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List of Additions-4

Archaeology

1. Patil, C. B., eds. New facets of early historical archaeology and Buddhist art and architecture: essays in honour of Dr. R. C. Agrawal. Delhi: Sharada Publishing House, 2022. (Acc. No. 55445)
930.01 NEW

This volume in honour of Dr. R.C. Agrawal collages twenty-six original research papers arranged under two sections: eight on early historical archaeology and eighteen on Buddhist art and architecture.

Source:<https://www.bagchee.com/books/BB137109/new-facets-of-early-historical-archaeology-and-buddhist-art-and-architecture>

2. Ray, Himanshu Prabha, ed. The archaeology of knowledge traditions of the Indian ocean world. London: Routledge, 2023. (Acc. No. 55475)
909.09824 ARC

This book examines knowledge traditions that held together the fluid and overlapping maritime worlds of the Indian Ocean in the premodern period, as evident in the material and archaeological record. It breaks new ground by shifting the focus from studying cross-pollination of ideas from textual sources to identifying this exchange of ideas in archaeological and historical documentation.

The themes covered in the book include conceptualization of the seas and maritime landscapes in Sanskrit, Arabic and Chinese narratives; materiality of knowledge production as indicated in the archaeological record of communities where writing on stone first appears; and anchoring the coasts, not only through an understanding of littoral shrines and ritual landscapes, but also by an analysis of religious imagery on coins, more so at the time of the introduction of new religions such as Islam in the Indian Ocean around the eighth century.

Source: <https://www.routledge.com/The-Archaeology-of-Knowledge-Traditions-of-the-Indian-Ocean-World/Ray/p/book/9780367337810>

Arts and Architecture

3. Deshpande, Anirudh, eds. Critical social science perspectives on Indian cinema. Delhi: Aakar, 2023. (Acc. No. 55463)

791.4309 CRI

What is cinema and how do social scientists view it critically? Why is cinema important to our understanding of modern society? What does cinema mean to a film crazy society like India? What is the past, present and possible future of Indian cinema? How has Indian cinema shaped Indian mentalities and how has it been influenced by ideologies present in Indian society? This edited collection of sixteen essays by distinguished scholars answers these questions. The book is aimed at cinema scholars and anyone who is interested in looking at cinema as a serious social expression in a changing world.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Critical-Social-Science-Perspectives-Indian/dp/9350028107>

4. Kapuria, Radha. Music in colonial Punjab: courtesans, bards and connoisseurs, 1800-1947. New York: Oxford University Press, 2023. (Acc. No. 55464)

780.95452 KAP

This book offers the first social history of music in undivided Punjab (1800-1947), beginning at the Lahore court of Maharaja Ranjit Singh and concluding at the Patiala royal darbar. It unearths new evidence for the centrality of female performers and classical music in a region primarily viewed as a folk music centre, featuring a range of musicians and dancers -from 'mirsas' (bards) and 'kalawants' (elite musicians), to 'kanjris' (subaltern female performers) and 'tawaifs' (courtesans). A central theme is the rise of new musical publics shaped by the anglicized Punjabi middle classes, and British colonialists' response to Punjab's performing communities. The book reveals a diverse connoisseurship for music with insights from history, ethnomusicology, and geography on an activity that still unites a region now divided between India and Pakistan.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/MUSIC-COLONIAL-PUNJAB-Courtesans-Connoisseurs/dp/0192867342>

5. Maitra, Shatadeep. Indian blue: from realism to abstraction. New Delhi: Delhi Art Gallery, 2021. (Acc. No. 55471)
704.954 MAI (R)

This exercise to explore the history of the colour blue in India and the world was prompted by its seemingly universal value. An aspect of blue that is intentionally omitted from this essay is its association with sadness and death. The allegory does not hold up in the Indian context and, in any case, the colour's divine and regal significance overtakes any passing reference to morbidity.

Source: <https://www.ompublications.in/product/books/OM53773>

6. Rajadhyaksha, Ashish. John Ghatak Tarkovsky: citizens, filmmakers, hackers. New Delhi: Tulika Books, 2023. (Acc. No. 55449)
791.43 RAJ

In 2015, students of the Film & Television Institute of India took cinema to the streets with a strike, which was among the first of the agitations that raged across India's universities at that time. As the right to make and show films became central to defining freedom on the campus, a new role emerged for the moving image. The names of Eisenstein and Pudovkin, John Abraham, Tarkovsky and Ghatak, recited in slogans and displayed on banners, evoked a history of political cinema that had set itself against the might of India's political establishment. This book tells the longer cinematic history of a technological and political transformation, redefining cinema amidst growing state totalitarianism and a new era in political struggle.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/John-ghatak-tarkovsky-Hacking-Expanded-Ashish-Rajadhyaksha/dp/8195055974>

7. Ray, Himanshu Prabha, eds. The Routledge handbook of Hindu temples: materiality, social history and practice. New York: Routledge, 2023. (Acc. No. 55476)
726.145 ROU

This handbook is a comprehensive study of the archaeology, social history and the cultural landscape of the Hindu temple. Perhaps the most recognizable of the material forms of Hinduism, temples are lived, dynamic spaces. They are significant sites for the creation of cultural heritage, both in the past and in the present.

Source: <https://www.routledge.com/The-Routledge-Handbook-of-Hindu-Temples-Materiality-Social-History-and-Ray-Kulshreshtha-Suvrathan/p/book/9780367563158>

8. Shah, Anita Bharat. Colours of devotion :,the legendary paintings and textiles of the Vallabha Sampradaya, 1500-1900. New Delhi: Niyogi Books, 2023.(Acc. No. 55468)
759.04 SHA (R)

Explains the philosophical concepts of Shri Vallabhacharya and how these were expressed in beautiful artworks - Describes the history of the Pushti Marg faith and the role of some of its prominent members - Features stunning images of paintings, pichvais and artefacts created for personal worship and the shrines of the deity, Shrinathji Indian art is deeply inspired by philosophical and religious thought. In this original and extensively researched work, the author explores the history of the Pushti Marg community. She explains the spiritual beliefs as laid down by the saint and founder Shri Vallabhacharya, which inspired the art that was created for use in the religious practices

of the Vallabha Sampradaya. This book first delves into the core of Pushti Marg -- Vallabhacharya's philosophy and theology of Shrinathji (a form of Krishna); secondly, it explores how his system of beliefs was expressed in an organized religion and rituals that resulted in the production of sacred objects, mainly paintings, pichvais and shrine textiles. Finally it discusses the influence of Pushti Marg on the social and cultural aspects that carried these traditions forward. While doing so, the book showcases many rare paintings and textiles created for the personal and public shrines of the faith. The book reveals the provenance of the most important pre-Mughal manuscript, Palam Dispersed Bhagavad Puran, and that of Golden and Kalamkari pichvais.
Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Colours-Devotion-Legendary-Paintings-Sampradaya/dp/9391125891>

Botany

9. Fowler-Smith, Louise. Sacred trees of India: adornment and adoration as an alternative to the commodification of nature. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2022. (Acc. No. 55498)
582.160954 FOW

Deforestation poses a fundamental threat to ecological sustainability and to the continuation of life on earth.

Investigating the role of perception to environmental protection, this book draws on 10 years of fieldwork in India, documenting sacred trees and groves, and showing that contemporary Indian tree-worship presents a powerful alternative to the Western capitalist commodification of nature that has contributed to the current ecological crisis. Featuring hundreds of original photographs from Hindu, Adivasi, Buddhist and Muslim sacred sites, this study reveals a culture whose reverence for trees has helped to prevent their destruction.

