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Publisher's Note



As we unveil our catalogue for October–December 2025, I am delighted to share that this year has been truly remarkable for us. We have had the honour of publishing award-winning and bestselling books, including the Booker Prize-winning *Heart Lamp* by Banu Mushtaq, translated by Deepa Bhasthi, and the Booker-shortlisted *The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny* by Kiran Desai. Moving forward, we remain committed to bringing you independent voices, promising debut authors, and exciting new works across diverse genres. Keep on reading with Penguin.

Misha Ashuaya

An illustration on a purple background. A red hand with pink-tipped fingers holds a large, open teal book. Several yellow papers with green horizontal lines are shown flying out from the top of the book. At the bottom, a white rounded rectangle contains the text 'NON-FICTION' in dark teal, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

NON-FICTION



RISE TO THE 1%

THE SMART INDIAN'S PLAYBOOK TO WEALTH AND EARLY RETIREMENT

SHARAN HEGDE

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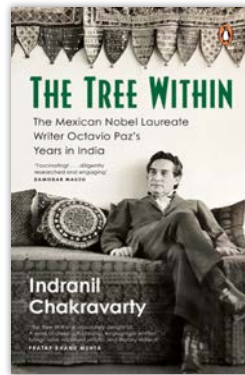
Language Rights All

Price Rs 499

A no-nonsense guide to wealth, freedom and early retirement by one of India's most popular personal finance creators

What separates the 1 per cent isn't luck, timing or inheritance. It's mindset, planning and execution. In *Rise to the 1%*, Sharan Hegde—one of India's most trusted voices in personal finance—pulls back the curtain on the money myths we inherit, the mistakes we repeat and the mindset shifts that quietly build wealth over time. This isn't just a book about saving or investing. It's a full rewrite.

SHARAN HEGDE is best known for turning complex money matters into relatable, binge-worthy content. With more than seven million followers across social platforms, he has built a movement around financial literacy that speaks directly to India's young, ambitious generation.



THE TREE WITHIN

THE MEXICAN NOBEL LAUREATE WRITER OCTAVIO PAZ'S YEARS IN INDIA

INDRANIL CHAKRAVARTY

Imprint Penguin Books

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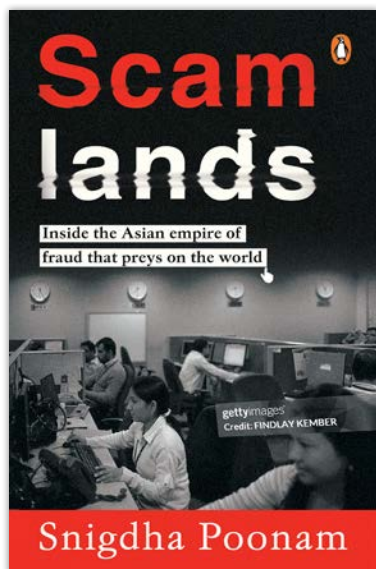
Language Rights English only

Price Rs 699

A superb account of Octavio Paz's relationship with India, chronicling the impact he and the country had on each other

The Tree Within is the enchanting story of Octavio Paz's love affair with India, where he served as Mexico's ambassador in the 1960s. Immersing himself in the country's rich cultural life and traditions, Paz travelled widely, forged deep friendships with some of India's finest minds, and produced some of his most inspired work. Chakravarty reconstructs the poet's inner journey by delving into multilingual archives, diplomatic files, personal letters and intimate interviews. *The Tree Within* is a luminous testament to the enduring alchemy between India and the world through one of the greatest writers of the twentieth century.

INDRANIL CHAKRAVARTY, taught film history and screenwriting for over two decades at film institutes in India and abroad, and has made several documentaries. He has published in international journals on biopics, literary biography and cosmopolitanism. His earlier books include *The New Latin American Cinema*, *India's Audiovisual Market*, and *Redescubriendo a Tagore* (in Spanish).



SCAMLANDS

INSIDE THE ASIAN EMPIRE OF FRAUD THAT
PREYS ON THE WORLD

SNIGDHA POONAM

Imprint Viking

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Price Rs 699

If you've ever been scammed—or received a call from a scammer—this book is for you

Scamlands takes readers into parts of the world where a scamster is born every minute. Snigdha Poonam traces networks of deceit from small-town India to the vast, globalized fraud factories of Southeast Asia—and the unsuspecting victims they target in the West.

Gripping and revelatory, *Scamlands* is an account of the people and forces behind the scams reshaping societies and economies in India, Asia and beyond. Fraud becomes a lens to explore the paradox of a technological revolution that brings us closer together even as it fragments us.

The book uncovers what it means for the social order in India and elsewhere, when deception becomes a way of life. When fraud triumphs over trust, none of us can escape its foot soldiers and scam lords.

SNIGDHA POONAM is the author of *Dreamers: How Young Indians Are Changing the World*, which won the 2018 Crossword Award for Non-Fiction and was longlisted for the 2019 PEN America Literary Awards. For fifteen years, her reporting has shown how major global phenomena shape human lives, often by focusing on a single person, group or event to reveal the forces transforming society.



GIRLS WHO SAID NOTHING AND EVERYTHING

ESSAYS ON GIRLHOOD

MEERA VIJAYANN

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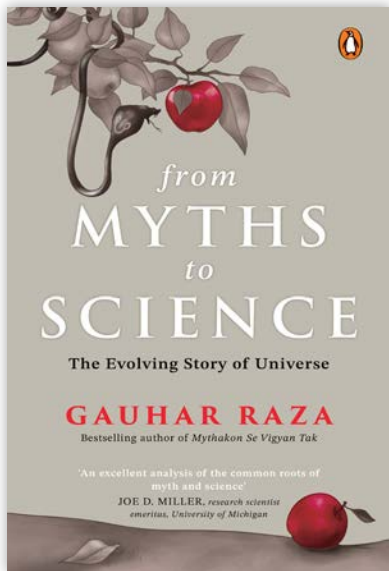
Price Rs 499

An invigorating exploration of what it means to grow up as a young girl in India

An evocative collection of eleven essays, *Girls Who Said Nothing and Everything* charts the tumultuous journey of self-discovery, shame and love within a dysfunctional family in 1990s India.

A powerful testament to resilience, it urges young Indian women to see their grief, joy, shame, love, sexuality and rage as fully human.

MEERA VIJAYANN is a writer and essayist based in Kirkland, Washington. Her work is shaped by the decade she spent as a development professional and journalist reporting on sexual violence in India. Her essays have appeared in Catapult, Entropy, Electric Literature, the *Guardian* and elsewhere.



FROM MYTHS TO SCIENCE

THE EVOLVING STORY OF UNIVERSE

GAUHAR RAZA

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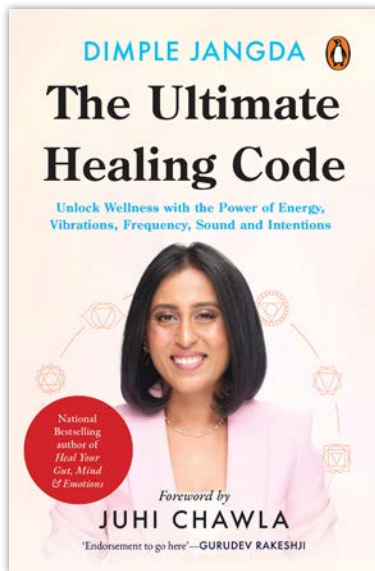
Language Rights All

Price Rs 499

From myths to modern science—the journey of human curiosity and reason

From Myths to Science traces humanity's passage from creation stories and superstition to reason and evidence. Gauhar Raza explores the dialogue between faith and science—from ancient myths to Darwin, Galileo and Einstein—showing how questioning transforms societies. A lucid and thought-provoking appeal to nurture curiosity, rationality and the scientific temper, this book invites readers to see inquiry as the foundation of progress.

GAUHAR RAZA is an Indian scientist, science communicator, Urdu poet, social activist and documentary film-maker.



THE ULTIMATE HEALING CODE

UNLOCK WELLNESS WITH THE POWER OF ENERGY, VIBRATIONS, FREQUENCY, SOUND AND INTENTIONS

DIMPLE JANGDA

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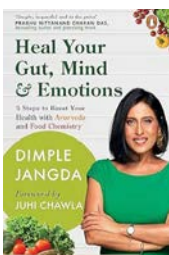
A guide to harnessing the power of the mind to heal the body and bring health, happiness and abundance into your life

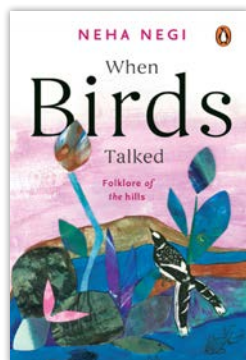
In this sequel to her bestselling *Heal Your Gut, Mind and Body*, Dimple Jangda:

- Unpacks the five Ds of mental health and shows you how to Disconnect, Destress, Detox, Decompress and Decode your internal software
- Introduces five powerful healing tools—Time, Space, Nature, Sound and Energy
- Shares dietary protocols that tap into the human body's boundless potential to heal itself and perform daily miracles

By sharing these codes and transformative tools, Dimple brings you closer to the source of healing, so you can become the master of your body, health and destiny.

DIMPLE JANGDA is a celebrity gut-health and Ayurveda coach. She has more than 1.6 million followers on social media and listeners in over 140 countries for her podcast *Gut Story* with Dimple Jangda. She founded Prana Healthcare Centre in 2017 and has since treated patients from sixty-four countries and taught Ayurveda to students in seventy-four countries.





WHEN BIRDS TALKED

FOLKLORE OF THE HILLS

NEHA NEGI

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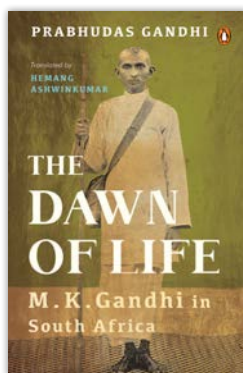
Language Rights All

Price Rs 599

When birds spoke, they told stories of who we are, where we came from and what we stand to lose.

When Birds Talk brings alive Uttarakhand's folklore through tales of Himalayan birds, where myth meets ecology and art. Neha Negi's luminous storytelling and hand-drawn illustrations celebrate vanishing traditions while reflecting on today's environmental challenges—a timeless, magical journey for readers of folklore, mythology, nature and conservation.

NEHA NEGI is a writer, artist and communications professional. She studied Renaissance drawing techniques and painting methods at the Florence Academy of Art in Italy for nearly three years.



