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Arts and Architecture

1. Rajnish Wattas. Ed. Le corbusier rediscovered: Chandigarh and beyond. New Delhi: Niyogi Books, 2018. (56801)
720.92 LEC

With the recent recognition of Chandigarh's Capitol Complex as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the spotlight on its creator, Le Corbusier, considered the 20th century's greatest architect-planner, attains a more illustrious glow. Against this backdrop, Le Corbusier Rediscovered: Chandigarh and beyond weaves together an anthology of inspired essays by eminent, global experts on Corbusier's life, ideas and work, both in Chandigarh and at other places. The diverse yet interlinked themes forming a composite compendium, rediscover the timelessness of Le Corbusier's architecture and revisit his impact in India and the world over. Current issues like conservation of Chandigarh's architectural heritage, future strategies for its growth and the Smart City model for Indian urbanisation are also addressed. The book is imbued with a patina of historicity imparted by the inclusion of some rare archival images and texts. With focussed essays by international experts like B.V. Doshi, William J.R. Curtis, Raj Rewal, Rahul Mehrotra, Jacques Sbriglio, Michel Richard, Alfredo Brillembourg, S.D. Sharma, Jagan Shah, Rajnish Wattas and Sumit Kaur on thematically linked topics—this richly illustrated book (with nearly 250 images) constitutes a seminal new publication on this subject. It rediscovers Le Corbusier and his crowning glory Chandigarh, viewed afresh in a new light.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Corbusier-Rediscovered-Chandigarh-Beyond/dp/9385285858>

2. David, Ann R. Ram Gopal: interweaving histories of Indian dance. New Delhi: Bloomsbury, 2024. (Acc No. 56855)
792.8092 DAV

Both a biography and a history, this book explores the significant role that Indian dancer Ram Gopal (1912-2003) played in bringing Indian dance to international audiences from the 1930s to the late 1960s. Almost single-handedly, Gopal changed the perception of Indian dance abroad, introducing a global audience to specificity of movement, classically trained dancers, live musicians and exquisitely detailed costumes, modelled from Indian iconography. In this much-needed study of an often-neglected figure, the author unearths a fascinating narrative about Ram Gopal, the individual and the dancer, drawing on interviews with his remaining family, costume-makers, friends, dance partners, fellow dancers and audience members. More broadly, we come to understand the culture of Indian dance at the time, including the politics of the nomenclature and of the nationalist and orientalist discourses, the rapid changes created by the demise of colonialism and the influence of Western styles of dance, such as ballet and modern, in its development.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Ram-Gopal-Interweaving-Histories-Indian/dp/1350367192>

3. Parekh, Madhvi. Remembered tales. New Delhi : DAG, 2023. (Acc No. 56864)
708.9 PAR
4. Destination India: foreign artists in India 1857-1947. New Delhi : DAG, 2024.
(Acc No. 56804)
709.45 DES
5. Broota, Shobha. Painting infinity. New Delhi: DAG, 2025. (Acc No. 56865)
709.04 BRO

This retrospective brings together key phases of the artist's practice, tracing her evolution from the figurative to the metaphysical—across mediums such as pencil, pastel, oil, acrylic and thread. Borne of deep internal discipline, Shobha's work reflects a spirit of exploration and a restlessness to evolve—even as her canvases moved towards meditative stillness. A trained classical vocalist and sitarist, the rigour of her musical training echoes in the rhythm of her compositions: deceptively simple yet demanding complex execution. Her meticulous technique of flicking paint without letting the brush touch the surface—seeking softness—subtly embodies her personality. The simplicity of her persona finds resonance in the quiet strength of her minimalistic work, which draw viewers into a contemplative state. While some interpret her work through the lens of neo-tantric aesthetics, Broota resists all labels. At the centre of her practice lies the dot—*bindu*—a symbol of origin, stillness and infinite possibility. Her works neither demand nor prescribe meaning but invite reflection— a journey within, where the cosmos is mirrored in the self.

Source : <https://dagworld.com/shobha-broota-2025.html>

Agriculture

6. Madhok, Karan. Ananda: an exploration of cannabis in India. New Delhi : Aleph Book, 2024. (Acc No. 56871)

633.830954 MAD

Cannabis, or ganja, is practically as old as recorded Indian civilization, with references to the plant being found in some of India's earliest written texts and myths. Native strains of the plant are as common as rice or millet in many Indian states, and can often be found growing wild in the countryside. In scriptures and in the opinion of enthusiasts, ganja is said to provide ananda (bliss) or vijaya (victory) over the cares and ills of the world. Cannabis is best known as a recreational drug but it has a myriad other uses as well.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Ananda-Exploration-Cannabis-Karan-Madhok/dp/9365231485>

Biography

7. Dadabhoy, Bakhtiar. Honest John : a life of John Matthai. Gurugram : Penguin, 2025.
(Acc No. 56861)

923.354 M86 R25

John Matthai was independent India's first railways and transport minister. Later, he was India's second finance minister but resigned due to his differences with Pandit Nehru over the Planning Commission. Matthai served in important position in the Tatas and was a friend and confidant of J.R.D. Tata. He was chairman of the Taxation Enquiry Commission (1953), which provided a framework for the future tax policies of the government. Matthai was the first chairman of the State Bank of India of the court of governors of the Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad, and of the National Book Trust. He was also the founder-president of the National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Honest-John-Celebrating-Principled-Foundations/dp/0143468499>

Business

8. Bidisha Banerji. Ed. Business strategies and public policies in India and Europe : ideas for a sustainable, inclusive and resilient society. Singapore: Springer, 2025.
(Acc No. 56869)

658.4012 BUS

The book discusses public policy, business strategies, building diverse and inclusive societies, securing climate justice, and building business resilience for the future, analyzing India and Europe simultaneously with the help of comparative design along with dedicated chapters on single country or region from the two entities. Situated in the contemporary times, the book dives into some of the most pressing issues of our times in two entities known for their diverse societies and democratic outlook. The book delves into domestic and international aspects when looking at the formulation and implementation of public policy. It also deals with the changing geo-political realities and how that has impacted domestic concerns and policies. From literature and theoretical contributions, the book has quantitative and qualitative chapters suitable for expert as well as general reading.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Business-Strategies-Public-Policies-Europe/dp/981961788X>

Economics

9. Somesh K. Mathur. Ed. The changing profile of India's trade relations: a partial and general equilibrium analysis. London: Routledge, 2026. (56870)
382.0954 CHA

This book unravels the complex spectrum of trade policy in India with the help of partial and general equilibrium models. It evaluates India's recent trade deals with the UAE, Australia, European Free Trade Area (EFTA), and Mauritius, among others. Using applied general equilibrium methods to analyse recent debates about the conduct of India's trade policy, this book aims to present how the barriers to trade have been affecting trade flows. It further presents a set of large-scale computable general equilibrium simulations of the effects of changes in trade barriers. It also explores India's need to deal strategically with China and provide different economic solutions, despite the conflicts along their international borders. Moreover, it focuses on how India, through its trade orientation, needs to manage its natural resources and deal with land scarcity.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Changing-Profile-Indias-Trade-Relations-ebook/dp/B0FJZ92CZT>