Source: <https://www.cambridgescholars.com/product/978-1-5275-8833-2>

Biography

10. Dadabhoy, Bakhtiar K. Homi J Bhabha: a life. New Delhi: Rupa Publications, 2023. (Acc. No. 55467)
925.354 N09 R23

Homi J. Bhabha: A Life is the first full-fledged biography of the theoretical physicist who founded India's nuclear programme. A Renaissance man, Bhabha was also a lover of music and an accomplished painter. A scientist and aesthete who was equally at home in the world of science and the arts, he was both a visionary and a doer—a man of thought as well as a man of action. A great deal is known of his astonishing intellect, but less about his human side. This biography combines both aspects of him, presenting a more complete picture of the man.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/-/hi/Bakhtiar-K-Dadabhoy/dp/9355208189>

11. Krishnan V. Govind. Vivekananda: the philosopher of freedom. New Delhi: Aleph Book, 2023. (Acc. No. 55515)
922.94 M63 R23

Known by many but understood by few, Swami Vivekananda is a figure shrouded in mystery. However, in recent years there has been a greater tendency to understand, explain, and appropriate the monk and his legacy, especially by the Hindu Right. In *Vivekananda: The Philosopher of Freedom*, Govind Krishnan V. contests the Hindu Right's appropriation of Swami Vivekananda, one of the most influential and defining figures of modern Hinduism, and attempts to show readers that Vivekananda's religious philosophy, social thought, and ideology make the monk the Sangh Parivar's arch nemesis.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/VIVEKANANDA-PHILOSOPHER-FREEDOM-Govind-Krishnan/dp/9390652928>

12. Rattanani, Jagdish. Satish Kumar: Abundant love. Axminster: Triarchy Press, 2023. (Acc. No. 55469)
923.654 N36 R23

Much has been written by and about Satish Kumar - peace pilgrim, co-founder of Schumacher College, and longtime editor of *Resurgence* magazine. A monk at the age of nine, and now a world-renowned environmental activist with Honorary Doctorates from five UK universities, Satish Kumar has been working to realise Mahatma Gandhi's vision of a peaceful, sustainable world for much of his life. This new volume gives readers the chance to listen in on a 30-hour 'longform conversation' with Satish – a conversation where his interviewers draw out his experiences, reflections and insights. They question his political and philosophical thinking, invite him to revisit strongly held positions and, through the conversation, seek to cast new light on the man and his multiple perspectives on the world.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Satish-Kumar-Abundant-Longform-Conversations/dp/1913743705>

13. Ray, Kasturi. Droupadi Murmu: from tribal hinterlands to Raisina hill. New Delhi: Rupa, 2023. (Acc. No. 55491)
923.154 N58 R23

Droupadi Murmu: From Tribal Hinterlands to Raisina Hills encapsulates the journey of a tribal girl who defied all odds to grow up into an institution signifying resilience, determination and grit. Charting a path less travelled, Murmu carved out many firsts, right from stepping out of the nondescript village Uparbeda in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha to becoming the First Citizen of India.

Through interviews and detailed analysis, journalist Kasturi Ray tracks Murmu's life, following her through school and college, from being a teacher to social worker, councillor to minister, from taking charge as the governor of Jharkhand to becoming the president—a tale of incredible resilience and dedication to service. She narrates how Murmu was able to overcome personal tragedy and return to her commitment to helping the people and giving a voice to the downtrodden and underserved.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Droupadi-Murmu-Tribal-Hinterlands-Raisina/dp/9357022007>

14. Seth, Aftab. A diplomat's garden: an autobiography. [s.l.]:, Birch books, 2023. (Acc. No. 55479)

923.254 N43 R23

The author's ancestry and upbringing are a blend of the plural strands of India's races, religions and culture. His education in three countries, reinforced this liberal, cosmopolitan and trusting heritage, which is the backdrop for the unfolding of a diplomat's life in eight different countries.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Diplomats-Garden-Aftab-Seth/dp/8196170831>

15. Som, Reba. Hop, Skip and Jump: Peregrinations of a Diplomat's Wife. New Delhi: Om Books International, 2023. (Acc. No. 55487)

923.254 N48 Q23

Reba Som has been an acclaimed author, academic, historian, singer, and a cultural ambassador. In Hop, Skip and Jump, she harnesses her multidisciplinary skills to narrate the many-layered story of her experiences as the wife of an IFS officer.

Travelling abroad for the first time with her career diplomat husband, Himachal Som, as a twenty-two-year-old bride fresh out of college, Reba Som was thrust headlong into an alien universe. Over the next forty years she travelled all over the world with Himachal, negotiating the perks of diplomatic life along with its confounding challenges. Multiple postings, bringing up children, housekeeping, paltry allowances, being part of an incipient rebelliousness that brewed among spouses against the blanket ban imposed by the Ministry of External Affairs on their working abroad, anecdotes and trivia from travel in many countries, observations about multiple societies and cultures – there is little that escapes Reba Som's keen eye and keener imagination.

Source: https://www.amazon.in/-/hi/Reba-Som/dp/9353768543/ref=sr_1_1?qid=1698309969&refinements=p_27%3AReba+Som&s=books&sr=1-1

Economics

16. Batra, Amita. India's trade policy in the 21st century. London : Routledge, 2022. (Acc. No. 55478)

338.30954 BAT

This book analyses India's trade policy evolution in the last two decades in the broad context of trends and patterns in global trade and in particular, with reference to the emergence of global value chains (GVCs).

Source: <https://www.routledge.com/Indias-Trade-Policy-in-the-21st-Century/Batra/p/book/9780367752231>

17. Bhattacharya, A.K. India's finance ministers: from independence to emergency (1947-1977). Gurugram: Penguin, 2023. (Acc. No. 55445)

336.0120954 BHA

Independent India has so far witnessed twenty-eight finance ministers. But only a handful of them could leave their mark on the exchequer or North Block, the headquarters of the Indian finance ministry. From Independence to Emergency: India's Finance Ministers 1947-1977 is the story of India's unforgettable finance ministers who shaped India's economy in the first thirty years after Independence. The book highlights the significant difference that these finance ministers made to the management of the Indian economy and to the policy evolution of the government, and who thus left an indelible mark on the psyche of Indian citizens. It attempts to measure the impact these decisions left, not only on India's economic system but also on its political system, and looks at to what extent the decisions were influenced by the socio-economic backgrounds of the finance ministers. Full of interesting anecdotes, the book is the first in-depth account of the crucial role these finance ministers have played in the functioning of India's economy.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Indias-Finance-Ministers-K-Bhattacharya/dp/0670094161#:~:text=Book%20overview&text=From%20Independence%20to%20Emergency%3A%20India's,first%20thirty%20years%20after%20Independence>.

18. Ghosh, Amitav. *Smoke and ashes: a writer's journey through opium's hidden histories*.

Gurugram: Harper Collins, 2023. (Acc. No. 55502)

362.2930954 GHO

When Amitav Ghosh began his research for the Ibis Trilogy some twenty years ago, he was startled to find how the lives of the nineteenth-century sailors and soldiers he wrote of were dictated not only by the currents of the Indian Ocean, but also by a precious commodity carried in enormous quantities on those currents: opium. Most surprising of all was the discovery that his own identity and family history were swept up in the story.

Smoke and Ashes is at once a travelogue, a memoir and an excursion into history, both economic and cultural. Ghosh traces the transformative effect the opium trade had on Britain, India and China, as well as on the world at large. Engineered by the British Empire, which exported opium from India to sell in China, the trade and its revenues were essential to the Empire's survival. Upon deeper exploration, Ghosh finds opium at the origins of some of the world's biggest corporations, several of America's most powerful families and institutions, and contemporary globalism itself. In India the long-term consequences were even more profound.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Smoke-Ashes-Writers-Journey-Histories/dp/9356992754>

19. Jegathesan, Mythri. *Tea and solidarity: Tamil women and work in post-war Sri Lanka*.

Colombo: Tambapanni Academic Publishers, 2023. (Acc. No. 55485)

331.400805493 JEG

In *Tea and Solidarity*, Jegathesan seeks to expand anthropological understandings of dispossession, drawing attention to the political significance of gender as a key feature in investment and place making in Sri Lanka specifically, and South Asia more broadly. This vivid and engaging ethnography sheds light on an otherwise marginalized and often invisible minority whose labor and collective heritage of dispossession as "coolies" in colonial Ceylon are central to Sri Lanka's global recognition, economic growth, and history as a postcolonial nation.

