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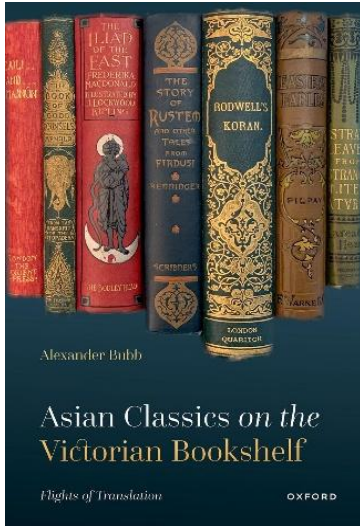
LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE

Asian classics on the Victorian bookshelf flights of translation

by Alexander Bubb | Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2023 | 9780197913802

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The interest among Victorian readers in classical literature from Asia has been greatly underestimated. The popularity of the Arabian Nights and The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam is well documented. Yet this was also an era in which freethinkers consulted the Quran, in which schoolchildren were given abridgements of the Ramayana to read, in which names like 'Kalidasa' and 'Firdusi' were carved on the façades of public libraries, and in which women's book clubs discussed Japanese poetry. But for the most part, such readers were not consulting the specialist publications of scholarly orientalists. What then were the translations that catalysed these intercultural encounters? Based on a unique methodology marrying translation theory with empirical techniques developed by historians of reading, this book shines light for the first time on the numerous amateur translators or 'popularizers', who were responsible for making these texts accessible and disseminating them to the Victorian general readership.



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YEARBOOK

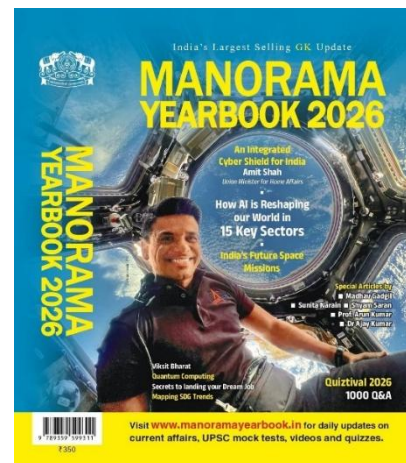
2.

Manorama Yearbook 2026

Chief Editor Mammen Mathew and Philip Mathew | Kerala:Malayalam Manorama, 2026 | 9789359599311

Accession Number: 57241 | Call Number: 052 MAN.R26

Manorama Year Book 2026 by Mammen Mathew, published by Malayala Manorama, is the ultimate reference guide for students, competitive exam aspirants, researchers, and knowledge seekers. Trusted for decades, this bestselling yearbook delivers the latest current affairs, general knowledge updates, analytical articles, and detailed reference data—all compiled in one comprehensive edition. Why Manorama Year Book 2026 is a Must-Have Updated Current Affairs 2025–2026: Covers national & international events, major government policies, global developments, science & technology updates, and economy trends. Perfect for Competitive Exams: Ideal for UPSC, SSC, Banking, Railways, State PSCs, Defence exams, and other government exams requiring strong GK and current affairs. Trusted Editorial Quality: Curated by experts from Malayala Manorama, one of India's most reputable media houses. Informative & Easy to Read: Includes charts, infographics, factual listings, and quick reference tables for faster learning.



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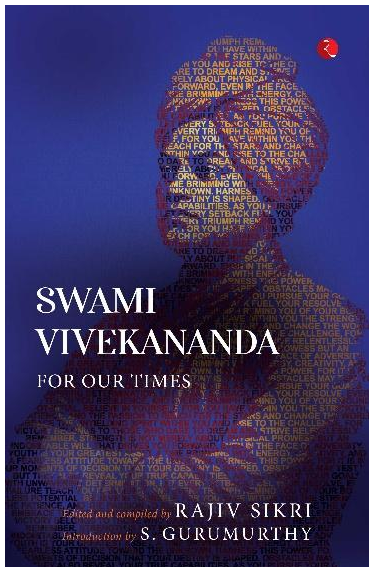
3.

Swami Vivekananda: for our times

edited and compiled by Rajiv Sikri | New Delhi : Rupa Publications, 2026 | 9789370035539

Accession Number: 57236 | Call Number: 181.48 SWA

Swami Vivekananda for Our Times presents the timeless wisdom of one of India's greatest spiritual leaders. Through curated selections of his writings and speeches, this volume reveals Vivekananda's vision of Vedanta, universal religion, self-realization, and nation-building rooted in strength, service, and faith.



Edited and compiled by Rajiv Sikri, with an introduction by S. Gurumurthy, it bridges India's spiritual heritage with modern challenges—offering guidance for youth, professionals, and seekers alike. A powerful call to rediscover courage, compassion, and purpose in everyday life.

What You'll Discover Inside:

- The true meaning of religion as a force for unity and universal brotherhood.
- India's philosophical foundations drawn from Vedanta and the Upanishads.
- Practical guidance on self-mastery, fearlessness, and purposeful living
- Reflections on education, nation-building, and youth empowerment

empowerment

- A vision for harmonizing spiritual strength with modern progress

Voices Behind This Volume:

Swami Vivekananda (1863–1902) was a philosopher, monk, and nation-builder whose vision of universal religion and spiritual humanism reshaped modern India.

This volume is edited and compiled by Rajiv Sikri, a former Indian diplomat, with an introduction by S. Gurumurthy, noted writer, journalist and economist.

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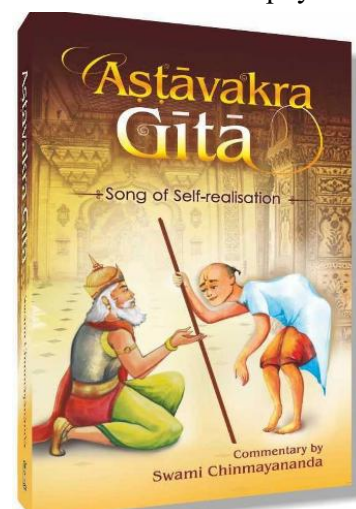
Ashtavakra Gita : song of self-realisation

by Swami Chimayananda | Mumbai: Chinmaya Prakashan, 2019 | 9788175977020

Accession Number: 57280 | Call Number: 181.482 CHI

O King! Just as the shape of a temple does not affect the akasa (sky), the crookedness of the physical body has no effect on Atma (Soul). A wise man has Atma-drsti, in other words, he looks at the Reality behind this manifested world, whereas an ignorant one has carma-drsti, in other words, he gets lost in names and forms, said the young sage, who was expert in yoga-vidya as well as established in Self-knowledge (atma-jnana).

Astavakra-gita is a short treatise on Advaita Vedanta which systematically deals with the mystical experiences of the individual in his flight to the transcendental peace and Bliss. The subtle philosophical truths are expounded in the form of a lucid dialogue between the teenager Sage Astavakra and his royal disciple, the King-seer Janaka. To Astavakra, Self-knowledge through direct mystical intuition is the only goal to be reached and experienced in the dynamic silence of one's own deepest meditation.



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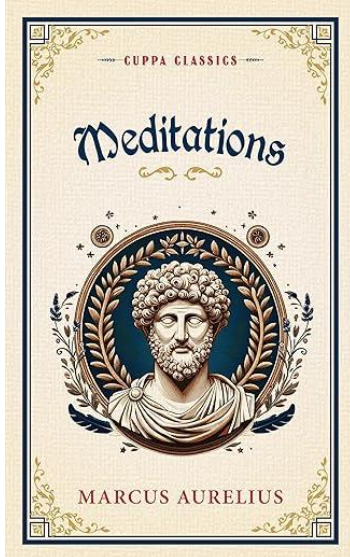
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Meditations

by Marcus Aurelius | Chandigarh : JGS Enterprises, 2024 | 9789392210747

Accession Number: 57247 | Call Number: 188 AUR

You have power over your mind – not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength.’



A profound collection of personal writings by the Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius (161–180 BCE), *Meditations* offers insights into Stoic philosophy and reflections on life, ethics, and self-improvement. Written as notes to himself, these meditations touch on themes of cosmic interconnectedness and the impermanence of life. Aurelius emphasizes the power of the mind, the importance of self-awareness, and the ability to choose how one responds to events. The book delves into the concept of virtue, the control of one’s thoughts and actions, and the acceptance of external events beyond one’s control. Revered as embodying the concept of the Philosopher King, Marcus Aurelius is remembered for his contemplative nature, ethical leadership, and commitment to reason in governance. His timeless work invites readers to contemplate the nature of existence, the importance of self-reflection and the pursuit of inner peace amidst life’s challenges.

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RELIGIOUS

6.

The Dhammapada

translated from Pali by F Max Muller | Chandigarh: JGS Enterprises, 2025 | 9789349042032

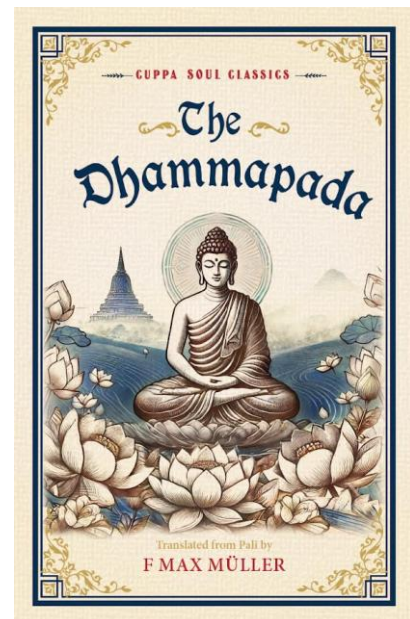
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For hatred does not cease by hatred at any time: hatred ceases by love, this is an old rule.’

Translated by the renowned scholar F Max Müller, *The Dhammapada* is a profound collection of the Buddha’s teachings, offering eternal wisdom on living a life of peace, compassion, and mindfulness. This revered text, one of the central works of Buddhist literature, is a guide to spiritual awakening and the path to enlightenment.

Müller’s meticulous translation preserves the simplicity and depth of the original Pali verses, making the teachings accessible to readers worldwide. The verses explore universal themes such as the nature of suffering, the importance of self-discipline, the cultivation of virtue, and the pursuit of inner harmony.

Whether you seek solace, moral clarity, or a deeper understanding of life’s mysteries, this translation serves as a luminous beacon of truth and wisdom. Ideal for seekers, scholars, and anyone curious about Buddhist philosophy, *The Dhammapada* remains a timeless work of profound spiritual significance.



