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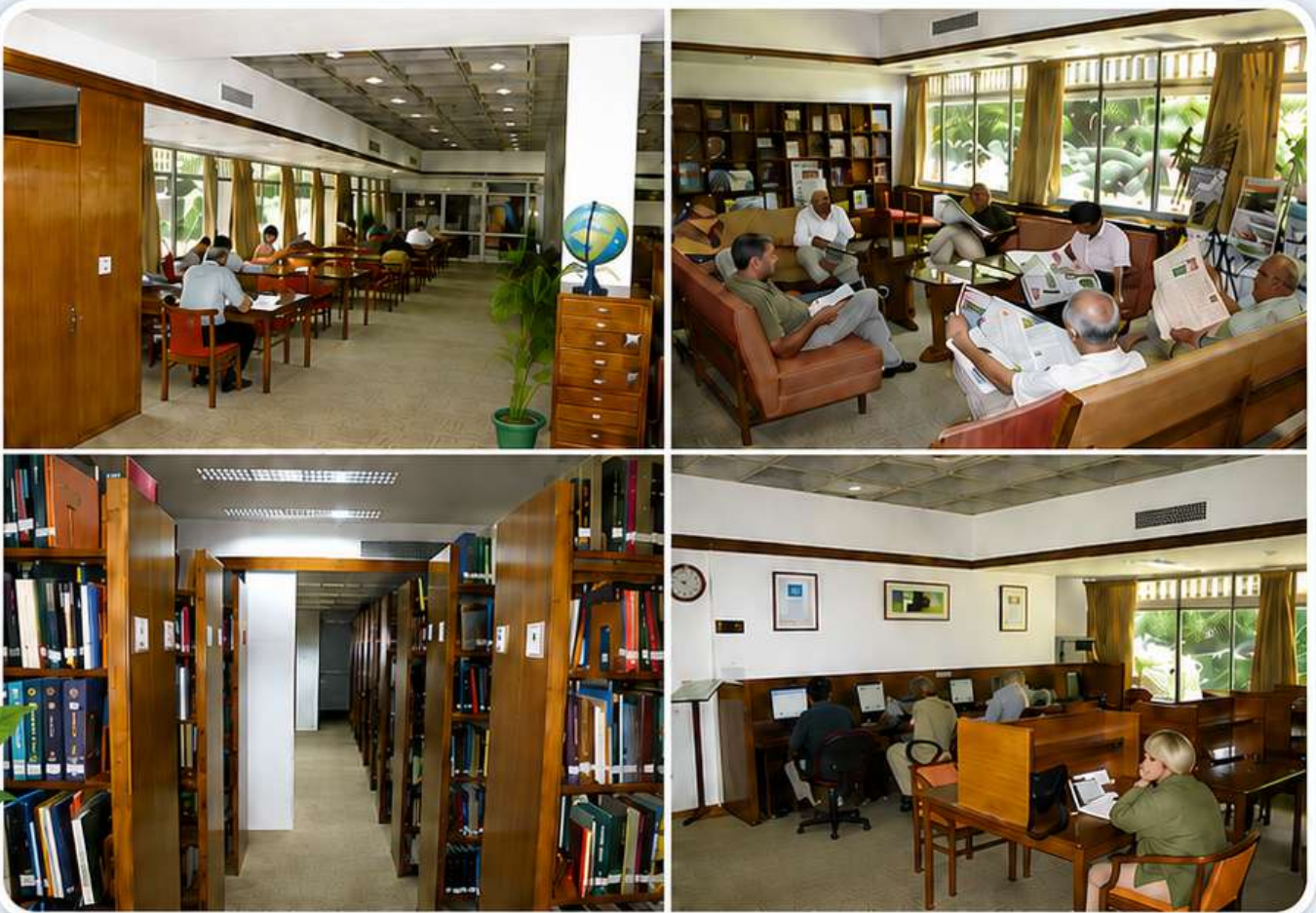


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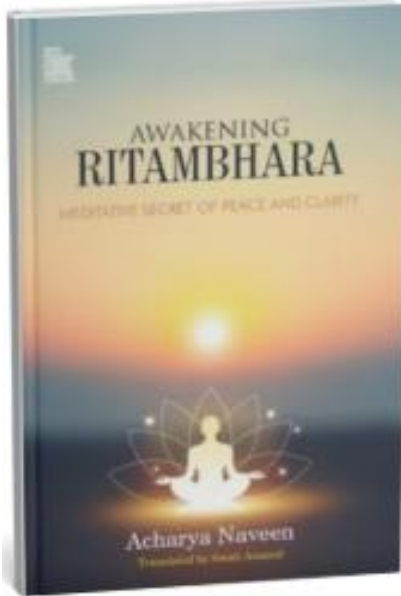
Philosophy

1.

Awakening Ritambhara meditative secret of peace and clarity

by Acharya Naveen; translated and framework by Swati Aanand | New Delhi : Konark Publishers, 2026 | 9788199301870

Accession Number: 57303 | Call Number: 181.45 NAV



Awakening Ritambhara: Meditative Secret of Peace and Clarity offers a practical and profound guide for the modern seeker navigating an overstimulated world. Drawing from lived spiritual experience, the book unpacks levels of consciousness and presents an actionable path to higher awareness through Trans-Bodily Meditation (TBM)—a step-by-step journey from contemplation to Samadhi. It explores resonances between the insights of mystics and principles of quantum physics, while reinterpreting timeless concepts such as Samadhi, Ritambhara, and Mrityunjaya for the 21st century. Readers will learn how to cultivate the “Neutronic State,” enabling sharper clarity, calm decision-making, and inner stability amid chaos.

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Social Work

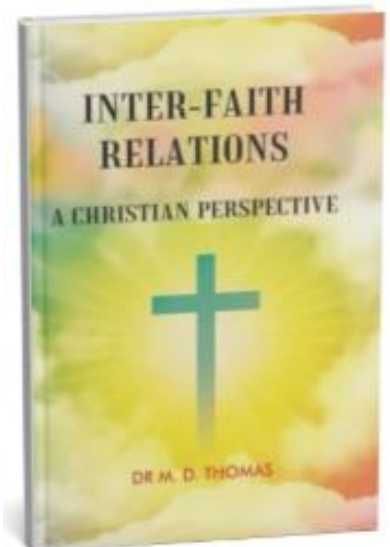
2.

Inter-Faith relations a Christian perspective

by M D Thomas | New Delhi : GenNext Publication, 2025 | 9789356634749

Accession Number: 57339 | Call Number: 261.2 THO

The book ‘Inter-Faith Relations A Christian Perspective’, in a set of eighteen chapters, presents a Christian perspective on a variety of themes pertaining to various religious subjects and social matters. The chapters elucidate the inter-faith purport of those themes, as well. A few chapters analyze the core of inter-faith relations from diverse angles, to fairly significant details. The book also highlights the contribution of the Christian community to the sector of interfaith relations. The chapter ‘Synodality with other religions’ exposes the multi-faceted and communitarian way of being religious, may one belong to any religion for that matter. The book concludes with the discussion on ‘being Christian in a plural society’, elaborating the ways and means of conducting oneself in the world of religions as a Christian in an inter-faith style. All the articles are well-researched with endnotes, making them studied, scholarly and authentic. Overall, the book is about an applied way of doing inter-faith relations.


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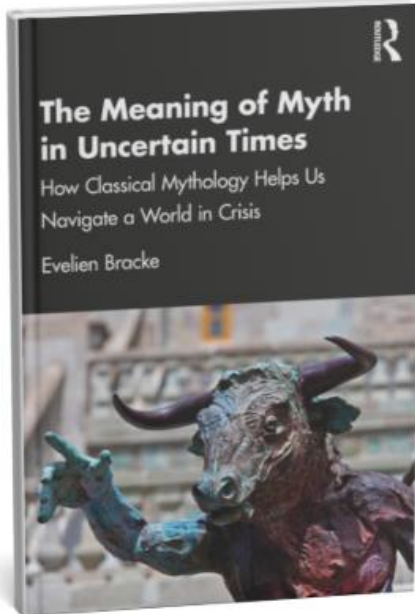
Religion

3. The Meaning of Myth in Uncertain Times

How Classical Mythology Helps Us Navigate a World in Crisis

by Evelien Bracke | New York: Routledge, 2026 | 9781041028680

Accession Number: 57348 | Call Number: 292.13 BRA



This book examines how ancient mythology forms part of the stories we tell ourselves about today's uncertain times, not only in popular culture but also in sociocultural and political debates. It particularly explores the ways in which classical myths shape how our modern secular societies think about the interconnected geopolitical, technological, and ecological issues we are facing, and our potential futures.

Classical myths like those of Achilles, Medea, and Odysseus are everywhere, from films and novels to social media and games. But how and why are we still fascinated with them, particularly now? Can these strange and often painful stories from societies so radically different from our own offer us genuine insights today? This expanded English edition of Evelien Bracke's award-winning Dutch book *Leidraad door het labyrint* explores how and why Greek and Roman myths, despite their ancient origins, are surprisingly meaningful in these times of uncertainty. Bracke offers a contextualization and literary analysis of classical mythology, looking at both texts and visual media. This allows readers to gain a better understanding of how people draw inspiration

from the past in their attempt to create a better future, and how these stories provide both collective and individual guidance in navigating the turbulent 21st century. [Click HERE for more details](#)

4. God at play

Lila in Hindu and Christian traditions

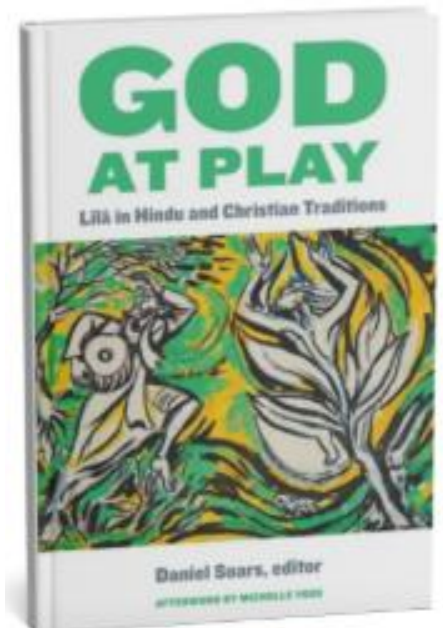
editor Daniel Soars | London : Fordham University Press, 2025 | 9781531510091

Accession Number: 57349 | Call Number: 294.5211 GOD

The first comparative treatment of the topic of *līlā* in Hindu and Christian traditions, this volume explores what it means to consider divine and human action under the categories of play, wit, drama, grace, and compassion.

God at Play presents a theological exploration of the multifaceted motif of *līlā* across diverse Hindu and Christian landscapes and its wide-ranging connections to divine and human creativity. Given its ubiquity in Hindu theologies and life-forms, *līlā* offers a rich comparative framework for exploring certain ways of understanding divine and human action as expressed in Hindu and Christian sacred texts, philosophical theology, and ritual practices.

Though *līlā* is often interpreted simply as "play," the essays in this volume reflect a far richer semantic and conceptual field, ranging from spontaneity and gratuitousness, through joy and humor, to mercy and compassion. By focusing on the different contexts in which *līlā* is found in Hindu traditions and resisting any uniform translation of the term, the contributors to this volume avoid the risk of using predominantly western or Christian categories to understand the Hindu other.....