Source: <https://www.amazon.com/Tea-Solidarity-Postwar-Decolonizing-Feminisms/dp/0295745673>

20. Phelps, Edmund. My journeys in economic theory. New York: Columbia University Press, 2023. (Acc. No. 55453)
339.092 PHE

In this book, Phelps tells the story of his role in reshaping economic theory, offering a powerful personal account of a creative and rewarding career. My Journeys in Economic Theory charts two major phases of Phelps's work, illuminating the breadth of his contributions to the field. First, introducing the expectations of wage setters and cofounding the "equilibrium" rate of unemployment, he built the microeconomic foundations for the employment theory pioneered by Keynes and Hicks. More recently, he conceived a theory of "mass flourishing" superseding Schumpeter and Solow's conception of the process of innovating—a theory in which individuals' creativity and society's dynamism fuel grassroots innovation and generate job satisfaction in the process.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Journeys-Economic-Theory-Edmund-Phelps/dp/0231207301>

21. Prakasam, Nagaraja. Back to bharat: in search of a sustainable future. Haryana: Penguin Random House, 2023. (Acc. No. 55522)
338.954 PRA

Back to Bharat: In Search of a Sustainable Future is a book that addresses the present economic dilemma for Indian entrepreneurs and consumers, looking at the past and present situation of both India and the developed world to find a way forward.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Back-Bharat-Search-Sustainable-Future-ebook/dp/B0CBCDXZPW>

22. Sengupta, Ramprasad. Entropy law, sustainability, and third industrial revolution. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2020. (Acc. No. 55480)
338.927 HEN

In mankind's relentless quest for prosperity, Nature has suffered great damage. It has been treated as an inexhaustible reserve of resources. The indefinite scale of global expansion is still continued and now the earth's very survival is under threat. But against this exploitation of nature, there is a concept of Entropy that places a finite limit on the extent to which resources can be used in any closed system, such as our planet. Considering the impact of entropy, this book examines the key issues of sustainability—social, economic, and environmental. It discusses the social dimension of sustainability, showing how it is impacted by issues of economic inequality, poverty, and other socio-economic and infrastructural factors in the Indian context. It also highlights how Indian households suffer from clean energy poverty and points to the inequality in distribution of different fuels and of fuel cost among households. It assesses India's power sector and its potential to be a significant player in bringing the third industrial revolution in India by replacing fossil fuels to new renewables. It concludes by projecting power sector scenarios till 2041-42 achievable through alternative, realizable policy with respect to energy conservation and fuel substitution, and thus paving the way for the green power.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Entropy-Sustainability-Third-Industrial-Revolution/dp/0190121149>

Environment

23. Kashwan, Prakash, ed. Climate justice in India. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2022. (Acc. No. 55447)
363.70954 CLI
Explains the justice implications for the society and economy of a global climate hotspot. It synthesizes the historical, social, economic, and political roots of climate vulnerability in India and articulates a research and policy agenda for collective democratic deliberations and action. This title is also available as open access on Cambridge Core.
Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Climate-Justice-India-Prakash-Kashwan/dp/1009171917>
24. Krishnan, Asokan Vengassery. The raging himalayas and a warming planet: recollections of the 2013 Himalayan floods and reflections on global warming. New Delhi: Konark Publishers, 2023. (Acc. No. 55537)
363.3493095452 KRI
Konark is proud to present its newest title, this time focused on the most important topic – our environment. The Raging Himalayas and a Warming Planet: Recollections of the 2013 Himalayan Floods and Reflections on Global Warming, by Asokan Vengassery Krishnan, is a timely book, coming as it does days after the massive floods in Himachal Pradesh that washed away houses, cars, people and livestock earlier in July 2023. This book reminds us that human greed, by way of concretising the fragile ecosystem of the mountains, is a sure sign of oncoming disaster. The book reflects on the harrowing experiences that the author and a small group of friends endured during the catastrophic floods in the Himalayas in June 2013 when they were on a pilgrimage to the Char Dham in Uttarakhand. Besides recounting their ordeal, the author also discusses his concerns on global warming and climate change and contemplates on the wisdom and invaluable contributions made by a select few visionaries towards preserving the environment.
Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Raging-Himalayas-Warming-Planet-Recollections/dp/8195678696>

Health

25. Attia, Peter. Outlive: the science & art of longevity. New York: Harmony, 2023. (Acc. No. 55452)
612.68 ATT
For all its successes, mainstream medicine has failed to make much progress against the diseases of ageing that kill most people: heart disease, cancer, Alzheimer's disease, and type 2 diabetes. Too often, it intervenes with treatments too late, prolonging lifespan at the expense of quality of life. Dr Peter Attia, the world's top longevity expert, believes we must replace this outdated framework with a personalised, proactive strategy for longevity.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Outlive-Science-Longevity-Peter-Attia/dp/1785044559>

26. Chochinov, Harvey Max. Dignity in care: the human side of medicine. New York: Oxford University Press, 2022. (Acc. No. 55454)
362.1068 CHO

Dignity in Care aims to provide readers with what they need to know about the humanity of care and the tone of care; and how they can engage in these facets of care in a thoughtful and meaningful way that will satisfy their patients' needs to be seen and appreciated as "whole persons." The author will explore how the humanity of care can get overlooked and how to avoid this happening. It will teach how to communicate better with patients, helping them to feel not just cared for, but cared about. Sir William Osler said, "The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease." Dignity in Care applies this outlook to all of healthcare, because many people can gain technical competency, but success within healthcare requires more.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Dignity-Care-Human-Side-Medicine/dp/0199380422>

History

27. Kainikara, Sanu. From indus to independence: a trek through Indian history. New Delhi: Vij Books, 2021. (Acc. No. 55528)
954 KAI.8

This is the sixth volume of the series on Indian history, From Indus to Independence: A Trek through Indian History, and deals with the Islamic entrenchment in the Deccan Plateau—the flow of events, the reasons and the consequences of this development. It starts with an overview of the Deccan and provides a detailed and contextual background of South India before the Islamic invasion. It also explains the spirited Hindu revival that took place before the entire Deccan was subsumed by the Islamic enterprise emanating from North India. The core subject of study in the book is the medieval kingdoms of the Deccan, the Bahmanis and its successor Shahi kingdoms. The history of the Bahmani dynasty; its tumultuous founding; the rule of various kings; and a detailed analysis of the breakup of the kingdom—the process, reasons and aftermath—has been analysed and described. Subsequently the three major successor dynasties—Adil Shahis, Nizam Shahis and Qutb Shahis—are studied in great detail and narrated as three separate sections. The book carries out an assessment of the nearly four centuries of Islamic rule in medieval Deccan, detailing the troubles and tribulations that made these dynasties less effective than they could have been and the incessant in-fighting that made the successor Shahi kingdoms fragile and open to easy conquest in their later days by the Mughals. The book also studies the cultural, literary, architectural and religious aspects that stand out in the Deccan as a consequence of the mingling of Islam and Hinduism, which created unique outcomes.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Indus-Independence-Through-Medieval-Kingdoms/dp/9388161602>

28. Kaul, Jawaharlal. Mera aahat swarg: Jammu & Kashmir. Nayi Dilli: Indus Scolls Bhasha, 2023. (Acc. No. 55631)
954.6 KAU

जम्मू कश्मीर की अपनी कोई समस्या थी ही नहीं जिसे वह स्वयं सुलझा नहीं सकता। समस्याएं भारत के राजनैतिक दलों की थी जिन्हें वे कश्मीरी नेताओं पर थोपते थे। इकबाल एक मुस्लिम विश्व का सपना देख रहे थे जिसमें कश्मीर समेत भारत का पूरा उत्तर पश्चिमी क्षेत्र, अफगनिस्तान, मध्य एशियाई गणराज्य, ईरान और दर्जन भर अरब देश शामिल हों। पहले भारत के मुस्लिम बहुल राज्यों को एक विराट राज्य में बदलना होगा, यानी कश्मीर का अस्तित्व पंजाब में विलीन हो जाता। अहमदिया जमात कश्मीर को ही नये इस्लाम का स्वर्ग बनाना चाहती थी जिसमें सुन्नियों के लिए कोई जगह नहीं होती। मुस्लिम लीग छल-बल से कश्मीर को हड़पना चाहती थी। अहमदिया पंथ को काफिर मानते हुए भी उसने उसी के मुखिया से हाथ मिलाया था। इसलिए जम्मू कश्मीर समिति के सर्वेसर्वा भी गैर कश्मीरी ही थे। लाहोर के इशारों पर ही कश्मीर का आंदोलन चलता था। शेख अब्दुल्ला की सभी नीतियां स्वीकार या अस्वीकार होकर लाहोर से होकर ही आती थी।

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Jammu-Kashmir-%E0%A4%95%E0%A4%B6%E0%A5%8D%E0%A4%AE%E0%A5%80%E0%A4%B0-%E0%A4%B8%E0%A5%8D%E0%A4%B5%E0%A4%B0%E0%A5%8D%E0%A4%97-Jawaharlal/dp/9390981573>