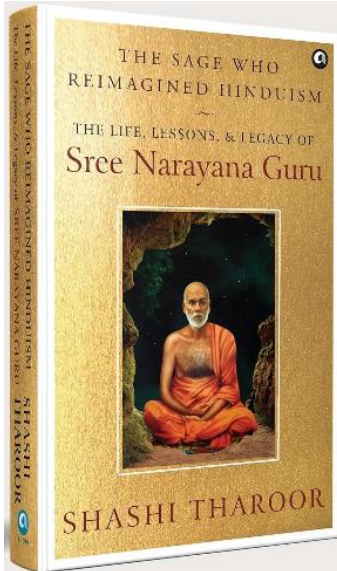
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7. **The sage who reimagined Hinduism** the life, lessons, & legacy of Sree Narayan Guru

by **Shashi Tharoor** | New Delhi : Aleph Book Company, 2026 | 9789365238501

Accession Number: 57254 | Call Number: 294.5092 THA

This non-fiction biography presents the life and work of a revered spiritual leader and social reformer from modern India. It centers on bold reforms that challenged caste oppression, opened sacred spaces to all, and championed education as a path to dignity. Ideal for readers curious about history, religious reform, and social change—from students to curious adults—the tone is educational, uplifting, and thoughtful.



Built as a story-led exploration, the biography blends compelling storytelling with clear historical context. It follows the transformative journey of a boy from a marginalized community who rose to become a powerful voice for justice, dignity, and spiritual renewal. The writing invites readers to understand the ideas, the reforms, and the lasting impact on Kerala and Indian society.

What makes the reading experience distinctive is the accessible, respectful prose that makes complex social history approachable.

The narrative foregrounds concrete reforms—opening temples to all castes, establishing schools, and empowering the oppressed—showing how ideas translated into deeds and lasting change. Readers move through the life story while gaining a lens on cultural history and religious reform.

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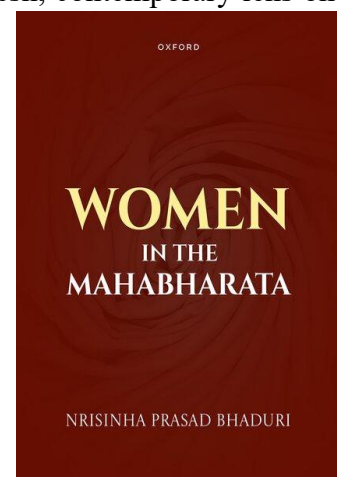
8. **Women in the Mahabharata**

by **Nrisinha Prasad Bhaduri** | Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2025 | 9789373742083

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Women in the Mahabharata by Nrisinha Prasad Bhaduri offers a fresh, contemporary lens on the epic, exploring the nuanced roles of 18 female characters—from Draupadi and Kunti to Urvashi and Lopamudra. Far from being idealized figures of virtue, these women are portrayed as complex individuals whose actions are shaped by personal circumstances rather than rigid moral codes. Bhaduri delves into themes of gender fluidity, female sexuality, desire, jealousy, and political agency, revealing how these characters challenge traditional notions of chastity, devotion, and conjugal life.

The book presents a cross-section of ancient Indian civilization through its women, showing how their evolving identities reflect the dynamic realities of their time. Written in a lucid, engaging style, it combines scholarly depth with the narrative grace of the Mahabharata itself. Bhaduri's conversational tone makes the work accessible to both academics and general readers, offering a rational historical context to mythological narratives. This insightful study invites readers to rethink the epic's women not as static symbols, but as vibrant, modern figures whose stories continue to resonate.



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9.

Bandit Saints of Java

how java's eccentric Saints are challenging fundamentalist Islam in modern Indonesia

by George Quinn | Melton Mowbray: Monsoon Books, 2019 | 9781912049448

Accession Number: 57294 | Call Number: 297.4095982 QUI

Java's pilgrimage culture is a dense, batik-like pattern of contradictions: seriousness collides with laughter; curiosity with bewilderment; piety with scepticism; intense spirituality with, in some places, the joy of shopping.



The pilgrimage culture on the island of Java in Indonesia – the world's largest Muslim country – is a rebuke to the conservative orthodoxy that has been gaining ground in Indonesia's religious landscape since the 1980s. In the rhetoric of this orthodoxy the real Islam is pure and exclusive. Piety comes from obedience to religious authority and its rules. Local pilgrimage is anything but pure and exclusive or rigidly authoritarian. It is powerfully Islamic but it fuses Islam with local history, the ancient power of place and a pastiche of devotional practices with roots deep in the pre-Islamic past. Quietly but tenaciously – just outside the great echo chamber of public space – it is growing as fast as the higher profile neo-orthodoxy.

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SOCIOLOGY

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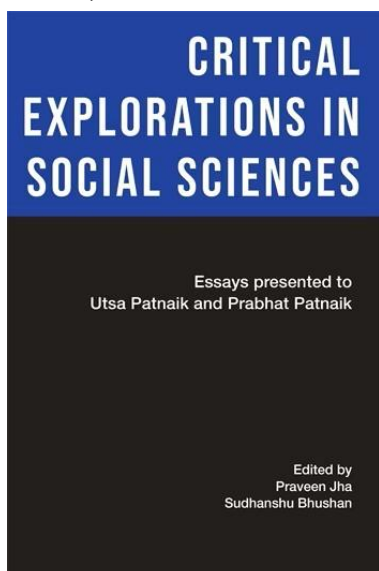
Critical explorations in social sciences

essays presented to Utsa Patnaik and Prabhat Patnaik

edited by Praveen Jha and Sudhanshu Bhushan | New Delhi : Tulika Books, 2025 | 9788197938344

Accession Number: 57231 | Call Number: 300.720954 CRI

Consisting of essays by scholars across disciplines in the social sciences, this volume celebrates two outstanding economists and public intellectuals in contemporary India, Professor Utsa Patnaik and Professor Prabhat Patnaik, who are well known for their contributions to the social sciences, often using the lens of Marxian political economy. Their theoretical and empirical writings with respect to a whole range of diverse themes, especially about India's economic transformation, are widely recognized both nationally and internationally. It hardly needs stressing that their contributions have been seminal in setting the terms of discourse and debate in several areas over the last few decades. The essays in the volume present a rich bouquet of ideas, inquiries and reflections that resonate with the Patnaiks' formidable intellectual canvas. The book covers a wide range of issues which include, inter alia, the philosophical foundations of economic rights, the role of public intellectuals, the intertwined nature of capitalism and imperialism, generalized semi-proletarianization, land and peasant questions, gender, patriarchy, India's uneven transition to lower middle-income status and its chequered economic transformation trajectory, the GST regime and its implications for fiscal federalism, technology's ideological role, and caste hierarchy in the access to higher education.



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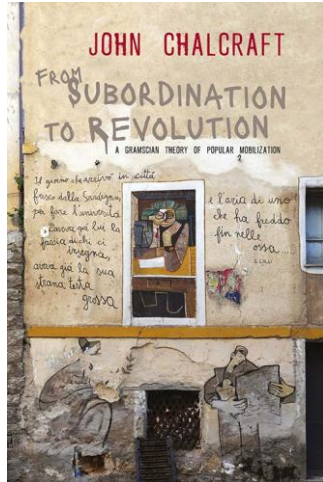
From subordination to revolution

a gramscian theory of popular mobilization

by John Chalcraft | Ranikhet : Permanent Black, 2026 | 9788178247229

Accession Number: 57251 | Call Number: 303.484 CHA

At a time of mass mobilization, revolutionary weakness, and right-wing ascendancy, John Chalcraft presents a new theory of popular mobilization. From Subordination to Revolution is based on an innovative reading of the living Gramscian tradition and offers an alternative to conservative, liberal, Marxist, and post-structuralist theory.



Drawing on examples from across the globe, Chalcraft defines popular mobilization as the many ways in which subordinated groups rearrange their relationships to challenge and overcome domination. The theory sets out a fertile constellation of concepts encompassing the many faces and phases of the long journey from subordination to revolution.

This approach breaks ground in connecting the social, structural, spatio-temporal, strategic, and transnational elements of popular mobilization. It also enables Chalcraft to situate anew the fundamental issues of domination, autonomy, consent, and leadership and put forward new arguments about party and bloc. The point is to link together diverse popular struggles in the contemporary world.

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Gender identity

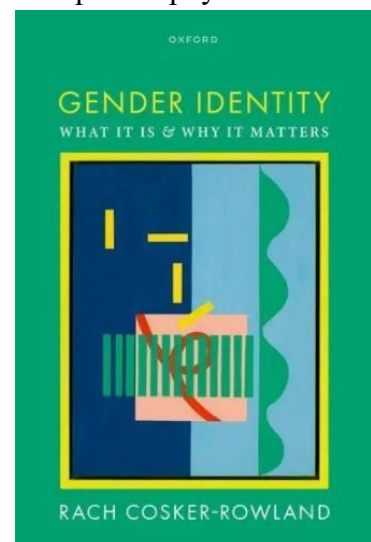
what it is and why it matters

by Rach Cosker-Rowland | Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2025 | 9780198947981

Accession Number: 57237 | Call Number: 305.3 COS

Gender Identity: What It Is and Why It Matters is the first book in philosophy to focus on gender identity and transgender rights. To be trans is to have a gender identity different from the gender you were assigned at birth. But what is it to have a gender identity? In the first part of the book, Rach Cosker-Rowland develops a new account of our gender identities as the genders that seem to best fit us. Supported by trans testimony, this subjective fit account explains why gender identities deserve respect, discusses how we can discover our gender identity, and argues for why this is practically important. It also provides an overview of cis and trans, and non-binary and binary, gender identities.

In the second part of the book, a new view of trans rights to gender marker change, legal gender recognition, gender-affirming healthcare, and sporting participation and participation is developed. Cosker-Rowland presents an integrity-based account, showing how these trans rights arise from basic liberal rights to live with integrity, to live in line with your judgements of how you ought to live, and what a good or meaningful life for you involves. Rights to live with integrity ground basic liberal rights to freedom of religious belief and expression; this book argues that they also ground trans rights.



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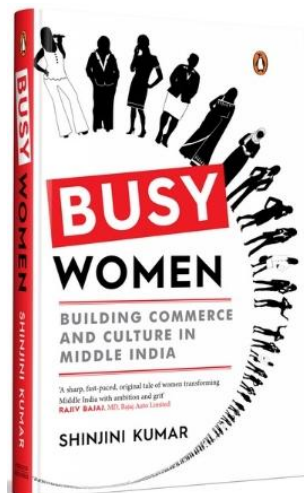
Busy Women

building commerce and culture in middle India

by Shinjini Kumar | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2026 | 9780143472032

Accession Number: 57258 | Call Number: 305.420954 KUM

Busy Women is an important work to understand contemporary India and what its fabled post-liberalization growth has achieved beyond its bustling metros. Based on extensive travel across thirty cities of Middle India and interviews of over 300 women and also a few men, the book successfully brings together the economic growth story with the poignant humour that runs through narratives of women fielding the two-buck question thrown at them all the time—‘kya zaroorat hai?’



With the curiosity of a woman whose own journey took her from a village to C-suite roles in some of India’s most iconic financial services institutions, Shinjini Kumar writes with flair, wit and deep empathy, bringing to life women who are redefining what ambition and progress feel like. Evocative, entertaining and insightful,

this is a must-read for anyone interested in contemporary India.