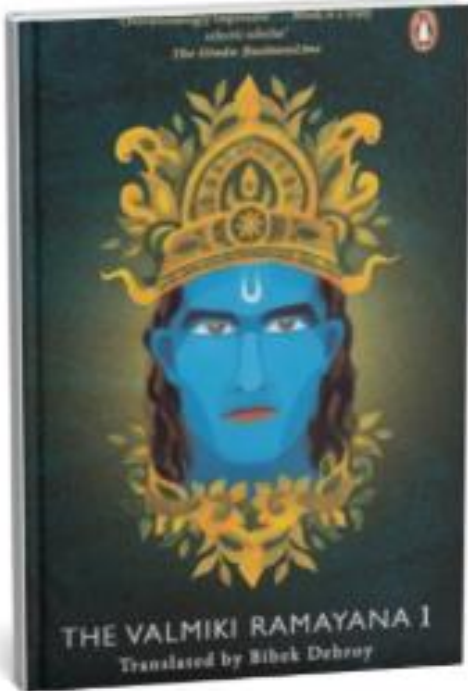


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5. The Valmiki Ramayana (1)

translated by Bibek Debroy | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2017 | 9780143428046

Accession Number: 57325 | Call Number: 294.5922 VAL.1



The Valmiki Ramayana remains a living force in the lives of the Indian people. A timeless epic, it recounts the legend of the noble prince Rama and his battle to vanquish the demon king Ravana. Even before he is crowned king of Ayodhya, Rama is exiled to the Dandaka forests where he is accompanied by his beautiful wife Sita and loyal brother Lakshmana. Deep in the jungle, Sita is abducted by Ravana and taken to his island kingdom Lanka, setting into motion a dramatic chain of events that culminates in an epoch-defining war. Filled with adventure and spectacle, the Ramayana is also the poignant story of a family caught up in the conflict between personal duty and individual desires.

In Bibek Debroy's majestic new translation, the complete and unabridged text of the Critical Edition of this beloved epic can now be relished by a new generation of readers.

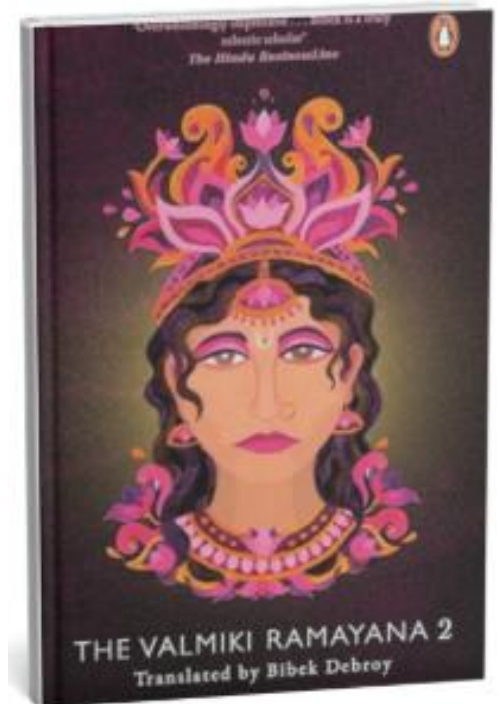
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6. The Valmiki Ramayana (2)

translated by Bibek Debroy | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2017 | 9780143428053

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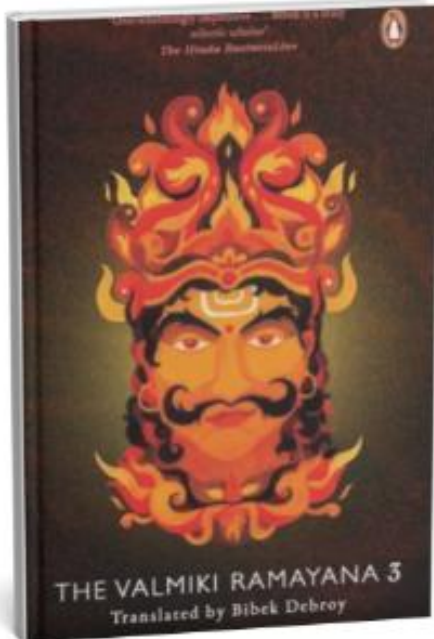
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The Valmiki Ramayana (3)

translated by Bibek Debroy | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2017 | 9780143428060

Accession Number: 57327 | Call Number: 294.5922 VAL.3



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Sociology | Anthropology

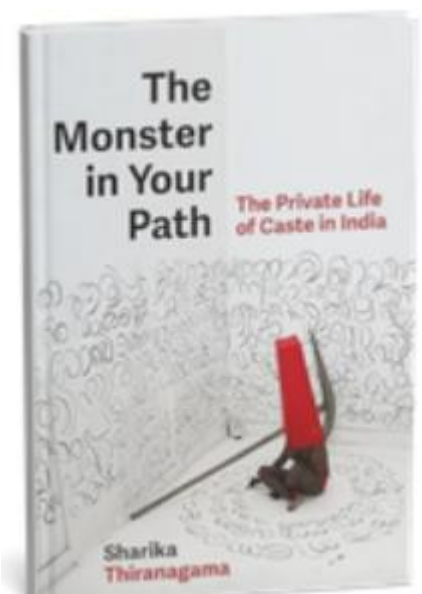
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The monster in your path the private life of caste in India

by Sharika Thiranagama | California : University of California Press, 2026 | 9780520425149

Accession Number: 57346 | Call Number: 305.5122095483 THI

The Monster in Your Path is an original and provocative look at why the global Left stumbles when dealing with historical structures of subordination like caste or race. Sharika Thiranagama examines rural communities in the South Indian state of Kerala, where decades of Communist Party rule has transformed life through land reform and social reorganization. Despite Marxist ideals, new forms of caste disparities have moved from "public" space to private spaces and private lives. Through an exquisitely crafted ethnography that centers Dalit women, the book explains how historical economies of humiliation and subordination continue to influence modern spaces like the private home. From histories of enslavement to an exploration of the houses and neighborhoods through which Dalit communities build dignity and self-worth, Thiranagama sets a new agenda for caste studies in India and beyond.



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Breakpoint

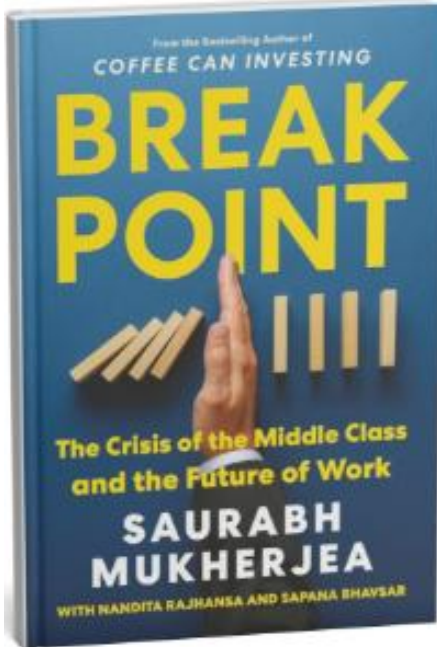
the crisis of the middle class and the future of work

by Saurabh Mukherjea; with Nandita Rajhansa and Sapna Bhavsar | New Delhi : Juggernaut, 2026 | 9789353452254

Accession Number: 57310 | Call Number: 305.550954 MUK

India's middle class – 40 million income-tax filers earning between ₹5,00,000 and ₹1,00,00,000 annually – has reached a critical inflection point. The consumption-driven growth model that powered India's post-1991 economic rise is collapsing under the weight of three simultaneous shocks: technological disruption eliminating white-collar employment faster than new jobs emerge, wage stagnation eroding purchasing power as inflation for several essential products and services ramps at double digits, and explosive household debt levels now exceeding those of the US and China.

Graduate unemployment stands at 29 per cent – nine times higher than for illiterates. India's IT sector is shedding hundreds of thousands of jobs as AI reshapes work. Real wages have flatlined while nine million Indians have lost over \$35 billion in speculative trading. FMCG volume growth has collapsed from 10 per cent to 3 per cent. With consumption accounting for 60 per cent of GDP, India's growth story is at risk.



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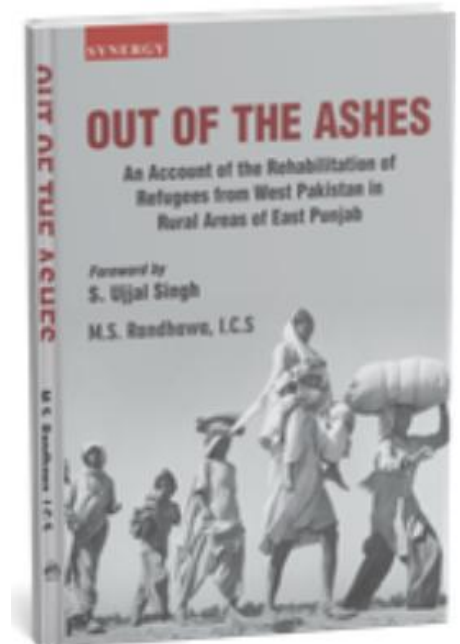
Out of the ashes

an account of the rehabilitation of refugees from West Pakistan in rural areas of East Punjab

by M S Randhawa; foreword by S Ujjal Singh | New Delhi : Synergy Books, 2026 | 9789392958113

Accession Number: 57317 | Call Number: 307.240954552 RAN

The recounting of any tragedy must revive painful memories, and "Out of the Ashes" by Mr. M S Randhawa can be no exception to this rule. The Publication relates to the greatest calamity known in history. The Author has given a brief but vivid account of the exchange of population that become inevitable as a result of the partition of the Punjab the holocaust that came in its train the problem created, and the way they were solved in the Punjab India the main theme of his book however is the resettlement on land of lakhs of land owners and other depending for their livelihood on agriculture, who had been uprooted from the Punjab Pakistan and had to be settled on the lands abandoned by Muslime evacuees in Punjab.



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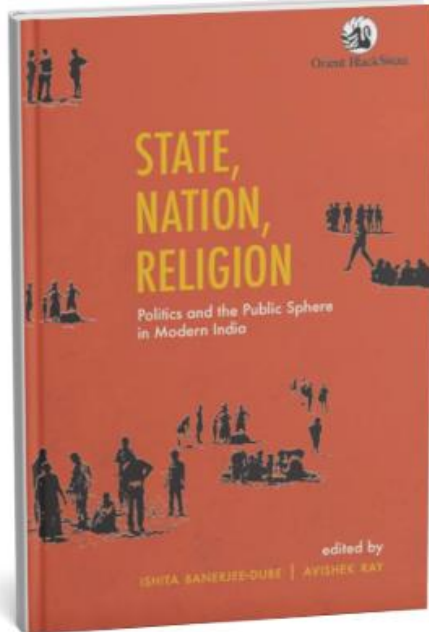
Political Science

11.

State, Nation, Religion politics and the public sphere in modern India

edited by Ishita Banerjee-Dube and Avishek Ray | Hyderabad : Orient Blackswan, 2026 | 9789354425929

Accession Number: 57368 | Call Number: 322.10954 STA



State, Nation, Religion: Politics and the Public Sphere in Modern India brings together essays that examine the entanglements of state, nation, religion and politics in twentieth- and twenty-first-century India. An important intervention in debates on religious nationalism and public life, the volume challenges neat distinctions between the religious and the secular by highlighting their deep historical and everyday interconnections, while tracing the colonial genealogies of religious nationalism and their imprint on democratic politics. From the juridical rights of deities to constructions of exclusionary, racialised citizenship in Northeast India and the reconfiguration of Kashmir, the fourteen essays in this volume throw light on the intersections of religion and power in law, governance, politics and social life, inviting critical reflection on nationalism and democracy in a plural society.