29. Liddle, Swapna. The broken script: Delhi under the East India company and the fall of the Mughal dynasty 1803-1857. New Delhi: Speaking Tiger, 2022. (Acc. No. 55535) 954.56 LID

At the start of the nineteenth century, there was a Mughal emperor on the throne in Delhi, but the Mughal empire, in decline for almost a century, was practically gone. A new power had emerged—the British East India Company, which captured the Mughal capital in September 1803, becoming its de facto ruler. Swapna Liddle's book is an unprecedented study of the 'hybrid half-century' that followed—when the two regimes overlapped and Delhi was at the cusp of modernity, changing in profound ways.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/BROKEN-SCRIPTDELHI-UNDER-INDIA-COMPANY/dp/9354473865>

30. Mohan, R. India's federal setup: a journey through seven decades. Delhi: Aakar, 2023. (Acc. No. 55462) 954 MOH

The book looks at the course travelled by the Indian polity in the post-independence period, by analysing the dominance of a single party. emergence of coalition governments at the State- level and later at the all-India level, relations between tiers of governments, accommodative and conflicting stances in the relations of the governments and the party system, instances of judicial intervention, movements in the public sphere, issues in the fiscal and economic arenas and the political actions of constitutional authorities, especially the Governors. The shifts in the support bases of the political parties and the emerging interests of the dominant social classes are also discussed. Based on these analyses. certain questions about our polity are attempted to be answered.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Indias-Federal-Setup-Journey-Through/dp/9350028174>

31. Nayar, Pramod K. The Raj: a journey through ten documents. New Delhi: Bloomsbury, 2023. (Acc. No. 55503) 954.03 NAY

This is a cultural history of the British Empire in India presented through ten key non-literary texts. Each of these texts embodies a particular attitude, ideology and/or development in imperial thinking, administrative process or cultural practices, and it is this attitude, ideology and development that the book unpacks through a reading of the texts, along with excerpts from the original documents. The aim is to flag and signpost momentous events and ideas through imperial texts such as J.Z. Holwell's 1756 account of the Black Hole of Calcutta, T.B. Macaulay's 1835 'Minute' on Indian education and Flora Annie Steel and Grace Gardiner's 1888 advice book on colonial domesticity, *The Complete Indian Housekeeper and Cook*. Through this book, it is hoped, the reader will get a flavour and glimpse of the complex and complicated structure that was the Raj. The book will appeal not only to the academic audience and literary scholars keen on the rhetoric of empire but also to the general, informed readers.

Source: <https://www.bloomsbury.com/in/raj-9789354355639/>

32. Norbu, Jamyang. *Echoes from forgotten mountains: Tibet in war and peace*. Haryana: Penguin, 2023. (Acc. No. 55524)

951.515 NOR

Jamyang Norbu has taken the stories of 'forgotten' Tibetans--resistance fighters, secret agents, soldiers, peasants, merchants, even street beggars--and skillfully worked their myriad accounts into a single glorious 'memory history' of the Tibetan struggle. He uses recollections from his own childhood to ease the reader into an immersive understanding of the complexity of Tibet's modern history: the Chinese invasion, the uprisings in Kham and Amdo, the formation of the Four Rivers Six Ranges Resistance Force, the March '59 Lhasa Uprising, the CIA supported Air Operations, the Nyemo peasant Uprising of 68/69 and the Mustang Guerilla Force in northern Nepal, where Norbu later served.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Echoes-Forgotten-Mountains-Tibet-Peace/dp/0670094668>

33. Pandita, S. N. *Kashmir under the dogras: transition to peace, progress & modernity*. Gurugram: Shubhi Publications, 2023. (Acc. No. 55490)

954.6 PAN

Contemporary literature and published works covering the Dogra period in Jammu and Kashmir do not provide any significant account to the development of modern healthcare and education in Kashmir. The accounts, generally, have been glossed over with scant details. Nor do the published accounts refer to any collaborative literature or provide any historical perspective of the joint scholarly pursuits undertaken by the Kashmiri and western scholars during the Dogra period. There is also a complete historical hiatus about the existence and use of Kashmiri Numeral System developed during the Dogra Rule. With the objective to undertake the research enquiry into the above stated historical gaps, the present study, a first direct investigation into these critical areas of Kashmir history, evaluates the scantily recorded and scattered missionary work and the state patronage the Dogra Rule extended in bringing the benefits of modern education and modern healthcare facilities to Jammu and Kashmir during the late 19th and 20th century.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Kashmir-under-Dogras-Transition-Modernity/dp/9394797513>

34. Varghese, Sangeeth. Hidden links: how random historical events shaped our world. Haryana: Penguin Random House, 2023. (Acc. No. 55513)
909 VAR

Will climate change wipe out and reset our world, as it did in 1700 BCE?
How are the Rajputs of India related to the Kims of Korea?
What startling parallels unveiled in China during the Mahabharata war?
How was misogyny injected into our DNAs by a band of nomads?

Uncover shocking secrets – as history meets suspense – in this mind bending book that will make you doubt everything from the past you thought you knew. Unravelling thread by thread, this book investigates the disproportional effect of historically unconnected and random events like climate changes, imperial pursuits, pandemics, and nomadic migrations on our modern lives in the most unbelievable ways.

Source: <https://www.penguin.co.in/book/hidden-links/>

35. Sawhney, R. K., ed. Afghanistan: through the fog of instability. New Delhi: Rupa, 2023. (Acc. No. 55466)
958.1047 AFG

Afghanistan is a country that has seen more devastation than prosperity, especially in the last 20 years. The resurgence of the Taliban and its cat-and-mouse game with the West has brought the once lively nation on the brink of starvation and decline. And it's not just the story of the present times. Even in the early nineteenth century—be it the three Anglo-Afghan wars, or the skirmish between Afghanistan and Pakistan surrounding the Durand Line—the nation has seen much more bloodshed than any other country in Asia. Today, with the government abandoning its people after the takeover by the Taliban along with the withdrawal of the US forces, Afghanistan has once again been told to fend for itself in the cruellest of ways.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Afghanistan-Instability-R-K-Sawhney/dp/9357020659>

36. Singh, Harbans. A modern history of Jammu and Kashmir: the troubles years of Maharaja Hari Singh 1925-1949). Cambridge: Speaking Tiger, 2023. (Acc. No. 55509)
954.6 SIN

The modern history of Jammu and Kashmir is often focused mainly on the Kashmir valley, leaving out the other regions that make up the bulk of the erstwhile Princely State. A similar limitation marks most discussions of the rule of the fourth-generation Dogra ruler of Jammu and Kashmir, Maharaja Hari Singh. After his inheritance of the throne in 1925, Hari Singh introduced a number of progressive reforms—among them, programmes for girl education, opening temple doors for Dalits and abolishing the exploitative begar system of labour. However, contemporary historians look past these reforms and focus only on the issue of the accession of the State to India.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Modern-History-Jammu-Kashmir-Troub/dp/9354474918>

37. Thapar, Romila. The future in the past: essays & reflections. New Delhi: Aleph, 2023. (Acc. No. 55517)

954.01 THA

The Future in the Past brings together essays by Romila Thapar on issues and ideas that have preoccupied her throughout her career. These are subjects that surfaced frequently in discussions over the last six decades as they do even more so at present. Among them are the use and misuse of history, the myths surrounding the coming of the Aryans, religious fundamentalism in the study of society, the overt and the insidious attempts by right-wing elements to pervert Indian culture, variants of the Ramayana, the importance of museums, why dissent is important to democracy, the role of the public intellectual, and much more. Central to the arguments in these essays (versions of which first appeared in Seminar magazine) is an analysis of how the past permeates the present and influences the future.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/FUTURE-PAST-ESSAYS-REFLECTIONS/dp/939585314X>

38. Zachariah, Benjamin. After the last post: the lives of Indian historiography. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023. (Acc. No. 55518)

907.2054 ZAC

This book is about the production and consumption of history, themes that have gained in importance since the discipline's attempts to disavow its own authority with the ascendancy of postmodern and postcolonial perspectives. Several parallel themes crosscut the book's central focus on the discipline of history: its intellectual history, its historiography, and its connection to memory, particularly in relation to the need to establish the collective identity of 'nation', 'community' or state through a memorialisation process that has much to do with history, or at least with claiming a historicity for collective memory. None of this can be undertaken without an understanding of the roles that history-writing and history-reading have been made to perform in public debates, or perhaps more accurately in public disputes. The book addresses a discomfort with postcolonial theories in and as history. Following are essays that examine the state of the discipline, the art of reading and using archives, practices of tracking the history of ideas, and the themes of history, memory and identity.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/After-Last-Post-Historiography-Historical-ebook/dp/B07X1DQJ7K>

Information technology

39. D'Monte, Leslie. AI rising: India's artificial growth story. Ahmedabad: Jaico Publishing House, 2023. (Acc. No. 55510)

006.3 DMO

AI is reaching an inflection point. The conversational AI chatbot ChatGPT garnered over 100 million users in just two months of its launch. Following the hype, Google and Microsoft were forced to slug it out with their chatbot-powered search engines Bard and Bing, respectively.