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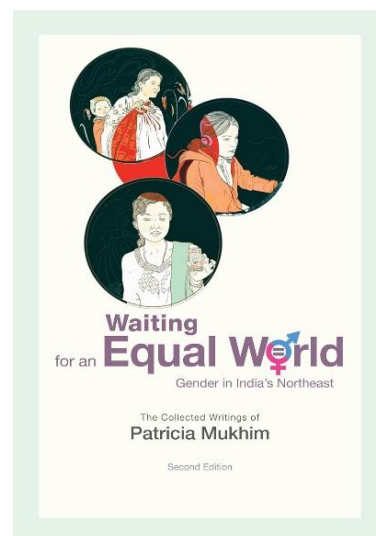
Waiting for an equal world

Gender in India's Northeast

by Patricia Mukhim | Meghalaya : Martin Luther Christian University Press, 2024 | 9788195504930

Accession Number: 57271 | Call Number: 305.4209541 MUK

The volume is a compilation of the articles and editorials written in newspapers and magazines and papers presented at academic and professional meetings. It is the outpouring of thoughts, ideas and analysis from a woman activist and writer whose reportage and commentary has emerged from the heartbeat of tribal grassroots and the ground zero of political and social activity. The book is meant to reach out to social activists, political scientists, community-centred academicians and all those who have concern for gender equality. In this second edition, the author has incorporated a section on the recent conflict situation in Manipur, depicting how ethnic violence has been inscribed on the bodies of women.



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15.

Chambers essential guide to Indian culture

by INTACH | Gurugram : Hachette Book Publishing, 2025 | 9789357317306

Accession Number: 57249 | Call Number: 306.0954 CHA



Chambers Essential Guide to Indian Culture outlines the nation's deep and diverse aesthetic, intellectual, athletic, and societal heritage. The scope of this comprehensive volume is not restricted to various forms of arts, festivals, and rituals alone, but it gathers within one cover indigenous sports, science, and astrology too. The book also offers a holistic overview of India's languages and strong literary traditions. This essential guide to our cultural past and present, including today's mainstream and the lesser-known, is a must-read for all Indians and curious foreigners, school- or college-goers, and general readers alike. This handy reference will also be immensely useful to those working in the administration and development sector.

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16.

Decolonial keywords south asian thoughts and attitude

edited by Renny Thomas and Sasanka Perera | New Delhi : Tulika Books, 2026 | 9788197938306

Accession Number: 57238 | Call Number: 306.0954 DEC

This volume presents a set of keywords and concepts embedded in the languages of South Asia and its vast cultural landscape. It reiterates specific attitudes, ways of seeing and methods of doing, which are embedded in the historical and contemporary experiences in the region. The words, concepts, ideas and attitudes in the volume explore the contexts of their production and how their meanings might have changed at different historical moments. The volume also attempts to work out if these words and concepts can infuse a certain intellectual rigor to reinvent social sciences and humanities in the region and beyond. Individual essays, which are creative, imaginative, ethnographic and historical, explore the possibility of South Asian intellectual worlds and words to create a broader crossregional and global social science and humanities. The volume argues that it is important to move away from the intellectual shackles inherited from colonial and neo-colonial experiences while also not succumbing to the traps of local reductionist nativisms and cultural nationalisms.



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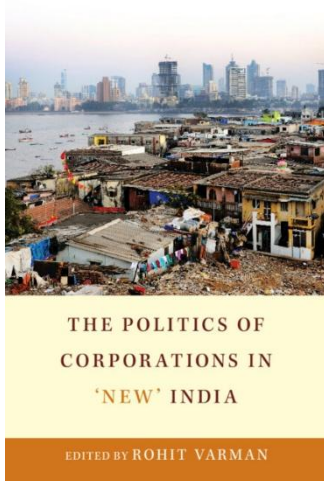
17.

The politics of corporation in new India

edited by Rohit Varman | New York : Cambridge University Press, 2025 | 9781009605557

Accession Number: 57226 | Call Number: 322.30954 POL

This volume examines how the rise of Hindutva to power is linked to the interests of large corporations in neoliberal India. It interprets Hindutva as a fascist force and as a capitalist counter-revolution wearing a popular mask that demands a repressive imposition of order to facilitate accumulation. The book delves into different aspects of the relationship between Hindutva and large corporations. Various chapters cast in high relief how the fascist shields of religion and nationalism are deployed to further corporate profiteering. This book is also a reminder that fascism has inherent limitations and is incapable of resolving crises that give rise to it. However, its ascendance, albeit temporary, is causing widespread destruction. The volume argues that fascist destruction in contemporary India can only be effectively restricted by containing the ravages of neoliberalism and corporate loot.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

18.

Global Politics

by Andrew Heywood and Ben Whitham | London : Bloomsbury, 2023 | 9781350328419

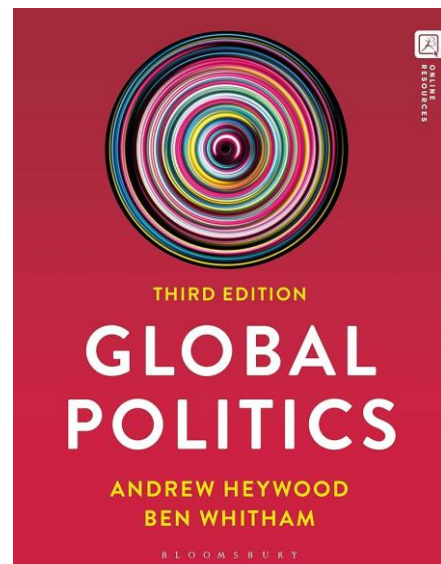
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Featuring a new chapter on critical theories, and revised to take a less Eurocentric approach to concepts and case studies, this new edition allows you to tackle global politics' important concepts, debates and problems:

- How can theories help us to understand the politics of a global pandemic?
- Do we live in a 'post-truth' world of 'fake news' and disinformation?
- Does international aid work?
- Does the United States remain a global hegemon?
- What is the Anthropocene and how does it shape global politics?
- Are global politics constrained by a 'North-South' divide?
- What are the possible futures of global politics – and the politics of outer space?

Delving into topics as diverse as anarchy, intersectionality, Confucianism, and neoconservatism, boxed features give you confidence in political analysis:

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- Key figures: discuss the ideas of Hans Morgenthau, Frantz Fanon or bell hooks
- Debating: argue whether the United Nations are obsolete, or whether nuclear weapons promote peace.....

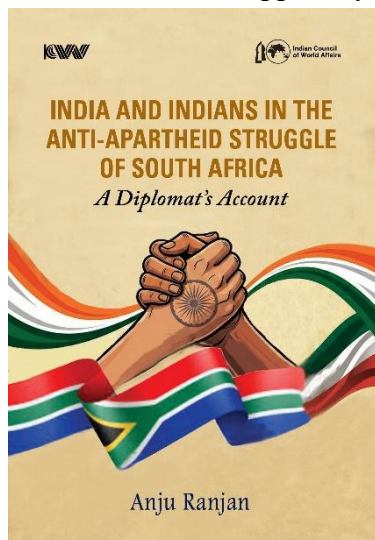
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19. India and Indians in the anti-apartheid struggle of South Africa a diplomat's account

by Anju Ranjan | New Delhi : KW Publisher, 2026 | 9788198885753

Accession Number: 57292 | Call Number: 327.54068 RAN

South Africa was crippled by the apartheid regime for more than 200 years. The struggle against apartheid was real and fought together by South African and Indians under the leadership of legendary leader Nelson Mandela.



Nelson Mandela held India in high regard, viewing it as a pivotal ally in the anti-apartheid struggle and closely linked to Mahatma Gandhi's legacy. He described India as a source of moral inspiration, praising its consistent, principled support for freedom and democracy in South Africa.

We cannot, for instance, forget the consistent and principled role India played, before and after independence, to focus world public opinion on the evils of the apartheid system.

Mandela often highlighted the deep emotional and political bonds between South Africa and India, acknowledging that India's early, unilateral sanctions against the apartheid regime were crucial to the liberation movement.

Nelson Mandela deeply valued the contribution of South Africans of Indian origin, acknowledging their role in the anti-apartheid struggle and recognizing India's support. He honored the golden thread of shared injustice and the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, viewing the Indian community as integral to building a non-racial, democratic rainbow nation.

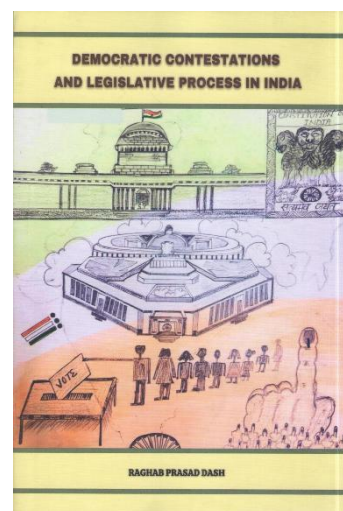
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20. Democratic contestations and legislative process in India

by Raghab Prasad Dash | Delhi : Book Age Publications, 2025 | 9789393904928

Accession Number: 57286 | Call Number: 328.54 DAS

In 'Democratic Contestations and Legislative Process in India', Raghab Dash dwells on the contested domain of the executive-legislature relations in the context of law making in India and focuses on four facets of contestations, viz. legislation agenda control and management, Private Members' Legislation, Delegated Legislation and Executive through promulgation of ordinance.



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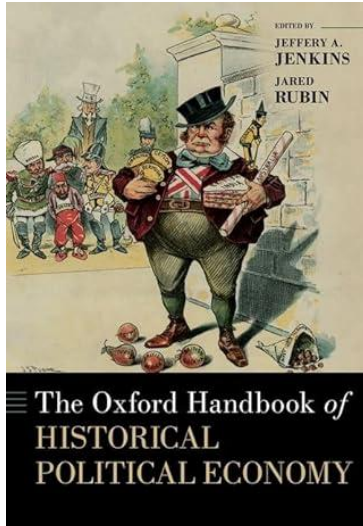
ECONOMICS

21. **The oxford handbook of historical political economy**

edited by Jeffery A Jenkins and Jared Rubin | New York : Oxford University Press, 2024 | 9780197845943

Accession Number: 57262 | Call Number: 330.15 OXF

The Oxford Handbook of Historical Political Economy brings together scholars who are working on essential and field-shaping topics in this burgeoning area. Historical Political Economy (HPE) is the study of how political and economic actors and institutions have interacted over time. It differs from much of economic history in that it focuses on the causes and consequences of politics. It departs from much of conventional political economy in that its context is strictly historical, even if/when it has implications for contemporary political economy. It also departs from much of history in its use of social-scientific theory and methods. Thus, while HPE involves elements of the traditional fields of economics, political economy, and history, it is separate from- and integrative of-them.



The Handbook includes contributions from leading scholars in political science, economics, sociology, and history. The first section summarizes the state of the field and provides an overview of the data and techniques typically used by HPE scholars. Subsequent chapters survey major HPE research areas in political economy, political science, and economics, as well as the long-run economic, political, and social consequences of historical political economy.