10. Singh, Jaspal. Financial technology (Fin Tech) and digital banking in India. New Delhi : New Century Publications, 2022. (Acc No. 56798)

332.10285 SIN

FinTech is an umbrella term coined in the recent past to denote technological innovations having a bearing on financial services. FinTech is a contraction of the words finance and technology. It refers to the technological start-ups that are emerging to challenge traditional banking and financial players and covers an array of services, from crowd funding platforms and mobile payment solutions to online portfolio management tools and international money transfers. Artificial intelligence (AI) refers to the simulation of human intelligence in machines that are programmed to think like humans and mimic their actions. Artificial intelligence (AI) has applications in the financial industry, where it is used to detect and flag activity in banking and finance such as unusual debit card usage and large account deposits. India has a rich diversity of digital payment options. Many of these are interoperable, and work through bank accounts, thus giving the users a lot more choice. However, the costs of digital payments are still an issue, and acceptance infrastructure is not widespread. This book explains and examines various aspects of financial technology (FinTech) and digital banking in simple and non-technical language. It contains 17 chapters which have been organized into 2 parts. Part I (chapters 1 to 3) is titled Financial Technology (FinTech) and Artificial Intelligence (AI). It provides conceptual clarity as regards FinTech and the major FinTech innovations and services. It also explains the basics of AI. Part II (chapters 4 to 17) is titled Digital Banking in India. It deals with various forms of payment systems, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and other organizations linked to payment systems, paper-based traditional systems of payment, electronic payments (e-payments), card-based e-payment, non-card e-payment, internet banking, mobile

banking, cyber space, cyber attacks and cyber security, and data protection strategies and technologies.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Financial-Technology-FinTech-Digital-Banking/dp/8177085387>

11. Mukherjee, Aditya. Political economy of colonial and post colonial India. Delhi : Primus Books, 2025. (Acc No. 56764)

330.954 MUK

Political Economy of Colonial and Post-Colonial India analyses critical aspects of the political economy of the colonial and the post-colonial period and focuses on the debates on the transition from one to the other. The volume discusses the Great Divergence, where Britain's shooting forward was predicated upon the devastation of the colonial economy, and instruments used for achieving the subjugation of the Indian economy, such as British monetary policy and particularly the Reserve Bank of India. A major contribution of the book is to study the politics of the two basic contending classes—the capitalist class and the working class as represented by the Left. It is this that determined which class perspective exercised ideological hegemony or influence over the national movement and, consequently, over the post-colonial Indian state. An examination of the Indian national movement's 'idea of India', implemented by the post-colonial Indian state led by Jawaharlal Nehru forms a core theme of the book. It also discusses Indira Gandhi shaping the Indian economy, taking the Nehruvian path to its logical conclusion and then initiating the shift to economic reform. Finally, it discusses at length the growing challenge of perhaps the longest lasting legacy of colonialism—religious communalism—which threatens India's integrity today.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Primus-Books-Political-Colonial-Post-Colonial/dp/936883007X>

12. Fernandes, Leela. Governing water in India: inequality, reform, and the state. New Delhi : Primus Books, 2022. (Acc No. 56859)

333.910954 FER

Intensifying droughts and competing pressures on water resources foreground water scarcity as an urgent concern of the global climate change crisis. In India, individual, industrial, and agricultural water demands exacerbate inequities of access and expose the failures of state governance to regulate use. State policies and institutions influenced by global models of reform produce and magnify socio-economic injustice in this "water bureaucracy." Drawing on historical records, an analysis of post-liberalization developments, and fieldwork in the city of Chennai, Leela Fernandes traces the configuration of colonial historical legacies, developmental-state policies, and economic reforms that strain water resources and intensify inequality. While reforms of water governance promote privatization and decentralization, they strengthen the state centralized control over water through city-based development models. Understanding the political economy of water thus illuminates the consequent failures of the state within countries of the Global South.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Governing-Water-India-Inequality-Reform/dp/0295750421>

13. Maira, Arun. Reimagining India's economy \b the road to a more equitable society. New Delhi : Speaking Tiger, 2025. (Acc No. 56873)

330.954 MAI

Independent India is at a turning point. Will it turn off the path to the destiny it set out towards at the midnight hour of 15th August 1947? Will it provide poorna swaraj—full freedom (political, social, and economic)—for all its citizens? Or will it be a nation in which some citizens are more equal than others: the rich more equal than the poor; Hindus more equal than Muslims; upper castes more equal than lower castes? The making and remaking of a nation is a journey towards a shared vision. We must discover who we are and agree on who we want to be. The Indian economy is in a crisis. The people know it is, but its leaders deny it. Like ostriches, they try to bury their heads in sands of statistics hoping the storm will pass. They believe more GDP will produce good lives for citizens and try to convince them that India is on the right path because the size of its economy is growing faster and becoming larger than that of other nations. Reimagining India's Economy is a story of the evolution of the Indian economy after 1947. It provides ideas for leaders of change. It is a book to provoke reflection and learning; with some poetry, philosophy, and common sense to guide public policy rather than statistics, data analysis, and artificial intelligence.

Source: https://www.amazon.in/Reimagining-Indias-Economy-Equitable-Society/dp/9363360512/ref=sr_1_1?adgrpid=57799481446&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.vWX7Gi8b7Gu8SQQzhOOfk2swLyk5KGIAa5muM2vYQgY4iodDcfKZQv9vU0YBVg4eNyg1cNetreYU3unU14b9mYubBxq2BUv4lQ7NlwrW DKmlxOXFUI9FjXGJKtCsfSUQ8KD4wLY9F2dChNRmlCVcOmJwOXat9blA1ZaCa-ApFAvzIcgx3zOR8xVi4shAY 43SrQ44EdsFHAXKgwo

Environment

14. Dauvergne, Peter. Historical Dictionary of Environmentalism. London : Rowman & Littlefield, 2025 (Acc No. 56779)

363.7 DAU

Historical Dictionary and Environmentalism, Third Edition provides a balanced and wide-ranging overview of the most important events, issues, organizations, ideas, and people shaping the direction of environmentalism worldwide. This book is global in scope, covering a large range of perspectives and countries with a focus on the period since 1960.

This book contains a chronology, an introduction, and an extensive bibliography. The dictionary section has more than 400 cross-referenced entries on organizations, people, issues, events, and countries shaping environmentalism. This book is an excellent resource for students, researchers, and anyone wanting to know more about environmentalism.