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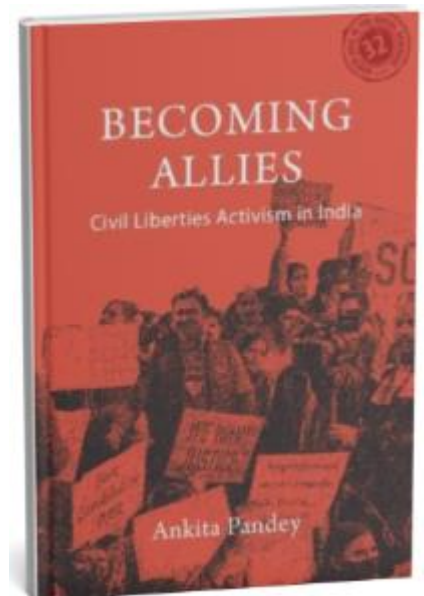
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Becoming allies civil liberties activism in India

by Ankita Pandey | New York : Cambridge University Press, 2026 | 9781009591126

Accession Number: 57378 | Call Number: 323.0954 PAN

What motivates individuals to stand up against injustices that don't personally affect them? *Becoming Allies* explores a vital but often overlooked dimension of social movements: the role of those who support a cause without being directly affected by its injustices. While most scholarship centres the conflict between social movements and the State, this book shifts the focus to allies-individuals who stand in solidarity and amplify marginalised demands. Drawing on interviews conducted with civil liberties activists and on documents from their private records, this book traces the evolving politics of allyship in India. Anchored in the histories of groups like the People's Union for Civil Liberties and the People's Union for Democratic Rights that rose in the context of the Naxalite Movement and the Emergency, the book sheds light on the ethics, dilemmas, and strategies of standing alongside others in struggle.



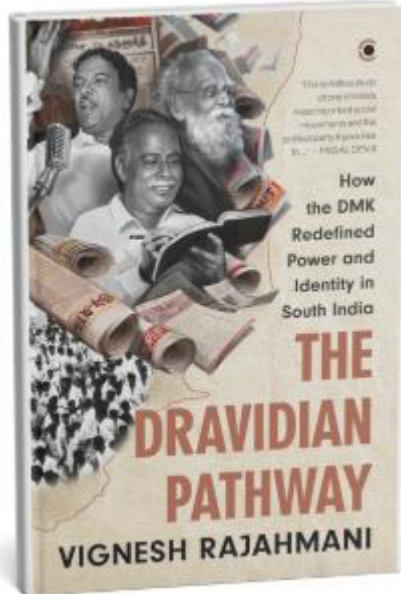
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The Dravidian pathway how the DMK redefined power and identity in south India

by Vignesh Rajahmani | Chennai : Context, 2025 | 9789371979252

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The Dravidian Pathway: How The Dmk Redefined Power And Identity In South India

Embark On A Compelling Journey Through The Heart Of Tamil Nadu's Political Landscape With The Dravidian Pathway. This Insightful Book Chronicles The Evolution Of A Socio-Cultural Movement Into A Formidable Political Force, The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam Dmk, And Its Crucial Role In Shaping South Indian Politics.

Vignesh Rajahmani Delves Into The Rich History Of The Dravidian Movement, Highlighting The Transformative Leadership Of Iconic Figures Like Periyar E.V. Ramasamy, C.N. Annadurai, M. Karunanidhi, And K. Kamaraj. Through His Innovative And Detailed Study, Rajahmani Examines The Synthesis Of Anti-Caste Ideology And The Promotion Of Socio-Economic Mobility, Creating A Sense Of Inclusive Dravidian-Tamil Identity That Resonated Deeply With Marginalized Communities.

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International Relations

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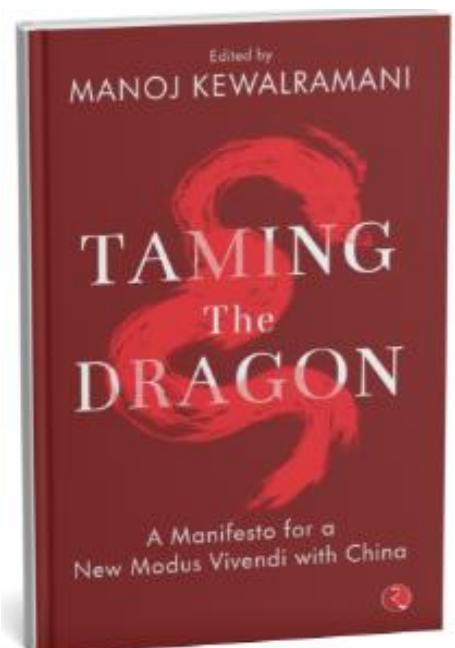
Taming The Dragon A Manifesto for a New Modus Vivendi with China

by Manoj Kewalramani | New Delhi : Rupa Publications, 2026 | 9789376463671

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After years of deep mistrust stemming from the 2020 boundary standoff, India–China relations have entered a phase of cautious yet fragile re-engagement. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's meetings with President Xi Jinping in Kazan in 2024 and Tianjin in 2025 signalled a shared desire to stabilize ties. Yet, these gestures have not eased the deeper structural tensions. The post-pandemic geopolitical churn, the inward turn of the West and Donald Trump's return to the White House have further complicated an already fraught dynamic.

Clearly, the relationship is at an inflection point. At such a moment, it becomes imperative for India's political leadership and strategic community to examine what exactly we seek from our engagement with China. For years, analysts have spoken of the need for India to craft a new modus vivendi. But what should the contours of this desirable equilibrium be? And what must India do to arrive there? These are not abstract questions; they demand clarity, purpose and foresight.



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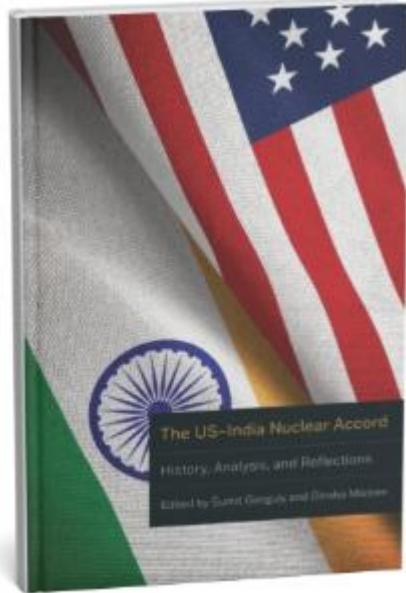
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The US-India nuclear accord history, analysis, and reflections

edited by Sumit Ganguly and Dinsha Mistree; preface by Condoleezza Rice | Stanford : Stanford University Press, 2026 | 9781503645615

Accession Number: 57347 | Call Number: 327.54073 USI



The United States–India Civil Nuclear Agreement of 2008 marked a pivotal turning point in the relations between the two global powers, a partnership that has come to be recognized as one of the most consequential bilateral relationships of the 21st century. The groundbreaking agreement formally recognized India's right to retain its nuclear weapons option while placing its civilian nuclear infrastructure under the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The accord helped reset the US–India relationship and provided a base of trust from which future leaders could work together. However, as important as the agreement was, it was not a fait accompli. There were dozens of moments when it could have fallen apart. Bringing together reflections from key decision-makers, this is the first comprehensive account of the motivations and processes that led up to the path-breaking accord. This volume includes original essays from prominent scholars and analysts on various aspects of the agreement—outlining how it has (or has not) lived up to its initial promises—as well as the future of US–India cooperation. Readers are given a

simultaneously intimate and wide-ranging view of what is considered a genuine masterclass in diplomatic relations.

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16.

Politics, policy and predictions views from the front row of parliament

by Derek O'Brien | Gurugram : Harper Collins Publishers, 2026 | 9789365691108

Accession Number: 57363 | Call Number: 328.54072 OBR

In this compelling new book, firebrand Parliamentarian Derek OBrien confronts some of the most pressing questions about Indian democracy under the ruling dispensation in the last decade.

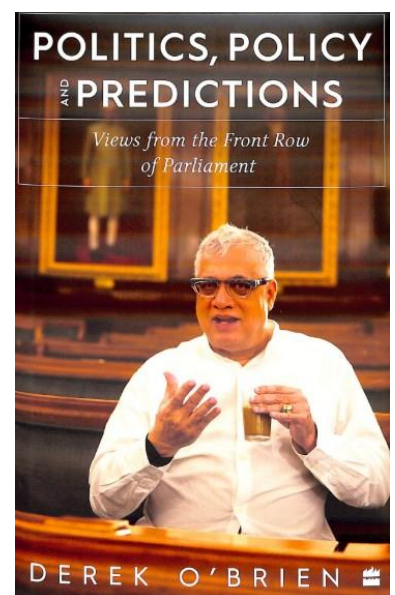
How has dissent and discussion within Parliament been muzzled?

How have the inner workings and processes of Parliament changed?

How have lofty political promises converted to law?

Ever forthright and courageous, OBrien follows in the footsteps of the argumentative Indian to interrogate false media narratives and power politics in the country. His astute observations, backed with thorough research and statistics, present not only a history of one of the most sacred institutions of the country, but also trace a fact-for-fact erosion of that status in the last decade.

Politics, Policy and Predictions will make for interesting reading for those who find themselves fighting a ceaseless and often disenchanting battle against misinformation and false political guarantees.



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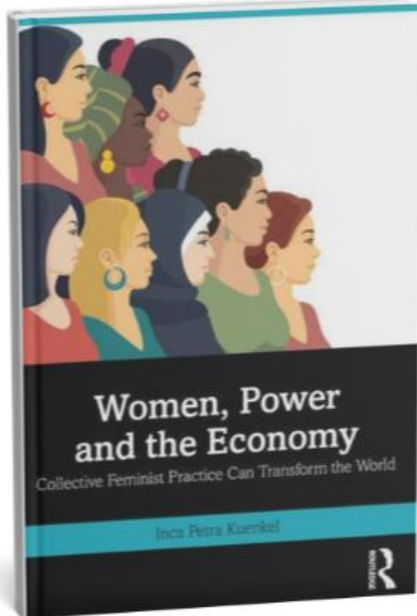
Economics

17.

Women, power and the economy collective feminist practice can transform the world

by Inca Petra Kuenkel | New York: Routledge, 2026 | 9781032805375

Accession Number: 57268 | Call Number: 331.481 KUE



In the complex landscapes of multiple global crises, the book unfolds as a panoramic journey through the intricate pathways of women and power, weaving a tapestry that transcends crises and ushers in a transformative vision of a just world.

Against the backdrop of a patriarchal history steeped in autocratic power practices, the author urges us to recognize, understand and redefine power in its myriad forms for collective feminist power practices. With meticulous analysis, she unveils challenges posed by the patriarchal backlash, exposing the normalized male definitions of power and the societal structures that sustain pathological power relationships. The narrative of the book intertwines power, economy and patriarchy, laying bare the many traps for complicity with the patriarchal systems. The author advocates for a paradigm shift, emphasizing the role of female memories and genealogies as foundational elements for a collective feminist practice. Power, in this context, emerges not as a force for dominance but as the ability to make a positive impact, flourishing in the rich diversity of differences.

The envisioned future is one where societies thrive on commons, planetary care, feminist economies and pluriversality. The narrative charts a course toward a feminist democracy, rooted in nurturing the planet and safeguarding future generations. Governance and networks stand as keystones in shaping these utopian landscapes, where pioneers and movements play vital roles in sculpting the contours of tomorrow.

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Wild Wild East Exiled Americans, Enslaved Indians and the Systemic Abuse of the H-1B Visa Programme

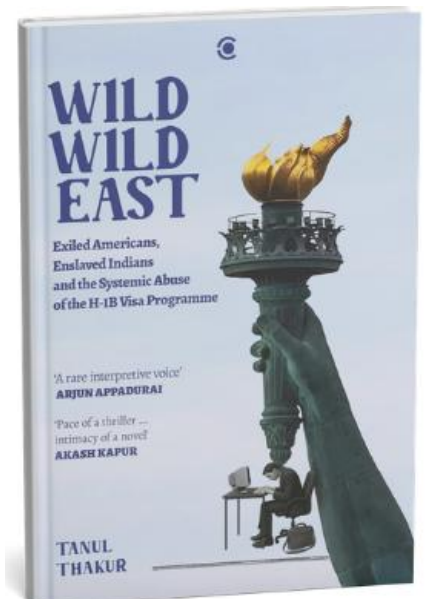
by Tanul Thakur | Chennai: Context, 2026 | 9789371970501

Accession Number: 57354 | Call Number: 331.6254073 THA

This is the story of three men—Kumar Pandruvada, Virgil Bierschwale and Manu Mitra—ravaged by the vagaries of the H-1B visa programme. It is also the story of two nations, of transcontinental human trafficking, of corporate and immigration fraud, of wage violations so enormous that their official amount over the last two decades reaches at least \$121.48 million. The real figure must be a hundred times more, at a conservative estimate.