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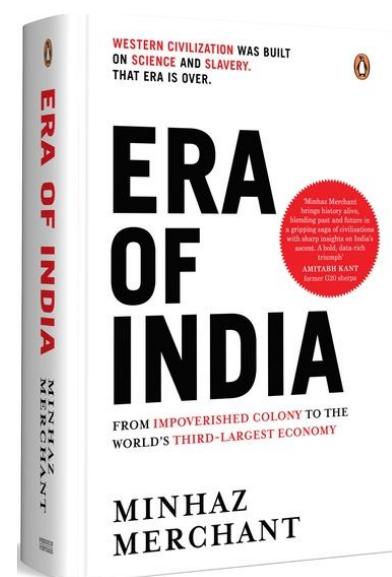
22. **Era of India**
from impoverished colony to the world's third-largest economy

by Minhaz Merchant | Gurugram: Vintage, 2026 | 9780143478478

Accession Number: 57248 | Call Number: 330.954 MER

In his narrative-defining book, *Era of India*, Minhaz Merchant examines interlinked civilizational arcs across centuries and millennia. Through much of recorded history, living standards were broadly similar in the Old World: Europe, Asia and Africa. The discovery of the New World in the Americas and Australasia brought about great change: catastrophic for some, a boon for others. Differences in per capita income between Europeans and Asians were minimal in 1600. By 1900, the gap had risen multiple times. Europe emerged from plague and penury to great wealth.

Was this extraordinary turn of events due to scientific discoveries, the Industrial Revolution and technological innovation?



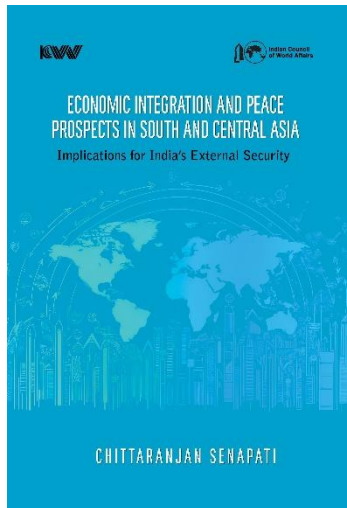
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23. **Economic integration and peace prospects in South and Central Asia** implications for India's external security

by **Chittaranjan Senapati**. | New Delhi : **K W Publishers**, 2025. | 9788198267733

Accession Number: 57281 | Call Number: 337.54058 SEN

This book is an interdisciplinary, trans-regional analysis of economic integration and its implications for India's external security, focusing on six South and Central Asian nations referred to as UTTAPI. It covers trade, infrastructure, human security, and transport connectivity since 1991. Structured in five chapters plus a conclusion, the book begins with an introduction to its scope, theoretical foundation, and the geopolitical relevance of the UTTAPI region. Chapter two examines trade volume and integration trends from 1991 to 2020, analysing their impact on national economies. Chapter three assesses transportation corridors—road, rail, air, and potential water routes—alongside energy cooperation and cultural exchanges like tourism and education. Chapter four explores development indicators, human security issues, smuggling, and peace prospects. Chapter five evaluates regional integration in relation to India's external security, identifying opportunities and threats. The concluding chapter synthesises key findings and presents actionable policy suggestions for regional cooperation and India's strategic interests.



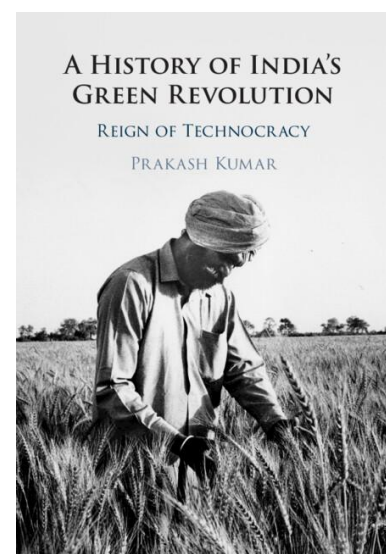
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24. **A history of India's green revolution** reign of technocracy

by **Prakash Kumar** | New Delhi : **Cambridge University Press**, 2025 | 9781009665742

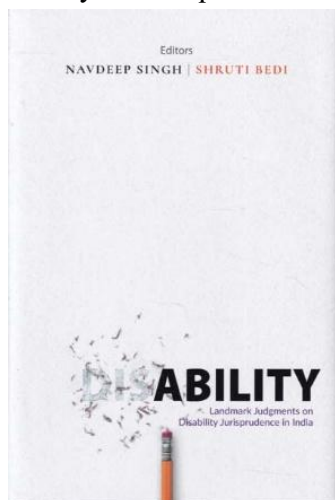
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In the mid-1960s, India's 'green revolution' saw the embrace of more productive agricultural practices and high yielding variety seeds, bringing the country out of food scarcity. Although lauded as a success of the Cold War fight against hunger, the green revolution has also faced criticisms for causing ecological degradation and socio-economic inequality. This book contextualizes the 'green revolution' to show the contingencies and pitfalls of agrarian transformation. Prakash Kumar unpacks its contested history, tracing agricultural modernization in India from colonial-era crop development, to land and tenure reforms, community development, and the expansion of arable lands. He also examines the involvement of the colonial state, post-colonial elites, and American modernizers. Over time, all of these efforts came under the spell of technocracy, an unyielding belief in the power of technology to solve social and economic underdevelopment which, Kumar argues, best explains what caused the green revolution.



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25.

Ability**landmark judgments on disability jurisprudence in India****edited by Navdeep Singh & Shruti Bedi | Chandigarh : JGS Enterprises, 2025 | 9789349042377****Accession Number: 57239 | Call Number: 342.54087 ABI**

Ability is a unique and timely anthology of landmark judgments that have shaped the landscape of disability jurisprudence in India. Edited and compiled by lawyer Navdeep Singh and academician Shruti Bedi the book explores how constitutional courts have interpreted and advanced the rights of persons with disabilities often bridging legislative gaps and bringing to life the liberal spirit of the law. This book traces the evolving role of the judiciary in realising the avowed aims of a nation committed to a life of dignity for the disabled and in doing so reflects the law's transformative potential. With contributed essays from distinguished judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts jurists scholars academicians and practitioners this anthology makes complex legal concepts accessible to laypersons policy-makers and legal professionals. It is not only a resource but also a vital social document-capturing voices, judgments and reforms that affirm the constitutional promise of inclusivity and justice for all. Featuring essays by: Justice A.K. Sikri, Justice Rekha Palli, Justice Rajive Bhalla, Prof. Balram K.

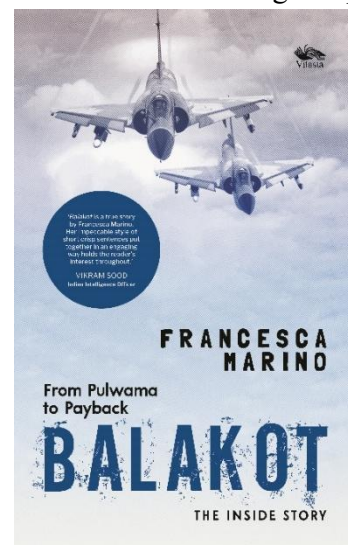
Gupta, Francisca Pretorius, Prof. Amita Dhanda, Manraj Grewal Sharma, Sanjeev Sharma & Kritika Sharma. Arjun Sheoran & Major D.P. Singh, Raj Kumar Makkad & Himani Makkad, Shabnam Aggarwal, Srianusha Thotakura & Apoorva Pushkarna, Jaideep Singh Lalli & Ananya Sharma. Published by The Browser, exclusively distributed by Simon & Schuster India

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Balakot: from Pulwama to payback**by Francesca Marino | New Delhi : Vitasta Publishing, 2025 | 9788198829597****Accession Number: 57169 | Call Number: 363.3250954 MAR**

On the night of 26 February 2019, the Indian Air Force struck Jaish-e-Mohammed's training camp in Balakot, Pakistan—a decisive response to the Pulwama terror attack just a few days earlier. Pakistan denied the strike, the target, even the camp's existence. But the truth couldn't be buried. In this book, the author brings a startling eyewitness account of the Balakot strike—reports that shook the official narrative, with striking new details. Featuring an exclusive interview with the then Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa, deep-dive satellite analysis, and unreleased intelligence, this book shatters the web of denial and deception that Pakistan had spun so skilfully for the international press. Balakot exposes the dark world of Jaish-e-Mohammed—its origins, mafiastyle funding, and deep ties with Pakistan's shadowy power centres, including the ISI and the so-called Deep State. From cross-border infiltrations into Jammu & Kashmir to the terror group's links with the Taliban's new regime in Afghanistan, Balakot is a gripping account of a deadly network of terrorist links that puts Kashmir at the centre of an ever-brewing storm.



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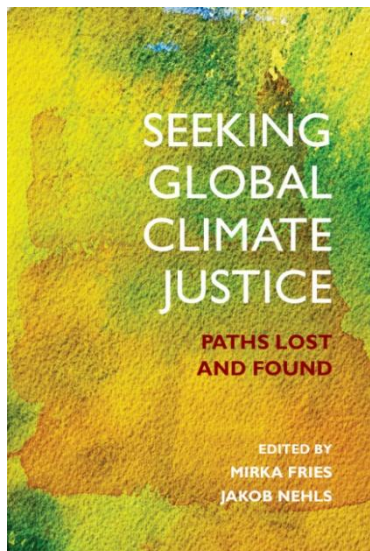
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Seeking global climate justice: paths lost and found

edited by Mirka Fries & Jakob Nehls | New York:Cambridge University Press,2026 | 9781009631310

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This book offers a critical exploration of climate justice, bringing together diverse perspectives from a wide range of regions and disciplines including law, political science, anthropology, environmental sciences, and economics. It addresses the intersection of environmental, social, and economic issues, highlighting the profound inequalities amplified by the climate crisis. Through theoretical critiques and concrete case studies from different regions, it emphasizes how global politics shape local realities and showcases the voices of those resisting structural injustices. It not only deepens the understanding of climate justice but also proposes practical solutions and alternatives, making it a valuable resource for students, researchers, and practitioners in the fields of climate change, human rights, development, and social movements. With its interdisciplinary approach and global scope, this book will appeal to anyone seeking to engage critically and constructively with the most pressing issues of our time. This title is available as Open Access on Cambridge Core.