THE DAWN OF LIFE

M.K. GANDHI IN SOUTH AFRICA

PRABHUDAS GANDHI,
HEMANG ASHWINKUMAR (Tr.)

Imprint Viking

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Price Rs 1299

Hemang Ashwinkumar—winner of the New India Foundation Fellowship 2024

Young Prabhudas lives with his family at the Phoenix Settlement in South Africa at a time when his uncle, Mohandas, has only just begun his crusade for satyagraha. In his memoirs, Prabhudas offers a rare glimpse into the man before the Mahatma. Now available in English for the first time, *The Dawn of Life* takes readers into the origins of satyagraha through the eyes of a young boy.

PRABHUDAS GANDHI was the son of Chhaganlal Gandhi, Mahatma Gandhi's nephew. For his memoir *Jeewan nu Parodh*, he was awarded the Narmad Suvarna Chandrak.

HEMANG ASHWINKUMAR is a bilingual poet, translator, editor and critic working in Gujarati and English. His writing has appeared in *World Literature Today*, *Indian Literature*, *New Quest*, *Cerebration*, *Kitaab*, *Maple Tree Literary Supplement*, *Marg*, the *Four Quarters Magazine*, *Indian Cultural Forum*, the *Beacon*, *Out of Print*, *Guftugu* and *Muse India*. He is also the translator of *Vultures* by Dalpat Chauhan.



YOUR PERFECT PARTNER WON'T BE PERFECT

A TRUTHFUL DATING GUIDE

SIMA TAPARIA

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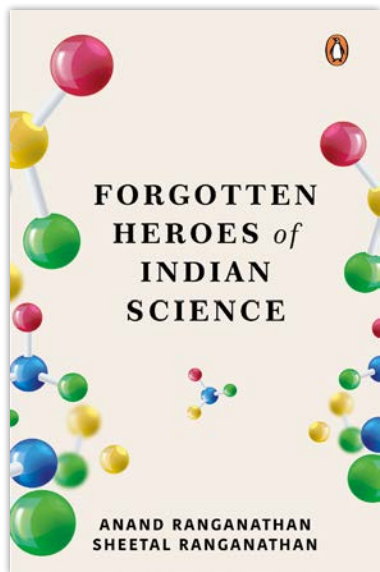
An easy-to-use and insightful guide to modern love from India's best-known matchmaker, Sima Taparia

Dating can be overwhelming. Whether you are navigating the intricate world of online apps, pining after an unrequited crush or searching for 'the one' around every corner, you've likely felt the confusion and frustration that so often accompany it. But what if it didn't have to be that way?

The world of dating keeps evolving, but every new trend is little more than smoke and mirrors. The secret to a successful relationship is simple, timeless—and something we've known all along.

As one of India's top matchmakers, Sima Taparia has spent her career helping clients find their life partners. In *Your Perfect Partner Won't Be Perfect*, she shares the tried-and-true traditions of Indian marriage to help readers see dating from a fresh perspective, avoid common pitfalls and find the match that is right for them.

SIMA TAPARIA has been a professional matchmaker since 2005 and lives in Mumbai. With more than two decades of experience in the field, she is known for her ability to understand her clients' preferences, cultural backgrounds and personal values, enabling her to create compatible matches. Her documentary *A Suitable Girl* won an award at the Tribeca Film Festival in 2017, and she stars in Netflix's Emmy-nominated reality show *Indian Matchmaking*, which portrays the cultural values at the heart of her practice. She has also appeared on Netflix's *Fabulous Lives of Bollywood Wives* and *Bigg Boss*.



FORGOTTEN HEROES OF INDIAN SCIENCE

ANAND RANGANATHAN AND
SHEETAL RANGANATHAN

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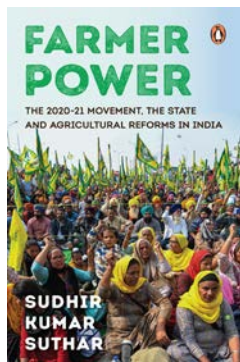
Five ordinary Indians, five extraordinary feats of science

Upendranath Brahmachari conjured a potent drug to vanquish the spectre of kala azar, saving millions from the deadly disease. Ramnath Chopra drew on ancient Ayurvedic knowledge, extracting a natural compound from *sarpagandha* to treat seizures and high blood pressure. Azizul Haque and Hemchandra Bose devised a cipher for fingerprints that birthed the science of forensics—an elegant method pilfered by Scotland Yard, later referenced in Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Sign of Four*. Yellapragada Subbarow sculpted five monumental discoveries that reshaped modern medicine and saved countless lives—yet, in a poignant twist of fate, could not save his own.

These stories are not mere chronicles of invention but sagas of lives devoted to brilliance. They bring alive the history and socio-cultural milieu of the times, showing how these men transformed the landscape of Indian science.

ANAND RANGANATHAN is a scientist working in the area of directed evolution and pathogenesis, with a special emphasis on tuberculosis and malaria. Scientific contributions from his lab have been published in peer-reviewed journals including the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, *Chemistry & Biology*, the *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, the *Journal of Clinical Investigation* and *Nature Communications*.

SHEETAL RANGANATHAN is an alumna of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, from where she obtained her BSc (Hons) in Human Biology and her master's in medical biotechnology. She later pivoted into business strategy and consulting, earning an MBA from the Xavier Institute of Management.



FARMER POWER

THE 2020–21 MOVEMENT, THE STATE
AND AGRICULTURAL REFORMS IN INDIA

SUDHIR KUMAR SUTHAR

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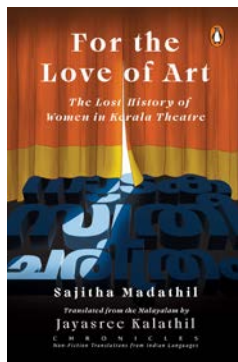
Price Rs 499

A close examination of the Farmers' Movement of 2020–21

In September–October 2020, nearly 3,00,000 Indian farmers marched to New Delhi on tractors and trolleys, occupying the national highways around the city for over a year. Their unprecedented protest was directed against two new farm laws passed by the government.

This book offers a clear account of the Delhi encirclement of 2020–21—its causes, course and consequences.

SUDHIR KUMAR SUTHAR teaches at the Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.



FOR THE LOVE OF ART

THE LOST HISTORY OF WOMEN IN
KERALA THEATRE

SAJITHA MADATHIL
JAYASREE KALATHIL (Tr.)

Imprint Vintage

Format B/Paperback

Page Extent 232

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Price Rs 399

A classic feminist history of theatre translated from the Malayalam

The fifth volume in the Chronicles series of non-fiction translations from Indian languages, this book offers a powerful and moving account of how women actors in Kerala theatre were persecuted and marginalized for decades, yet went on to earn nationwide recognition and critical acclaim for their work.

SAJITHA MADATHIL is a writer, and a film and theatre actor.

JAYASREE KALATHIL is a writer and translator.



THINKING OF WINTER

SHANTANU NAIDU

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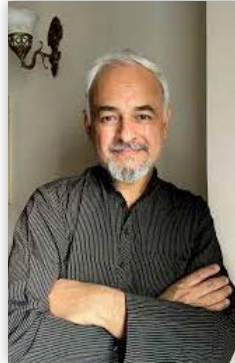
Price Rs 499

A profound and touching book about a man and his dog, by bestselling writer Shantanu Naidu

Everyone loves their dogs. Every dog is a good boy. But there is something fundamentally different about Shantanu Naidu's dog, Winter. He skipped the mischief, the teething, the barking, the tantrums and the tussles with other dogs. Winter came without flaws—a gentleman at heart from birth, with an undeniable fondness for human female affection.

This is Naidu's journey with Winter, from Ithaca to Mumbai and beyond.

SHANTANU NAIDU is general manager, head—strategic initiatives, Tata Motors. He serves on the board of Tata Small Animal Hospital, Mumbai, and is the founder of Goodfellows India and Mumbai Bookies. His debut book, *I Came Upon a Lighthouse*, was a bestseller.



THE BATTLE OF NARNAUL

**KULPREET YADAV AND
MADHUR RAO**

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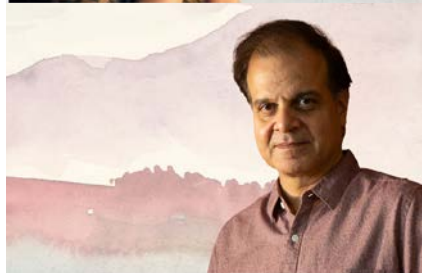
Price Rs 499

A well-researched account of an often-forgotten part of Indian history.

The Battle of Narnaul, fought during India's First War of Independence in 1857, was among the most intense and decisive encounters recorded by the British in their chronicles. This book brings to light the valour and sacrifice of the battle's unsung warriors, and traces the six-year-long resistance that followed in its aftermath.

KULPREET YADAV, a graduate of the Naval Officers' Academy, is the author of *The Battle of Rezang La* (Penguin, 2021) and *The Battle of Haji Pir* (Penguin, 2024). Beyond writing, he is also an actor, film-maker and entrepreneur.

MADHUR RAO is a historian with a deep passion for the culture, heritage and history of Ahirwal, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Rajasthan and western Uttar Pradesh. An alumnus of Sherwood College, he now divides his time between Kotputli, Rajasthan, where he runs a school, and Jaipur and Gurgaon, where he manages various business ventures.



SPEAKING OF HISTORY

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT INDIA'S PAST AND PRESENT

ROMILA THAPAR AND
NAMIT ARORA

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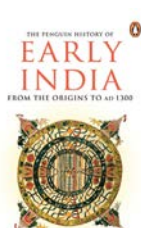
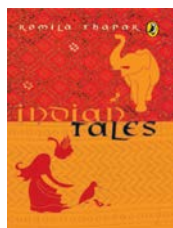
A powerful call to see history not as a battleground of myths but as a lens to understand who we are—and who we might become.

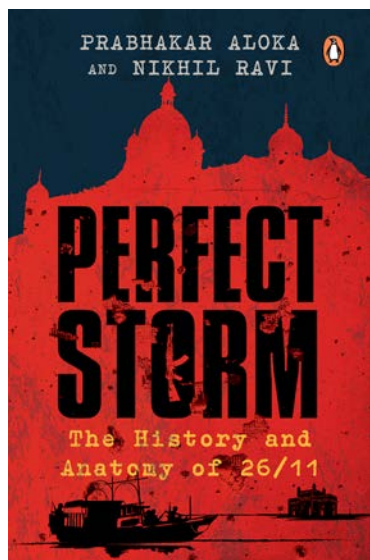
Why does history in India evoke so much controversy?