Source:https://www.amazon.in/Historical-Dictionary-Environmentalism-Dictionaries-Philosophies-ebook/dp/B0CVZ52ND6/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2PLAXZB17D7YO&dib=eyJ2IjojMSJ9.2WRL4hTNax6FsydpHAU7vQ.qsjFaJ8wrYlueyrngpfZAH0w_hhjGRSvp2r8QFjwqkw&dib_tag=se&keywords=isbn+9781538191446&qid=1761826191&s=books&srefix=isbn9781538191446%2Cstripbooks%2C192&sr=1-1

History

15. Raina, Dhruv. Histories of the sciences and the politics of history: essays in honour of S. Irfan Habib. New Delhi : Primus Books, 2025. (Acc No. 56862)

901 HIS

The history and politics of the pursuit of the numerous disciplines of the sciences is enmeshed with debates about the impact of colonialism and decolonization, their relationship with emerging 'global' concerns, popular and state-driven science policies of governments, as well as their linkages of languages and cultural expressions. All these have been concerns for research in the academic life of Professor S. Irfan Habib. In his honour, Histories of the Sciences and the Politics of History presents contributions by scholars who have associated and worked with him or have been his friends in his intellectual journey. This volume covers a range of subjects from the history of science in South Asia to the trends of science policies in different eras in independent India. Other themes which relate to the scientific and democratic ethos evaluated here include the role of princely states in anti-democratic impulses in South Asia and the problems of terms such as 'global history' in history writing. This volume presents us with fresh insights into emerging fields of inquiry in the history of sciences as well as the political nuances of history making and history writing.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Histories-Sciences-Politics-History-Essays/dp/9368831106>

16. Joshua Esler. Ed. Indian ocean imaginings: people, time, and space. London: Lexington Books, 2023. (Acc No. 56775)

909.0982 IND

This book is a multidisciplinary study of the Indian Ocean region, bringing together perspectives from the disciplines of history, defense and strategic studies, cultural and religious studies, and environmental studies. From the earliest exchanges through Sumerian and Harappan trade, to emerging geopolitical alliances in the twenty-first century, this volume demonstrates both the continuity and change of the region as well as its unity and diversity. The expanse of this ocean and its littoral rim is connected through the social imaginary, which enables these processes. It is with the stories of the peoples inhabiting this rim that this book is concerned—told both through micro studies of the everyday lives of the region's people and through macro studies centered around civilizations, empires, nation-states, and climate change.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Indian-Ocean-Imaginings-People-Space/dp/1666922161>

17. Kaul, Shonaleeka. The making of early Kashmir: landscape and identity in the Rajatarangini. New Delhi : OUP, 2018. (Acc No. 56788)

954.6 KAU

What is history? How does a land become a homeland? How are cultural identities formed? The Making of Early Kashmir explores these questions in relation to the birth of Kashmir and the discursive and material practices that shaped it up to the 12th century CE. Reinterpreting the first work of Kashmiri history, Kalhana's Rajatarangini, this book argues that the text was history not despite being traditional Sanskrit poetry but because of it. It elaborated a poetics of place, implicating Kashmir's sacred geography, a stringent critique of local politics, and a regional selfhood that transcended the limits of vernacularism. Combined with longue durée testimonies from art, material culture, script, and linguistics, this book jettisons the image of an isolated and insular Kashmir. It proposes a cultural formation that straddled the Western Himalayas and the Indic plains with Kashmir as the pivot. This is the story of the connected histories of the region and the rest of India.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Making-Early-Kashmir-Landscape-Rajatarangini-ebook/dp/B07BY3XBR6>

18. Kumar, Utpal. Eminent distorians :twists and truths in Bharat's history. Gurugram : blueOne Ink, 2025. (Acc. No. 56821)

954 KUM

Bharat's history is often written as a series of invasions starting with the Aryans knocking on the gates of the subcontinent followed by Central Asian tribes, the Arabs, Afghans, Turks, and finally Europeans. Mainstream history depicts Bharat as a barren land where various races and cultures arrived at different times. This country, we are told, belonged to each one of these migrants and invaders or to none of them. Eminent Distorians: Twists and Truths in Bharat's History challenges this historiography, presenting Bharat's story from its own perspective. It debunks the Aryan invasion theory, calling Vedic and Harappan civilizations two sides of the same coin. It reevaluates Ashoka's legacy and the Nehruvian obsession with his 'greatness'. It reinterprets Bharat's 'golden era' during the Gupta period and sheds new light on the post-Gupta phase. The book argues that Islamic conquest in Bharat faced stiff Hindu resistance until Akbar's diplomatic/matrimonial overtures. When Aurangzeb reverted to confrontation, his empire declined. Contrary to conventional understanding of history, Eminent Distorians explains how the British conquered this country from the Marathas not the Mughals. It also examines the roles of Gandhi, Gandhians, and revolutionaries in ending colonialism. Meticulously researched and cogently argued, the book avoids a Delhi-centric view of history as it highlights significant dynasties such as the Karkotas, Gurjara-Pratiharas, Pallavas, Cholas, and Ahoms, among others."

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Eminent-Distorians-Twists-Bharats-History/dp/9365477182>

19. Bowman, Ghee. The Great Épinal Escape:, Indian prisoners of war in German hands. Chennai : Westland Books, 2025. (Acc No. 56784)

940.5472 BOW

On 11 May 1944, just four weeks before D-Day, sixty-seven American heavy bombers dropped 168 tons of bombs on the sunlit French town of Épinal on the Moselle river. Unbeknownst to the aircrew of the 'Mighty Eighth', this was the temporary home of over 3,000 Indian prisoners of war – and these bombs had just taken down the walls. The escapees took food and clothes and set off for the border. If they could make it to Switzerland, neutral territory, they would be safe. But between them and their goal were thousands of Nazis, collaborators and over 100km of French countryside. The Great Épinal Escape is the incredible story of the most successful escape of the Second World War. It is the story of how, during a period showcasing the worst of humanity – a period marked by brutality, bloodlust and fascism – ordinary people were able to demonstrate the best of humanity: resilience, support and a warm welcome. Ultimately, it is a story of hope.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Great-%C3%89pinal-Escape-Indian-Prisoners/dp/1803995009>

20. Gandhi, Gopalkrishna. The undying light : a personal history of independent India. New Delhi: Aleph Book Company, 2025. (Acc No. 56866)

954.035 GAN

This remarkable memoir, and history of India after Independence, by one of India's most distinguished public intellectuals, begins with his memories, at the age of three, of the assassination of his paternal grandfather, Mahatma Gandhi. From this poignant opening note, the book expands into numerous encounters with personalities both Indian and foreign, 'eminent' as well as little known, and original insights into key events and turning points of modern Indian history, many of which he was an eyewitness to as secretary to presidents R. Venkataraman and K. R. Narayanan, and as governor of West Bengal and Bihar.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Undying-Light-Personal-History-Independent/dp/936523820X>

21. Shukhdeba Sharma Hanjabam. Ed. INA and Manipur: an unforgettable battle for India's independence in the Indo- Myanmar region. New Delhi: Concept Publishing, 2025.