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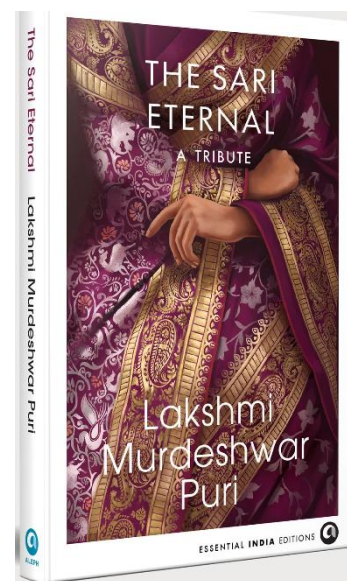
Sari eternal : a tribute

by Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri | New Delhi : Aleph Book Company, 2026 | 9789365232660

Accession Number: 57259 | Call Number: 391.20954 PUR

Throughout history, the sari has been linked inextricably to the idea of Indian womanhood. It is the oldest surviving garment in the world, originating in the Indus Valley civilization some 5,000 years ago. In *The Sari Eternal*, award-winning writer Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri explores how the unstitched fabric has evolved over time in the country's cultural imagination. From the Banarasi to the Kanjivaram, the Sambalpuri to the Paithani, the sari unites the plural India that wears it.

Puri begins her book with the story of her childhood in Delhi and Kathmandu, featuring her mother Malati, who was a proud wearer of the sari. Later, as a college-goer, she, like other young women of the time, was inspired to wear the sari in the image of Indira Gandhi. She also recounts how, as an Indian diplomat abroad, she subverted Western assumptions of what made for the correct attire for formal occasions by doing what was considered unorthodox and wearing a sari instead of a business suit or gown.



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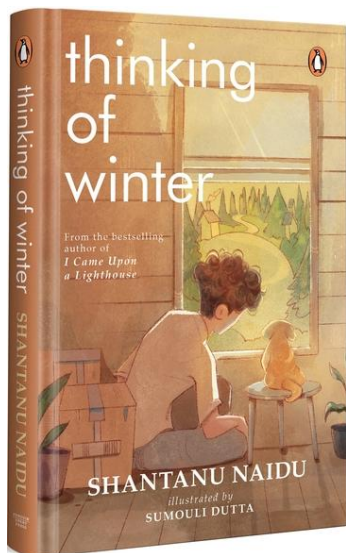
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Thinking of Winter

by Shantanu Naidu; illustrated by Sumouli Dutta | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025 | 9780143473954

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When Shantanu left for the United States, the promise of a new life felt quiet, isolating and cold. Then Winter arrived. A puppy adopted selfishly.



Shantanu did not realize how much this decision would shape his life. Everyone loves their dogs, naturally. Every dog is a good boy, naturally. But Winter is no ordinary dog. With old soul eyes and a heart that made room for everything, Winter skipped the chaos that any puppy is entitled to. Instead, he chose a unique path, like a gentleman who had wandered in from another time, and decided he would share it with the world.

From the snowed-in streets of Ithaca to the restless rain of Mumbai, between these pages is an adventure of a lost adult and a special dog. In Winter's stillness, lie lessons on how to stay. In his charm, one learns how to meet the world with softness. In his quiet daily life, are buried hints on how to heal.

These adventures are a tender chronicle of companionship, resilience and the small, surprising ways in which a four-legged friend set out to change a few many worlds.

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**An invitation to feast
a deep dive into India's culinary treasures**

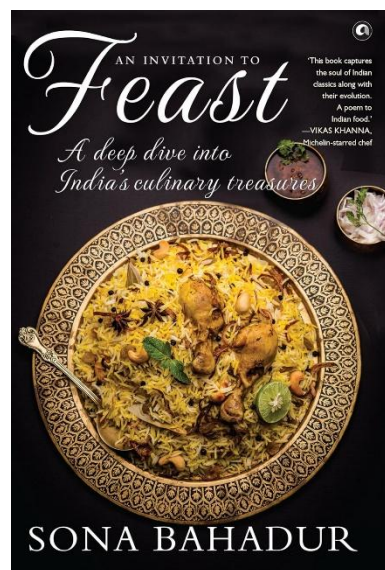
Sona Bahadur | New Delhi : Aleph Book, 2025 | 9789365236538

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An Invitation to Feast is a culinary romp through the length and breadth of India, spanning across Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Goa, Assam, Surat, Lucknow, and more. Food writer Sona Bahadur follows eleven classic Indian dishes—biryani, dosai, butter chicken, vada pav, dhansak, Goan fish curry, undhiyu, shami kebabs, chhole, smoked pork, and rasgulla—to their sources, sampling their variations and hunting down their authentic recipes.

In this sprawling gastronomic tour, Bahadur digs into India's most beloved dishes while also engaging deeply with the people behind them. Whether it's Moti Mahal's fabled butter chicken, The Ambur Canteen's smash-hit mutton biryani with khatta baingan, SOCIAL's swanky vada pav bao, or Sangeetha's trusty ghee-roast dosai—Bahadur lays down precise recipes for the biggest crowd-pullers, including their coveted secret ingredients.

Exploring the intersection of food, culture, people, identity, and places, An Invitation to Feast is much more than a cookbook. It's a cross-country adventure that blasts through stereotypes about Indian food and unravels the intimate relationship between food and feelings.



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CSR case studies from India 10 years of impact and nation building

edited by **Bhaskar Chatterjee & Nayan Mitra** | New Delhi: Sterling, 2025 | 9789393853738

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The extraordinary introduction of the strategic CSR initiative has had an immense impact on the transformation of the social landscape in India. Ushered into the Public Sector space in 2010, it was transmuted into the statute book through the Companies Act of 2013. Since April of 2014, Corporate Social Responsibility has taken roots and grown by leaps and bounds to encompass a vast array of development activities that are contributing daily to our nation's growth story. Corporates, initially hesitant and unsure, now see CSR not as a challenge or as mere compliance, but as a unique opportunity to give back, enhance their corporate image and contribute to nation-building. The Civil Society sector has played its part by proving effective implementing agencies, working at the grassroots to actualise CSR programs and ensure outcomes and impact. As we reflect on a decade of mandated CSR, this book provides a platform for a thorough exploration of the subject. It documents twelve selected real life case studies showcasing the flagship programmes of large corporate houses in India. They are authored first hand by stalwarts in the CSR landscape who have built and guided these programmes. Ranging across sectors from healthcare to education, from livelihoods to women's empowerment and from sports to child nutrition, they are indeed a stellar contribution to the ever-burgeoning studies on Indian CSR.



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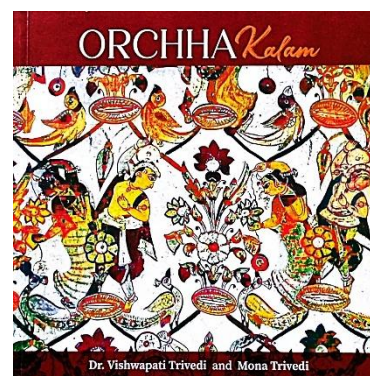
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Orchha kalam

by Vishwapati Trivedi and Mona Trivedi | New Delhi : INTACH, 2025 | 9788198777607

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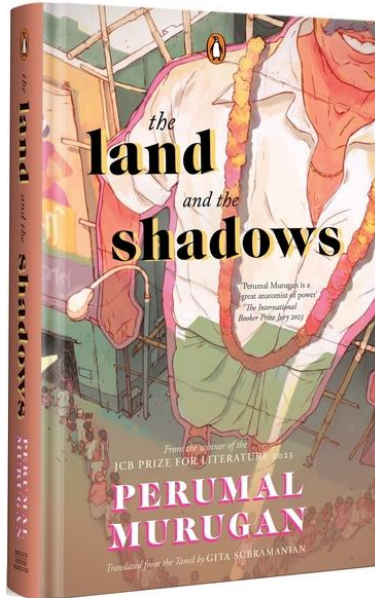
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The land and the shadows

by Perumal Murugan; translated from the Tamil by Gita Subramanian | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025 | 9780143469230

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Cinema, for Perumal Murugan, was never just flickering images on a screen. It was a field of experience, a gathering ground, a mirror held up to the land itself. In *The Land and the Shadows*, he returns to the theatres of his youth and to the decades when Tamil cinema became inseparable from the life of the people—the 1950s through the 1970s.



Here, he recalls his boyhood labour in a small-town cinema hall, the thrill of posters and projectors, the songs carried on village winds. From those vivid fragments, Murugan opens out a portrait of Tamil society in transition, where poverty and caste met desire and aspiration in the common darkness of the theatre. The screen was both escape and education, its heroes and heroines shaping speech, gesture and imagination across class and community.

Part memoir, part ethnography, this is a record of a world that has almost vanished—those public spaces where lives once overlapped, where cinema forged unlikely intimacies and collective dreams. Murugan's voice, at once personal and self-

effacing, turns memory into history, and history into story.

Translated with fidelity and grace by Gita Subramanian, *The Land and the Shadows* brings us Perumal Murugan in a new key: as witness to cinema's place in the making of modern Tamil Nadu, and as chronicler of a society learning to see itself in the play of light and shadow.

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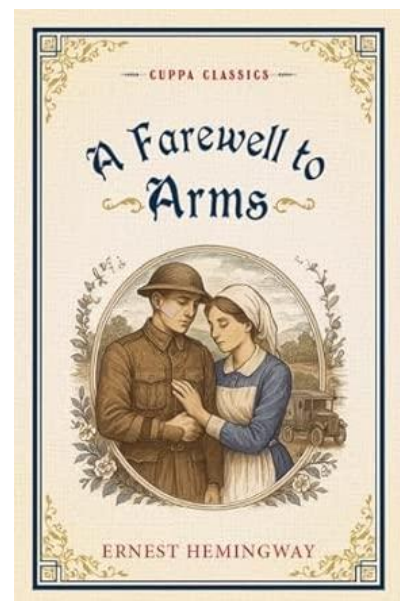
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A farewell to arms

by Ernest Hemingway | Chandigarh : JGS Enterprises, 2025 | 9789349042766

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The world breaks everyone and afterward many are strong at the broken places. But those that will not break it kills."Ernest Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms* is a haunting meditation on love war and the fragility of hope. Set against the brutal backdrop of World War I it follows American ambulance driver Frederic Henry and his passionate ill-fated romance with British nurse Catherine Barkley. As the violence of the front lines bleeds into their private world their relationship becomes a rare light in a dark and crumbling world. Written in Hemingway's clear honest style this novel is about courage survival and the quiet devastation that war brings to even the most intimate bonds. *A Farewell to Arms* remains one of the greatest war novels ever written—a powerful tragic story of what it means to love in a world falling apart.



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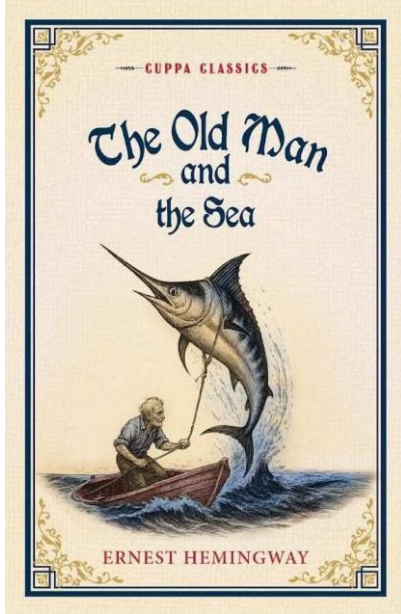
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The old man and the Sea

by Ernest Hemingway | Chandigarh : JGS Enterprises, 2025 | 9789349042254

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Widely regarded as one of the greatest works of modern literature, *The Old Man and the Sea* is Ernest Hemingway's powerful tale of courage, endurance, and quiet heroism—his final major work in fiction and the novel that earned him the 1953 Pulitzer Prize and 1954 Nobel Prize in Literature.