In this timely and provocative book, Romila Thapar, one of India's most respected historians, engages in a candid dialogue with Namit Arora, a popular history writer. Together, they explore the historian's method, critique the politicization of historical narratives and reclaim history from the distortions of mythology and communal ideologies. From caste and gender to nationalism and Hindutva, Thapar and Arora unravel the sociopolitical forces that shape India's understanding of its past. Accessible yet scholarly, this conversation invites readers to rethink what history truly means and why it matters today more than ever.

ROMILA THAPAR is emeritus professor of history at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and a fellow of the British Academy. She is the author of more than twenty books.

NAMIT ARORA is the author of *Indians: A Brief History of a Civilization*, *The Lottery of Birth* and *Love and Loathing in Silicon Valley*.





THE PERFECT STORM

THE HISTORY AND ANATOMY OF THE 26/11
ATTACKS

PRABHAKAR ALOKA AND
NIKHIL RAVI

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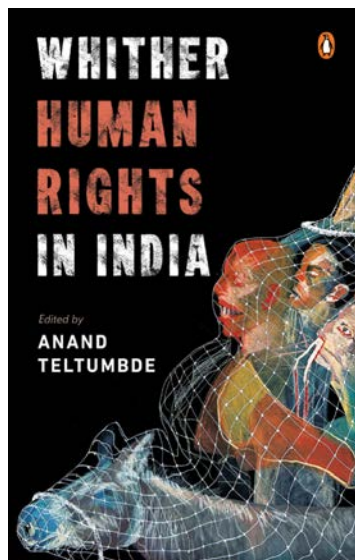
An unparalleled, eye-opening insider's account of the 26/11 terrorist attack in Mumbai

In the dead of night on 26 November 2008, ten men slipped silently into Mumbai by sea. Over the next sixty hours, they unleashed a storm of violence that brought India's financial capital to its knees and shocked the world. The true story of this attack—the most audacious terror plot since 9/11—begins decades earlier, spans multiple continents and entangles a diverse cast of characters with varying motivations. This is a story never told in full. Until now.

The Perfect Storm peels back the layers of the conspiracy, taking readers on a riveting journey from the blood-soaked birth of Pakistan in 1947 to the treacherous geopolitical landscape of the post-9/11 world.

PRABHAKAR ALOKA is a retired IPS officer who worked with the Intelligence Bureau, India's premier intelligence agency. He is the author of two espionage thrillers: *Operation Hayagreeva* (2021) and *Operation Sudarshan Chakra* (2022).

NAMIT ARORA studied philosophy at the Manipal Centre for Humanities and co-wrote the Netflix Original series *IC814: The Kandahar Hijack*.



WHITHER HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDIA

ANAND TELUMBDE

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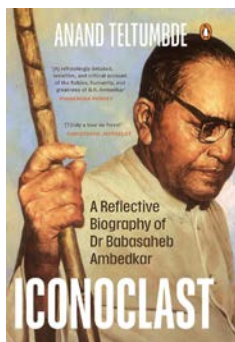
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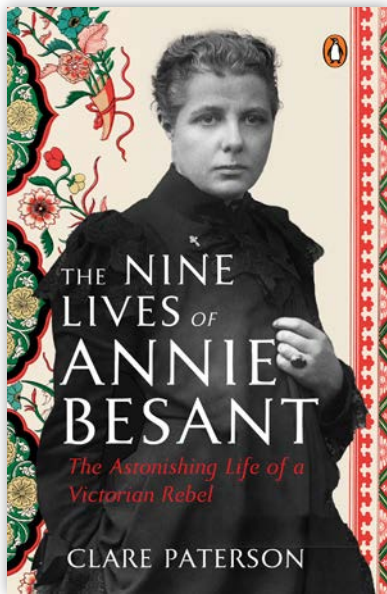
Price Rs 1299

An urgent book about the state of human rights in India

This anthology brings together leading thinkers and activists to explore human rights in India. Tracing their roots from ancient Brahminic counter-revolutions to colonial rule and post-Independence struggles, it shows how constitutional guarantees have been compromised. The essays critique the anti-rights ideology of Hindutva, contrast it with global precedents and revisit violations such as the Emergency. With reflections on authoritarianism, democratic erosion and continuing abuses, this collection offers a critical and comprehensive examination of India's human rights challenges.

ANAND TELUMBDE is a leading public intellectual, author and civil rights activist. Among his significant books are *The Radical in Ambedkar*, *The Republic of Caste* and *Dalits: Past, Present and Future*.





THE NINE LIVES OF ANNIE BESANT

THE ASTONISHING LIFE OF A
VICTORIAN REBEL

CLARE PATERSON

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Price Rs 499

A holistic engagement with the life of Annie Besant

Annie Besant was a good Christian wife who became an atheist; a liberal campaigner who emerged as a leading socialist activist in the strikes and protests of the 1880s; a Theosophical High Priestess who became deeply involved in the Indian nationalist movement. She lived an extraordinary and inspiring life, and yet, because of her complexities and seeming contradictions, she has often been sidelined by history.

From politics to the occult, from Christianity to Theosophy, and from the London suburbs to a pyre on the banks of an Indian river, *The Nine Lives of Annie Besant* tells the complete story of a woman who broke all the rules.

CLARE PATERSON is an award-winning television executive with extensive experience commissioning and producing documentaries, some of which have been honoured with BAFTAs and International Emmys.



LIVE YOUR DREAMS

HIMEESH MADAAN

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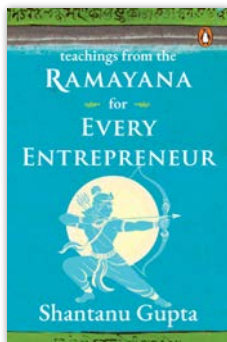
Popular motivational speaker Himeesh Madaan offers readers a road map to turn their dreams into reality

Live Your Dreams will help you gain clarity on your goals, learn simple but powerful techniques for self-improvement, and discover fresh perspectives on tackling everyday challenges.

Imagine shedding doubts, finding focus and reigniting the drive to make things happen—that is what this book aims to offer.

Whether you are striving for professional success, personal growth or simply a happier life, these fundamental principles will guide you on your journey.

HIMEESH MADAAN is a popular motivational speaker, entrepreneur, performance coach and writer. He has built a following of more than six million on YouTube, where he shares advice on achieving goals and building confidence.



TEACHINGS FROM THE RAMAYANA

FOR EVERY ENTREPRENEUR

SHANTANU GUPTA

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Timeless lessons from the Ramayana to transform leadership and business

Unlock the timeless wisdom of the Ramayana to elevate your entrepreneurial journey. Through twenty-five stories, this interactive edition offers practical strategies on leadership, partnerships, mentorship and integrity. With guided reflections and exercises, it bridges ancient insights with modern challenges, empowering entrepreneurs and business leaders to innovate, adapt and succeed.

SHANTANU GUPTA is the founder of The Vedic IQ and The Ramayana School, where he teaches life lessons from the Ramayana and other Indian scriptures to families across the globe.



PUTTING THE TOILET SEAT DOWN

A MAN'S GUIDE TO FEMINISM

HARSHVEER JAIN

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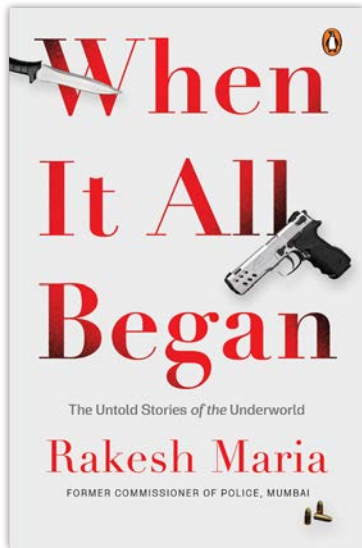
A giftable graphic narrative on Feminism 101

I used to believe that if men have oppressed women across cultures, history and geography—every country, every era—then men must be better than women.

But science is about breaking observational biases, questioning the limits of our natural faculties, and seeking truth through undeniable facts—with an open, understanding and ready-to-be-proven-wrong mindset.

That is my aim: a logic-based approach to unlearning biases and embracing new ideas.

HARSHVEER JAIN is an alumnus of IIT Bombay and IIM Calcutta. Over the past decade, he has worked extensively in advertising, management consulting and consumer insights. He has also built a niche as an artist and speaker, with more than 4,00,000 followers across Instagram and LinkedIn.



WHEN IT ALL BEGAN

THE HISTORY OF THE UNDERWORLD
(1920–1980)

RAKESH MARIA

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In the 1980s, the streets of Dongri, Pydhonie, Nagpada, Agripada and Byculla witnessed some of the bloodiest gang wars and reigns of terror India had ever seen. These neighbourhoods became the battlegrounds of crime and terror. But when did it all begin?

Tracing it back to the 1930s, when Abdul Karim Sher Khan Pathan, aka Karim Lala—considered one of the first feared dons of Bombay—arrived in the city. He soon mastered the tricks of the trade with the Pathan lords Babul Khan and Jumma Khan, thus gradually establishing his dominance. As the Pathans grew in power, resentment against them simmered among the Pathans. Petty criminals from the city's streets and markets began to evolve into 'dadas' and 'bhais,' forming gangs of their own. This gave rise to the first generation of dons—figures including Karim Lala, Haji Mastan and Dilip Aziz—who built empires through smuggling, extortion and other rackets. Over time, these groups diversified, regrouped and expanded into larger syndicates of organized crime. But the next generation of gangsters were ruthless.

Rakesh Maria, the veteran Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, who led some of India's most high-profile investigations, reflects on the tumultuous history in this extraordinary book, *When It All Began*.

RAKESH MARIA is a former IPS officer who led some of India's most high-profile investigations, including the 1993 Mumbai blasts and the 26/11 terror attacks. Known for his sharp instincts and fearless leadership, he went on to serve as Mumbai's police commissioner before retiring in 2017 as director general of home guards.