Wild Wild East unveils a scam that affects millions of American and Indian workers. A scam sustained and abetted—directly or indirectly—by thousands of firms, American politicians, think tanks, mainstream media, accrediting organisations, universities. Tanul Thakur, an ex-H-1B worker, spent eight years investigating byzantine connections to unearth a story of dizzying depth and scope.

This exposé—spanning Big Tech giants, outsourcing behemoths, mom-and-pop body shops, educational consultancies, visa mills and federal agencies—dismantles long-held myths about the Indian IT boom and American exceptionalism. It spotlights survivors, dissects data, probes history, parses court records and questions the law.



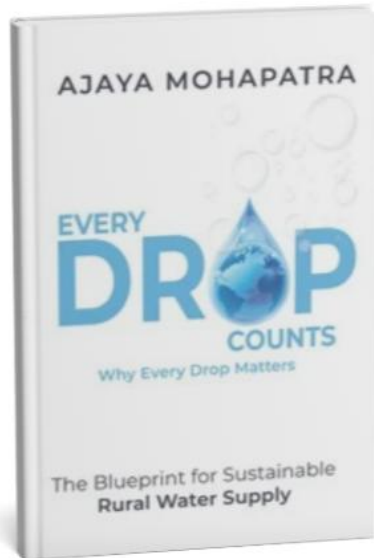
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19.

Every drop counts why every drop matters

by Ajaya Mohapatra | Gurugram : Academic Foundation Press, 2025 | 9789332706989

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“Every Drop Counts: Why Every Drop Matters” by Ajaya Mohapatra is a timely work that highlights the importance of sustainable rural water supply systems, addressing institutional, financial, operational, and source sustainability with great clarity and vision. The book serves as a valuable guide for strengthening rural water governance and management, while aligning with the Sustainable Development Goals to offer pathways for inclusive and resilient water security. Ajaya Mohapatra’s insights will undoubtedly inspire policymakers, practitioners, and communities to work together in building a water-secure future.

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Law

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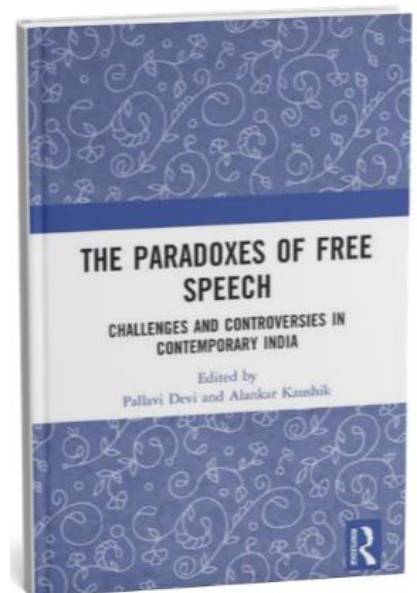
The paradoxes of free speech challenges and controversies in contemporary India

edited by Pallavi Devi and Alankar Kaushik | New York : Routledge, 2026 | 9781041239956

Accession Number: 57359 | Call Number: 342.08530954 PAR

This book explores the enduring tensions between free expression and regulation in an era of disinformation, surveillance, and digital monopolies. It brings together leading legal scholars, journalists, and media experts to examine the normative justifications for free speech, its role in democracy, personal autonomy, and knowledge production, while addressing its evolving challenges.

The book traces the historical foundations of free speech, from colonial-era censorship to contemporary legal and philosophical debates. It examines the role of global tech giants like Google, Facebook, and Twitter in content regulation, exposing their lack of transparency and accountability. Key discussions include the dangers of algorithmic governance, the weaponization of fake news, and the judiciary’s role in interpreting free speech in the context of sedition, gendered struggle, hate speech, digital hate and violence and media freedoms. Additionally, the book features an insightful interview with a veteran Indian journalist on the shifting landscape of press freedom in India.



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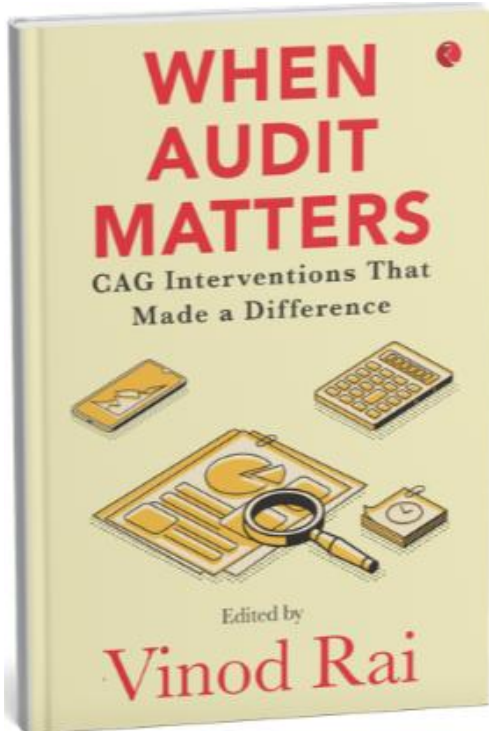
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When Audit Matters

CAG interventions that made a difference

edited by Vinod Rai | New Delhi : Rupa Publications, 2026 | 97893764460793

Accession Number: 57369 | Call Number: 352.4390954 WHE



Public audit is often perceived narrowly—as an exercise in fault-finding or compliance. This volume challenges that perception by demonstrating how audits conducted by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) have contributed constructively to improving public administration, strengthening systems, and enhancing accountability across sectors. Edited by Vinod Rai, this book brings together first-hand accounts and analytical chapters written by experienced government auditors, each examining audits in diverse subject areas—ranging from infrastructure and social sector programmes to finance, environment, and public service delivery. Collectively, these chapters show how well-designed audits, grounded in evidence and professional judgement, can act as catalysts for reform, prompting corrective action, policy recalibration, and better outcomes for citizens. Rather than focusing solely on irregularities, the contributors highlight positive audit outcomes: improved procedures, strengthened controls, enhanced transparency, and more effective governance frameworks.

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Climate justice

reisting marginalization

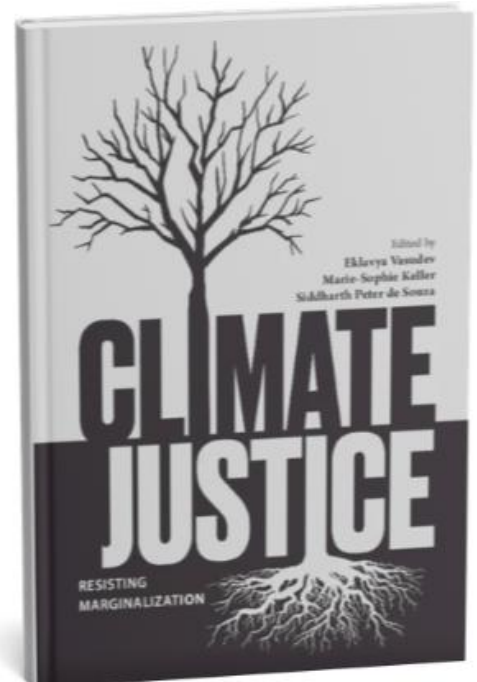
edited by Eklavya Vasudev, Marie-Sophie Keller and Siddharth Peter de Souza | New York : Cambridge Universtiy Press, 2026 | 9781009640985

Accession Number: 57383 | Call Number: 363.7 CLI

Climate Justice: Resisting Marginalisation examines the impact of climate change on marginalized communities across the globe and the different ways of resisting these impacts. The book underlines the imbalanced consequences of climate change, driven by the power disparities between the global North and South. It investigates how climate change aggravates structural inequalities, focusing on the intersectionality of gender, race, technology, and politics. Through a study of resistance and marginalization, the book analyses how these systemic injustices are perpetuated, while offering understandings into the struggles and strategies to build a justice oriented approach to combating climate change. This title is also available as open access on Cambridge Core.

Documents the responses of local communities to climate change and their quest to resist structural injustice

Provides an exploration of interdisciplinary methodologies for climate just solutions..



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23.

Cyberviolence against women a new face of an old problem

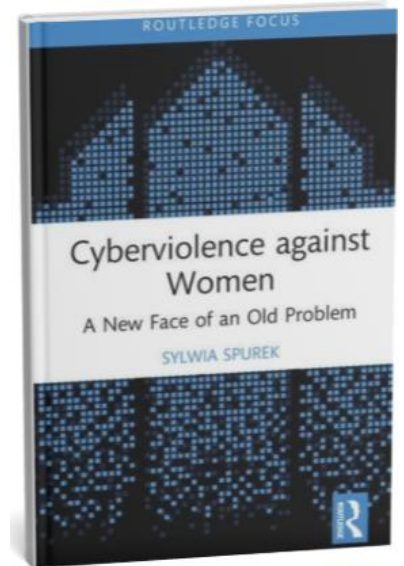
by Sylwia Spurek | New York : Routledge, 2026 | 9781041161714

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This title explores the growing phenomenon of cyberviolence against women, analyzing its causes, manifestations, and consequences from a multidisciplinary perspective.

It aims to fill the gap in existing literature by not only diagnosing the issue but also providing comprehensive legal and policy solutions. Unlike other works, this book uniquely integrates perspectives from human rights law, digital governance, gender studies, and cybersecurity, making it both an academic resource and a practical guide for policymakers and advocates. Cyberviolence against women is a pressing global issue, merging the long-recognized problem of gender-based violence with the pervasive reach of digital technology.

With insights from legal frameworks and expert recommendations, it is an essential resource for policymakers, academics, and advocates committed to tackling online gender-based violence.



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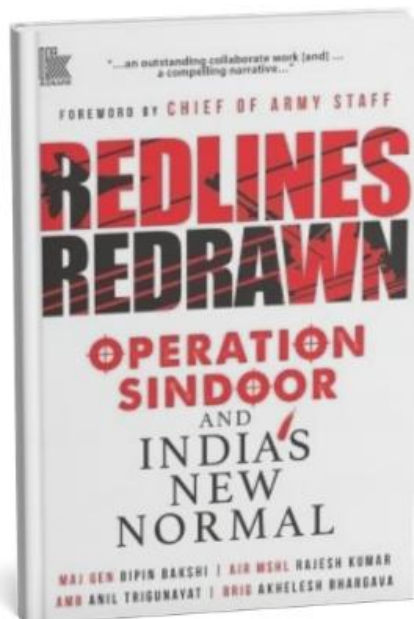
Defence

24.

Redlines redrawn operation sindoor and India's new normal

by Bipin Bakshi, Rajesh Kumar, Anil Trigunayat and Akhelesh Bhargava | New Delhi : Konark Publishers, 2026 | 9788199301825

Accession Number: 57313 | Call Number: 355.0330954 BAK



In May 2025, India's Operation Sindoor shook the subcontinent with the precision and force of a nation unwilling to cede space to terror. Triggered by the 22 April attack in Pahalgam, the operation marked India's calibrated and proportionate response to Pakistan's deep-state-driven provocation.