Set in the Gulf Stream off the coast of Havana, the novella follows Santiago, an aging Cuban fisherman enduring an 84-day unlucky streak, as he embarks on a fateful solo voyage to change his fortunes. When he finally hooks a giant marlin, a harrowing three-day battle of strength, will, and respect unfolds between man and fish.

Santiago's solitary struggle becomes a moving reflection on dignity in defeat, respect for one's adversary, and the deep connection between man and nature. Told in Hemingway's trademark prose—sparse, lyrical, and unflinching—*The Old Man and the Sea* is a haunting and timeless story of a man who may have been beaten but never truly broken.

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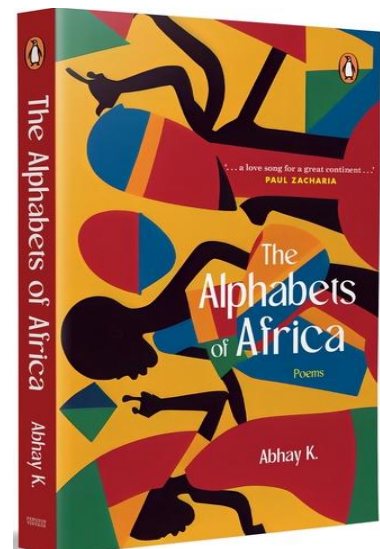
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The alphabets of Africa : poems

BY Abhay K. | Gurugram : Vintage, 2026 | 9780143476542

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The Alphabets of Africa is an ode to a continent that continues to define the human journey. Through time, space and memory, these poems map Africa, celebrating its vast and vibrant tapestry. From the splendour of its ancient civilization to the pulse of contemporary African cities, to inspiring icons and leaders, this book summons Africa in all its depth and glory. Drawn from Abhay K.'s travels across the continent, these poems are an invitation to shed the inherited stereotypes and see Africa afresh.



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37.

Morning twilight: poems

by Jayshree Misra Tripathi | New Delhi: Speaking Tiger, 2026 | 9789363365162

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‘We do not always require the services of a time machine to travel in dramatic ways across diverse periods. Sometimes, an individual life is enough—if it is premised on a sensitive attentiveness to the transit of the years and the insistent presence of deep histories. Jayshree Misra Tripathi’s collection of poems, evocatively titled Morning Twilight, offers deeply moving testimony to such a life.



‘Tripathi’s poems are sumptuous in the experiences they relay and vibrant in the insights they offer. They invite us to visit landscapes of love, loss and remembrance, rendered with sensuous immediacy. With the poet as our guide, we cross barriers of region, continent and language, recognising ourselves in strangers met by chance and accepting the strangers who live within ourselves.

‘Along the way, Tripathi shares with us her realisation that rituals cannot always provide consolation while traditions can betray our affection. The challenge, as we refashion ourselves in the midst of turbulence, is to craft new rituals, fresh traditions. On this journey, we join the poet as she passes from a tragic knowledge of impermanence to an elegiac wisdom. Pensive and prayerful, these poems are—to quote one of Tripathi’s own lines— “Immortal memoirs etched in Gold.”’—Ranjit Hoskote

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The loneliness of Sonia and Sunny: a novel

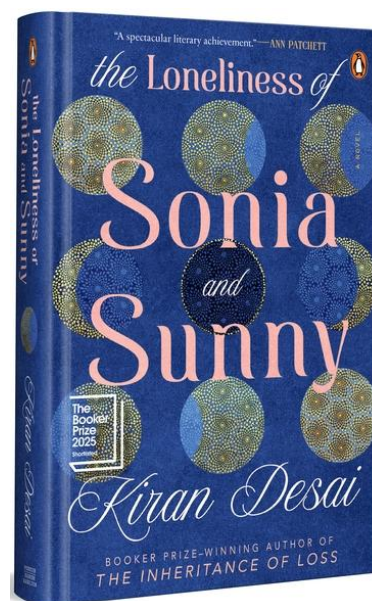
by Kiran Desai | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025 | 9780670085576

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When Sonia and Sunny first glimpse each other on an overnight train, they are immediately captivated, yet also embarrassed by the fact that their grandparents had once tried to matchmake them, a clumsy meddling that only served to drive Sonia and Sunny apart.

Sonia, an aspiring novelist who recently completed her studies in the snowy mountains of Vermont, has returned to her family in India, fearing she is haunted by a dark spell cast by an artist to whom she had once turned for intimacy and inspiration. Sunny, a struggling journalist resettled in New York City, is attempting to flee his imperious mother and the violence of his warring clan. Uncertain of their future, Sonia and Sunny embark on a search for happiness together as they confront the many alienations of our modern world.

The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny is the sweeping tale of two young people navigating the many forces that shape their lives: country, class, race, history, and the complicated bonds that link one generation to the next. A love story, a family saga, and a rich novel of ideas, it is the most ambitious and accomplished work yet by one of our greatest novelists.



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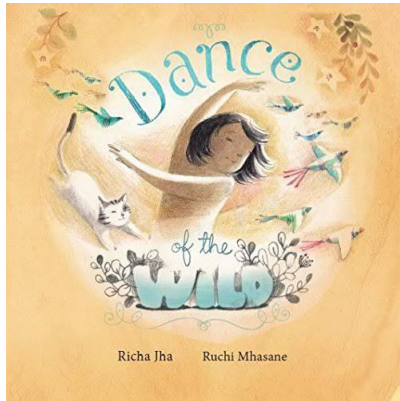
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Dance of the wild

by Richa Jha and Ruchi Mhasane | Richa Jha and Ruchi Mhasane | 9789352792276

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Little Shilu loves to dance around naked. She wants to be like the animals; like Pirate, her cat.



When her grandmother Nannu says she can't because she is now a big girl, Shilu gets down to understanding why she can't. Peppered with Nannu's loving chiding, intimate grandma-granddaughter bonding over conversations, and a heart-to-heart between the mother and this little inquisitive daughter, this book is a reflection of the wild and free nature of childhood.

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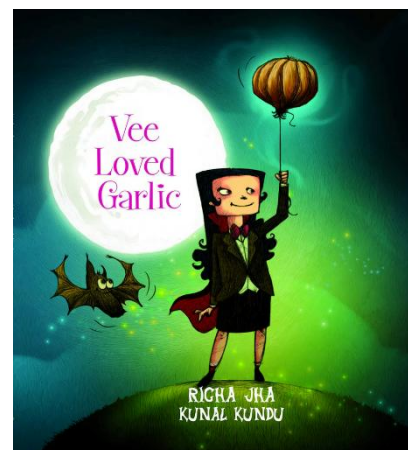
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Vee loved garlic

by Richa Jha and Kunal Kundu | Greater Noida : Pickle, 2016 | 9789352354795

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When Miss Vee Noonie falls in love with garlic, there is pandemonium in the house. She is a vampire, after all. Her parents do their best to urge her to stay away from it. Garlic, they tell her, is fatal for vampires. Freethinker Vee's research tells her that's not true and she leaves no stone unturned in convincing her folks. Does she succeed? Richa Jha celebrates a young thinking mind's spirit of inquisitiveness, questioning the given, persuasiveness and non-conformist free will in this pacy picture book that is packed with sharp dialogues, intense passion and chic humour. The breathtaking sweep of Kunal Kundu's detailed etching and dramatic artwork lingers on till long after the book has been put aside.



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41.

The manic panic

By Richa Jha | Greater Noida : Pickle Yolk Books, 2018 | 823 (Ind) JHA

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Some grown-ups have so much screen time that they just can't cope when the wifi goes out. Luckily the grown-ups in Manic Panic live with a smart kid who loves to read and an adventurous grandma who knows how to have fun without the internet. Manic Panic is a wry look at the value of unplugged family time, even when someone is resistant to the real world. The illustrations add depth to the story, helping us to see all the small things we can miss when we're glued to our phones.



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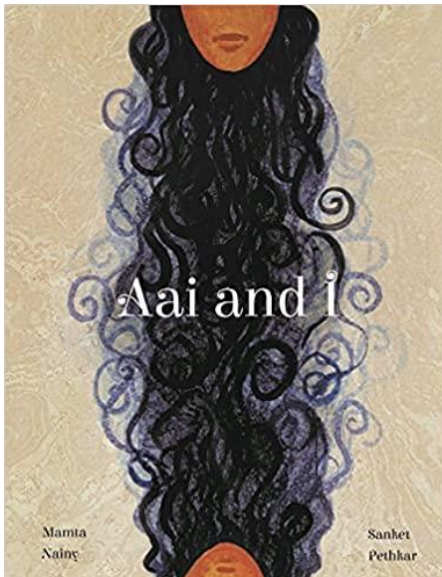
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Aai and I

by Mamta Nainy and illustrations by Sanket Pethkar | Noida : Pickle Yolk Books, 2021 | 9788194859215

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Aadya looks just like her mother (Aai)—same little nose, same delicate ears, same big eyes and identical thick, long hair. But one day, Aai goes away to a big hospital with a promise to return before Aadya learns her next Math lesson. The long-awaited return shocks Aadya because now her mother looks completely unlike her. She wonders if Aai will ever greet her with her usual, cheery, 'Hello! Mini-me.' Or will Aadya have to take matters into her own hands just to hear that again? With lyrical prose and a tender touch, Aai and I is an empowering story of the bond between a mother and a daughter, and of the little one finding her own identity as she finds herself no longer 'looking' the same as her mother. Mamta Nainy captures with elan Aadya's innocence, impatience and dilemma, and Sanket Pethkar's vibrant, gorgeous artwork brings to life the nuanced see-saw of the child's emotions in this Marathi household. The various themes and sub-themes that the title touches upon: Self-identity, self-love, body image, hair-love, the ideas of beauty, appearance, separation anxiety, facing fears, mother and daughters, diseases and illnesses, cancer survivor, multigenerational bonds, empathy.



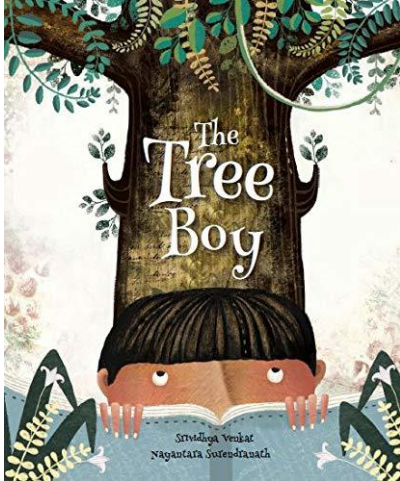
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The tree boy

by Srividhya Venkat & Nayantara Surendranath | Greater Noida: Pickle Yolk Books, 2018 | 9789352678143

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Lonely Sid wasn't always a tree. But the day he misses saving a soccer goal at school, things change for him. He wakes up the next morning to discover he is no more the boy he used to be. With an entire ecosystem hovering above him, he finds himself transformed into one of those brainless trees that he so detests. Will he ever be back to being Sid again? And will his loneliness end?