THE LAND AND THE SHADOWS

PERUMAL MURUGAN
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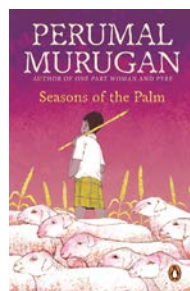
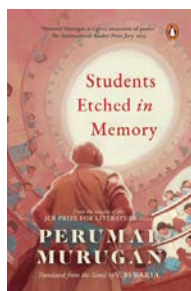
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A fascinating narrative on cinema and art from the legendary Perumal Murugan

In this narrative, Perumal Murugan explores the influence of cinema on his life and on Tamil society during the transformative decades of the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. He reflects on how films shaped people and culture, offering a unique perspective on those changing times. He also recalls his early teenage years working in a cinema theatre in rural Tamil Nadu.

PERUMAL MURUGAN is one of the most prominent voices in contemporary Tamil literature. An award-winning writer, poet and scholar, he has earned both critical acclaim and commercial success for his wide-ranging work. His novels have been translated into English to great acclaim, including *Current Show*, *Pyre*, *Seasons of the Palm*, *Fire Bird* (winner of the JCB Prize for Literature 2023) and *Pyre*, which was longlisted for the International Booker Prize 2023.

GITA SUBRAMANIAN, who took up translation after a long teaching career in Hong Kong, has published four translations of Tamil novels.





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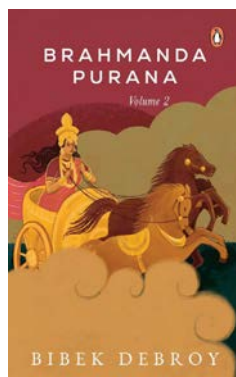
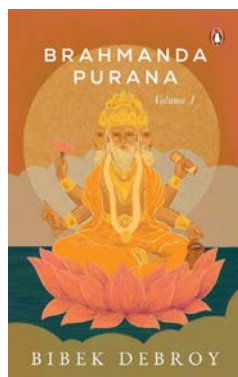
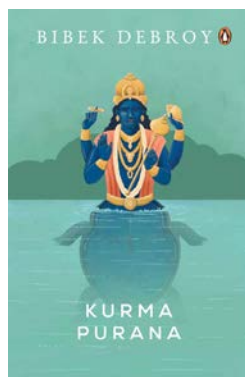
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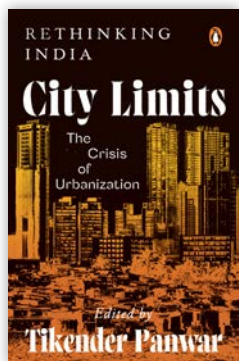
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Bibek Debroy's swan song to his incredibly popular Purana series, this is the Matsya Purana in two volumes.

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BIBEK DEBROY (1955–2024) was a renowned economist, scholar and translator. He worked in universities, research institutes, industry and government, and published widely on economics. As a translator, he was best known for his acclaimed ten-volume rendition of the Mahabharata and the three-volume *Valmiki Ramayana*, both published by Penguin Classics.





CITY LIMITS

THE CRISIS OF URBANIZATION

EDITED BY TIKENDER
SINGH PANWAR

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A peek into how urbanization has created challenges

Part of the acclaimed 'Rethinking India' series, this volume examines the challenges of unplanned and unchecked urbanization in Indian cities—challenges that have worsened the quality of life and deepened socio-economic divides.

Through essays by leading experts in policymaking and urban development, the book analyses major problems and proposes practical solutions, serving as a guide to building sustainable and inclusive cities.

TIKENDER SINGH PANWAR is a researcher and former deputy mayor of Shimla.



GENERAL BRASSTACKS

THE SUNDARJI STORY

PROBAL DASGUPTA

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Highlights the charismatic yet forgotten Sundarji's role in building the Indian Army as it is today

General Krishnaswamy Sundarji was one of India's most cerebral and controversial army chiefs. From the Sumborong Chu face-off with China to the massive Operation Brasstacks that unsettled Pakistan, his tenure was bold and transformative. Yet, he also oversaw Operation Bluestar and the ill-fated IPKF mission in Sri Lanka. Known for his audacity, love of technology and push for a modernised, mechanised force, Sundarji helped shape India's military and nuclear doctrine. In this definitive biography, bestselling author Probal Dasgupta uncovers the life of a visionary leader whose legacy continues to define the Indian Army today.

PROBAL DASGUPTA is the bestselling author of *Watershed 1967: India's Forgotten Victory over China*. A veteran of the Indian Army, he is now a business leader with a global consultancy, advising firms on reputation, business and geopolitical risks.



IN THE MARGINS OF EMPIRES

A HISTORY OF INDIA'S
CHICKEN NECK

AKHILESH UPADHYAY

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A fascinating analysis and on-the-ground reporting from the region around the Siliguri Corridor

The 22-kilometre Chicken's Neck, or Siliguri Corridor, is the only land bridge between India's north-eastern states and the rest of the country. Wedged between Bangladesh to the south and west, and China to the north, it also connects India to Nepal and Bhutan. This book combines fresh analysis with on-the-ground reportage to tell the story of this crucial region, informed by its own histories and perspectives. Part traveller's journal, part historical study, it explores the Siliguri Corridor through the prism of centuries of trade, religion and cultural ties, drawing on Tibetan, Sikkimese, Nepali and Bhutanese viewpoints to trace the corridor's evolution since the eighteenth century.

AKHILESH UPADHYAY is a journalist and geopolitical analyst. He was editor of the *Kathmandu Post* from 2008 to 2018 and is currently senior research fellow at IIDS, a Kathmandu-based think tank. He writes for *Wire*, *Indian Express* and has a monthly column in the *Hindustan Times*.



A FIRE ON MOUNT EVEREST

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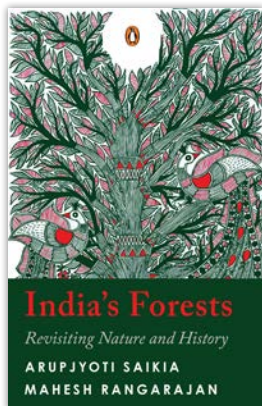
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The extraordinary story of India's first organized Mount Everest expedition, 1984

One is never indifferent to Everest. It either makes you—or breaks you.

India's 1984 expedition to Mount Everest, organized by the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF), was a spectacular achievement etched in history. In this book, Siddharth Kak recounts the behind-the-scenes stories of this remarkable mission—an unforgettable moment that remains vivid in his memory.

SIDDHARTH KAK is a documentary maker, television producer and presenter, best known as the producer and host of *Surabhi* (1993–2001).



INDIA'S FORESTS

REVISITING NATURE AND HISTORY

ARUPJYOTI SAIKIA AND MAHESH
RANGARAJAN (Editors)

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MAHESH RANGARAJAN is professor of history and environmental studies at Ashoka University.

ARUPJYOTI SAIKIA is professor of history at IIT Guwahati.



NEVER SAY DIE

MY LIFE IN BUSINESS AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

SHRIPAL MORAKHIA

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**An honest and gripping narration of the
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Shripal Morakhia comes from an old business family that was once among the leading stockbrokers of the BSE. He entered business in the early 1980s under trying circumstances after the sudden loss of his father. Though he achieved spectacular success, he also faced dramatic setbacks when some of his ventures failed.

SHRIPAL MORAKHIA is a businessman, investor and entrepreneur. He founded companies including Sharekhan and Smaash and was briefly the owner of *Amar Chitra Katha*.



CLIMATE CHANGE 2100: SURVIVE OR THRIVE?

GLOBAL WARMING, SUSTAINABILITY
AND THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

CHETAN SINGH SOLANKI

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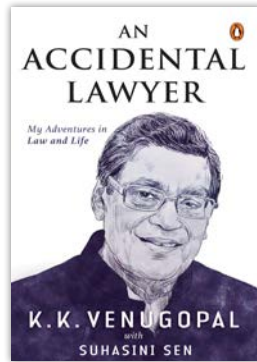
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Our past fuels the present—can it power a sustainable future?

This book traces humanity's energy journey—from the renewables of the pre-industrial era to the fossil fuel revolution. It explores how coal, oil and gas shaped modern civilization even as they drove the climate crisis. Urging a shift from overconsumption to restoration, it challenges readers to rethink energy, growth and sustainability for generations to come.

CHETAN SINGH SOLANKI is a renowned solar scientist and professor at IIT Bombay. Widely known as the 'Solar Man of India,' he has been profiled by the *Times of India*, *The Hindu* and *India Today*.



AN ACCIDENTAL LAWYER

MY ADVENTURES IN LAW AND LIFE

K.K. VENUGOPAL with SUHASINI SEN

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One of India's most distinguished legal minds

A legal luminary, K. K. Venugopal has made a significant contribution to the practice of law in India. This autobiography offers a fascinating account of his life, unravelling both the lawyer and the man, while also recapping India's dynamic socio-political and legal history through the eyes of one of its most eminent jurists.

Presenting the high and low points of Venugopal's journey, *An Accidental Lawyer* captures his interactions with family and friends as well as with the judiciary, legislature and executive.

K.K. VENUGOPAL is a senior advocate and former Attorney General for India.

SUHASINI SEN is a senior advocate.



MUNGER KI RANI

MANISHA RANI

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From Bihar to Bollywood: The Unstoppable rise of Manisha Rani

This book chronicles the inspiring rags-to-riches journey of Manisha Rani, one of India's top content creators with more than thirteen million Instagram followers and four million YouTube subscribers. From a small village in Bihar to the glitz of Bollywood, Manisha's story is one of resilience, determination and the courage to overcome adversity.

Offering a candid look at the challenges she faced and the failures she turned into stepping stones, this book captures both the grit and the humour that define her rise.

SAKETT SAWHNEY, with more than twenty-five years in media production, is the founder of People Like Us, which manages top talent. He has produced acclaimed projects such as *Zanjeer* and *Escape Live*, and has received multiple awards, including Best Executive Producer in 2023.

COMING SOON

STORIES FROM A KARGIL KITCHEN

YASH SAXENA

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Discover the rich tapestry of Kargili foodways in this captivating anthology

Spanning four races, five religions and seven ethnicities, this book takes readers into the heart of Kargil through stories, recipes and reflections from the past, present and future. Each chapter blends personal narratives with detailed recipes, offering a unique glimpse into the lives and culinary traditions of one of the world's most rugged regions.

YASH SAXENA is a foodways researcher and artist who combines their artistic sensibilities with a distinctive perspective on food culture.