Yet to figure out how these AI developments will transform your lives and work? Will AI take away your job or even become self-aware? Regardless of whether you are an aspiring student of AI, an entrepreneur, a policymaker, a senior executive, an investor, or a decision-maker, this book is for you.

AI Rising will provide you with enough information and perspective to form your own opinion about AI and its applications in business, industry, and society at large. It will also help you understand and appreciate the progress that AI has made in India.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/AI-Rising-Indias-Artificial-Intelligence/dp/9393559848>

International Relations

40. Baru, Sanjaya, ed. The importance of Shinzo Abe: India, Japan and the Indo-Pacific.

Gurugram: Harper Collins, 2023. (Acc. No. 55508)

327.54052 IMP

Shinzo Abe, who was tragically assassinated on 8 July 2022, is widely regarded as the most influential Prime Minister of post-war Japan. Not only was he Japan's longest-serving Prime Minister, but he is also credited with giving a new direction to the country's economic, foreign and national-security policies.

Abe left an indelible imprint on Japan-India relations, establishing close ties with two successive Indian Prime Ministers and signing up to a new global and strategic partnership between Asia's major democracies. He enabled a radical shift in Asian

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Importance-Shinzo-India-Japan-Indo-Pacific/dp/9356993602>

41. Bhattarai, Gaurav. Nepal between China and India: difficulty of being neutral. London:

Palgrave Macmillan, 2023. (Acc. No. 55496)

327.5496051 BHA

The aim of the book, however, is not only limited to distinguishing neutrality with non-alignment in the Nepali context but weighs Nepal's claim to neutrality through the Indian and Chinese perceptions to underline the presence of ambiguity and uncertainty in Nepal's claim to neutrality. Illustrating Nepal's attempt to neutrality as a mere survival strategy, this study is less hopeful about Nepal's foreign policy institutions abandoning their Cold War worldview by embracing the strategy of sustenance in today's interdependent and globalized world. Because, as the book suggests, power elites in Kathmandu are customarily lured by the ephemeral yet sporadic geopolitical ambitions, either through discourses or deeds.

Source: <https://www.amazon.com/Nepal-Between-China-India-Difficulty/dp/3030999734>

42. Chinoy, Sujana, eds. Modi : shaping a global order in flux. New Delhi: Wisdom Tree,

2023. (Acc. No. 55470)

327.54 MOD

Narendra Modi's second term has been a lesson in acutely observing, re-evaluating and readjusting to a multitude of intertwined challenges, and building back even better India's

economic, industrial and healthcare sinews without compromising India's interests. Expressed through its contributors with vast theoretical and practical knowledge, this volume examines a variety of emerging and evolving risks impacted and accelerated by the changing geopolitics, economic downturn, public health pressures, technology and innovation breakthroughs; and the existential challenges of climate change and its impact on resources. By doing so, the compendium focuses on India's capacity, capability and political will, and its diplomatic role in navigating an increasingly fragile multilateral world. An invaluable resource for policymakers, academicians and students of international relations, trade and economics.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Modi-Shaping-Global-Foreword-Jaishankar/dp/8183285961>

43. Ganguly, Ashok. Dragon at the Doorstep: game plan of China. New Delhi: Vij Books, 2023. (Acc. No. 55529)
327.51054 GAN

The book highlights the threat from the Dragon to India, its strategic interest on the Line of Actual Control and analysis of the psyche of the Chinese in having relationship with India. The Communist Party of China has its own perception with regard to India and has been party to the Proxy War of Pakistan, have covertly supported the Indian Communists and Maoists, have infiltrated into the minds of Indian leftists and provided covert support to insurgency of North East India. China's Game Plans are long drawn and the book gives out the details. The Game Plan of China is not a mere border dispute; it is more than that, which Indian politicians and military leadership are not able to fathom.

Source: https://www.thriftbooks.com/w/dragon-at-the-doorstep-game-plan-of-china_brig-a-k-ganguly/39437930/#edition=67734360&idq=58252411

44. Shao, Wenguang. China's foreign policy and practice: a survey. New York: Routledge, 2023. (Acc. No. 55530)
327.51 SHA

This book is one of the first wide-ranging surveys of China's foreign policy and practice from the 16th century to present day from a Chinese perspective.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Chinas-Foreign-Policy-Practice-Wenguang/dp/1032585870>

Law

45. Ali, Mohd. Wasim. Child rights and the law: socio-economic, digital and social media perspectives. New Delhi: New Century Publications, 2023. (Acc. No. 55534)
345.08 ALI

The book focuses on modern and pragmatic perspectives on the subject and would be valuable in learning and understanding the varied aspects of child rights. Several laws—including the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015; the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006; the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986; the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, and others—have been enacted in recent years to protect children. To an extent, these laws have helped in mitigating child neglect, ill treatment, and violence against children. However, in spite of these progressive

legislations, children are exposed to cruel and inhumane treatment by perpetrators, resulting in violation of their basic rights. Crime rate against children has increased in recent years, thereby multiplying the backlog in special Children's Courts. Irrespective of the fact that courts as well as State governments have taken numerous measures, including appointing special prosecutors, special police units, and children's courts, an effective monitoring system is required to ensure that children are safe and secure from cradle to grave.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Child-Rights-Law-Socio-economic-Perspectives/dp/8177085530>

46. Brock, Amanda, ed. Open source law, policy and practice. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022. (Acc. No. 55525)
346.0482 OPE

Open Source Software has seen mass adoption in the last decade and potentially forms the majority of software today. It is realised through legal instruments, private law agreements, licences, governance, and community norms. All of which lead to the sharing of intellectual property and to economic and commercial disruption in technology.

Written by world leading Open Source and legal experts, this new edition of Open Source Law, Policy and Practice is fully updated with a global focus on technology and market changes over the last decade. The work delivers an in-depth examination of the community, legal, and commercial structures relating to the usage and exploitation of Open Source. This enables readers to understand the legal environment within which Open Source operates and what is required for its appropriate governance and curation in enterprise and the public sector. This is achieved by focusing on three main areas: intellectual property rights; the governance of Open Source; and the business and economic impacts.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Open-Source-Law-Policy-Practice/dp/0198862342>

47. Kannabiran, Kalpana, ed. Routledge readings on law and social justice: dispossessions, marginalities, rights. New York: Routledge, 2023. (Acc. No. 55532)
340.115 ROU

Routledge Readings on Law and Social Justice: Dispossessions, Marginalities, Rights presents some of the finest essays on social justice, rights and public policy. With a lucid new Introduction, it covers a vast range of issues and offers a compelling guide to understanding law and socio-legal studies in South Asia. The book covers critical themes such as the jurisprudence of rights, justice, dignity, with a focus on the regimes of patriarchy, labour and dispossession. The fourteen chapters in the volume, divided into three sections, examine contested sites of the constitution, courts, prisons, land and complex processes of migration, trafficking, digital technology regimes, geographical indications and their entanglements. This multidisciplinary volume foregrounds the politics and plural lives of/ in law by including perspectives from major authors who have contributed to the academic and/ or policy discourse of the subject. This book will be useful to students, scholars, policymakers and practitioners interested in a nuanced understanding of law, especially those studying law, marginality and violence. It will

serve as essential reading for those in law, socio- legal studies, legal history, South Asian studies, human rights, jurisprudence and constitutional studies, gender studies, history, politics, conflict and peace studies, sociology and social anthropology. It will also appeal to legal historians and practitioners of law, and those in public administration, development studies, environmental studies, migration studies, cultural studies, labour studies and economics.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Routledge-Readings-Social-Justice-Dispossessions/dp/1032468467>

48. Saxena, Saumya. Divorce and democracy: a history of personal law in post-independence India. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2022. (Acc. No. 55448)