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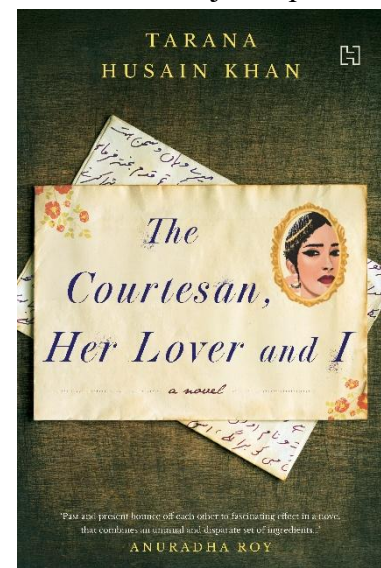
The courtesan, Her Lover and I : a novel

by Tarana Husain Khan | Gurugram : Hachette Book Publishing, 2025 | 9789357312875

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In the royal courts of nineteenth-century Rampur, courtesan–poet Munni Bai Hijab captivates the legendary Urdu poet Dagh Dehvi, who immortalizes her in his verses while inadvertently eclipsing her voice.

More than a century later, Rukmini, an aspiring writer, stumbles upon Dagh's letters in the archives of the Rampur Raza Library and finds herself drawn to the fierce, flickering presence of Munni Bai Hijab. Torn between worlds—a Hindu woman in a Muslim household, a cosmopolitan spirit in a conservative town—Rukmini begins to trace the forgotten threads of Hijab's story, even as her own life starts to unravel. Her husband chases yet another doomed business idea. Her daughter walks away from medical school. And when her friendship with Daniyal, the stoic guardian of Rampur's past, deepens into desire, Rukmini must confront her greatest fear: becoming her mother, the woman who once walked away from their family.



The Courtesan, Her Lover and I is a haunting novel of longing, ambition and women who dare to write themselves into history.

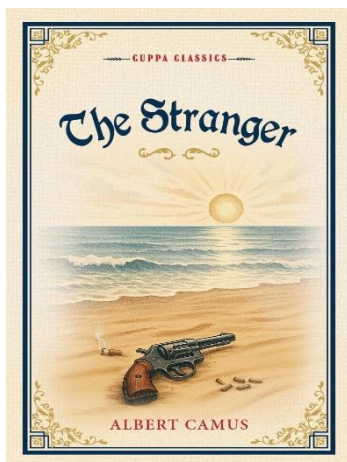
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The Stranger

by Albert Camus | Chandigarh : JGS Enterprises, 2025 | 9789349042186

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Gazing up at the dark sky spangled with its signs and stars, for the first time, the first, I laid my heart open to the benign indifference of the universe.

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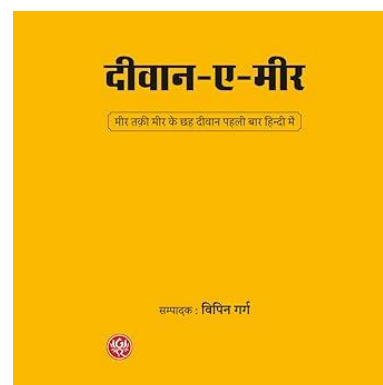
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Deewane-e-Mir (दीवान-ए-मीर)

edited by Vipin Garg | Delhi : G Ram Books, 2026 | 9789365252279

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Deewan-e-Meer brings the timeless poetry of Meer Taqi Meer to Hindi readers for the first time. This carefully curated collection presents selected ghazals and verses from one of Urdu literature's most celebrated poets, making his profound work accessible to a wider audience. Meer Taqi Meer, often regarded as the 'God of Poetry' in the Urdu literary tradition, crafted verses that explore themes of love, loss, spirituality, and the human condition with unmatched depth and sensitivity. This Hindi edition, edited by Vipin Garg, preserves the essence and emotional intensity of Meer's original Urdu compositions whilst presenting them in Hindi script and language. The translation maintains the lyrical beauty and philosophical richness that have made Meer's poetry endure for centuries. Whether you're a student of classical poetry, a lover of shayari, or someone discovering Meer's work for the first time, this collection offers an invaluable window into the soul of 18th-century Urdu poetry. The book serves as both an introduction to Meer's genius and a treasured addition to any poetry enthusiast's library, bridging linguistic boundaries to celebrate one of the subcontinent's greatest literary voices.



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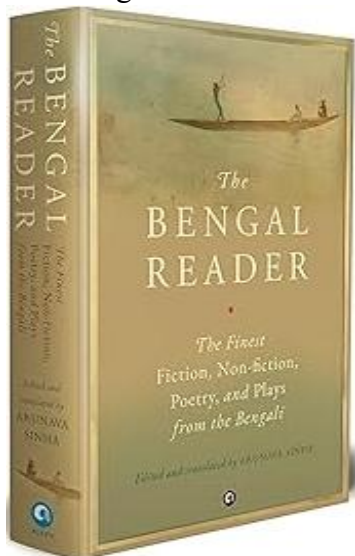
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The Bengal Reader

the finest fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and plays from the Bengali,
edited and translated by Arunava Sinha | New Delhi : Aleph Book Company, 2026 | 9789365230840

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The Bengal Reader is the most expansive anthology of Bengali writing in translation yet published in one volume. Ranging from the nineteenth century to the present, it is edited and translated by one of the most prolific translators of our times, Arunava Sinha. It opens up the wealth of Bengali writing to a wide audience, both Bengali and non-Bengali. The book is arranged along the axis of time. The first section contains the works of the 'argumentative Bengali'. These include the likes of Rammohun Roys argument against sati, Michael Madhusudan Dutts The Slaying of Meghnad, Lalon Fokirs verse, and Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyays satire. The second section tips its hat to Rabindranath Tagore, then goes on to reveal an extraordinary line-up of writers who also shaped and expanded the perspectives of their readers and Indian society in general. Here, you will read an excerpt from Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyays Devdas, essays by scientists like Jagadish Chandra Bose and Meghnad Saha, and Sukumar Rays humour, among others. The third section presents a slew of independent voices. It includes seminal works by luminaries like Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay, Manik Bandyopadhyay, Jibanananda Das, and Sukanta Bhattacharya. Sinha attributes the boom of literary genius in this era to a 'happy concatenation, where magazines and cheap, widely available books ignited the imagination of both readers and writers.



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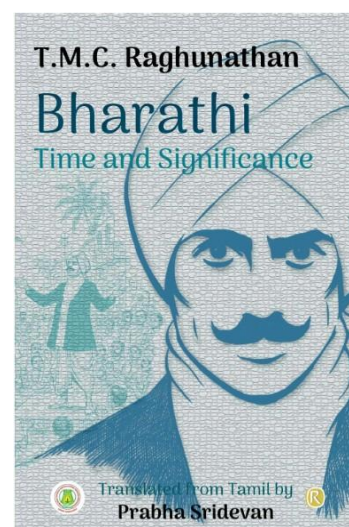
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Bharathi : times and significance

by TMC Raghunathan; translated from Tamil by Prabha Sridevan | Delhi : Ratna Books, 2026 | 9789361773273

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Bharathiyar is hailed as the poet nonpareil of the 20th century. His writings were multifaceted and spoke of freedom for the country, economic freedom, social freedom, women's freedom, and liberation of the soul. His world-vision transcended geographical boundaries, with a compassion that embraced all living beings, their potential and wisdom. This book speaks extensively and deeply about Bharathi's political and literary life between the years 1905 and 1911. T.M.C. Raghunathan places under honest and careful scrutiny anything written or spoken about Bharathi.



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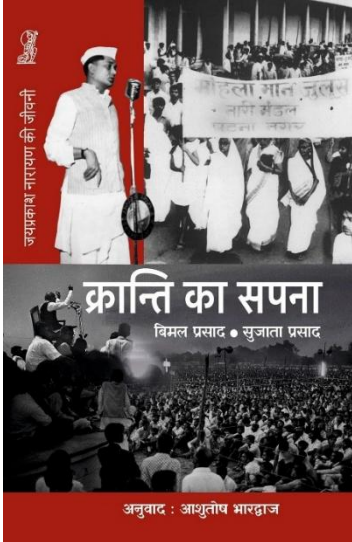
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Kranti ka sapna (क्रान्ति का सपना)

by Bimal Prasad and Sujata Prasad; translated by Ashutosh Bhardwaj | New Delhi : Vani Prakashan, 2026 | 9789373488585

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यह किताब गहरे प्रेम और गहन शोध से उपजी है। इसका स्वर आत्मीय है और यह तटस्थ विश्लेषण से भी नहीं चूकती। इस जीवनी में व्यक्तिगत और



राजनीतिक, निजी और सार्वजनिक का दुर्लभसमन्वय है। यह किताब लिखती है कि जेपी ने मध्य-रात्रि की सन्तानों की एक पूरी पीढ़ी के भीतर अलख जगा दी थी और उन्हें लोकतान्त्रिक राजनीति के भीतर एक कहीं बड़ा स्वप्न देखने की शक्ति दी थी। कांग्रेस के भीतर वैचारिक संघर्ष की ज्योति जगाने वाले और सम्पूर्ण क्रान्ति का आह्वान करने वाले जेपी नारायण विपक्ष के लिए आज भी एक चमत्कारिक प्रेरणा स्रोत बने हुए हैं। आज के समय में इससे अधिक प्रासंगिक राजनीतिक जीवनी नहीं हो सकती। - राज कमल झा 'जेपी की ज़िन्दगी के कई अनछुए पहलू हैं, जिन्हें लेकर लोगों की जिज्ञासा अधिक है, जानकारी कम। राजनीति से इतर जेपी की ज़िन्दगी के इन पहलुओं को समझने की ज़रूरत आज भी है। यह किताब इस बड़ी ज़रूरत को पूरा करती है। इस किताब की शुरुआत सुप्रसिद्ध इतिहासकार बिमल प्रसाद ने की थी, उसे अंजाम तक पहुँचाया उनकी सुपुत्री और विदुषी सुजाता प्रसाद ने। यह किताब पिता-पुत्री का साझा प्रयास है जेपी को हमारे नज़दीक लाने का। यह किताब भारतीय राजनीति में जेपी के योगदान पर एक नयी समझ को हमारे सामने रखती है। सबसे बढ़कर, आप इस किताब को पुत्री द्वारा पिता को श्रद्धांजलि भी कह सकते हैं। - सलिल मिश्र क्रान्ति का सपना एक भारतीय क्रान्ति-साधक की रोमांचक जीवन यात्रा की आत्मीय प्रस्तुति है। सुजाता प्रसाद को जेपी को बहुत लम्बे समय तक अपने पिता के निकटतम नायक और मित्र के रूप में जानने का दुर्लभ अवसर मिला था। तथ्यों की