(Acc No. 56856)

954.0359 INA

When the sounds of air raids and bombing by Japanese airplanes were heard for the first time at Imphal on 10th May, 1942, it was alarmingly clear that Manipur was going to be one of the important theatre of World War II as Imphal holds key to both the opposing fronts in their future scheme. Manipur's strategic importance and the necessity to control or defend it were, in fact, going to determine the course of the War. Both the Japanese and more so to the Azad Hind Fauz of Subhas Chandra Bose Imphal hold the key to their victory. For Subhas Bose, if Imphal was liberated, his dream of liberating India is almost a certainty, and for the Japanese, it heralds the demise of British colonial rule in Asia. Manipuri thus became one of the bloodiest and toughest battles of the Second World War in history. The natives of Manipur and Naga Hills lived through and experienced the battles, which could be epic in the sense of the violence, loss of lives, and displacement that the War had brought in. This book, which altogether compilation of 33 chapters is a humble effort to reconstruct the life of Manipur during the Second World War and how natives responded to it along with the experiences of individuals who worked or volunteered for Indian National Army (INA) with the hope that in doing so, they got inspired by an idea called Azadi or freedom; freedom from foreign rule and domination by outsiders of their land.

Source:https://www.amazon.in/INA-Manipur-Unforgettable-Independence-Indo-Myanmar/dp/9363440397/ref=sr_1_5?dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.hCGUH_iQAxTB-La_rql_E0-OBGtesLnn26PceU-T1or18eiJO01028PAQ5SVOqP5avQNkDnK_kBSeRb-hUBPgXZijByDOTb4bH2T-2SanSAfMqQ1Q92g6k75hferYZwi.NxPOK79wtBG0waki1E3x9mLTQXaOVuAMt4xl2EOEXwA&dib_tag=se&qid=1761891471&refinements=p_27%3AAheiba+m+Koireng+Singh&s=books&sr=1-5

22. Utama, Wildan Sena. Vision for the future: an intellectual history of the 1955 Bandung conference. New Delhi : Left Word Books, 2025. (56858)

959.804 UTA

In April 1955, delegates from 29 Asian and African countries and colonies gathered in Bandung, Indonesia, for the Asian-African Conference. What was the message that these 29 delegations were seeking to transmit to their domestic and global audience? Why was a conference of postcolonial states and anticolonial movements perceived as so important in international politics by its contemporaries, and why has it had such lasting effects? “Studies focusing mainly on the Bandung conference are still rare. Wildan Sena Utama’s study is, therefore, all the more important. It provides an up-to-date and concise review of the most recent studies on this topic and places the conference in its historical context.” – Jürgen Dinkel “Vision for the Future takes us on a journey into the possibilities and perils of the internationalism of the era of decolonisation. This story, with a searching look into the roots of the 1955 Bandung conference and all the contradictions between the 29 countries that came to Indonesia, gives us a glimpse of the difficulty of forming a bloc of the South. The ugliness of old rigidities and the shallowness of the old ruling classes shines through. Somewhere underneath this story is the cry of the working class and peasantry, which did not grip the levers of power in enough of the states of the South that tried to build a world of equality and peace.

Source:https://www.amazon.in/Vision-Future-MANJEET-H-SINGH/dp/9392018916/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1ACL3N7A5O13K&dib=evJ2IjoiMSJ9.SBBwKeZaDTf1C8-YjVZDpQ.5rcLdwi-cZOgvR7pVrN_2EmAsw_b8bz4vDde2Nduvq8&dib_tag=se&keywords=ISBN+9789392018916&qid=1761895125&s=books&sprefix=isbn+9789392018916%2Cst-ripbooks%2C203&sr=1-1

International Relations

23. Friedberg, Aaron L. Getting China wrong. Cambridge : Polity Press, 2023.
(Acc No. 56872)

327.51 FRI

The West's strategy of engagement with China has failed. More than three decades of trade and investment with the advanced democracies have left that country far richer and stronger than it would otherwise have been. But growth and development have not caused China's rulers to relax their grip on political power, abandon their mercantilist economic policies, or accept the rules and norms of the existing international system. To the contrary: China today is more repressive at home, more aggressive abroad, and more obviously intent on establishing itself as the world's preponderant power than at any time since the death of Chairman Mao. What went wrong? Put simply, the democracies underestimated the resilience, resourcefulness, and ruthlessness of the Chinese Communist Party. For far too long, the United States and its allies failed to take seriously the Party's unwavering determination to crush opposition, build national power, and fulfill its ideological and geopolitical ambitions. In this timely and powerfully argued study, Aaron Friedberg identifies the assumptions underpinning engagement, describes the counterstrategy that China's Communist Party rulers devised in order to exploit the West's openness while defeating its plans, and explains what the democracies must do now if they wish to preserve their prosperity, protect their security, and defend their common values.

Source:<http://amazon.in/Getting-China-Wrong-Aaron-Friedberg/dp/1509545123>

24. Orenstein, Mitchell A. The lands in between: Russia vs. the west and new politics of hybrid war. New York : Oxford University Press, 2024. (Acc No.56813)

327.1 ORE

In 2007, Russia launched a hybrid war on the West to preserve its influence in the "lands in between" Russia and the European Union (EU), countries that had left the Soviet Union and gravitated towards an enlarged EU and NATO. Since Russia's meddling in the US presidential election in 2016 and its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, this conflict has altered the politics of all countries involved. Just as the lands in between face a civilizational choice between a future in EU Europe or a revived Russian empire, Western countries must choose between dictatorship and democracy. Yet some politicians benefit from maneuvering between both sides in a conflict that seems to demand loyalty, but often rewards flexibility. This book shows that studying the

polarized politics that have afflicted the lands in between for decades helps us to better understand the paradoxes of Western politics in an age of hybrid war.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/LANDS-BETWEEN-RUSSIA-POLITICS-HYBRID/dp/0197769357>

Law

25. Vaidya, Anand P. Future of the forest : struggles over land and law in India. Ranikhet : Permanent Black, 2025. (Acc No. 56850)

333.75110954 VAI

Future of the Forest is the story of legal transformations of forests across India through collective action. Since the nineteenth century, Indian forest dwellers have been unable to enforce their claims to the land on which they live or the products of it that they use. But at the turn of the twenty-first century, a new national movement led to the passage of the Forest Rights Act, a landmark law that recognizes the tenure and use rights of India's millions of landless forest dwellers.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Future-Forest-Struggles-over-India/dp/1501780506>

26. Shashikala Gurpur. Ed. International law in pursuit of global justice: reflections from contemporary India. London : Routledge, 2025. (Acc No. 56793)

341.0954 INT

The project of international law—both in its origin and evolution—has been predominantly anchored in Global North realities. Over the years, however, narratives from ‘other’ parts of the world (the Global South) have emerged to confront the traditional construction of the international legal order. The Indian narrative(s) in this regard, given the state’s expanding influence within the Global South and beyond, therefore, warrants consideration. This book responds in three ways: captures India’s contributions to the development of international law in areas including human rights, humanitarian law, international trade and investment, global commons, health, and dispute settlement; evaluates the influence of international law on India and its positioning in the global world order; and presents a way forward by mapping India’s pursuit of global justice.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/International-Law-Pursuit-Global-Justice/dp/103270814X>

27. Nariman, Fali S. Legally speaking: insights from a life in law. New Delhi : Hay House Publishers, 2025. (Acc No. 56852)

349.54 NAR

In this captivating volume, Fali S. Nariman invites readers into the fascinating world of law, life, and everything in between. With a masterful blend of wit, wisdom, and keen

insight, he paints a vivid portrait of the legal craft, interwoven with pivotal moments and memorable milestones from the legal fraternity. The first part of the book presents a collection of vignettes and anecdotes on the judiciary, arbitration, and the practice of law, alongside Nariman's personal reflections that illuminate the spirit of the legal profession. It also offers glimpses of the towering figures he encountered throughout his distinguished career and the enduring lessons drawn from decades of legal experience. The second part brims with sharp and profound ruminations on a wide range of themes—from federalism, democracy, and human rights to freedom of the press, corruption, and corporate governance—highlighting the dynamic interplay between life and law. For anyone intrigued by the law's rich tapestry, this book offers both inspiration and timeless wisdom from one of India's most celebrated legal minds.