346.0166 SAX

This book captures the Indian state's difficult dialogue with divorce, mediated largely through religion. By mapping the trajectories of marriage and divorce laws of Hindu, Muslim, and Christian communities in post-colonial India, it explores the dynamic interplay between law, religion, family, minority rights and gender in Indian politics. It demonstrates that the binary frameworks of the private-public divide, individuals versus group rights, and universal rights versus legal pluralism collapse before the peculiarities of religious personal law. Historicizing the legislative and judicial response to decades of public debates and activism on the question of personal law, it suggests that the sustained negotiations over family life within and across the legal landscape provoked a unique and deeply contextual evolution of both, secularism and religion in India's constitutional order. Personal law, therefore, played a key role in defining the place of religion and determining the content of secularism in India's democracy.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Divorce-Democracy-History-Personal-Post-Independence/dp/1108498345>

49. Waziri, Aaliya. In the body of a woman. London: Simon & Schuster, 2023. (Acc. No. 55446)

345.025 WAZ

Literature

50. Lal, Malashri. Mandalas of time: poems. Calcutta: Hawakal Publishers, 2023. (Acc. No. 55514)

821 (Ind) LAL

Mandalas of Time blends cosmopolitan experience with the memory of India's epics and legends, magnificent landscapes and metonymic associations. Malashri Lal's lyrical vocabulary of change is configured around vignettes that spark the imagination yet recognise the invisible boundaries of social choice, especially for women. Sita and Radha are part of the mandala of consciousness, as are European castles and the eternal music of flowing rivers. The poetic self is intricately woven into a rare awareness of effulgence, resulting from an open-hearted receptivity to life's lessons in patience. There is rebellion and heartbreak, too, counterpointed by ecstasy and hope. Such diversity of voice, location, moods, and a rich array of linguistic play makes this volume unique in its defiance of conventional form. For Malashri, the sources of poetic inspiration are embedded in the

many layers of her cultural heritage, Rajasthan and Bengal being primary among them. *Mandalas of Time* is philosophic yet grounded in offering memorable poems that resonate long after the reading — they speak to the core of one's existence.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Mandalas-Time-Poems-Malashri-Lal/dp/9391431992>

51. Pande, Mrinal. *Sahela Re: a novel*. New Delhi: Harper Collins, 2023. (Acc. No. 55459)
823 (Ind) PAN

When Vidya, a music scholar, sets out to write a book on the history of Hindustani classical music, she uncovers the remnants of a time and a tradition fast receding: when singers embodied the ragas in their purest forms; when patrons were worshippers, not followers.

Revealed through fascinating anecdotes, correspondence, legend and gossip are the highs and lows of the artistes' lives, as they loved and lost, and moved on from mehfiles to gramophones; we witness, too, the passion music provoked in the lives of its connoisseurs. Making our way through Benares, Calcutta, Bombay and New York, we meet Hira Bai and Anjali Bai - a mother-daughter duo known as much for their singing as for their beauty and intelligence; the gifted Allarakkhi Bi, a friend to Anjali Bai; the famous singer Husna Bai, Allarakkhi's mother; and their descendants, who attempt to salvage what remains of the old music for new listeners on foreign shores...

Mrinal Pande's *Sahela Re* is a heartfelt ode to an era when music was sacred. Translated masterfully by Priyanka Sarkar, it will stay with you like the unforgettable memory of a precious song...

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Sahela-Re-Novel-Mrinal-Pande/dp/9356296324>

52. Rege, Devika. *Quarterlife: a novel*. New Delhi: Fourth estate, 2023. (Acc. No. 55582)
823 (Ind) REG

The Bharat Party has come to power in India after an intensely divisive election. Naren, a jaded Wall Street consultant, is lured by its economic mandate to return to Mumbai. With him is Amanda, eager to escape her New England town through a teaching fellowship in a Muslim-majority slum. Meanwhile, Naren's younger brother Rohit sets out to explore his cultural roots in the country's heartland, where he ends up befriending the fiery young men who feed off the Hindu nationalist machine.

From identity politics to corporate avarice to the limits of idealism, each of these characters embodies a hypothesis. As they come to grips with the new India, they also become aware of a deeply fraught and complex milieu. The result is an ever-widening story that builds up to a festive night when all of Mumbai is on the streets, and the simmering unrest erupts.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Quarterlife-Novel-Devika-Rege/dp/9356990867>

53. Raina, Gauri Shankar, ed. *Samkaleen Kashmiri kavita: 1947-2010*. New Delhi: Sahitya Akademi, 2020. (Acc. No. 55489)
891.499M

54. Singh, Pariksith. *Swayam se parichay*. Noida: BlueInk One, 2022. (Acc. No. 55417)

891.43 SIN

परीक्षित सिंह ने रचनात्मकता की एक ऐसी नींव रखी है जिसका आने वाले पीढ़ी के कवि अधिक से अधिक लाभ उठा सकेंगे। उन्होंने शब्द और श्लेष में अर्थ और भाव के सूक्ष्म प्रयोग किये हैं, और भक्ति काव्य को पुनः प्रेरणा और सृजन की ऊर्जा से भर दिया है। उनके गहनतम दर्शन की इस भेंट ने भारतीय साहित्य को एक नई दिशा दी है।

Source: <https://www.flipkart.com/swayam-se-parichay/p/itm4a10b040f974>

55. Seth, Vikram. A suitable boy. New Delhi: Speaking Tiger Books, 2023. 3 volumes (Acc. No. 55504,55505,55506)

823 (Ind) SET

Set in post-independence India, the novel follows for eighteen months or so four linked families in Calcutta, the province of Purva Pradesh and its capital Brahmpur, and the cities—Delhi, Kanpur, Lucknow—trawled by the heroine's mother in her search for a "suitable boy"... But the greatness of the novel, its unassailable truthfulness, owes less to research than to imagination, an instinctive knowledge of the human heart—with all its varieties of kindness and cruelty, its capacity for hurt... As with all the best books, one feels only dismay when the pages on the right of the tome start thinning out.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/SUITABLE-BOY-Vikram-Seth/dp/9383064129>

56. Sreenath, V. S., eds. Aesthetics in India: transitions and transformations. Hyderabad: Orient Black Swan, 2023.)Acc. No. 55523)

801.93 AES

During the classical period, aesthetics was an inward-facing field, not concerned with the socioeconomic reality of everyday life. However, art has always flourished across societies as a direct product of the very realities of caste, class, and gender that aesthetics long ignored. As a result, aesthetics as a keyword in the humanities stands at a crossroads today. Eschewing definitions, this volume attempts to explore what aesthetics can be, to deploy the dissipation of classical aesthetics into a reconstituted toolkit of critical terms—anger, shock, beauty, form, praxis, affect. The authors signal that aesthetics is to be treated less as a body of knowledge and more as an approach or a method that is both ahistorical and comparatist.

Source: <https://www.orientblackswan.com/details?id=9789354424021>

Oceanography

57. Czerski, Helen. Blue machine: how the ocean shapes our world. London: Transworld Publishers, 2023. (Acc. No. 55507)

551.54 CZE

In a book that will recalibrate our view of this defining feature of our planet, physicist Helen Czerski dives deep to illuminate the murky depths of the ocean engine, examining the messengers, passengers and voyagers that live in it, travel over it, and survive because of it. From the ancient Polynesians who navigated the Pacific by reading the waves to permanent residents of the deep such as the Greenland shark that can live for hundreds of

years, she explains the vast currents, invisible ocean walls and underwater waterfalls that all have their place in the ocean's complex, interlinked system.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Blue-Machine-Ocean-Shapes-World-ebook/dp/B0BCTPP3DH>

Philosophy

58. Raghavan, Hema. The opening of the human mind: images of man in world classics. New Delhi: Heritage Publishers, 2023. (Acc. No. 55511)

181.4 RAG

We live in fractured times. The present century is known as the post-Idea world when we no longer dream of big ideas that are transformational to shape a new image of Man. The age of 'free intellectual' whose works with perennial values is now passe' and it is necessary to explore the great classics to heal the wounds of the fractured times. This book is an attempt to open the human mind and resurrect the different images of Man glimpsed in great books to fashion a new image of Man for the 21st Century. This work is a study of twenty Great Books such as The Ramayana, The Mahabharata, The Republic (Plato), Faust (Goethe), The Plague (Camus) etc., that have shaped the Images of Man through the Ages. These books from different disciplines weave a mosaic of many images of Man and have contributed to the cultural maturation of Man. This book affirms the seamless web of knowledge and aims at providing mental stimulation to readers.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Opening-Human-Mind-Image-Classics/dp/8170264979>