This timely volume brings together four distinguished experts who dissect the build-up, execution, and ramifications of Operation Sindoor, offering rare clarity on India's evolving security posture. Maj Gen (Dr) Bipin Bakshi, Retd, is a Decorated paratrooper and former DDG, MP-IDSA; currently Distinguished Fellow at CLAWS. Air Mshl Rajesh Kumar, Retd, is a Former Commander-in-Chief, Strategic Forces Command, with four decades of IAF service. Anil Trigunayat is a Former Ambassador to Jordan, Libya and Malta; Distinguished Fellow at VIF and USI.

Brig Akhelesh Bhargava, Retd, is a renowned Army AD expert and life member of CLAWS with extensive multi-theatre experience.

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Education

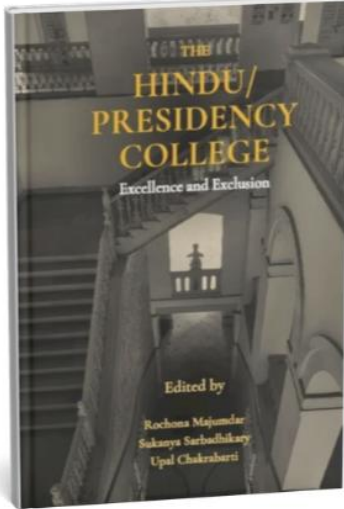
25.

Hindu Presidency College excellence and exclusion

edited by Rochona Majumdar, Sukanya Sarbadhikary and Upal Chakrabarti | New York : Cambridge University Press, 2026 | 9781009426312

Accession Number: 57380 | Call Number: 378.54147 HIN

With a focus on the Hindu/Presidency College, this book offers new ways of doing histories of education in colonial and postcolonial historical settings. Each essay utilizes new archival materials to present “liberal arts” education as an arena of competition, conversation, the rise of new disciplines, and politics. The everyday life of the College comes alive in a set of interdisciplinary essays that analyse different aspects of the institution's existence from student publications to the challenges of under-funding. Together, they shed new light on the daily labour and strife as well as the work of the imagination that shaped a centre of excellence. Excellence, however, was also premised upon social, cultural, and financial exclusions that cannot be ignored as we write new global histories of education and intellectual life in postcolonial India. The volume offers vital historical insight into the survival and challenges faced by an educational institution that is salutary as higher education, globally, faces unprecedented challenges.



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Education (Reference)

26.

The Viksit Bharat quiz book know your Bharat, one question at a time

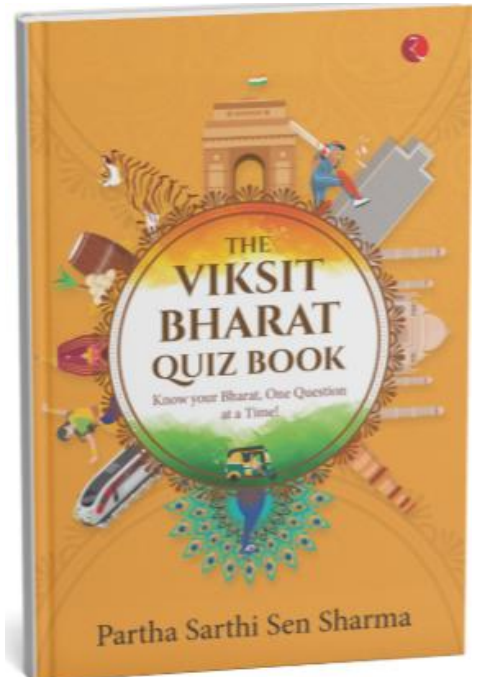
by Partha Sarthi Sen Sharma | New Delhi : Rupa Publication, 2026 | 9789353525002

Accession Number: 57324 | Call Number: 793.730954 SHA

The Viksit Bharat Quiz Book is an engaging journey through India's story, told one question at a time. It is not a guide to cracking competitive exams, nor does it offer shortcuts or tricks. Instead, it invites readers to explore India with fresh eyes, sparking curiosity and encouraging a deeper interest in the country's past and present.

Unlike conventional quiz books that neatly separate subjects, this one moves like a lively conversation. History, politics, culture, literature, sports, geography, monuments, and current affairs appear in an ever-shifting flow, jumping across time periods and regions, much like real curiosity does. One question leads to another, pulling you from ancient India to modern milestones, from famous figures to lesser-known gems.

Along the way, you will revisit iconic moments, meet remarkable leaders and thinkers, uncover layers of art and literature, and challenge what you think you already know. Some questions will amuse you, others will make you pause, and many will surprise you.



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Folklore

(Reference Book)

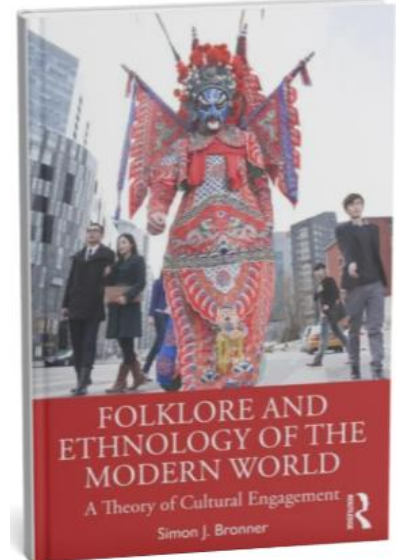
27. Folklore and ethnology of the modern world a theory of cultural engagement

by Simon J Bronner | New York : Routledge, 2026 | 9781032625584

Accession Number: 57357 | Call Number: 398.2 BRO

In Folklore and Ethnology of the Modern World, Simon Bronner identifies “cultural engagements” that people use to reconcile tradition and modernity and confront the anxieties of the present by bringing together the past, often represented by tradition, and the immediate digital, unreal future. These socially bounded, symbol-laden practices integrate ritual, play, narrative, and object with the instrumental purpose of confronting paradoxes and tensions of modern life. They provide the basis for a theory of how people cope culturally with change that appears to be outside of their control.

Bronner explains the social and psychological complexities of cultural engagements with case studies from different parts of the world connected by their often politicized clash between tradition and modernity. The book explains the growth of strongman contests invoking mythology, the evolving meaning of Chinese puzzle balls, the responses to suppression of naval hazing traditions in Europe and America, the ubiquitous infusion of magical thinking into email practices, the “meme diplomacy” in the border wars between India and Pakistan and the projection of conflict onto cricket matches, and the global implications of the rise of “algorithmic folklore” in an AI future.



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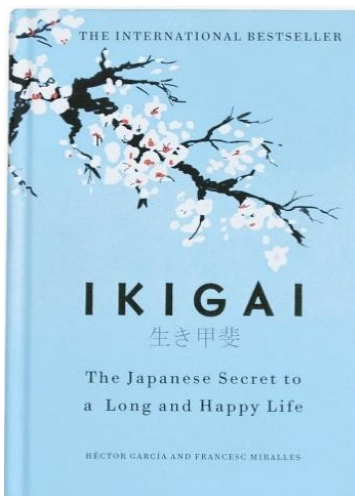
Japanese Philosophy

28. IKIGAI

The Japanese secret to a long and happy life

by Héctor García, Francesc Miralles | London Penguin Random House 2016 | 9781786330895

Accession Number: 57376 | Call Number: 613 GAR



It's the Japanese word for 'a reason to live' or 'a reason to jump out of bed in the morning'.

It's the place where your needs, desires, ambitions, and satisfaction meet. A place of balance. Small wonder that finding your ikigai is closely linked to living longer.

Finding your ikigai is easier than you might think. This book will help you work out what your own ikigai really is, and equip you to change your life. You have a purpose in this world: your skills, your interests, your desires and your history have made you the perfect candidate for something. All you have to do is find it.

Do that, and you can make every single day of your life joyful and meaningful.

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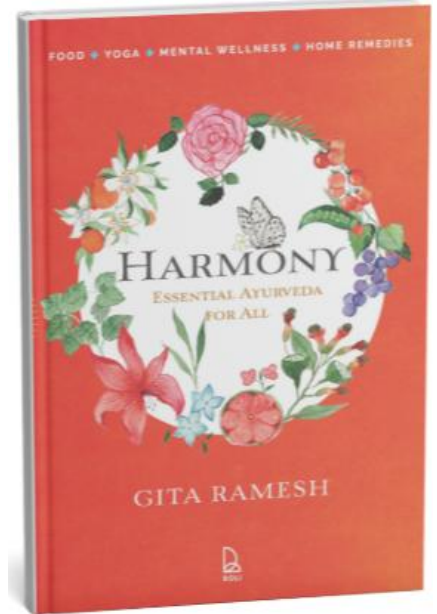
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Harmony essential ayurveda for all

by Gita Ramesh | New Delhi : Roli books, 2026 | 9789349474826

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Harmony: Essential Ayurveda for All is a celebration of India's timeless wisdom, offering insights into its ancient traditions and practices for holistic well-being. In this comprehensive guide, author Gita Ramesh delves into the foundational pillars of Ayurveda, yoga, and mindful living. At the heart of the book lies an in-depth exploration of the three doshas – Vata, Pitta, and Kapha – presented as personalized blueprints for vibrant health. Each dosha section serves as a practical guide to living harmoniously with one's unique constitution, featuring meticulously planned recipes to balance specific imbalances. Complementing these are curated yoga asanas and meditation techniques designed to restore equilibrium. The book thoughtfully addresses the various myths surrounding Ayurveda and illustrates how these ancient principles can be seamlessly integrated into modern lifestyles by adults seeking balance amid busy schedules, as well as by children through fun, age-appropriate adaptations. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned practitioner, Harmony equips you with practical, actionable tips to thrive in today's fast-paced world, making Ayurveda not just a philosophy, but a joyful, everyday reality.



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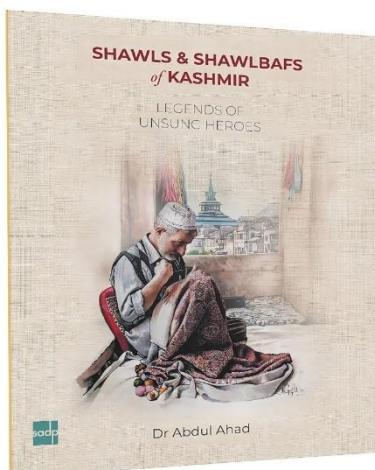
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30.

Shawls & shawlbafts of Kashmir: legends of unsung heroes

by Abdul Ahad | New Delhi : South Asia Distributors and Publishers, 2024 | 9788196131005

Accession Number: 57343 | Call Number: 746.9209546 AHA



In the folds of history, the resilient shawlbafts of Kashmir have toiled and triumphed, weaving not only intricate shawls but also the very fabric of Kashmiri identity. This remarkable work, borne out of a tireless endeavour, sheds light on their untold tales of struggles and successes, of forgotten heroines and unsung heroes whose contributions have been overlooked by apathetic historians.

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31.

The Song of line and light

by Prem Singh | New Delhi : Namtech Fine Art, 2025 | 9789699292590

Accession Number: 57301 | Call Number: 759.54 SIN



Prem Singh's canvases invite us into a world where colour and form are not merely aesthetic gestures, but vessels of memory, identity, and lived experience. His work balances sensitivity with strength - figures and landscapes rendered with an immediacy that feels both intimate and universal. The Song of Line and Light offers a window into his artistic journey, presenting paintings that speak of rooted traditions yet remain deeply contemporary in their concerns. Each canvas resonates with quiet intensity, reflecting Singh's enduring dialogue with humanity, place, and time.

