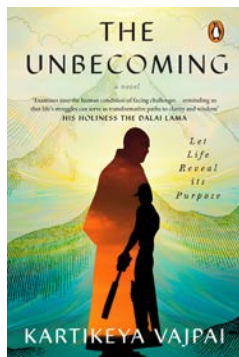
A love story, a family saga and a rich novel of ideas, it is the most ambitious and accomplished work yet by one of our greatest novelists

When Sonia and Sunny first glimpse each other on an overnight train, they are immediately captivated yet also embarrassed by the fact that their grandparents had once tried to matchmake them, a clumsy meddling that served only to drive Sonia and Sunny apart. Sonia, an aspiring novelist, fears that she is haunted by a dark spell cast by an artist to whom she had once turned for intimacy and inspiration. Sunny, a struggling journalist resettled in New York City, is attempting to flee his imperious mother and the violence of his warring clan. Uncertain of their future, Sonia and Sunny embark on a search for happiness together as they confront the many alienations of our modern world.

This is the sweeping tale of two young people navigating the many forces that shape their lives: country, class, race, history, and the complicated bonds that link one generation to the next.

KIRAN DESAI is the bestselling author of two novels, *Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard* and *The Inheritance of Loss*, which won both the Booker Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award.





THE UNBECOMING

LET LIFE REVEAL ITS PURPOSE

KARTIKEYA VAJPAYI

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A cricket fiction with an ode to the eastern philosophy of *guru-shishya* tradition.

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KARTIKEYA VAJPAYI is a seasoned lawyer, and the proprietor of his law firm headquartered in New Delhi. He holds an MBA and has extensive corporate experience in marketing.



THE SKY HUSBAND

EASTERINE KIRE

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A delightful new collection of stories from the most prominent voice of the northeast

A young woman sees her husband-to-be in a dream and prepares for her wedding even though she hasn't met him in real life. An old man remembers his long-forgotten encounter with a 'forest spirit'. Easterine Kire's stories are gentle, insightful and revealing. The myriad hues of the human spirit are pictured as only an astute observer of the human condition can.

EASTERINE KIRE is an Indian poet and author who currently lives in northern Norway. Many of her writings are based in the lived realities of the people in Nagaland.



THE LOST AUTHOR

CHRIS BARKLEY

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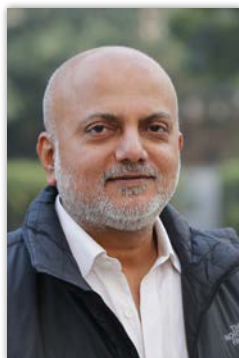
A vivid, brilliantly realized and unique mystery

In 1949, talented young novelist, Euan, is invited by his mentor, the renowned Malcolm Furnivall, to his island in the Hebrides.

But shortly after Euan arrives, Malcolm is murdered.

Cut off from the mainland, with the killer on the loose and the island's inhabitants circling, Euan feels both his mentor's legacy and his only chance at greatness slipping away. He must venture deep into Malcolm's labyrinthine mansion to find the manuscript before it falls into the wrong hands.

CHRIS BARKLEY was appointed Writer in Residence by the Edinburgh Book Festival in 2022. He has won the Oxford University Kellogg Writing Competition, as well as the Bedford International Writing Prize.



PRESS 9 FOR A CRIME

SHAILENDRA KUMAR JHA

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A razor-sharp thriller about cyber scams, modern-day slaving rings, and one man's fight to outsmart a crime network

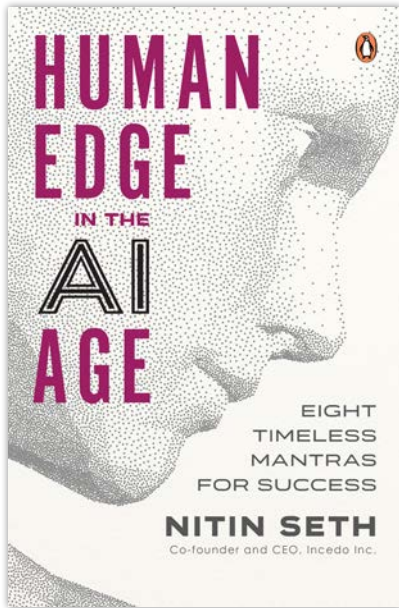
In a low-income locality of Delhi, the Anand family's aspirations rest on Atul, the elder son poised for a lucrative job in Bangkok. Their hopes are shattered when Atul vanishes, becoming trapped in a chilling modern-day slavery ring in Cambodia.