59. Singh, Parikshit. Sri Aurobindo and Philosophy: A Selection of Essays. Noida: BlueOne Ink, 2022. (Acc. No. 55441)

181.4 SIN

Politics and Public Administration

60. Chandler, Daniel. Free and equal: what would a fair society look like. Gurugram: Penguin, 2023. (Acc. No. 55527)

320.01 CHA

This is a book brimming with hope and possibility - a galvanising alternative to the cynicism that pervades our politics. Free and Equal has the potential not only to transform contemporary debate, but to offer a touchstone for a modern, egalitarian liberalism for many years to come, cementing Rawls's place in political discourse, and firmly establishing Chandler as a vital new voice for our time.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Free-Equal-Daniel-Chandler-ebook/dp/B08W8VZ1YB>

61. Gonsalves, Trijita. Women in the civil services: gender and workplace identities in India. New York :, Routledge, 2023. (Acc. No. 55533)

352.63082054 GON

This book explores the personal and professional lives of women in the Indian Civil Services and analyses the dynamics of gender and workplace identities for women in government.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Women-Civil-Services-Workplace-Identities/dp/1032024178>

62. Madhusudan, Harsh. A new idea of India: the civilizational republic. Penguin: Gurugram,,2023. (Acc. No. 55455)
320.954 MAD

For the better part of seven decades after independence, the Nehruvian idea of India held sway in India's polity, even if it was not always in consonance with the views of Jawaharlal Nehru himself. Three key features constituted the crux of the Nehruvian way: socialism, which in practice devolved to corruption and stagnation; secularism, which boxed citizens into group membership and diluted individual identity; and nonalignment, which effectively placed India in the Communist camp. In the early Nineties, India began a gradual withdrawal from this path. But it was only in 2019, with Narendra Modi's second successive win in the general elections, that this philosophy is finally being replaced by a worldview that acknowledges India as an ancient civilization, even if a young republic, and that sees citizens as equal for developmental and other purposes. A New Idea of India constructs and expounds on a new framework beyond the rough and tumble of partisan politics. Lucid in its laying out of ideas and policies while taking a novel position, this book is illuminated by years of research and the authors' firsthand experiences, as citizens, entrepreneurs and investors, of the vagaries and challenges of India. This revised edition builds on some of the arguments of the earlier edition and brings things up to date.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/India-Harsh-Madhusudan-Rajeev-Mantri/dp/067009787X>

63. Mitchell, Lisa. Hailing the state: Indian democracy between elections. Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2023. (Acc. No. 55521)
323.042054 MIT

In *Hailing the State*, Lisa Mitchell explores the methods of collective assembly that people in India use to hold elected officials and government administrators accountable, demand inclusion in decision making, and stage informal referendums. Mitchell traces the colonial and postcolonial lineages of collective forms of assembly, in which – rather than rejecting state authority – participants mobilize with expectations that officials will uphold the law and fulfil electoral promises. She shows how assembly, which ranges from sit-ins, hunger strikes, and demands for meetings with officials to massive general strikes and road and rail blockades, is fundamental to the functioning of democracy in India. These techniques are particularly useful for historically marginalized groups and others whose voices may not be easily heard. Moving beyond an exclusive focus on electoral processes, Mitchell argues that to understand democracy – in India and beyond – we must also pay attention to what occurs between elections, thereby revising understanding of what is possible for democratic action around the world.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Hailing-State-Democracy-Between-Elections/dp/8178246767>

Religion

64. Bhalla, Madhu, ed. Culture as power :,Buddhist heritage and the Indo-Japanese dialogue. New York: Routledge, 2021. (Acc. No. 55474)
294.3437 CUL

This book presents new studies on intellectual and cultural interactions in the context of Buddhist heritage and Indo-Japanese dialogue in the late 19th and early 20th centuries on art, religion, and cultural politics. By revisiting Buddhist connections between India and Japan, it examines the pathways of communication on common aesthetic and religious heritage that emerged in the backdrop of colonial experiences and the rise of Asian nationalisms. The volume discusses themes such as Asian arts and crafts under colonialism, formation of East Asian art collections, development of Buddhist art history in Japan, Japanese encounters with Ajanta, India in the history of the Shinto tradition, Japan in India's xenology, and Buddhism and world peace, and suggests paradigms of reconnecting cultural heritage within a global platform. With essays from experts across the world, this book will be an essential read for scholars and researchers of history, art history, ancient Indian history, colonial history, heritage and cultural studies, South Asian and East Asian history, visual and media studies, Asian studies, international relations and foreign policy, and the history of globalization.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Culture-Power-Buddhist-Heritage-Indo-Japanese/dp/1032045868>

65. Doniger, Wendy, ed. After the war: the last books of the Mahabharata. New York: Oxford University Press, 2022. (Acc. No. 55512)
294.5923 AFT

Composed sometime between 300 BCE and 300 CE, the Mahabharata's 75,000 verses narrate the legendary battle between two branches of the Kuru clan of North India, the Pandavas and the Kauravas, and its aftermath. Storytellers in all of South Asia and far beyond have entertained and instructed through this greatest of epics for generations past. But, as the translator says in her introduction, they have generally 'underestimated' the high emotion, mythological inventiveness, metaphysical complexities, and conflicted characters that animate the last books [which]...tell a unified and self-bounded story of their own'.

In Book Fifteen (Ashramavasika, Living in the Hermitage) a wild-fire consumes Kunti, King Yudhishtira's mother, and Dhritarashtra and Gandhari, the parents of the Kauravas, living out their final days in the forest. But did they die a meaningless death? Fate catches up with all, even gods, in Book Sixteen (Mausala, The Battle of the Clubs) , when Lord Krishna embraces death and his Yadava clan is annihilated in a drunken brawl and an attack by bandits, in fulfilment of Gandhari's curse. It is time for the Pandavas to ascend to heaven, in Books Seventeen (Mahaprasthanika, The Great Departure) and

Eighteen (Svargarohana, Climbing to Heaven) , but not before Yudhishtira is tested by a dog, to ascertain his steadfastness in the moral law.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/AFTER-WAR-LAST-BOOKS-MAHABHARATA/dp/9354471463>

66. Gupta, Akhil. Bridges across humanity: different religions, similar teachings. New Delhi: Rupa, 2023. (Acc. No. 55465)
200.7 GUP

Bridges across Humanity documents the amazing commonalities that are seen across all major religions. Even though many of these religions originated from ancient civilizations that had no knowledge of other civilizations, it is astounding that all of them explored common existential questions and emerged with a similar understanding, including the concept of God. While the essential message from every religion is the same, the bloody divisions along religious lines continue to plague humanity. This book is a strong and urgent reminder to obliterate our 'exclusive' mindset and rid ourselves of the ignorance or misinformation that forces us to see religions as dividing lines. If history has taught us anything, we should view different religions as threads that bind us all in the pursuit of personal fulfilment and universal harmony.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/BRIDGES-ACROSS-HUMANITY-DIFFERENT-RELIGIONS-ebook/dp/BOC343TWRN>

67. Pandit, Moti Lal. Kashmir Shaivism: a philosophy of being and becoming. New Delhi: Dev Publishers, 2023. (Acc. No. 55451)
294.55130954913 PAN

The Shaiva thinkers of Kashmir have so conceived the Absolute as to be a synthesis of Being and Becoming simultaneously, which is to say that Paramsiva as Absolute is characterized by such two movements as would delineate the idea of it being a massive ocean of creativity. In order to establish that the Absolute is the embodiment of Being and Becoming, the Trika Shaivas made use of such metaphysical ideas as would establish it to be, on the one hand, of the nature of luminous consciousness, and, on the other hand, self-cognitive awareness. The luminous aspect represents the Beingness of the Absolute, whereas the cognitive awareness denotes the Becoming aspect. It is the Becoming aspect that represents the dynamic nature of the Absolute, which translates itself into the actual manifestation of categories that are constitutive of the objective universe. The Absolute as consciousness would mean that it is such a metaphysical principle that is changeless while being itself as the background of all the changes that are experienced at the phenomenal level. It is the cognitive awareness, represented by the idea of I-consciousness, that initiates the process of Becoming in and through the Absolute. In this manner is represented such a compact idea of the Absolute as would express the Fullness of Being.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Kashmir-Shaivism-Philosophy-Being-Becoming/dp/9394852263>

68. Singh, Anand, ed. Rethinking Buddhism: text, context, contestation. New Delhi: Primus Books, 2023. (Acc. No. 55458)
294.3 RET

Rethinking Buddhism: Text, Context, Contestation deals with textual traditions, contextualization, and contestation in Indian Buddhism. The essays in this volume envision, explore, and challenge some of the well-established views to investigate Buddhist sources and contemplate alternative theories on origin, development of early Schools, and other fundamentals. On the one hand, there are reassessments and reinterpretations of the established hypotheses; on the other, new voices are raised to re-examine the traditional opinions on narratives of understanding the philosophical and literary approaches. This volume examines real historical contexts and finds whether any kind of contestations occurred in different sects of Buddhism and with other existing religions.