Source: https://www.amazon.in/Legally-Speaking-Insights-Life-Law-ebook/dp/B0FGDL2G9J/ref=sr_1_1?crid=100A7CYYULYNX&dib=evJ2IjoiMSJ9.ndXKetmIH7Rs8Ftwa3Pr3w.0bmwi83_sf2RHXtgjm9d3shZMGcrvJyQ1_sPmoHXbI&dib_tag=se&keywords=ISBN+9789366117171&qid=1761819844&s=b ooks&sprefix=isbn+9789366117171%2Cstripbooks%2C232&sr=1-1

28. Pai, V Sudhish. 75 years of the constitution: Supreme Court's role in promoting constitutionalism. Gurugram : OakBridge Publishing, 2025. (Acc No. 56761)

342.54 PAI

75 Years of the Constitution - Supreme Court's Role in Promoting Constitutionalism marks the commemoration of 75 years of our Constitution and the Supreme Court. It offers a captivating account of the journey of the foundational document of the world's largest democracy. It explores the Constitution's evolution, its salient features and provisions, and the Supreme Court's role in expounding its true meaning and intent, including the principles applied in its interpretation.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Years-Constitution-Promoting-Constitutionalism-OakBridge/dp/819728833X>

Literature

29. Tarun K Saint. Ed. The Gollancz book of South Asian science fiction. Gurugram: Hachette Book Publishing, 2024. (56763)

823.0108 GOL.2

Singular visions of the future that will thrill, amuse, startle and intrigue in equal measure. The hunt for a new planet leads three explorers into a terrifying adventure. On an ordinary morning, the citizens of Karachi wake up to find the sea missing from their shores. The last Parsi left on Earth must find other worlds to escape to when debt collectors come knocking. A family visiting a Partition-themed park gets more entertainment than they bargained for. Gandhi appears in contemporary times under rather unusual circumstances. The arrival of aliens with an agenda on a railway station

in Uttar Pradesh has unexpected consequences. A young girl's personal tragedy finds a surprising resolution as she readies herself for an expedition of a lifetime. These and other tales of masterful imagination illuminate this essential volume of new science fiction writing that brings together some of the most creative minds in contemporary literature.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/GOLLANCZ-SOUTH-ASIAN-SCIENCE-FICTION/dp/9388322053>

30. Nehru, Neena. *The revolutionaries: a novel*. New Delhi : Speaking Tiger, 2025.
(Acc No. 56757)

823 (Ind) NEH

Standing on the summit of the 20,000-foot-high Stok Kangri, the highest peak in Ladakh, a few months past their seventieth birthdays, Aruna and her husband Sandeep reflect on their past dreams and aspirations and whether they achieved what they had wanted to or not. Their story is filled with many stirring events and encounters, extending from the London of the swinging sixties to India during the Emergency of the mid-1970s and the troubled times that followed. Along the way, they are influenced by Marxist theory and some Maoist activists they meet, and try to join the working-class revolution by befriending a group of disaffected Sikh factory workers in London. Back in India, the couple settle down in Chandigarh, the 'City Beautiful', where they come into contact with slum dwellers and discover the extent of destitution and discrimination that disenfranchised communities struggle with—a realization further reinforced by their travels to the hinterlands of Bihar. Inevitably, the couple are drawn towards the Naxalite movement—only to learn that betrayal, sexual exploitation and corruption have no class barriers.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Revolutionaries-Novel-Neena-Nehru/dp/9363362787>

31. Simona Sawhney. *Yashpal: on gender and revolutionary thought*. Hyderabad : Orient Black Swan, 2025. (Acc No. 56768)
891.43092 YAS

Writer and revolutionary worker Yashpal (1903–1976) was an important member of the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA), a radical political group involved in India's freedom struggle. After his arrest in 1932, he famously turned—in his own words—'from bullet to bulletin'. This was the beginning of a long and prolific career as a novelist, short story writer, journalist and political commentator. This book offers a reappraisal of Yashpal's work and legacy, critically examining his crucial role in both the literary and the socio-political history of India and focusing on his preoccupation with questions of gender and sexuality. An international group of scholars, working in both Hindi and English, has contributed to this volume, which also features a personal essay by Yashpal's son Anand. A comprehensive volume on an inimitable figure in modern Indian history, it is essential reading for scholars of literature, cultural studies and those seeking to engage with modern Hindi literature.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Yashpal-Revolutionary-Thought-Simona-Sawhney/dp/935442709X>

32. Mohapatra, Bishnu. Rain incarnations. New Delhi : Speaking Tiger, 2025.
(Acc No. 56759)

821 MOH

A book of memorable poems about rain—in image, metaphor, symbols—that speak truths about the natural world, and the world of the human heart and mind. Exquisite poems, brilliantly translated into English from the original Odiya. ‘Bishnu Mohapatra, in these viscerally beautiful poems, unearths the spiritual in us that rain will nourish and destroy. Socrates and Ambedkar, anarchy and accident, silence and mystery, love and safety, nothingness and infinity, fever and death, all are made to fall within the metaphorical power of rain.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Rain-Incarnations-Bishnu-Mohapatra/dp/9354478875>

33. Kumar, Krishan. Bhasha ki sanjeevani. New Delhi: Rajkamal Prakashan, 2025.
(Acc No. 56857)

808.4 KUM

कृष्ण कुमार अपने पाठकों को पहचानते हैं और उनसे आत्मीयता बढ़ाने के अन्दाज़ में लिखते हैं। पहली बार उनका गद्य पढ़ रहे नए पाठक इस आत्मीयता का स्पर्श पाकर चकित होते हैं। निबन्ध की विधा कृष्ण कुमार को विशेष प्रिय रही है यद्यपि वे कहानी और संस्मरण भी चाव से लिखते रहे हैं। ‘भाषा की संजीवनी’ की शुरुआत थोड़ा-बहुत भी बता पाने के संघर्ष और सुकून से होती है और अन्त भाषा के जीवनदायी चरित्र के अभिन्दन से। इन दो विचार-ध्रुवों के बीच इस संग्रह में अठारह निबन्ध, समीक्षा-लेख और संस्मरण शामिल हैं। विषयों की विविधता के बीच पाठकों को कृष्ण कुमार के स्थायी सरोकार मिलेंगे—प्रकृति, स्त्री, सरकार और पढ़ाई। इन सभी के भीतर और इर्द-गिर्द मची भगदड़ और हिंसा पर टिप्पणी भी मिलेगी। इस निबन्ध विविधता से गुजरते हुए पाठक याद करेंगे कि कृष्ण कुमार के लिए अगर कोई चीज़ नागवार है तो वह ‘विचार का डर’ है जो उनके एक प्रसिद्ध संग्रह का शीर्षक भी है।