As the family grapples with Atul's disappearance, its dynamics are tested. The younger son, Aseem, considered the black sheep due to his half-baked plans and persistent financial demands, steps up in an unimaginable way. A failed planner has made the most audacious plan.

SHAILENDRA KUMAR JHA is the creator and writer of the acclaimed Disney Hotstar series *Gaban*. Earlier in his career, Shailendra was a renowned talk show director, contributing to iconic BBC productions like *HardTalk India* and *Face to Face*.

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BUSINESS



HUMAN EDGE IN THE AI AGE

EIGHT TIMELESS MANTRAS FOR SUCCESS

NITIN SETH

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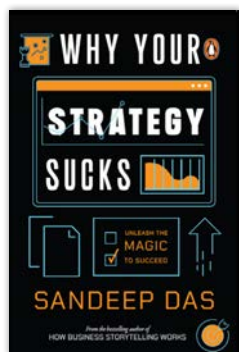
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Mankind has gone through multiple waves of technological innovations. However, for the first time, machines are not just augmenting but mimicking many human capabilities. In such an age, the author presents eight mantras that will be essential to establish our human edge and to succeed in the AI Age both in our personal and professional lives.

NITIN SETH is an Indian tech entrepreneur and bestselling author of 'Mastering the Data Paradox' and 'Winning in the Digital Age.' Nitin is the co-Founder and CEO of Incedo, a US-based digital transformation services and platforms provider and former COO of Flipkart. An alumnus of the Indian Institute of Management Lucknow, he has been Managing Director of Fidelity International in India.



WHY YOUR STRATEGY SUCKS

THINK LIKE A CONSULTANT AND
IMPROVE YOUR LIFE

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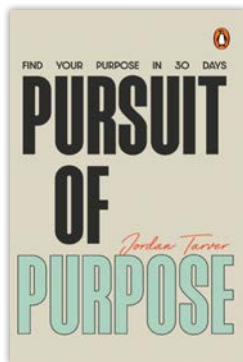
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This book decodes various strategy principles and guidelines that readers can use to achieve phenomenal professional and personal success. The author uses examples and learnings from his own life and others to help readers effectively use strategy to improve their lives.

SANDEEP DAS is a business storyteller and former consulting leader.



PURSUIT OF PURPOSE

FIND YOUR PURPOSE IN 30 DAYS

JORDAN TARVER

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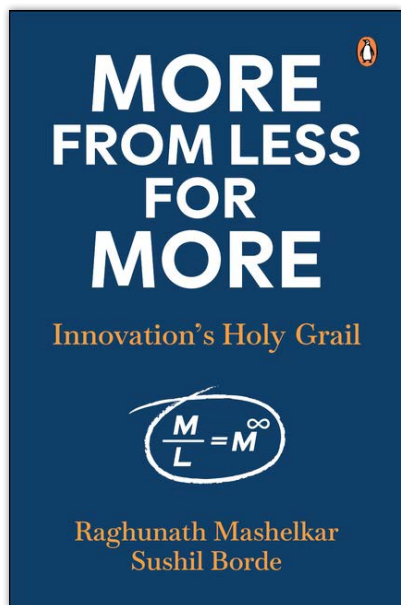
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Learn how to find your purpose to live a meaningful life

This book outlines a thirty-day plan, supported by research, to help individuals discover their purpose. The accompanying workbook provides a practical, actionable framework to guide readers towards greater fulfilment.

JORDAN TARVER is a bestselling author, photographer, and editor at Forbes.



MORE FROM LESS FOR MORE

INNOVATION'S HOLY GRAIL

DR RAGHUNATH MASHELKAR and
SUSHIL BORDE

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Inequality is still one of the greatest challenges of the 21st century. Income inequalities, for instance, create access inequalities – which lead to social disharmony. However, reducing income inequalities takes generations. Can we create access equality despite income inequality?

This book introduces the idea of MLM under the umbrella of Inclusive Innovation as a solution to solving grand challenges of India at scale and at speed. By bringing focus to some breakthrough real-life examples from India where 'more from less for more and more' has already been achieved, such as those mentioned above, breaking down the science of affordable excellence, and providing its readers with practical tools and processes, the book aims to serve as a guide for stakeholders across segments. From innovators, entrepreneurs, industrialists, governments, scientists, technocrats, teachers and students, the book will attempt to enable all kinds of readers to appreciate the idea of how inclusive innovation is an answer to the grand challenges not just for India but for the whole world.