Source: <https://primusbooks.com/ancient/rethinking-buddhism-text-context-contestation-edited-by-anand-singh/>

Security

69. Bajpai, Kanti, ed. How Realist Is India's National Security Policy?. New York: Routledge, 2023. (Acc. No. 55531)
355.0330954 HOW

In managing national security, how Realist is India in terms of cultivating and using power and especially military power? A conventional view of India is that it has been uncomfortable with realism or 'power politics' as a guide to policy. This volume shows that it has been more realist than is generally recognized and that it has increasingly become comfortable with power in the service of its interests. The essays in this volume Examine the different aspects and types of realism in India's national security policy Include a range of perspectives from academics as well as former military officers and diplomats Focus on India's military and foreign policy in dealing with China, Pakistan, the United States, Southeast Asia, and West Asia. This key volume will be indispensable to scholars and researchers of politics and international relations, defence and strategic studies, and South Asian studies and to government officials, journalists, and general readers interested in the external dimensions of India's national security.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Realist-Indias-National-Security-Policy/dp/103260736X>

70. Vohra, N. N., ed. India's national security challenges. Delhi: Primus Books, 2023. (Acc. No. 55632)
355.033054 IND

The Constitution of India provides that it shall be the duty of the Union to protect the states against internal disturbance and external aggression, and the states shall be responsible for maintaining police forces and securing public order. A large country, with nearly 23,000 km. of land and sea borders, India faces a host of internal, external and varied other serious security challenges. The contributors to this volume, almost all of whom are respected veterans of our three Defence Services have, on the basis of their long experiences, highlighted their concerns and pointed to the way forward.

A crucial issue emerges from the writings in this book: there is an urgent need for the enunciation of a holistic National Security Policy which will provide the doctrinal basis for determining the nature, scale, and management architecture of the civil and military armed forces, intelligence services, and the growing number of agencies which are engaged in strengthening and safeguarding India's security. Besides, this book delineates the Centre-State arrangements for the management of pan-India security. This volume should be of interest to all those who have interest in the safeguarding of our national security.

Source: From the book

Sociology

71. Kundra, Ashish. A resurgent Northeast: narratives of change. Gurugram: Harper Collins, 2023. (Acc. No. 55477)
306.48195416 KUN

A Resurgent Northeast: Narratives of Change portrays a picture of transformational change sweeping across the remotest and least known corner of India. Geographically distant and ethnically distinct from the rest of the country, the people of this frontier land faced monumental neglect from the capital for nearly seven decades as a result of Nehru's approach of minimal governmental intervention in this region. But this has changed over the last decade. Indifference has given way to active engagement.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Resurgent-Northeast-Narratives-Change/dp/9356990565>

72. Pai, Sudha. Maya, Modi, Azaad: dalit politics in the time of Hindutva. Gurugram: Harper Collins, 2023. (Acc. No. 55481)
305.568854 PAI

The story of how the Dalit discourse has responded to the changing socio-political context unfolds against this backdrop. Maya, Modi, Azad maps these shifts with a particular focus on Uttar Pradesh. It is the state where Mayawati, who sought to create a new 'umbrella party' with a Dalit core, and later, Narendra Modi, who attracted a section of Dalits into the saffron fold, have shaped Dalit politics over the last two decades. It is also where a new Dalit leader, Chandrashekhar Azad, is challenging both Hindutva hegemony and the BSP, and is attempting to revive the Dalit movement.

Sudha Pai and Sajjan Kumar's astute and insightful analysis of this triangular contestation is significant for understanding not just Dalit but democratic politics in India as we head into what is likely to be a deeply divisive general election in 2024.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Maya-Modi-Azad-Politics-Hindutva/dp/9356296898>

73. Rajput, Pam, eds. Women in state politics in India: missing in the corridors of power. London: Routledge, 2023. (Acc. No. 55482)
396.954 WOM

The dynamics of Indian politics is reflected in the flexible and fluctuating relations between the centre and the states as well as in the equations within the multiparty

political system. This book is one of the first to explore the participation of women in state politics in India and how women navigate the dynamic spaces and hierarchies of the Indian political system. With the help of in-depth studies of 16 states in India, it analyses the gender profile of political parties and legislative bodies in these states; the question of women's representation which is miniscule in legislative assemblies and women voters and their voting choices. It also explores the roadblocks and barriers they face, along with a study of women's participation in informal politics. The chapters in this book underline the need for women's active participation both inside and outside the party system to make democracy more robust and meaningful. Topical, rich in empirical data, this book will be an essential read for scholars and researchers of Indian politics, gender studies, political science, sociology, public administration, and South Asia studies.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Women-State-Politics-India-Corridors/dp/1032608005>

74. Vemsani, Lavanya. *Feminine journeys of the Mahabharata: Hindu women in history, text, and practice*. Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021. (Acc. No. 55497)
396.95479 VEM

The Mahabharata preserves powerful journeys of women recognized as the feminine divine and the feminine heroic in the larger culture of India. Each journey upholds the unique aspects of women's life. This book analytically examines the narratives of eleven women from the Mahabharata in the historical context as well as in association with religious and cultural practices. Lavanya Vemsani brings together history, myth, religion, and practice to arrive at a comprehensive understanding of the history of Hindu women, as well as their significance within religious Indian culture. Additionally, Vemsani provides important perspective for understanding the enduring legacy of these women in popular culture and modern society.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Feminine-Journeys-Mahabharata-History-Practice/dp/3030731642>

Wild Life

75. Bharthari, Anjali. *The Corbett story: unfolding the tiger reserve*. Dehradun: Abhimanyu Gaahlot, 2020. (Acc. No. 55483)
636.89 BHA

This first-of-its-kind book traces 84 years of the conservation history of Corbett Tiger Reserve. The Corbett Tiger Reserve named after Jim Corbett takes his legacy forward and this book chronicles his efforts and passion to conserve India's wildlife. It unfolds the various stages of making it a benchmark in tiger conservation. The natural heritage of Corbett is presented through more than a hundred archival photographs that highlight its beauty and celebrate its diversity. The journey is brought to life in the well-researched stories recounted here. The book is a collector's choice for those who cherish the heritage of the first national park of the Indian subcontinent. It gives a deep insight into the reserve and visitors to the park will find the book an invaluable companion to their discovery of the beauty and magic of this reserve.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Corbett-Story-Unfolding-Tiger-Reserve/dp/8121110181>

Yoga

76. Kaushik, Karuna. Science validates wonders of yoga. London: H P Hamilton, 2021. (Acc. No. 55520)

181.45 KAU

77. Sarbacker, Stuart Ray. Tracing the path of yoga: the history and philosophy of Indian mind-body discipline. New Delhi: Dev Publishers, 2023. (Acc. No. 55450)

181.45 SAR

Clear, accessible, and meticulously annotated, *Tracing the Path of Yoga* offers a comprehensive survey of the history and philosophy of yoga that will be invaluable to both specialists and to nonspecialists seeking a deeper understanding of this fascinating subject. Stuart Ray Sarbacker argues that yoga can be understood first and foremost as a discipline of mind and body that is represented in its narrative and philosophical literature as resulting in both numinous and cessative accomplishments that correspond, respectively, to the attainment of this-worldly power and otherworldly liberation. Sarbacker demonstrates how the yogic quest for perfection as such is situated within the concrete realities of human life, intersecting with issues of politics, economics, class, gender, and sexuality, as well as reflecting larger Indic religious and philosophical ideals. Source:<https://www.amazon.com/Tracing-Path-Yoga-Philosophy-Discipline/dp/1438481217>