THE GLIMPSES OF A GOLDEN CHILDHOOD

OSHO

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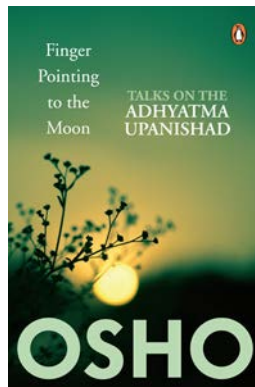
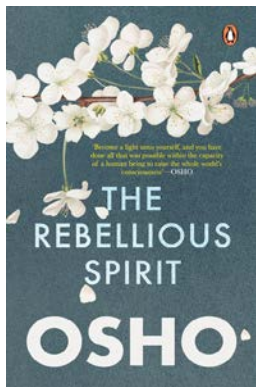
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A rare autobiographical treasure from Osho's childhood

Unlike any of his other works, this book captures Osho's memories of his rebellious and mischievous childhood. The stories are fascinating, entertaining and inspiring, enriched by the enlightened consciousness of the storyteller himself. With the inclusion of many intimate photographs, this volume is a rare treat for Osho's readers and admirers.

OSHO, one of the most influential mystics of the twentieth century, continues to be among the most followed spiritual teachers across the world.





TELL MY MOTHER I LIKE BOYS

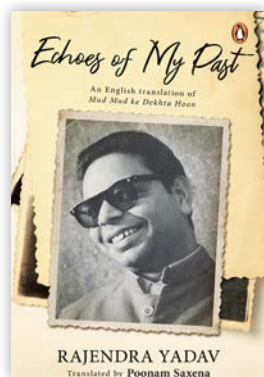
SUVIR SARAN

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A soulful memoir of love, loss and the healing power of self-discovery

Michelin-starred chef and bestselling author Suvir Saran reflects on love, identity and belonging across two continents. From New Delhi to the United States, he weaves food, memory and resilience into a memoir of reinvention—an intimate story of overcoming self-doubt, embracing one's truth and finding courage after life's hardest trials.

SUVIR SARAN is a Michelin-starred chef and the bestselling author of *Indian Home Cooking*, *American Masala* and *Masala Farm*. He is also the chef-creator of THC, The House of Celeste, a modern Indian restaurant in Gurgaon.



ECHOES OF MY PAST

RAJENDRA YADAV,
POONAM SAXENA (Tr.)

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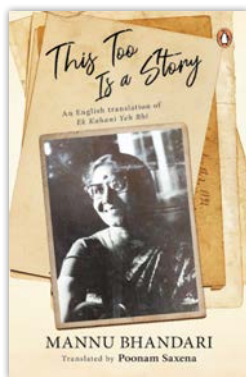
Life and works of the titan of Hindi literature—the remarkable life of Rajendra Yadav

A stalwart of Hindi literature, Rajendra Yadav was one of the most controversial figures of the literary world. His charming personality, unconventional lifestyle and scathing criticism of contemporary writers drew both ire and admiration. He was also known for championing Dalit writing and promoting new and emerging authors.

Echoes of My Past, translated by noted journalist Poonam Saxena, is a collection of his writings that also reveals the man behind the legend.

RAJENDRA YADAV (1929–2013) was a leading Hindi writer, known for his novels, short stories and editorship of the leading Hindi literary magazine, *Hans*.

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



THIS TOO IS A STORY

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A life of regret—writings from Mannu Bhandari

A woman lost, found—and lost again.

In a world that was often unfair to women, Mannu Bhandari grew up to be a sensitive, fiery and outspoken writer of stories. But marriage to a man from her own field proved to be the death of her writing for the next decade.

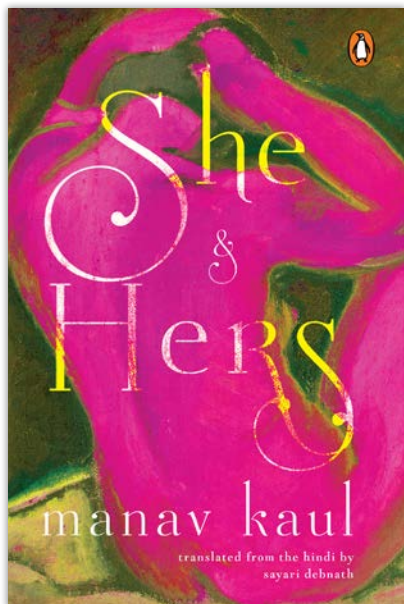
In this book, Mannuji lays bare the fault lines of her controversial marriage—of being together, and yet completely alone. With candour and poignancy, she takes readers through her life, revealing her literary genius and asserting her rightful place as one of the finest writers in Hindi literature.

MANNU BHANDARI was a trailblazing Hindi fiction writer.

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



FICTION



SHE AND HERS

MANAV KAUL,
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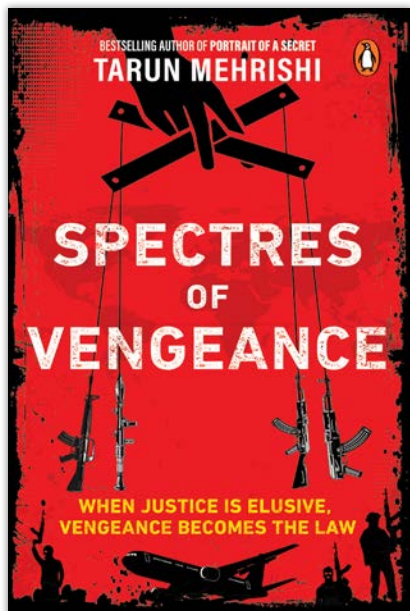
A story that questions the very definition of love and begs understanding

What, truly, is the definition of love? Is it that which we set for ourselves, or that which our bodies define?

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MANAV KAUL, born in Baramulla, Kashmir, has been an integral part of the film and theatre world, acting, directing and writing for the past twenty years.

SAYARI DEBNATH is a book journalist at Scroll.in.



SPECTRES OF VENGEANCE

WHEN JUSTICE IS ELUSIVE, VENGEANCE
BECOMES THE LAW

TARUN MEHRISHI

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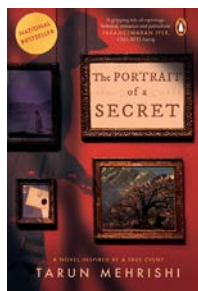
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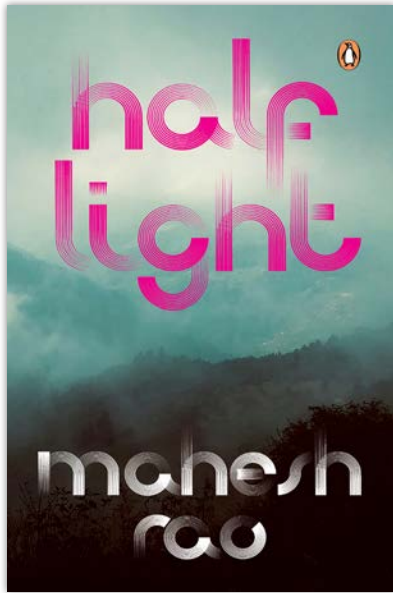
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TARUN MEHRISHI is a lawyer from the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, and a graduate of the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad. He has worked as a corporate lawyer with two of India's leading law firms, as chief operating officer of a sports marketing company in Delhi, and as head of consulting at the country's foremost sports marketing outfit.





HALF LIGHT

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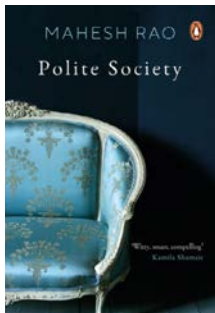
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A soulful coming-of-age story from when love was still a crime

In the misty mountains of Darjeeling, a landslide traps the guests and staff of a dilapidated hotel. Inside, two men exchange glances. For Neville, this is exhilarating. For Pavan, an employee desperate to avoid detection, it prises open his solitary existence. When Neville glimpses him behind the reception desk of a hotel four years later, he demands a meeting, pursuing him as the secrets of their time together threaten to spill out.

Set on the brink of India's ruling to decriminalise homosexuality, this is a tender, atmospheric and elegant story of outlawed desire and hope.

MAHESH RAO's debut novel, *The Smoke Is Rising*, won the Tata First Book Award for Fiction and was shortlisted for the Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize, the Crossword Book Award and the *Guardian's* Not the Booker Prize. He also wrote *Polite Society*, and his short fiction has been shortlisted for numerous awards. Mahesh has contributed to *New York Times*, *The Baffler*, *Prospect* and *Elle*.





THE ARCHITECT'S DREAM

NIKHIL KUMAR

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An unputdownable psychological thriller!

Forty years after he left, Vidhu Mirani—the Pritzker Prize-winning architect whom Karl Lagerfeld once called “the Coco Chanel of today”—returns to India at the invitation of the Prime Minister, who asks him to design a new public library for the capital, New Delhi. But a chance encounter in a park places him at the centre of a political controversy and forces him to revisit a past he thought he had left behind.

As his curiosity unspools into something resembling regret, his old friend Hanif Allana, consumed by his own grief, draws him into a desperate, obsessive cat-and-mouse game. Binding the two men is Tanya Sinha, the woman they both loved, but neither truly knew.

NIKHIL KUMAR is a journalist and writer whose work has appeared in several international publications, including *The Independent*, *New York Times* and *Time*, where he is Executive Editor. *The Architect's Dream* is his first novel.



BHIMA'S WIFE

KAVITA KANE

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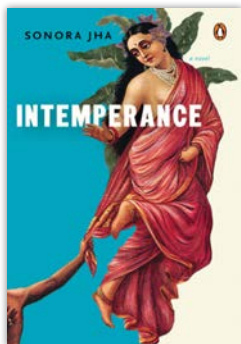
A powerful reimaging of Bhima's first wife, Hidimbi, from bestselling writer, Kavita Kané

Before Draupadi, there was Hidimbi—the first, the eldest Pandava daughter-in-law. A status denied to her through her life, through the years, and across the centuries.

Hidimbi was a demoness by birth and a queen by right. She saved Bhima. She bore his son. She stood by the family that killed her brother. And when the call of war came, she sacrificed her only child—Ghatotkacha, the first Pandava grandson—for a cause that never truly embraced her.

Why was her story never told? Was it because she was a *nakshasi*—or because the heroes of the epic could do no wrong?

KAVITA KANE is the bestselling author of eight novels and is considered a revolutionary voice in Indian writing for bringing feminism into the space where it is most needed—mythology.



INTEMPERANCE

A NOVEL

SONORA JHA

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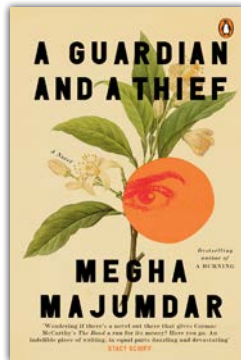
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A spectacular feminist romp about modern love

A woman announces that she will celebrate her fifty-fifth birthday by holding a swayamwar. She knows she is setting herself up for ridicule, but her self-esteem—and her sexual de-sire—are at their peak.