नवीनता और प्रामाणिकता के कारण जेपी को समझने के लिए यह एक अनिवार्य पुस्तक है। - प्रोफ़ेसर आनन्द कुमार यह उन विभूति की रोमांचकारी कथा है जो महात्मा गांधी के बाद भारत की राजनीतिक अन्तरात्मा के सबसे महान संरक्षक थे जो अपने मार्गदर्शक की तरह टूटे सपने, बिखरे आदर्श और भुला दिये गये संकल्पों को लेकर एकाकी मृत्यु की गोद में समा गये। जयप्रकाश नारायण का असाधारण जीवन बार-बार पढ़े जाने, सुनाये जाने, और दोहराये जाने योग्य है। और इस कर्म के लिए बिमल प्रसाद की पुत्री से बेहतर कौन हो सकता था? - गोपालकृष्ण गांधी |

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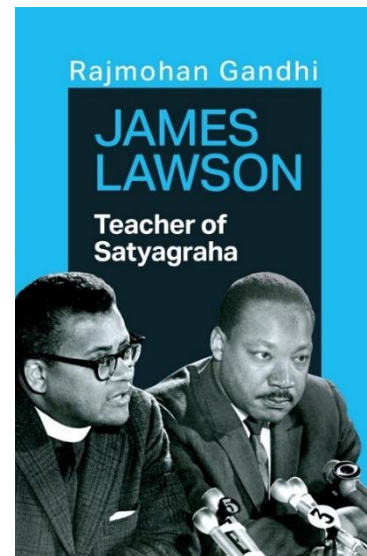
**James Lawson
teacher of Satyagraha**

by Rajmohan Gandhi | New Delhi : Speaking Tiger Books, 2026 | 9789363366015

Accession Number: 57232 | Call Number: 923.273 N28 R26

James Lawson (1928-2024) was a key figure in the American Civil Rights Movement who trained a generation of civil rights activists in the Gandhian philosophy and practice of nonviolent resistance. Yet his name rarely makes it into popular retellings of the movement, especially outside the United States. Drawing on conversations late in Lawson's life, historian Rajmohan Gandhi follows this son of a Methodist pastor from a small Ohio town, Massillon, through college debates, prison time as a conscientious objector during the Korean War, and into the circles of Martin Luther King Jr and Bayard Rustin.

The pages move back and forth between family memories, local archives and Lawson's own words. A key episode in the story is Lawson's three-year stay in Nagpur in the 1950s, where, steeped in Gandhi's ideas and friendships with Indian and African students, he refined the methods of nonviolent direct action he would later teach in Nashville. His workshops there helped shape the famous sit-in campaigns against racial segregation—campaigns that spread across and helped transform the American South.



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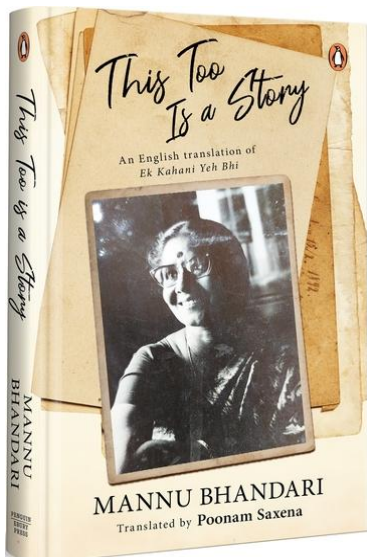
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This too is a story

By Mannu Bhandari; translated by Poonam Saxena | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025 | 9780143464891

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Born in a world that was unfair to women, Mannu Bhandari, grew up to be a sensitive, fiery and outspoken writer. Little did she realize though, that getting married to a man from her own field would prove to be the death of her own writing for the next decade.



In this very straightforward and open autobiography, Mannu Bhandari presents the other side of the household that she and Rajender Yadav occupied. She talks about how she drew her characters from her life and how difficult this seemingly simplicity of writing was.

Deeply hurt by her husband Mannu lays bare the fault lines of her very controversial marriage and her dilemmas and struggles—of being together and yet completely alone. With rare, candid ease and sentimentality, she takes the reader through her life, revealing her writing genius and claiming her rightful position as one of the best writers in Hindi literature.

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Red dawn over China

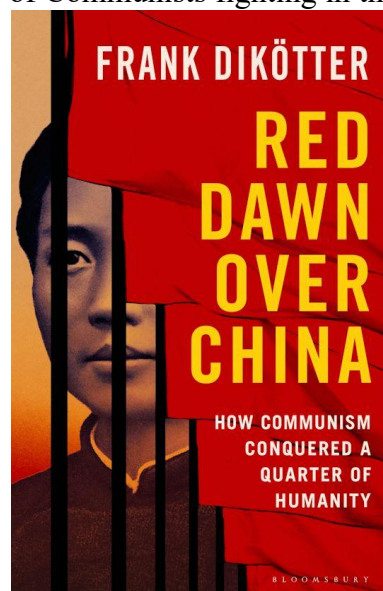
by Frank Dikötter | London : Bloomsbury, 2026 | 9781526670700

Accession Number: 57231 | Call Number: 951.042 DIK

The history of modern China has long been portrayed as a tale of Communists fighting in the hills for freedom, gradually gaining popular support by taking land from the rich and giving it to the poor. Drawing on a wealth of archival evidence, Red Dawn Over China reveals how unlikely the Party's victory actually was, had it not been for financial and military support from the Soviet Union.

Established in 1921 under the direct guidance of Moscow, for the best part of a decade the Communist Party left a trail of destruction, besieging towns and plundering the countryside. When the Communists managed to hold territory, they reduced the villagers to a state of servitude, undermining belief in their cause as well as the local economy. By 1936 they had the same popular appeal as an obscure religious sect. A brutal war of occupation by Japan allowed them to survive far behind enemy lines. After Soviet troops invaded Manchuria in 1945 and provided more money and munitions, the Communists at long last prevailed through a pitiless war of attrition, driven by an unflinching will to conquer at all costs.

In this riveting tale told with great narrative verve, Frank Dikötter reveals how thirteen delegates gathered in a dusty room in 1921 ended up raising the red flag over the Forbidden City in 1949, forever altering the course of history for a quarter of humanity and shaping the world as we know it today.



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Between empire and nation**South Asian humanitarianism in the late colonial period****by Maria Framke | New York : Cambridge University Press, 2026 | 9781009569514****Accession Number: 57227 | Call Number: 954.035 FRA**

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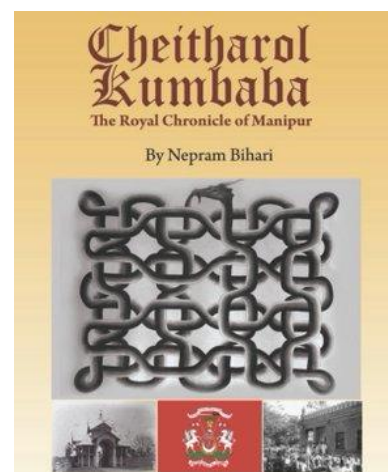
This is a comprehensive history of South Asian humanitarian aid in the context of armed conflicts in the colonial period. Adopting an international and transnational approach, the book focuses on relief initiatives from the First World War to the Second World War and the early post-war years. Through five case studies, this book offers new insights into the history of volunteer societies and non-state organisations in British India. It enhances readers' understanding of late colonial public and political activism on the Indian subcontinent. The book makes a significant contribution to the global history of humanitarianism, offering a nuanced understanding of the subject. This is achieved through an in-depth, context-sensitive exploration of relief work in a non-Western setting, focusing on the significance of Indian actors for the development of a transnational civil society. This title is also available as open access on Cambridge Core.

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Cheitharol kumbaba**the Royal chronicle of Manipur****by Nepram Bihari | New York : New York Universal Publishing House, 2025 | 9781732858473****Accession Number: 57284 | Call Number: 954.17 BIH**

Cheitharol Kumbaba is a historical chronicle of Manipur. The book is based on the royal court records of Manipur, which document the reigns of its kings from ancient times to modern history. Often referred to as the official royal chronicle, Cheitharol Kumbaba provides valuable insights into the political, social, and cultural history of Manipur, detailing events such as wars, treaties, natural disasters, and administrative developments. The book serves as an important historical source for scholars, researchers, and anyone interested in Manipur's past, preserving the legacy of one of the oldest recorded histories in Northeast India.



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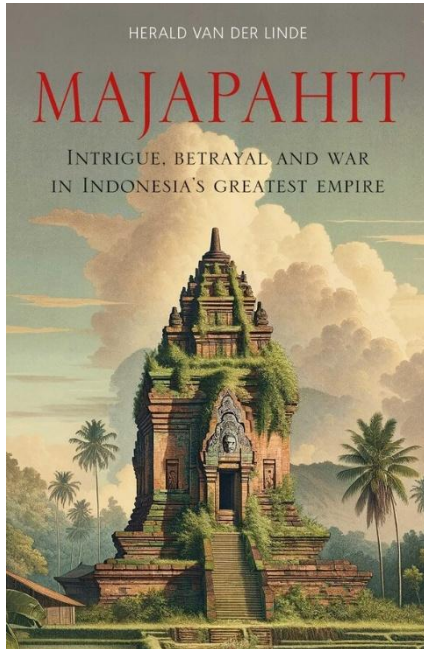
Majapahit

intrigue, betrayal and war in Indonesia's greatest empire

by Herald Van Der Linde | Melton Mowbray : Monsoon Books, 2024 | 9781915310286

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Discover Majapahit, the mighty empire in Southeast Asia that many have never heard of. In



the 14th and 15th centuries, the Majapahit kingdom reigned supreme in eastern Java, and its influence stretched far and wide, throughout present-day Indonesia, parts of the Malay peninsula and the island of Sumatra, now Singapore. Majapahit's army famously repelled Kublai Khan's invasion, and its formidable navy humbled even the renowned Portuguese mariners. Walk the bustling streets of Majapahit, a melting pot of aristocratic Javanese, shaven-head Brahmins, hermits in bark cloth, widows dressed in white, and Chinese, Persian and Arab traders. Discover beautiful temples and imposing palaces, and markets brimming with goods from all over Asia. At the heart of Majapahit's story are eccentric kings and queens embroiled in bloody family feuds, and a tipsy court scribe who has the good sense to write down everything he sees. Witness the drama of royal intrigues, murders, revenge and war. This is not just the story of an empire's rise and fall, it is an exploration of a society rich in religious diversity, social tolerance and artistic achievement, and a society - much like Indonesia today - which must navigate its way in the challenging tapestry of Chinese and Southeast Asian geopolitics.

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