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Bhasha-Ki-Sanjeevani-Krishna-Kumar/dp/9360862487>

34. Khanna, Meera. Light and shadows: poems of rights, resistance and renewal. Calcutta : Hawakal Publishers, 2025. (Acc No. 56874)

821.914 KHA

This collection of poems emerges from the woven convergence of three significant elements in the tapestry of my life, commitment to gender rights, experiences in the conflict-ridden state of Kashmir where I worked for more than two decades, and abiding love for the nature in all its multi fold dimensions. Each poem is a reflection

of the beauty and pain I have encountered along this journey, creating a space where personal and collective narratives intertwine.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/dp/9349541351>

35. Khanna, Sandeep. *Tempest on river silent : a story of last 50 years of India*. New Delhi : Niyogi Books, 2025. (Acc No. 56758)

823(Ind)-T KHA

Devavratt and his friends navigate the rapidly changing landscape of their homeland, moving from the bustling school and college corridors of the 70s and 80s to the dynamic corporate offices of the 21st century. Their dreams and challenges unfold against the backdrop of a modernizing India. Through heartfelt conversations and spirited debates, playful pranks and nostalgic reunions, the characters delve into nationalism, cultural pride, social-economic changes in India, love, friendship and spirituality.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Tempest-River-Silent-Story-Years/dp/8119626230>

Philosophy

36. Patti Tamara Lenard. *Democracy and morality: religious and secular views*. Washington: Brookings Institution Press, 2024. (Acc No. 56770)

172 DEM

Democracy is a dominant principle and practice to legitimate political power in the modern world, and yet its relationship with other moral traditions is not well understood. Some but not all commitments with it (feminism, Classical and Egalitarian variants of Liberalism). Ethical theories, by their very nature, are universal theories, and tend to be suspicious of democratic legitimacy arguments – since ‘the people’ who are the source of democratic legitimacy might support some things that are contrary to justice, as described in the tradition. Yet, appeal to democracy remains one of the most powerful appeals to legitimize political power in the contemporary world. This volume is interested in the relationship between democracy and moral traditions whose origins either precede the democratic ideal of legitimacy (Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Natural Law) or developed in some sense along side the democratic ideal and share some of its commitments. This volume explores the relationship between these moral traditions and democracy, including the way in which the moral and religious perspectives have adapted in their encounter with democratic ideals, and have themselves modified democratic theory and practice. This is a work in comparative ethics. The contributors each an expert in one of these traditions, show how that tradition has confronted democracy – and considers different dimensions in which the traditions have engaged with the tradition. To orient the engagement between democratic principles and the moral traditions, the contributors focus on various dimensions in which the two have engaged. The contributors consider their tradition’s views of participation, including eligibility for participation and opportunities to do so, including people with quite different world-views; the scope of

democracy, as conceived by the tradition, including how the democratic 'people' interact or ought to interact with adherents of other traditions, and whether some of the pillars of moral tradition have themselves helped to inform democratic principles and practices in communities where the ethical tradition is dominant. For example, if there are traditions of consultation and of appropriate authority in a moral tradition, does this operate as a resource for democracy itself, and if so, has it changed the way democracy is practiced in these societies?

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Democracy-Morality-Religious-Secular-Comparative/dp/1538188899>

37. Khullar, Pranav. India's philosophic quest: call of the self. New Delhi: Prabhat Prakashan, 2025. (Acc No. 56792)

126 KHU

This is a journey of reflection and contemplation on the ancient philosophical texts, an exploration of not only the Vedantic blueprint of Indic thought, but a deep-dive into the spiritual seeking of the evolved seekers themselves. Philosophic wisdom has been at the heart of India's culture, defining and redefining its contours at each step of its historical evolution, and has been the fountainhead from which the expression of this wisdom through the arts and culture flows. The Philosopher and mystic in the Indic tradition has not just reflected upon the nuances of society, but has laid down a template at each critical junction of history, for society to follow in the footprints of that template. This journey of articles too attempts to resurrect and revive this Indic Philosophic template, which is a beautiful diverse tapes- try in itself, a spiritual vision that gave rise to this idea that there are manifold ways of approaching the eternal, of invoking the elan vital, Life Force, as Bergson termed it.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Indias-Philosophic-Quest-Call-Self/dp/935562946X>

Political Science

38. Mukherji, Nirmalangshu. Political choices : essays on state, resistance and intellectuals. New Delhi : Tulika Books, 2025. (Acc No. 56853)

320.01 MUK

These essays are among the political pieces written since the catastrophic events of 9/11. Massive violence against humanity is a recurrent theme in modern, industrialized societies. But the same societies also gave rise to impressive forms of popular resistance. 9/11 signaled a change in the agenda. Under the leadership of the United States, advanced industrial states had developed colossal instruments of propaganda and violence to throttle popular resistance. Vast sections of working masses were basically disenfranchised. In the absence of mass movements, forms of terror have taken over the role of resistance. The presence of this terror is now used as a new pretext for controlling domestic populations, targeting specific communities and launching wars of aggression abroad. As the twin terrors confront each other in a spiraling cycle

of violence, the democratic space for the unarmed humanity – in fact, the chance of survival of the human race – diminishes. What options for resistance are now available to arrest what otherwise looks like an inevitable course to doom? These essays are a fragile and essentially personal effort to come to grips with this overwhelming question. This is not meant to be theoretical exercise; there are no blue-prints. These are expressions of anguish and anger directed at mounting insanity, celebration of little glimmers of hope, attempts to analyse, understand, expose, locate the ground and act.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Political-Choices-Essays-Resistance-Intellectuals/dp/8196580347>

39. Siddiqi, Bulbul. Displacement and refugee issues in South Asia: uncovering the contested realities. London : Lexington Books, 2024. (Acc No. 56851)

325.210954 SID

The number of forcibly displaced people globally has been on the rise in recent years. The refugee crises in the Middle East, Africa, Europe and South and East Asia are the most notable. Due to such crises, the refugee population has been a key challenge for humanity. It has also put a strain on many refugee-hosting countries as most of the displaced populations are hosted in low and middle income countries rather than wealthier countries. Force displacement creates challenges for the refugees and the host societies. Displacement and Refugee Issues in South Asia: Uncovering the Contested Realities brings out the cases of forcibly displacement from five South Asian countries: Rohingya in Bangladesh, India and Nepal, Tamils in Sri Lanka, and the Afghan refugees in Afghanistan and Europe. Bulbul Siddiqi and contributors reveal that the refugee population in various South Asian countries have been living with vulnerabilities and uncertainty due to ineffective repatriation and the lack of dignified living conditions in host countries. It requires urgent support and initiatives from global and regional powers and international humanitarian organizations to ensure that the dignified lives of these vulnerable populations in different countries.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Displacement-Refugee-Issues-South-Asia/dp/1666933899>