A cast of characters assembles to support her call, including goddesses and princesses from the past, who either try to slap sense into her or cheer her on. She must also reckon with a brutal love story that placed a generational curse on those who displayed an intemperance of spirit. As her plan spirals into a spectacle, she embarks on a journey to decide what feat her suitor must perform to prove himself worthy of her hand.

SONORA JHA is the author of the novels *The Laughter* and *Foreign*, and the memoir *How to Raise a Feminist Son*.



A GUARDIAN AND A THIEF

A NOVEL

MEGHA MAJUMDAR

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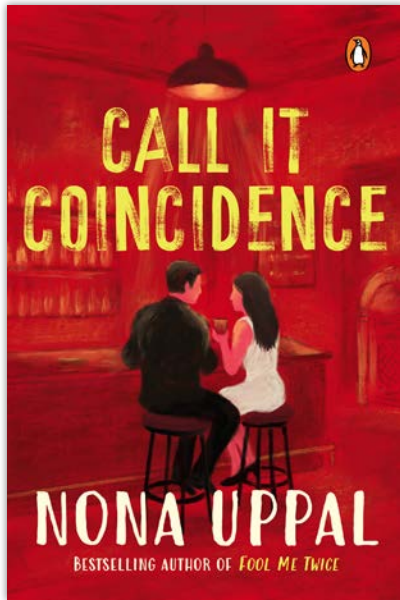
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An electrifying novel in which two families seeking to protect their children must battle each other

Beset by flooding and famine, Ma and her family are just days away from leaving a collaps-ing city for Michigan. With long-awaited visas finally in hand, they pack their bags for America. But then Ma's purse—holding their immigration documents—is stolen.

Set over the course of a week, the novel follows Ma's desperate search for the thief during a food shortage, and Boomba, the thief himself, whose determination to care for his family drives him into a spiral of crimes with unforeseen consequences.

MEGHA MAJUMDAR's debut novel, the *New York Times* bestseller *A Burning*, was nominated for the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle's John Leonard Prize and the American Library Association's Andrew Carnegie Medal.



CALL IT COINCIDENCE

NONA UPPAL

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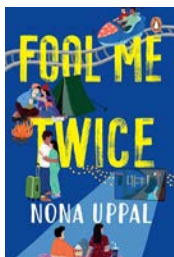
A new feel-good romance from the bestselling author of *Fool Me Twice*

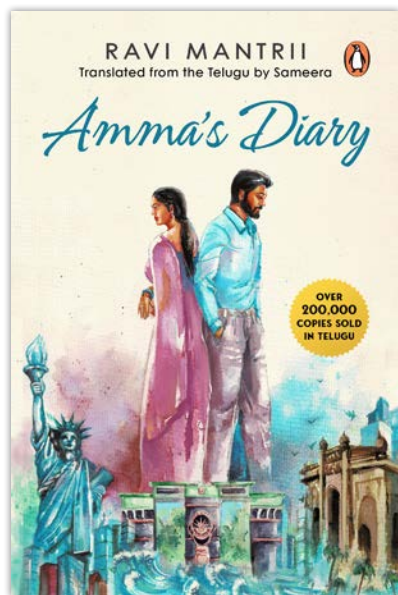
Meet Naina: a twenty-five-year-old with big dreams and a sceptical heart, searching for love that lasts and a job that doesn't make her dread mornings.

Enter Vatsal: a charming, unpredictable twenty-eight-year-old lawyer-to-be, interning in Delhi before jetting off to London for his master's degree.

Their worlds collide unexpectedly, leading to a whirlwind first date. Naina feels an instant connection, like fate brought them together. In days, they go from strangers to friends, best friends and then something more. Everyone thinks it's just a matter of a few days until they make it official, call it love. How could they not, when it feels this right?

NONA UPPAL is a New Delhi-based author, marketer and content creator. Her debut novel, *Fool Me Twice*, was published by Penguin Random House India in 2024 and is now a national bestseller. *Call It Coincidence* is her second novel.





AMMA'S DIARY

RAVI MANTRII,
SAMEERA (tr)

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Price Rs 350

A powerful story of love, loss and memory

“What if we dared to read the pages of our mothers’ forgotten stories? What might we learn if we saw them not as the silent anchors of our homes, but as individuals shaped by desire, heartbreak and the hope of second chances?”

Sarika and her son Jittu’s lives change when new neighbours move in. Gitanjali, their young neighbour, soon strikes a chord with Sarika—only to realise she is the daughter of Abhiram Naidu, Sarika’s long-lost love.

An elegy for unspoken lives, *Amma’s Diary* is a rediscovery of long-lost love.

RAVI MANTRII, a business analyst by day, spent his nights in Ireland reading and writing Telugu literature. He has penned several short stories published in leading Telugu magazines. He began his literary journey in 2019 with his debut novel, *Amma Dairylo Konni Pageelu*, which became a national bestseller and won wide acclaim. An avid social media influencer, he creates re-latable content for his followers and is currently working on his second novel.



MAHISASUR

THE LEGEND OF KUMARIKANDAM

ANAND NEELAKANTAN

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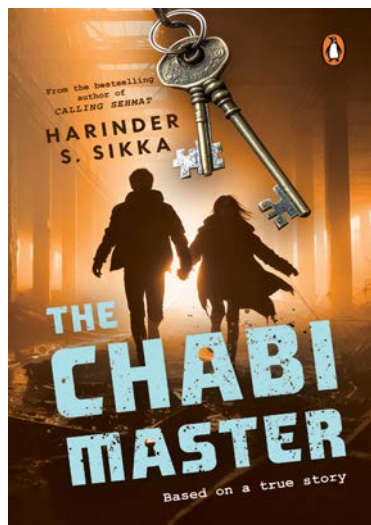
Price Rs 499

Book 1 of the Devi series

In the lost archipelago of Kumarikandam once ruled Queen Devi—until an alien invasion descended upon Earth. Driven by ambition and guided by science, their leader Naqta creates a half-beast, half-alien Mahishasura, who now holds sway over Kumarikandam. As the prophecies of sage Agastya come alive, Devi must face an intergalactic war against Mahi-shasura and his army to save her kingdom.

Set seventy thousand years ago, *Mahishasura* is an ode to the supreme energy celebrated in the *Devi Purana*. It explores the feminine form of *parashakti* in Anand Neelakantan's imagined world, where science, technology and AI collide with the long-lost tales of the puranas, retelling Indian mythology for modern readers.

ANAND NEELAKANTAN is a celebrated Indian author, columnist and screenwriter, renowned for his captivating works of mythological fiction. He has authored sixteen books in English and one in Malayalam, including the bestselling novels *Asura: Tale of the Vanquished*, the *Ajaya* series, and *The Rise of Sivagami*, the first book in the *Baahubali: Before the Beginning* trilogy. His debut novel, *Asura*, was recognized by Amazon Books' editors as one of the '100 books by Indian authors to read in a lifetime.' Anand's books have been translated to several Indian languages as well as into Sinhalese, Burmese, Indonesian and Japanese. Over the past decade, he has been shortlisted five times for the Crossword Popular Award. Neelakantan's creative genius extends beyond the pages of his books. He has penned screenplays for popular television series, including *Sya Ke Ram* (Star TV), *Mahabali Hanuman* (Sony TV), *Chakravarthy Ashoka* (Colors TV), *Sivraj* (DD National) and *Srimad Ramayan* (Sony TV). He is also the creative force behind the story of the OTT series *TAJ* (Zee5) and has written for Netflix's *Sarfarosh*. A prolific writer across various mediums, Anand Neelakantan continues to enchant audiences with his masterful storytelling, offering fresh perspectives on ancient tales and historical events. Connect with Anand on his social media platforms: @itsanandneel. Mahishasura.



THE CHABIMASTER

HARINDER SIKKA

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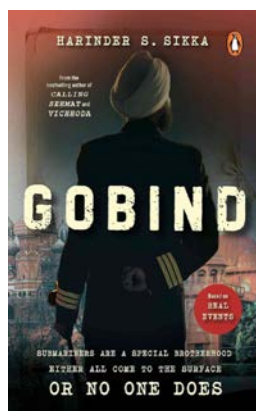
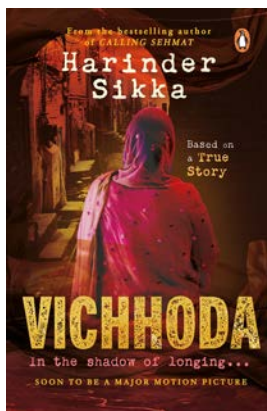
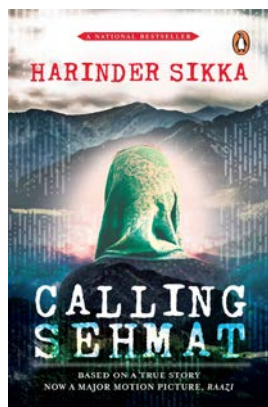
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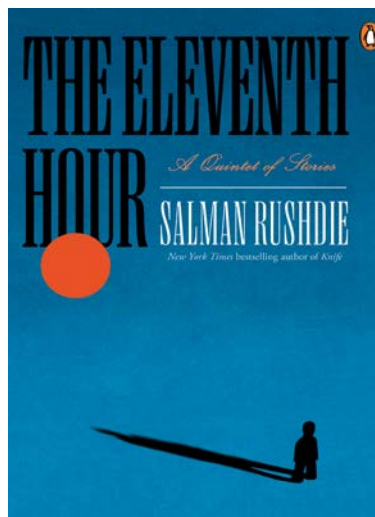
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An edge-of-the-seat thriller that may as well be true!

In the beginning, he was stealing only bananas. Then he became one of the most indispensable agents. When Ravi, the brilliant strategist and chief of RAW, realises that cross-border skirmishes are merely a way of keeping the nation distracted, he launches a new operation. Pieced together from real-life events and untold stories from classified files, *The Chabi Master* is a tribute to the unknown faces who have ensured the safety of every citizen of this country.

HARINDER SIKKA, author of the bestsellers *Calling Sehmat*, *Vicchoda* and *Gobind*, is Group Director, Strategic Business, at the Piramal Group.