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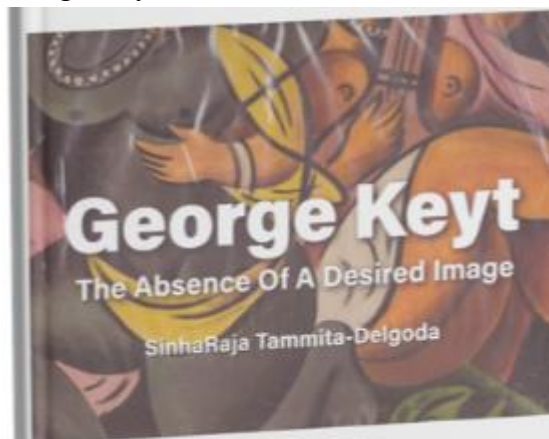
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32.

George Keyt : the absence of a desired image

by SinhaRaja Tammita-Delgoda | Kandy : Taprobane Collection, 2023 | 9789554379510

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George Keyt The Absence Of A Desired Image is the latest and by far most comprehensive study of Sri Lankas preeminent painter, George Keyt: The Absence of a Desired Image.

Authored by Dr SinhaRaja Tammita-Delgoda, Sri Lankas leading art historian, and published by the Taprobane Collection, one of Sri Lankas most extensive collections of art, George Keyt: The Absence of a Desired Image places Keyt in the context of his times, focusing on areas that have not been studied in relation to his career. The book features paintings, photographs, illustrations, and images hitherto unpublished and archive material hitherto undocumented in previous studies on Keyt.

Crucially, it features interviews with people who knew or knew of Keyt, including the historian K. M. de Silva and the American anthropologist Ellen Dissanayake, as well as Dr Sarath Amunugama, Godfrey Gunatilleke, Tilak Samarawickrema, and Keyt's daughter Diana.

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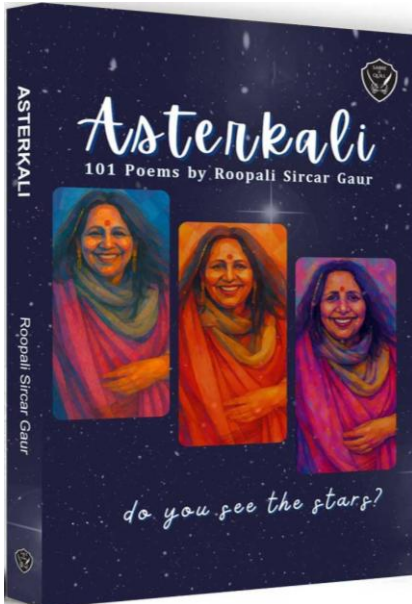
Literature / Poems / Fictions

33.

Asterkali do you see the stars

BY Roopali Sircar Gaur | New Delhi : Sabre & Quill Publishers, 2025 | 9789349934566

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In poetry, I speak the truth. Or what is considered to be the truth. My words have given me the power to dig deep into the past, to find its reflection in the present, and to try to set course for the future.

Asterkali, do you see the stars is my debut volume of poetry. Propelled by my father, I began writing poetry three decades ago. The intense grief of his sudden death stirred me. Like the monsoon rain, words poured in. And as the years turned pages, my poems began to tell stories embracing the world around me. The poems trace the development of my mind as I grew to understand social and historical influences and connections. Breaking stereotypes is the natural outcome of my poetic oeuvre. War, widowhood, myths, rural folk, contemporary social conditions are some of the themes that haunt this volume. The poems in this volume are my spontaneous response to life's true happenings. You may find the satire and irony sometimes difficult to bear. Conflict and violence have, historically, and in contemporary life, obliterated images of peace. We are not able to hear the nightingale in the concrete jungle.

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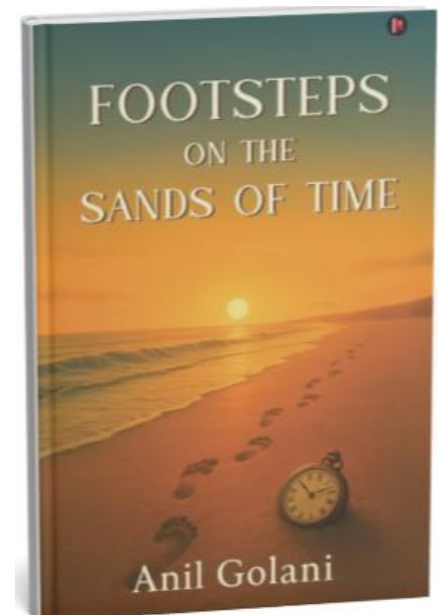
34.

Footsteps on the sands of time

by Anil Golani | New Delhi : Notion Press, 2025 | 9798902079033

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An anthology of poems that spans almost half a century. This is a collection of poems that the author has written from seventeen years of age until 64 yrs.



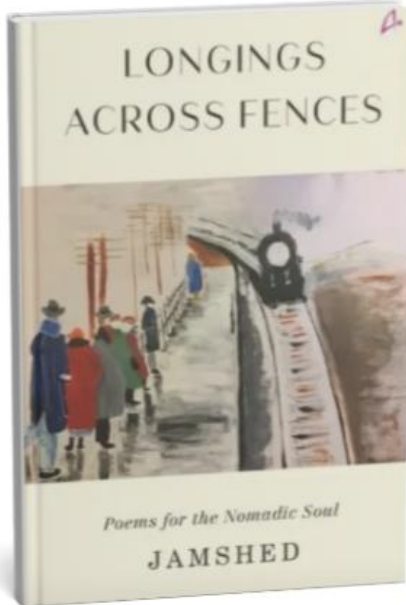
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35.

Longings across fences poems for the Nomadic soul

by Jamshed | Noida : Amaryllis, 2026 | 9789373171692

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Poetry must tell the truth – the bare, authentic truth at its ugliest, most transcendent, most obscene, and whittled down to its white bone. Now more than ever. The collection of poems in Longings Across Fences offer complexity, ranging from themes of exile and migration to political absurdity and unforgiving literary existentialism, to love and hatred that are often the same, to the gentle tyranny of beehives and the horror of the empty subway tunnel in a crowded city. Uncover tales of betrayal in love, devotion in adultery, the raw edges of society, feminism as revolution, the marginalised, the hopeful, and the desperate in love and living, and the Bir Tawil of the soul – unclaimed and fenceless. These are not Instagram poems. They are written for readers growing up inside algorithms – adrift, chronically online, yet still desirous of courage.

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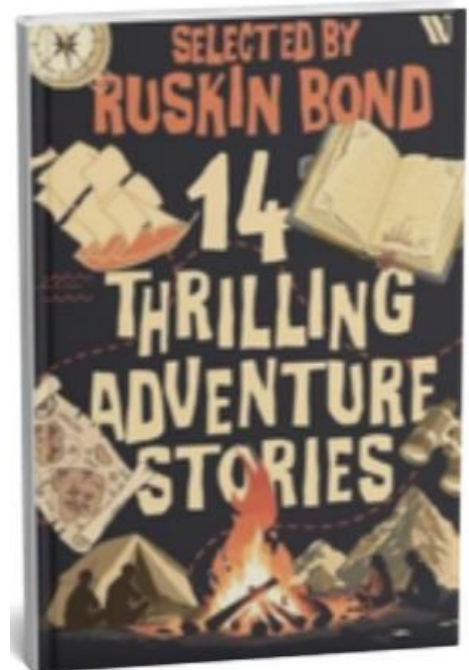
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14 Thrilling adventure stories

selected by Ruskin Bond | Chennai : Westland Books, 2026 | 9789371978088

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A masterfully curated collection of timeless classic adventure stories that capture the thrill of danger, discovery and the spirit of the unknown. A stolen jewel, a magical charm, a hunter who becomes the hunted and a brave little mongoose facing deadly danger ... Everyone loves a thrilling adventure, especially Ruskin Bond—one of India's best-loved storytellers and an explorer at heart. Within the pages of this carefully curated anthology are stories handpicked by Bond himself. Featuring legendary writers like Arthur Conan Doyle, Rudyard Kipling, H.G. Wells, R.L. Stevenson, Guy de Maupassant, Nathaniel Hawthorne, E. Nesbit and other masters of the form, this collection is a rich tapestry of courage, mystery, danger and wonder. In 'The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle', Sherlock Holmes unravels the mystery of a stolen gem with his trademark brilliance. 'Rikki-Tikki-Tavi' brings alive the courage of a small mongoose defending his home against deadly cobras. In 'The Most Dangerous Game', survival itself becomes the ultimate test of wit and nerve. From magical wishes in 'The Bottle Imp' to strange and unexpected encounters in 'The Magic Shop', each story opens the door to a new and unforgettable world. Open the pages of Ruskin Bond's 14 Thrilling Adventure Stories and set off on a journey where danger lurks, heroes rise and adventure awaits at every turn.



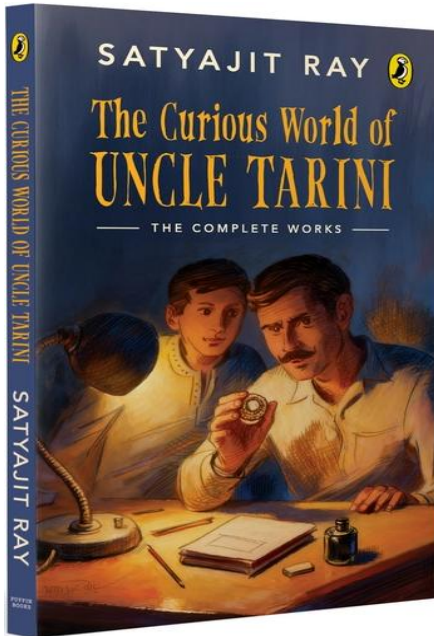
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37.

The curious world of Uncle Tarini the complete works

by Satyajit Ray, translated from the Bengali by Satyajit Ray, Gopa Majumdar and Indrani Majumdar | Gurugram: Penguin Random House, 2026 | 9780143479048

Accession Number: 57304 | Call Number: 823 (Ind) RAY



Step into the irresistible world of Tarini Khuro—the witty, eccentric, unflappable adventurer whose life reads like one long, outrageous anecdote. Whether he is single-handedly outsmarting a venomous scorpion and an even more venomous twelve-year-old prankster in Ajmer before landing in the middle of a terrifying dacoity or spending a night in a haunted hunting lodge, calmly interviewing a ghost at midnight or travelling across India as manager to a master magician, Uncle Tarini never fails to enthrall his young listeners.

For the first time, all fifteen Uncle Tarini stories appear together in this complete English translation, bringing Satyajit Ray's inimitable humour, warmth and sense of wonder to a new generation of readers. This collector's gift edition also features rare, original artworks by Satyajit Ray, offering a glimpse into the creative universe of one of India's most celebrated storytellers and filmmakers.

A treasure for Ray admirers and lovers of classic storytelling alike, *The Curious World of Uncle Tarini* celebrates boundless imagination and the everlasting joy of stories.

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38.

Called by the hills a home in the himalaya

by Anuradha Roy | Gurugram : Hachette Book Publishing, 2025 | 9789357319256

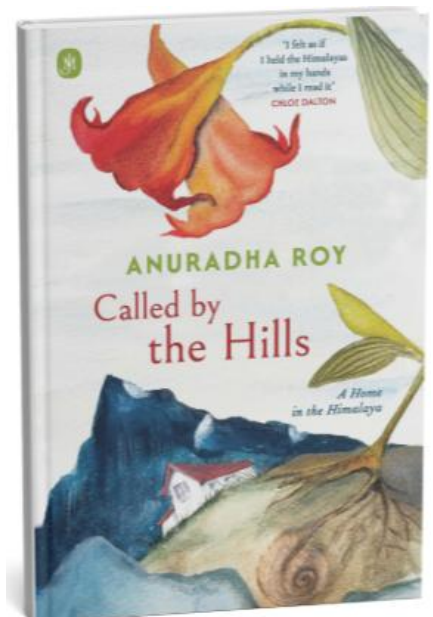
Accession Number: 57353 | Call Number: 823 (Ind) ROY

A book about building a home and a wild garden on the edge of a Himalayan forest, illuminated by the author's own watercolours.