40. Roth, Kenneth. Righting wrongs: three decades on the front lines battling abusive governments. London : Allen Lane, 2025. (Acc No. 56854)

323.1 ROT

In three decades under the leadership of Kenneth Roth, Human Rights Watch conducted investigations in 100 countries to uncover abuses – and pressured offending governments to stop them. Roth has grappled with the worst of humanity, taken on the most ruthless oppressors of our time, and persuaded leaders from around the globe to stand up to their repressive counterparts. The son of a Jew who fled Nazi Germany just before the war began, Roth grew up knowing full well how inhumane governments could be. He has traveled the world to meet cruelty and injustice on its home turf: he arrived in Rwanda shortly after the genocide; scrutinized the impact of Saddam's invasion of Kuwait; investigated and condemned Israel's mistreatment of Palestinians.

He directed efforts to curtail the Chinese government's persecution of Uyghur Muslims, to bring Myanmar's officials to justice after the ethnic cleansing of Rohingya Muslims, to halt Russian war crimes in Ukraine, even to rein in the U.S. government. Roth's many innovations and strategies included the deployment of a concept as old as mankind – the powerful tool of 'shaming' – and here he illustrates its surprising effectiveness against evildoers.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Righting-Wrongs-Decades-Leading-Rights-ebook/dp/B0D3X5VFK1>

Religion

41. Varma, Pavan K. Echoes of eternity: a journey through Indian thought from the rigveda to the present. Chennai : Westland Books, 2025. (Acc No. 56863)

294.5921 VAR

India is a civilisation of moulík soch—the power of original thought. This faculty has been the bedrock on which the Indian people have survived and flourished since the dawn of time. Other ancient civilisations, such as the Greek, Roman, Persian, Assyrian and even classical Chinese, have long since ceased to exist. What makes our civilisation different is a certain ability for cerebral interrogation, discovery and renewal that has bestowed the great stream of Indian ideas with antiquity, continuity, diversity, assimilation and peaks of refinement.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Echoes-Eternity-Journey-Through-Thought/dp/9360455199>

42. Joshi, Lal Mani. Studies in the Buddhist culture of India: during the 7th and 8th centuries A. D. New Delhi : Motilal Banarsidass, 2024. (Acc No. 56802)

294.3 JOS

It is a pioneer attempt of its kind to study Indian Buddhism in its entirety as a system of rational philosophy, profound faith, and as a historical matrix of creative human culture and civilized institutions -during the 7th and 8th centuries A.D., the brilliant epoch of the University of Nalanda, the mere name of which spells the great wonder that was Buddhism in Ancient India. Here is an authoritative and systematic record, based on a close study of contemporary Buddhist, Brahmanical and secular literary texts and epigraphic and monumental antiquities of India together with the Chinese and Tibetan documents bearing on the period, and it presents a living picture of Buddhist faith, worship, monachism, moral culture, art, education, literature, scholasticism, esoteric mysticism, sectarian controversies, metaphysical and epistemological theories, rapprochement with Brahmanism, and its tendencies towards decline and transformation in India. A chapter on the contribution of Buddhism to Indian Civilization has also been added. The treatment of the subject is critical and integral though not traditional.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Studies-Buddhistic-Culture-India-Joshi/dp/9359667560>

Social Science

43. Chattopadhyay, Arka. Post humanism: politics of subjectivity. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan, 2024. (Acc No. 56789)

303.48 CHA

Posthumanism constructs a posthumanist subject through philosophy, critical theory and literature. It tracks diverse developments of posthumanisms – from anti-humanism to poststructuralism and psychoanalysis – using micro-readings of literary narratives to situate posthumanist ideas and establish an interpretive praxis. Underlining the ethico-political strand, *Posthumanism: Politics of Subjectivity* demonstrates how to imagine a posthuman socio-political subject that renounces claims to species supremacy and anthropocentric privilege via the categories of animality, object, technology and ecology. The volume brings together lucid philosophical discussions on the nature of subjectivity with analyses of texts as diverse as Perumal Murugan's *Poonachi*, John Banville's *Eclipse and Shroud*, Ted Hughes's poetry, and Salman Rushdie's *Shame*, among many others. "Posthumanism: Politics of Subjectivity conducts an extensive theoretical and cultural critique of the normalized anthropocentric subject of modernity, calling for its replacement by a transversal nomadic and plural subject co-constituted by the nonhuman." — Debashish Banerji, Haridas Chaudhuri Professor of Indian Philosophies and Cultures, Doshi Professor of Asian Art, Dept. Chair, East-West Psychology, California Institute of Integral Studies "Who are We? With eyes wide open, this book shines light on posthumanist subjectivity, showing how the wisdom of an antelope and the predictive models of big data are part of our collective unconscious." — Francesca Ferrando, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Liberal Studies, New York University "Chattopadhyay persuasively pitches an ethico-political posthumanism as a vantage point from which a critique of capitalist transhumanism may be pursued." — from the Preface by Udaya Kumar, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Posthumanism-Subjectivity-Arka-Chattopadhyay-Author/dp/9354427820>

44. Lamb, Peter. Historical dictionary of socialism. London: Rowman & Littlefield, 2025. (Acc No. 56778)

335.03 LAM

Socialism has been an influential force for social change for almost two centuries. Its philosophy and ideology have inspired millions while simultaneously arousing fear and revulsion in its enemies. Having emerged after the French Revolution in the effort to build upon and develop the egalitarian ideas of the Enlightenment, socialism has taken many forms. It has, furthermore, sometimes been manipulated and reformulated by opportunists who have built authoritarianism and totalitarian dictatorships in its name. Opponents seize on such examples to frighten away people who may otherwise have found socialism attractive. Socialism has survived such criticism and misrepresentation

as its core principles have struck a chord with generations of people concerned with social justice. Historical Dictionary of Socialism, Fourth Edition contains a chronology, an introduction, a glossary, and an extensive bibliography. The dictionary section has over 500 cross-referenced entries on activists, politicians, political thinkers, political parties and organizations, and key topics, concepts, and aspects of socialist theory.