DR RAGHUNATH MASHELKAR is the pioneer of the idea of Gandhian Engineering. Dr Mashelkar was the President of the Global Research Alliance (GRA) formed between major science and technology organizations of the world with a combined strength of over sixty thousand scientists.

SUSHIL BORDE headed the Reliance Innovation leadership Centre, the nerve centre for innovation of India's largest enterprise, Reliance industries Ltd. He is the mastermind behind setting numerous bold innovation leadership initiatives for RIL. Besides, he has provided inspiring leadership to the Anjani Mashelkar Foundation, which is the leader in championing affordable excellence.



STORY RULES FOR WORK

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TO SHINE AT YOUR WORKPLACE

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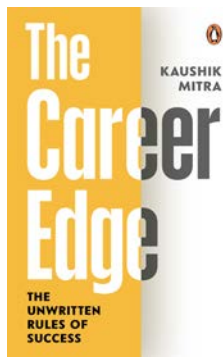
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RAVISHANKAR IYER is founder of the popular podcast Story Rules and a storytelling coach. He is a rank-holder Chartered Accountant (2001) and completed his MBA from IIM-Ahmedabad (batch of 2005). More about his work here- <https://www.storyrules.com/who/>



THE CAREER EDGE: THE UNWRITTEN RULES OF SUCCESS

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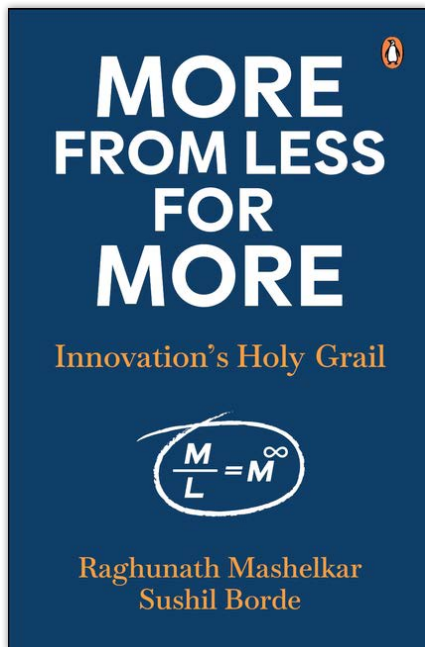
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The ultimate companion to navigating the highs and lows of a corporate career

Drawing from a rich, three-decade-long global career, this book is a practical, no-nonsense guide to building a sustainable and fulfilling professional journey. Through relatable stories and hard-earned wisdom, the author demystifies the complexities of corporate life, offering insights across three pivotal areas of self-development, collaboration and building resilience to deliver results. Whether you're a beginner finding your footing or a seasoned executive looking to sharpen your edge, *All in a Day's Work* is a treasure trove of actionable lessons.

KAUSHIK MITRA is the VP & CFO at PepsiCo India. With over 30 years of experience, he was in multiple roles across several industries and companies such as RPG group, Tata group, GE, Reckitt Benckiser, and PepsiCo.



THE MONEY BALL

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SARTHAK AHUJA has over a decade of experience in startup advisory. He is a Chartered Account and a Gold Medalist from the Indian School of Business. As an investment banker, he's worked with companies in SaaS, eCommerce, and D2C, in industries such as FinTech, EdTech, Gaming, Healthcare, and F&B,



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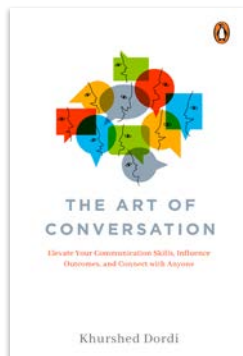
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GOPI KRISHNASWAMY is a senior executive turned mindfulness meditation teacher who has taught thousands of people across Asia, Europe, the US and Africa. He has rich corporate and entrepreneurial experience with leading global companies, including his last full-time role as a managing director with IDEO.



THE ART OF CONVERSATION

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How to master the art of becoming a masterful storyteller and leave a lasting impact on your listeners

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KHURSHED DORDI is group chief operating officer at BDO. Prior to BDO, he was managing director and group chief operating officer India at Deutsche Bank AG. Khurshed has over three decades of international experience in the financial services industry.



POETRY



THE GALLERY OF UPSIDE-DOWN WOMEN

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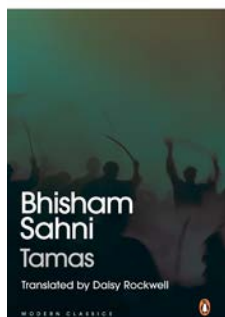
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A silent revolutionn of words!