When novelist Anuradha Roy and her husband stumble upon a derelict cottage in the hill station of Ranikhet, they decide it is where they will now live. Leaving behind the freneticism of Delhi, Roy is initially bemused by the gentle pace of life in the mountains. Before long, however, she is won over: spellbound by the landscape, taken to the heart of her sometimes recalcitrant neighbours and adopted by several mountain dogs.

Over twenty-five years, as Roy becomes accustomed to living among forests where leopards roam freely, she will come to encounter nature at its most fierce, beautiful and vulnerable – and bear witness to the destructive impact of global warming on the alpine ecosystem.

Called by the Hills: A Home in the Himalaya is an intimate portrait of a home, a community and a rugged, extraordinary landscape. Written with unsentimental clarity, humour and poignancy, this is an account of profound transformations.



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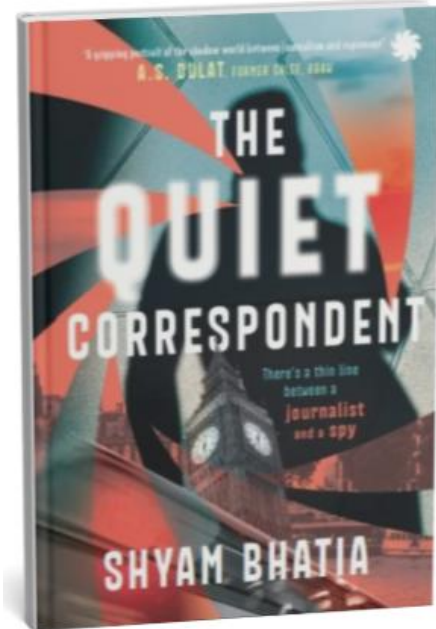
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The quiet correspondent

there's a thin line between a journalist and a spy

by Shyam Bhatia | New Delhi : Juggernaut Books, 2026 | 9789353455446

Accession Number: 57296 | Call Number: 823.92 BHA



When Amol Batty, a war reporter with a conscience, uncovers secrets powerful governments would rather keep buried, he finds himself drawn into a web of deception that stretches from London to Beirut, Jerusalem and the Balkans. Torn between loyalty and integrity, Amol must decide whether to serve the story or to become a part of it.

Inspired by award-winning foreign correspondent Shyam Bhatias decades as The Observers frontline reporter, The Quiet Correspondent explores the moral price of witnessing history being made and the personal cost of knowing too much.

A taut, sharply written novel of conscience and intrigue, The Quiet Correspondent is as relevant today as when the first stories of disinformation and deep-state manipulation began to surface.

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40.

The story of the lost child

by Elena Ferrante | London : Europa, 2015 | 9781787702691

Accession Number: 57181 | Call Number: 853 FER

The Story of the Lost Child is the concluding volume in the dazzling saga of two women—told against the backdrop of a Naples that is as seductive as it is perilous and a world undergoing epochal change. Lila and Lenù are now adults, with husbands, lovers, aging parents, and children. Their friendship has been the gravitational center of their lives. Both women fought to escape the neighbourhood in which they grew up—a prison of conformity, violence, and inviolable taboos. Elena married, moved to Florence, started a family, and published several well-received books. In this final novel she has returned to Naples, drawn back as if responding to the city's obscure magnetism. Lila, on the other hand, could never free herself from the city of her birth. She has become a successful entrepreneur, but her success draws her into closer proximity with the nepotism, chauvinism, and criminal violence that infect the neighbourhood. Proximity to the world she has always rejected only brings her role as its unacknowledged leader into relief. For Lila is unstoppable, unmanageable, and unforgettable. The four volumes in this series constitute a long remarkable story that readers will return to again and again, and each return will bring with it new revelations.



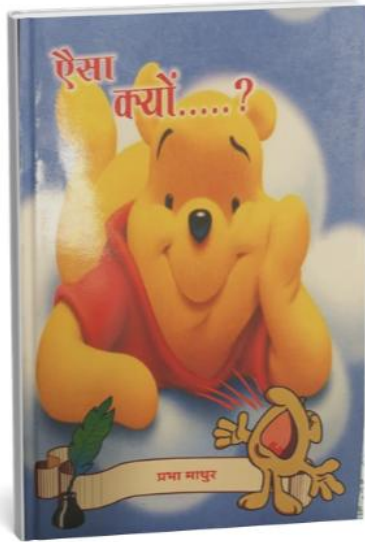
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41.

Aisa kyon ekanki natak (Hindi)

by Prabha Mathur | Pune : Deepa Mathur, 2004 |

Accession Number: 57274 | Call Number: 891.4309 MAT



Biography

42.

The touch of genius the wisdom of India's nobel laureates

edited by Rudrangshu Mukherjee | New Delhi : Aleph Book Company, 2026 | 9789365233216

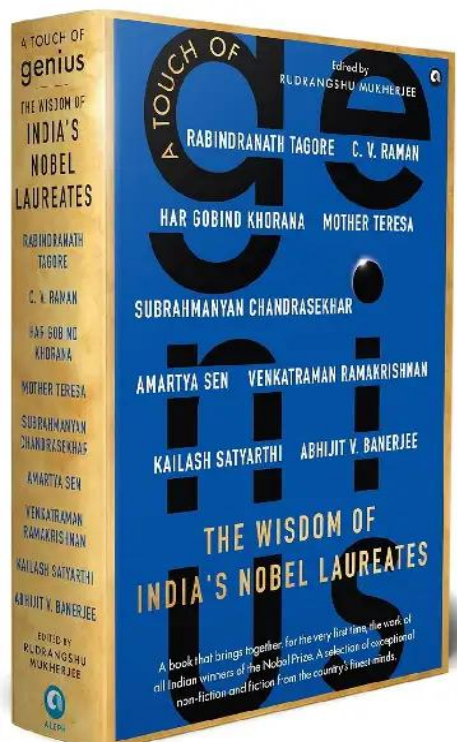
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This book brings together, for the very first time, the work of all Indian (Indian citizens, naturalized Indians, and erstwhile citizens of independent India) winners of the Nobel Prize—Rabindranath Tagore (1913), C. V. Raman (1930), Har Gobind Khorana (1968), Mother Teresa (1979), Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar (1983), Amartya Sen (1998), Venkatraman Ramakrishnan (2009), Kailash Satyarthi (2014), and Abhijit V. Banerjee (2019).

The book, which contains over seventy essays, stories, poems, songs, and prayers, is divided into ten sections—M memoir, Literature, Science, Economics, Religion and Philosophy, Aesthetics, Inequality and Injustice, Politics, India, and Nobel Lectures. Each of the sections contains illuminating chapters that provide the reader with extraordinary insights into the human condition, literature, art, science, religion, philosophy, politics, human rights, economics, and the world we live in.

Composed by the country's finest minds, the pieces in A Touch of Genius will be read and reread for a very long time to come.

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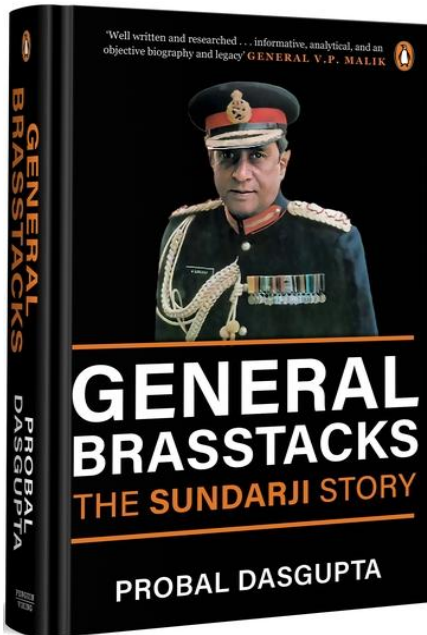


43.

General Brasstacks the Sundarji story

by Probal Dasgupta | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2026 | 9780670096398

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In 1986, as Indian and Chinese troops faced off in Sumdorong Chu in Arunachal Pradesh, an Indian general airlifted a brigade to occupy dominating heights, putting pressure on the Chinese below. The audacious General Krishnaswamy Sundarji swung the momentum decisively in India's favour, forcing the Chinese to back-pedal in the Himalayas.

The following year, the same army chief planned Operation Brasstacks, one of the largest military exercises since World War II. The move threatened Pakistan's nuclear ambitions, unnerving General Zia-ul-Haq and prompting him to seek rapprochement.

The 1980s were a decade of dramatic turns: events that led to the assassinations of two Indian prime ministers, political upheaval and military crises. General Sundarji oversaw two of the most controversial operations in independent India: Operation Blue Star, against Sikh militants inside the Golden Temple, and Operation Pawan, against Tamil militants in Sri Lanka. He was also drawn into the Bofors acquisition and the scandal that followed, which helped bring down a government.

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44.

The maker of filmmakers how Jagat Murari and FTII changed Indian cinema forever

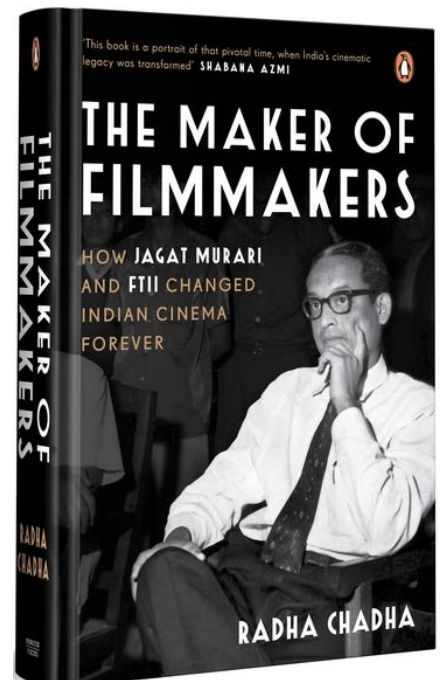
by Radha Chadha | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025 | 9780143472094

Accession Number: 57263 | Call Number: 927.9143 N24 R25

When Jagat Murari, a young film student in post-war America, finds himself at the feet of one of cinema's true giants – Orson Welles – during the making of *Macbeth* in 1947, the lessons he absorbs on that set will shape not only his future, but also the future of Indian cinema. Returning to a newly independent India, Jagat goes on to build the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) from the ground up.

In *The Maker of Filmmakers*, Radha Chadha offers an intimate and meticulously researched portrait of her father – a celebrated documentary filmmaker – and the iconic film school he built. With uncanny consistency, FTII turned out top talent – the likes of Shabana Azmi and Jaya Bachchan, Adoor Gopalakrishnan and Subhash Ghai, and other cinema legends. His alumni became the leading actors, directors, cinematographers, sound designers and editors of Bollywood and beyond. They spearheaded the Indian New Wave, kickstarted regional language cinema, and helped usher television into the country.

How did Jagat go about 'making' such extraordinary filmmakers? What was his secret formula? With unprecedented access to Jagat's diaries, letters, personal papers and over 100 interviews with alumni and colleagues, Radha Chadha leads us behind the scenes, and into the mind of a visionary who reshaped Indian cinema, even as he grappled with its many challenges.