THE ELEVENTH HOUR

A QUINTET OF STORIES

SALMAN RUSHDIE

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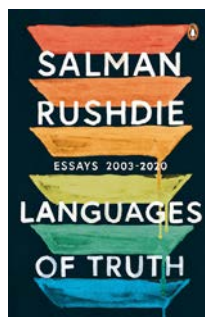
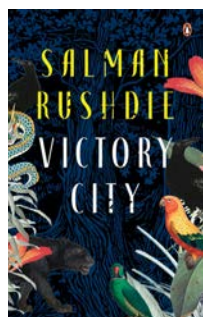
From internationally renowned, award-winning author Salman Rushdie, a spellbinding exploration of life, death, and what comes into focus at the proverbial eleventh hour of life

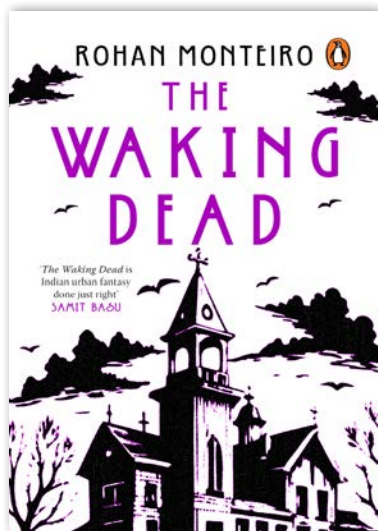
Rushdie turns his extraordinary imagination to life's final act with a quintet of stories that span the three countries in which he has made his work—India, England and America—and feature an unforgettable cast of characters.

"In the South" introduces a pair of quarrelsome old men—Junior and Senior—and their private tragedy set against a moment of national calamity. "The Musician of Kahani" follows a prodigy from the Mumbai neighbourhood featured in *Midnight's Children*, who uses her magical gifts to wreak devastation on the wealthy family she marries into

The Eleventh Hour meditates on life and death, legacy and identity, with the penetrating insight and boundless imagination that have made Salman Rushdie one of the most celebrated writers of our time.

SALMAN RUSHDIE is the author of fifteen previous novels, including *Midnight's Children* (for which he won the Booker Prize and the Best of the Booker), *Shame*, *The Satanic Verses*, *The Moor's Last Sigh* and *Quichotte*, all of which have been shortlisted for the Booker Prize.





THE WAKING DEAD

ROHAN MONTEIRO

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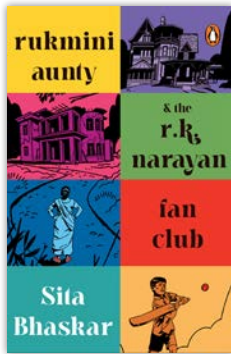
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Hilarious horror written with verve and wit

Samir's quest to free his falsely accused sister leads him into a world of killings, demons and other supernatural beings. But when it becomes clear that these creatures are acting at someone else's command, he realises that something far more human—and far more greedy—is at play.

Fast-paced, funny and action-packed, this is a breezy read with a solid mystery and punchy dialogue at its core.

ROHAN MONTEIRO's most recent book, *Shadows Rising*, received endorsements from Sidin Vadukut, Trisha Das, Koral Dasgupta, Ashok Banker, Kevin Missal and Saksham Garg. This is his third novel, and his first in this genre.



RUKMINI AUNTY AND THE RK NARAYAN FAN CLUB

SITA BHASKAR

Imprint Penguin

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Rukmini Aunty discovers that the derelict building behind her house once belonged to the celebrated author R. K. Narayan. How to save this national treasure from being mowed down by the municipal corporation becomes the heart of this delightful homage to the great wordsmith. Now its fate hangs between the builder's scalpel and the city's meagre coffers, as officials scramble to raise funds to buy it from Narayan's heirs at the prevailing market rate. Only Rukmini Aunty—and the 'Save R. K. Narayan Group', with the women of her neighbourhood—can save the house.

SITA BHASKAR is the author of three books: *Tara and Sandy: Slow Dance of Infinite Stars* (with co-author Sabarna Roy), *Flirting with Trouble* and *Shielding Her Modesty*. She is also the founder and convenor of the Mysuru Literature Festival. She lives between Mysuru, India, and Madison, USA.



KAAYAA: A NOVEL

GURUPRASAD KAGINELE
(NARAYAN SANKARAN, TR.)

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A global novel from Kannada literature

A Kannada novel set in 1990s America, *Kaayaa* explores themes ranging from sexuality and disease to politics and love. Its protagonist, Malik, a successful plastic surgeon in Manhattan, is accused of sexual harassment by one of his clients and finds himself in a world of trouble as he struggles to salvage his reputation and navigate the complexities of his two marriages.

A comic masterpiece that never loses sight of the underlying tragedy of being human, *Kaayaa* is as timely as it is timeless.

GURUPRASAD KAGINELE is an author and a US-based doctor.

NARAYAN SANKARAN is a scholar and translator.



THE OTHER INDIAN 1

AKSHAT GUPTA

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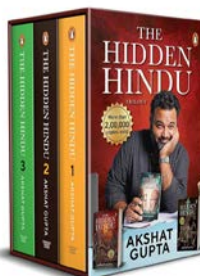
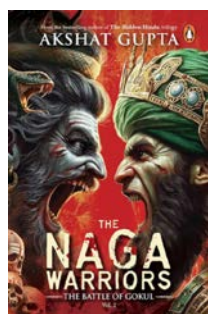
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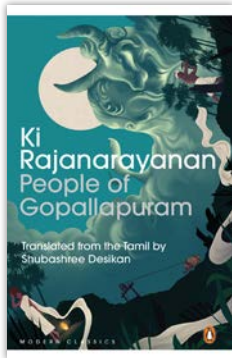
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Price Rs 299

AKSHAT GUPTA is a national bestselling author, TEDx speaker, and acclaimed screenwriter and dialogue writer in the Indian film industry. His *The Hidden Hindu* series has sold over one lakh copies, with each title becoming a national bestseller. Well known in both publishing and cinema, he has several films and web series signed under his name.





PEOPLE OF GOPALLAPURAM

KI RAJANARAYANAN,
SHUBASHREE DESIKAN (tr)

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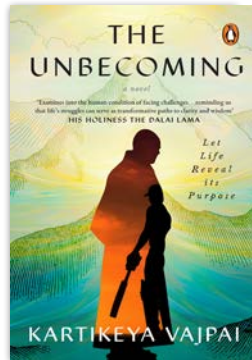
Price Rs 399

**A sequel to the modern-day classic,
Gopallapuram (1981)**

People of Gopallapuram is set in its eponymous village, as India negotiates independence from British rule. The village undergoes rapid changes in both its social structure and eco-nomic position as the colonial era wanes and a new India looms on the horizon. Lovers, vil-lage leaders, tenant farmers and others who make up the community are all affected by this transformation as they navigate shifting caste barriers and development. In Ki Rajanarayanan's classic ode, the humble south Indian village comes alive in a viscer-al, animated way, reminding us of our roots.

KI RAJANARAYANAN (1922–2021) was born in Idaisval, near Kovilpatti in southern Tamil Nadu. This village belongs to the *karisal* or black soil region of Tamil Nadu.

SHUBASHREE DESIKAN is a writer and translator based in Chennai. She has translated the novel *Mul (Thorn)* by Muthumenal from Tamil into English, as well as several children's books published by Tulika into Tamil. Some of her poems have appeared in *Muse India*.



THE UNBECOMING LET LIFE REVEAL ITS PURPOSE

KARTIKEYA VAJPAI

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

Set against the shifting landscapes of fame and solitude, *The Unbecoming* is a meditative novel tracing Siddharth and Ajay's intertwined journeys. At different crossroads in their lives, both are compelled to confront the illusions of identity born of deep attachments. What unfolds is a profound exploration of fear, loss and self-discovery—a gradual shedding of old selves that leads to dramatic transformation, an “unbecoming” that reveals life's deeper truths.

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



WHILE WE WAIT

DURJOY DATTA

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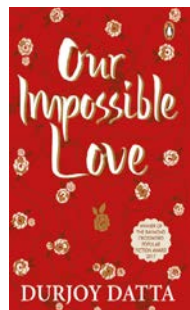
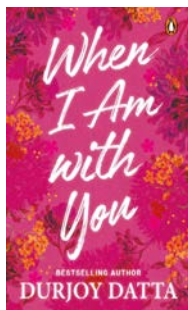
Ace romance writer pens a heart-breaking tale

They loved so deeply that the ache within them became their only solace.

When they are unable to meet their lovers, both Raghav and Aditi begin to cling to each other for comfort. Their broken hearts speak the language of bitterness and pain. Pain becomes their guiding light—and the only thing that makes them feel alive.

In spinning the story of an unlikely love, Durjoy Datta touches the very essence of the emotion. *While We Wait* is one of his most anticipated romances yet.

DURJOY DATTA is the bestselling author of several romance novels and is one of the most popular voices in contemporary Indian fiction. He is also a scriptwriter for OTT shows.





BUSINESS



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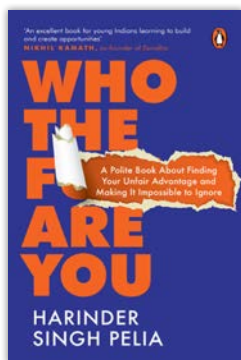
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The no-nonsense guide to leading the life you want from the bestselling author of *The Art of Laziness*.

All the knowledge in the world will not help you if you do not decide to help yourself first. If you change nothing, nothing will change. Your life will not change unless you decide to change it. The goal of this book is to make you aware of the time you have left and how to spend that time to live a better life. The book has three parts, namely, Death, Mindset and How to Live a Good Life. Each section is filled with stories, anecdotes, quotations and direct action that you can take to improve your life and ensure you do not leave anything for later.

LIBRARY MINDSET is the bestselling author of *The Art of Laziness*, and the founder of an online book community which has more than six million followers.



WHO THE F*CK ARE YOU

A POLITE BOOK ABOUT FINDING YOUR UNFAIR ADVANTAGE AND MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO IGNORE

HARINDER SINGH PELIA

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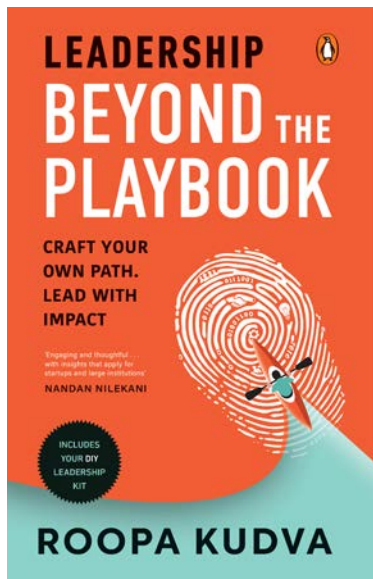
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*Who the F*ck Are You* is not just a playbook—it is a survival guide for the age of visibility. If you still want your work to speak for itself, you are playing an outdated game. It's packed with ruthless frameworks on becoming a brand, building visibility and distribution and monetizing with meaning. Whether you are a chef, intern, CEO or make-up artist, this book will be the end of your professional invisibility.