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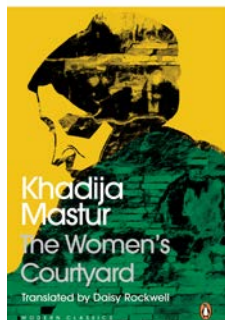
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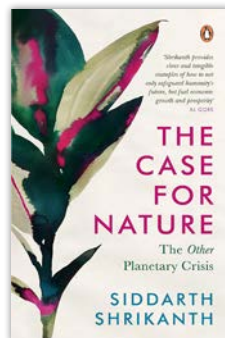
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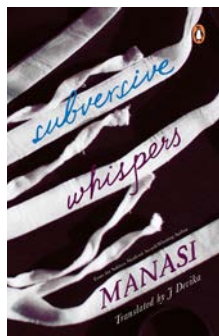
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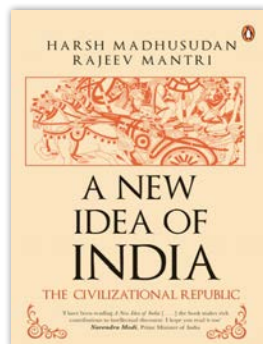
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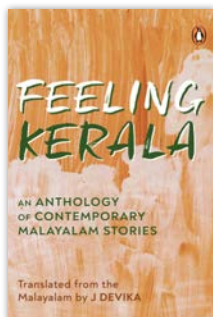
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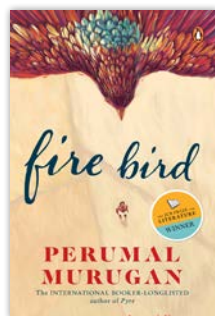
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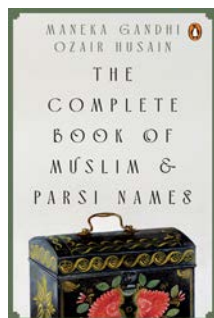
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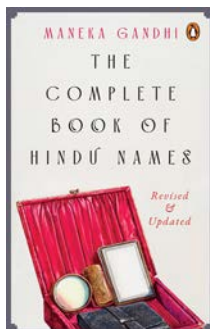
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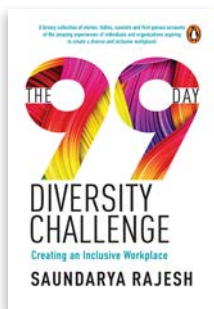
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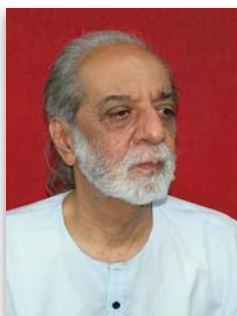
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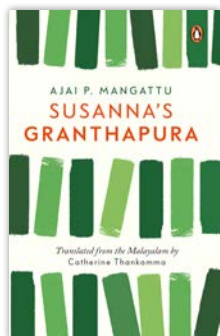
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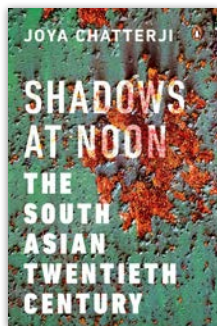
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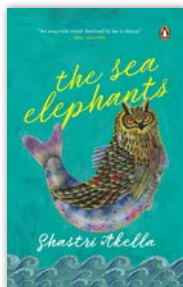
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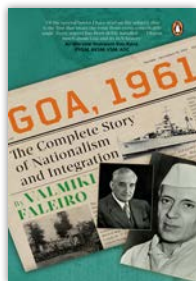
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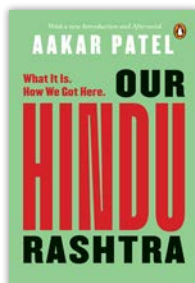
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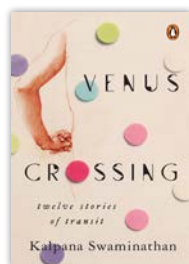
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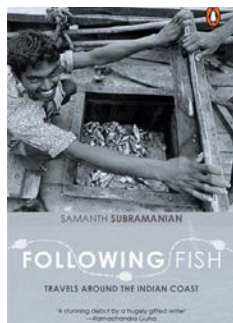
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