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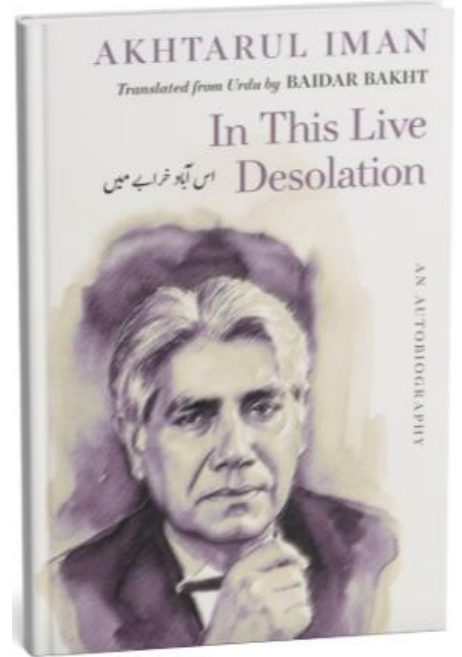
In this live desolation: an autobiography

by Akhtarul Iman; translated from urdu by Baidar Bakht | New Delhi : Speaking Tiger Books, 2026 | 9789363364660

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The writer of this iconic line from *Waqt* (1965) was also one of modern Urdu's most distinctive poets, and among the most influential, if less remembered, cultural figures of post-Independence India. Born amid hardship and constant movement across the villages of UP and Haryana, Akhtarul Iman, the son of a wayward imam, grew up between mosques and makeshift homes before finding his way to Delhi, Aligarh and finally the film world of Mumbai. In the process, he helped shape not only modern Urdu verse but the idiom of Hindi cinema.

Told with a restraint that marked his temperament, mirrored in the subtle intellectual poise of his art, this autobiography moves through memories of rural childhood, the harsh years in a Daryaganj reformatory, early literary friendships and the long struggle for survival in cinema. Along the way appear many of the figures who shaped the cultural landscape of the mid-twentieth century—poets and critics such as Faiz Ahmed Faiz, Meeraji, Shahryar, Krishan Chander, Jigar Muradabadi, Josh Malihabadi, Baqar Mehdi, Nida Fazli; and filmmakers and actors including W.Z. Ahmed, B.R. Chopra, Protima Dasgputa, Rajkumar and Amjad Khan—anchors of the literary and cinematic worlds through which he moved. Akhtarul Iman's recollections, though selective and episodic, reveal a private but restless and sharply observant mind—animated as much by the socialist fervour of his times as by a stubborn devotion to craft and artistic integrity.



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Cinema

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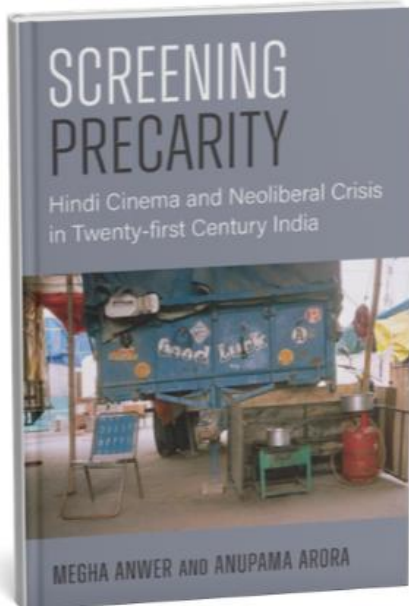
Screening precarity

Hindi cinema and neoliberal crisis in twenty-first century India

by Megha Anwer and Anupama Arora | Ann Arbor : University of Michigan Press, 2025 | 9780472057641

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Screening Precarity explores the role that Hindi films play in how precarity is mediated by film, and what that mediation reveals about both contemporary India and the social life of the movies. This study moves away from the history of Hindi cinema's articulation of precariousness, focusing instead on filmic renderings of precarity: a distinct and historically contingent condition produced by neoliberalism. The authors argue that post-2010 Hindi films may be thought of as contentious cinematic terrains that record India's transition from the glee and gusto of liberalization in the 1990s, to a nation contending with the failures and inadequacies of neoliberalism's promises, and the ascendancy of the material-affective redressals offered by Hindu nationalism. Incorporating film and media studies, cultural studies, gender studies, and South Asian studies, *Screening Precarity* is an intervention in the politics of representation, particularly, of how marginal identities are shaped, scripted, and screened when neoliberalism and authoritarianism enmesh.



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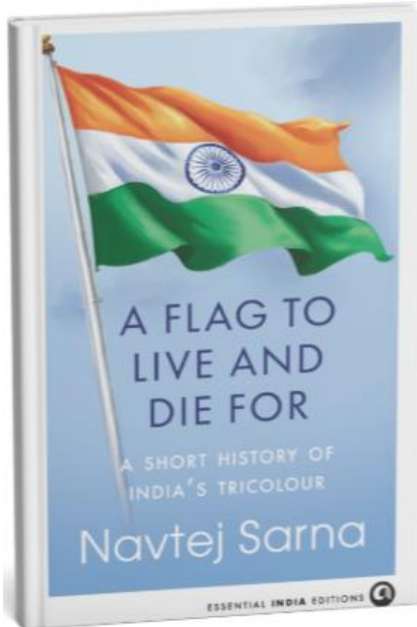
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A flag to live and die for a short history of India's tricolour

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The Indian tricolour—tiranga—has fluttered over battlefields and Olympic arenas, at the Red Fort and in the smallest village squares; it has wrapped the bodies of martyrs and been carried in protest and in prayer. Its colours are steeped deep in India's essential values—saffron denotes renunciation and sacrifice, white peace and truth, and green represents life and growth. Its very presence recalls India's long struggle for freedom, the triumph of an inspired people against colonial domination and the resilience and sacrifice that goes into building a remarkable nation.

In this deeply illuminating book, award-winning writer and former diplomat Navtej Sarna traces the extraordinary journey which turned an ordinary piece of cloth into a sacred national symbol. Beginning with ancient dhvajas and ketus mentioned in the Mahabharata and Arthashastra, he explores the emergence of early nationalist flags—from Sister Nivedita's scarlet banner and Annie Besant's Home Rule flag to Mahatma Gandhi's Swaraj flag, designed by Pingali Venkayya.

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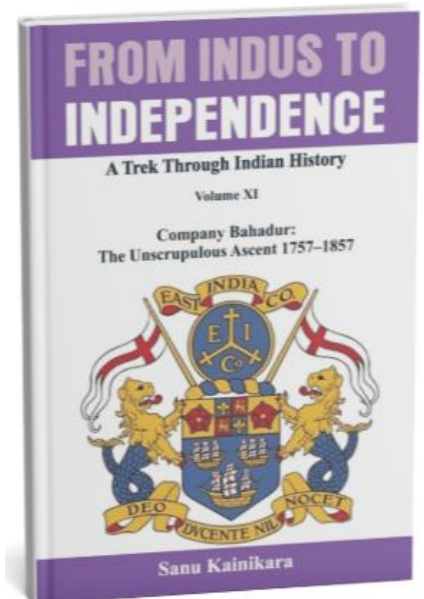
From Indus to independence : a trek through Indian history

by Sanu Kainikara | New Delhi : Vij Book India, 2016. | 9788199773332

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This is the eleventh volume in the series on Indian history with the generic title, From Indus to Independence: A Trek through Indian History and provides a historic narrative and analysis of the actions of the English East India Company during the century of annexation, 1757-1857 when it transitioned to an imperial sovereign entity.

Following the Battle of Plassey, the Company unleashed a reign of uninhibited plunder in Bengal, reducing a once-wealthy province to abject poverty through oppressive trade and institutionalized corruption. Key administrative structures, such as Clive's 'Double Government,' established authority without responsibility, facilitated systemic looting by unscrupulous officials. Territorial expansion was secured through aggressive wars and the coercion of local rulers into debilitating subsidiary alliances. Pretexts for annexation often involved fabricated charges or the violation of solemn agreements, as seen in the despicable conquest of Sindh and the dismantling of the Sikh kingdom. Throughout this 'unscrupulous ascent,' the British displayed a callous disregard for Indian sovereignty. By 1818, an externally imposed political unity covered the sub-continent, leaving a legacy of economic ruin and simmering national resentment.



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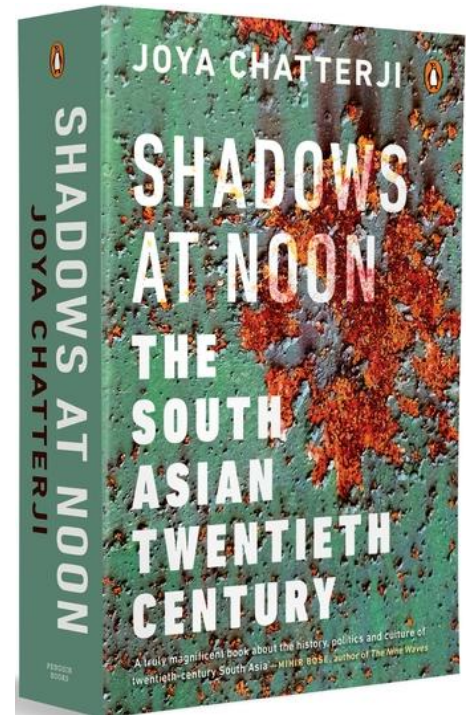
Shadows at noon the South Asian twentieth century

by Joya Chatterji | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025 | 9780143472544

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Shadows at Noon is an ambitious synthesis of decades of research and scholarship which explores the key strands of South Asian history in the twentieth century with clarity and authority. Unlike other narrative histories of the subcontinent that concentrate exclusively on politics, here food, leisure and the household are given equal importance to discussions of nationhood, the development of the state and patterns of migration.

While it tells the subcontinent's story from the British Raj to independence and partition and on to the forging of the modern nations of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, the book's structure is thematic rather than chronological. Each of the chapters illuminates on overarching theme or sphere that has shaped South Asia over the course of the century. This format allows the reader to explore particular issues – such as the changing character of nationalism or food consumption – over time and in depth. Shadows at Noon is a bold, innovative and personal work that pushes back against standard narratives of 'inherent' differences between India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Its purpose is to make contemporary South Asia intelligible to readers who are fascinated by the subcontinent's cultural vibrancy and diversity but are often perplexed by its social and political make-up. And it illuminates the many aspects that its people have in common rather than what divides them.



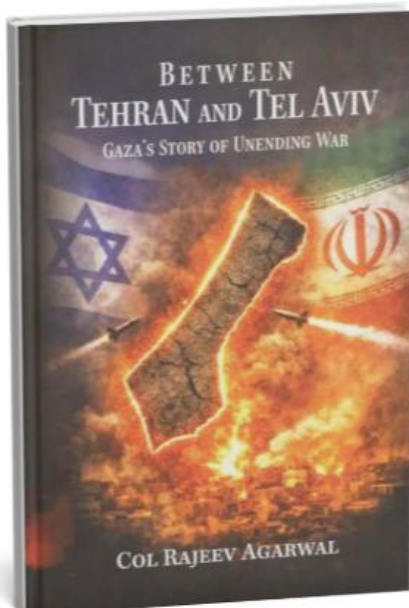
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Between Tehran and Tel Aviv Gaza's story of unending war

by Rajeev Agarwal | New Delhi : Pentagon Press, 2026 | 9788199772892

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West Asia sits at the crossroads of power, faith, and conflict. Rich in energy resources and commanding some of the world's most critical maritime routes, the region has been shaped by rivalries, shifting alliances, and unresolved historical disputes. At the centre of these tensions lies the Palestine question, a deep faultline that has defined region's political and strategic landscape for decades.

For a brief moment, early part of this decade appeared to promise change. The Abraham Accords of 2020, the Saudi Arabia-Iran rapprochement of 2023 and the possibility of Saudi-Israel normalisation suggested that decades of hostility might finally give way to diplomacy.

Those hopes collapsed on 7 October 2023, when Hamas launched a devastating attack on Israel, triggering the deadliest and most destructive war Gaza had witnessed in decades. Israel's military response soon turned it into a regional crisis.

The war took a dangerous turn when Iran entered the conflict in April 2024, leading to the first direct military confrontation between Tehran and Tel Aviv. What began in Gaza quickly evolved into a wider regional struggle involving proxy militias and global powers. The crisis peaked during the '12 Day War' of June 2025, when the US struck Iran's nuclear facilities, pushing West Asia to the brink of a wider war.

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