HARINDER SINGH PELIA led marketing teams at Amazon, Ajio Luxe, Diesel and other brands that you have probably spent too much money on. Currently pursuing a PhD in marketing at XLRI Jamshedpur, Harinder is also the founder of the 10Xer Club, a community for India's best marketers to upskill, network, land jobs, etc.



LEADERSHIP BEYOND THE PLAYBOOK

CRAFT YOUR OWN PATH. MAKE A REAL IMPACT

ROOPA KUDVA

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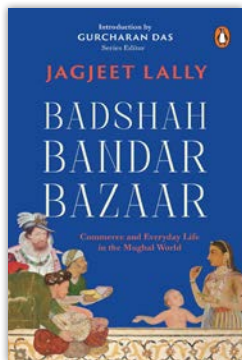
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A must-read contemporary guide for professionals who aspire to lead with impact, purpose and resilience, authored by the former CEO of Crisil India

Leadership Beyond the Playbook will help you become a better leader—with clarity, sharper judgement, and greater intention. Roopa Kudva distils decades of experience to decode what it takes to lead today: strategic thinking, execution, communication, stakeholder alignment, resilience and purpose. Highly contemporary and practical—tackling AI, generational leadership and mental health—the book includes tools you can use right away.

ROOPA KUDVA is former MD and CEO of Crisil India and a distinguished business leader, early-stage investor and strategic visionary with nearly four decades of experience in the financial and investment sectors. Roopa's achievements have earned her numerous accolades, including the 'Outstanding Woman Business Leader of the Year' award from CNBC-TV18, one of the 'Most Powerful CEOs of 2014' by the *Economic Times*, and inclusion in *Business Today's* 'Most Powerful



BADSHAH, BANDAR, BAZAAR

COMMERCE AND EVERYDAY LIFE IN THE
MUGHAL WORLD

JAGJEET LALLY

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A fresh and important account of the role of merchants, middlemen and ordinary folk in the history of the Mughal empire

Through the eyes of numerous real-life characters, *Badshah, Bandar, Bazaar* demonstrates the power of bankers, moneylenders, merchants, middlemen, artisans and all manner of ordinary folk in making—and eventually breaking—the might of the Mughal Empire. The book takes us on a fabulous journey from the empire's rich and fertile countryside, to the hustle and bustle of its great cities and ports, to princely wars of succession and the dynasty's tumultuous yet protracted overthrow.

JAGJEET LALLY is an associate professor of the History of Early Modern and Colonial India at University College London. He is a historian of South Asian economic and material life, and the author of two other books, among them the prize-winning *India and the Silk Roads: The History of a Trading World* (2021).



PURSUIT OF PURPOSE

FIND YOUR PURPOSE IN 30 DAYS

JORDAN TARVER

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Your purpose is the most influential piece of information you can access, and *Pursuit of Purpose* is one of the fastest ways to find it

Pursuit of Purpose reveals a powerful, research-backed framework to find your purpose in 30 days. The accompanying workbook (sold separately; see series on Amazon) provides a structured, 30-day plan that makes the process practical and actionable, empowering readers to achieve deeper fulfilment in life.

JORDAN TARVER is an author, photographer and editor at Forbes. Almost dying and a soul-searching solo backpacking trip taught him how to live. Since then, he's dedicated himself to living a life infused with meaning and empowering others to do the same.



DOING THE RIGHT THING

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF RATAN TATA

HARISH BHAT

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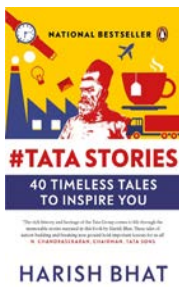
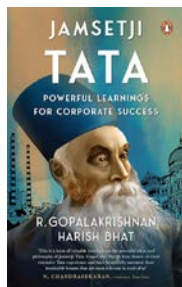
Leadership lessons to guide you in ‘doing the right thing’

Ratan Tata, the iconic industrialist passed away on 10th October 2024. The entire nation poured in to offer condolences to the legend who had revolutionized the Indian industry. Ratan Tata was eighty-six years old when he passed away at the Breach Candy Hospital. Much has been written and read about him ever since. But why were millions of Indians impacted so deeply and so personally by Ratan Tata's passing away?

In this unusual book, Harish Bhat, noted author and a Tata veteran himself, delves into the life of Ratan Tata as a visionary leader who transformed the Tata Group into a global powerhouse while remaining devoted to philanthropy. Ratan Tata's life was etched in the belief of ‘doing the right thing’.

Replete with unique anecdotes, from launching the Nano car to the acquisition of Jaguar Land Rover to his unwavering commitment to philanthropy, this book will guide you in doing the right thing.

HARISH BHAT is an avid marketer and equally passionate author. His books span many genres including business history, fiction, poetry and humour. Three of his books—*Tata Stories*, *Office Secrets* and *Tata Lo*—have been national bestsellers and have also been translated into several Indian languages.





DESIGNED TO WIN

S. DEVARAJAN

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A comprehensive read on the explosive growth and success of Tata Elxsi, one of Tata Group's most valued companies

With a unique product profile, Tata Elxsi has been revolutionizing the world of electric vehicles by offering innovative solutions in the area of electric energy and embedded product design. What drives Tata Elxsi's success? This book is an attempt to answer these and many such questions to enlighten readers about a little-known but unique Tata group company that is poised to be the next TCS and one of its highest valued companies.

DEVARAJAN founded Transmation Consulting with the aim of providing technology companies a platform to accelerate and transform their business strategies. Previously, Dev was the managing director of Cisco Systems in India as well as the managing director of Tata Elxsi, becoming one of the youngest directors in the Tata Board.



THE GREAT REVIVAL

CG POWER'S COMEBACK FROM BANKRUPTCY TO A \$10 BILLION COMPANY

NATARAJAN SRINIVASAN

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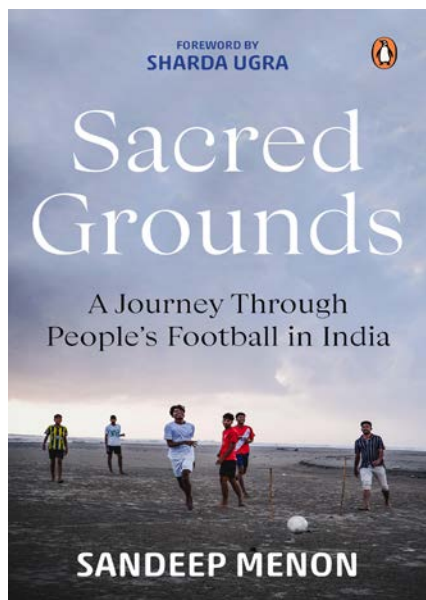
Powerful lessons from one of India's most successful corporate turnarounds

In today's rapidly evolving business landscape, the ability to navigate crises is paramount for any organization. This book provides invaluable insights into how CG Power, once on the brink of collapse, successfully redefined its trajectory through strategic leadership and unwavering commitment to ethical governance.

N. SRINIVASAN is a veteran corporate leader and a celebrated CFO, under whose leadership CG Power, a Murugappa Group company, was transformed from a bankrupt entity into a 10-billion-dollar company.



PLAY



SACRED GROUNDS

A JOURNEY THROUGH PEOPLE'S
FOOTBALL IN INDIA

SANDEEP MENON

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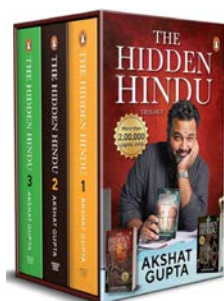
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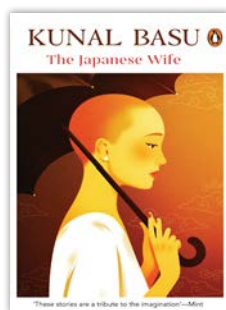
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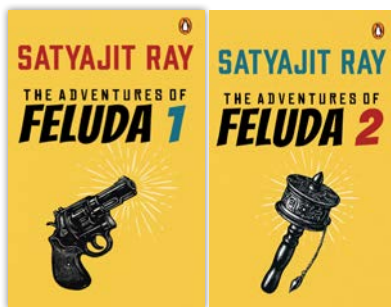
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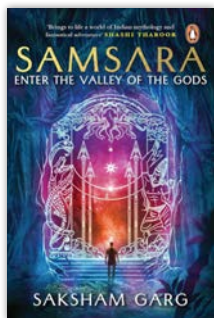
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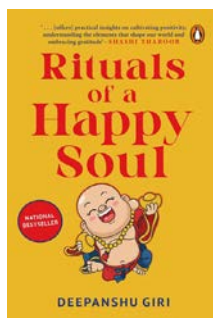
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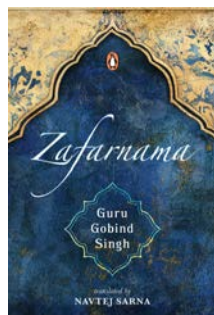
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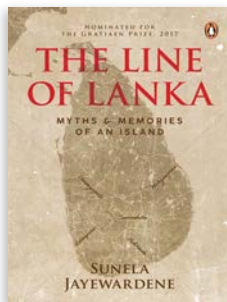
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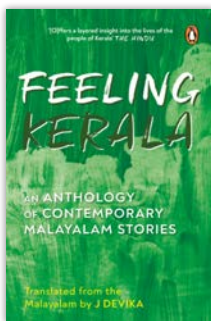
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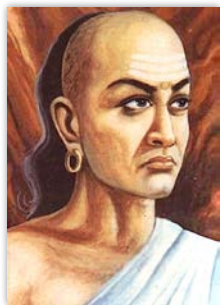
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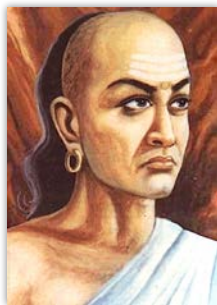
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