Source:<https://www.booktopia.com.au/historical-dictionary-of-socialism-peter-lamb/ebook/9781538159194.html?srsltid=AfmBOoqQZYJcQ14XyvX0qZs1e4P-goN2ho9qJ7kWxNLeWdc1heTUhnzb>

45. Parna Ghose. Ed. Gendered trajectories: discourses of difference, resistance and empowerment. New Delhi : Setu Prakashani, 2025. (Acc No. 56786)

305.420954 GEN

46. Billson, Janet Mancini. Refugee pathways to peace : escaping the chaos of war. Maryland: Lexington Press, 2025. (Acc No. 56846)

325.2108 BIL

In Refugee Pathways to Peace: Escaping the Chaos of War, Janet Mancini Billson provides perspectives of Vietnamese, Syrian, Congolese, Liberian, and Ukrainian refugees, and the resettlement agencies that smooth their transition into a new life context. Despite welcoming refugee policies, challenges arise in Canada's uniquely positive context. Participants discuss how they overcome displacement and cope with the trauma of leaving home and family behind. As they craft viable new lives, refugees remain vulnerable to marginality and delays in economic independence. Following Refugee Pathways to Freedom, Billson details how refugees are double victims of conflict and a glacially slow resettlement process, and places the refugee experience into a human rights framework. She offers recommendations for improving a global refugee system that is creaking as displacement escalates. She calls for limiting the sojourn in refugee camps to two years to help reduce negative impacts and maximize newcomer well-being. She concludes that the true "epidemic" is conflict (displacing 100,000,000 persons annually). Shifting the focus toward diplomacy and peacebuilding before minor conflicts become "hot spots" is crucial, as is streamlining refugee selection processes to reduce despair and lost years. Participants make specific policy suggestions that would enhance rather than degrade refugee well-being during resettlement.

Source:https://www.amazon.in/Refugee-Pathways-Peace-Escaping-Chaos-ebook/dp/B0DJ49YCZW/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3NN78CG43ZH8F&dib=evJ2IjoiMSJ9.56w5n61BLmC5bkPMDhDoHA.0wS9E4A9PJqxsduMelGUWr-s4rCOI7DIKH_7Mgetgo&dib_tag=se&keywords=ISBN+9781666925562&qid=1761824927&s=digital-text&sprefix=isbn+9781666925562%2Cdigital-text%2C217&sr=1-1

47. Mishra, Ravi K. Demography representation delimitation : the North - South divide in India. Chennai : Westland, 2024. (Acc No. 56834)

304.60954 MIS

An extremely topical book – and the first of its kind – on delimitation, which is to be carried out after the 2026 census. The popular narrative around delimitation is that south India controlled its population growth through effective family planning, while the north did not. Therefore, the argument goes, delimitation—expected to take place after the Census is conducted in 2026—would penalise the south for performing well. In this compelling and data-driven analysis, Ravi K. Mishra, a scholar of modern Indian history and Joint Director of the Prime Ministers Museum and Library, questions this belief. Drawing on 150 years of comprehensive data from decennial censuses, district gazetteers, boundary commission reports and state reorganisation legislations, Mishra reveals that all regions of India have experienced phases of peak population growth, though at different times. He argues that there is little causal connection between family planning and population control in India: when family planning assumed importance in the 1960s under the flawed Western notion of ‘population explosion’, most southern states had already grown rapidly for ninety years, and almost completed their demographic transition, leading to a gradual decline in growth thereafter. Meanwhile, trailing the south by decades, the north had only then entered the peak growth phase, and the north and west are currently underrepresented, disrupting the ‘one person, one vote, one value’ principle.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Demography-Representation-Delimitation-North-Divide/dp/9360453765>

48. Vithayathil, Trina. Counting caste: census politics, bureaucratic deflection, and brahmanical power in India. New York : Cambridge University Press, 2025.

(Acc No. 56860)

305.50954 VIT

Counting Caste critically investigates the Indian state to implement social justice reforms despite political leaders periodically conceding to organized demands for change. Vithayathil focuses on the 2011 Census, where, for the first time in post-independence India, the government agreed to collect caste-specific data. However, shortly after this concession, bureaucratic forces successfully blocked the caste count, redirecting it to an inexperienced part of the government. This led to the launch of an alternative project that produced unreliable data. Through this case study, Vithayathil unravels the process of bureaucratic deflection, where political leaders and civil servants stall or subvert policy changes. The book sheds light on how state institutions resist the documentation of caste power, highlighting the ongoing institutionalization of 'castelessness' – which frames caste solely as a problem of the oppressed, obscuring the realities of caste privilege. It explores the complex dynamics of caste, power, and resistance in contemporary India.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Counting-Caste-Bureaucratic-Deflection-Brahmanical/dp/1009414119>

49. Anna Bochkovskaya. Interrogating marginalities across disciplinary boundaries : colonial and post-colonial India. New York : Routledge, 2025. (Acc No. 56826)

305.8 INT

This volume adopts an interdisciplinary approach to rethink the multiple dimensions of marginality – political, societal, economic, cultural, legal and spatial. It explores their new representations in colonial and post-colonial India. Departing from extant analyses of experiences of marginalization in diverse social groups, it proposes to problematize the conceptualization of marginality, focusing on its evolution through space and time. A relational position, marginality, it is argued, presupposes a confrontation with centrality or the ‘mainstream’ within a common discourse of knowledge and power. The volume emphasizes that the process of marginalization is not a ‘marginal’ phenomenon and draws attention to the historical processes which determine, establish and perpetuate the margins

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Interrogating-Marginalities-Across-Disciplinary-Boundaries/dp/1032438657>

Water Resources

50. Sinha, Uttam Kumar. Trial by water: Indus-Basin and India-Pakistan relations. Gurugram: Penguin, 2025. (Acc. No. 56868)

333.91 SIN

In 1947, the Indian subcontinent was partitioned, and Pakistan was born. A shared heritage, a composite culture and centuries-old bonds between people, all seemed to vanish overnight. Nowhere was this rupture more profound than in the Indus Basin—once a unified lifeline of the region, now fragmented by sovereign borders, its rivers flowing through two nations immediately at odds with each other. The Indus Waters Treaty was signed in 1960, proving that even bitter adversaries could cooperate over shared resources. Yet, it never brought lasting peace. The treaty was suspended by India in April 2025 as a punitive measure in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack, and its future remains shrouded in uncertainty. Can it still endure and adapt? Perhaps the time has come for a new arrangement—one that is not just inevitable but essential.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Trial-Water-Indus-India-Pakistan-Relations/dp/0143471023>

Zoology

51. Khanna, Jyotsna Gautama. Let us live : an introduction to the state birds of India. New Delhi : National Book Trust, 2025. (Acc No. 56867)

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This book is a delightful and entertaining introduction to the habits and character of birds in general and to the state birds of India in particular. In a manner that charms young and old alike, it dwells upon the noble lives birds lead, untainted by the

shortcomings of character that ail mankind. Accompanied by beautiful Illustrations, it emphasises the pressing and imperative nature of our obligation to protect and provide an environment in which they can flourish. Some of us may not know that these brave and beautiful creatures play a vital role in the well-being and survival of our planet by helping to maintain the delicate balance of nature without which life on Earth would perish. The author, through the Bird, makes an impassioned appeal for its survival. The message of the book is succinctly delivered in verse. Jyotsna Gautama Khanna retired from the Indian Administrative Service in 2003. During her career, she dealt with Environment and Forests in the state of Punjab and as Principal Advisor in the Planning Commission. Shivani Khanna is an award-winning animator and illustrator who lives in Los Angeles, USA. She has a Master in Fine Arts in Animation from University of Southern California.

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