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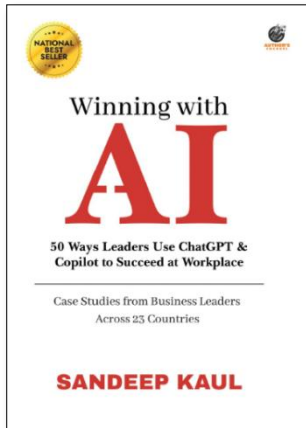
Artificial Intelligence

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Winning with AI

by Sandeep Kaul | Karnataka : Author's channel, 2026 | 9788169302739

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AI is already transforming leadership—are you keeping up? *Winning with AI @ Work* shares 50 real-world case studies of senior leaders using ChatGPT and Copilot to solve business challenges, influence decisions, and lead with sharper impact. Written by executive coach Sandeep Kaul, this book cuts through the hype to show how CXOs are applying AI in boardrooms, strategy reviews, and stakeholder conversations.

From decision-making and growth to coaching and communication, this is your no-fluff guide to using AI as a thinking partner—not a shortcut.

If you're leading in complexity, this book will help you lead smarter.

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Museums

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Compelled to collect

by Mrinalini Venkateswaran | Ranikhet : Permanent Black, 2025 | 9788178246956

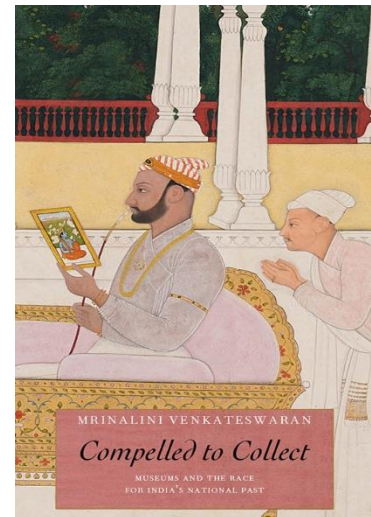
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As a catastrophe that uprooted millions, the partition of India has a compelling hold on South Asia and its historians. More specifically, Punjab has, as the partition's western heartland, shaped modern India's perception of itself in fundamental ways.

Focusing on this region, Venkateswaran argues that collecting “tangible history” – relics, documents, and paintings – for museums was a crucible in which citizenship, national identity, and belonging were articulated, forged, contested, and denied in the aftermath of partition. She draws on hitherto unknown or little used archival material and connects disciplines that have seldom been linked: partition studies, South Asian museum historiography, and art history. By doing so, she offers fresh perspectives and insights into the processes that underpinned the making of India.

In a period when national identities were nebulous, historic objects engendered “belonging” in all those who claimed and contested ownership over them, and those who interpreted them to reconstruct the region's past. Such people included politicians, bureaucrats, art specialists, archaeologists, historians, museum keepers, university vice chancellors, and the ordinary public.

Political actors have loomed large in South Asian history, obscuring the full range and diversity of individuals who shaped it. By foregrounding transnational networks of specialists such as archivists and art historians, this book provides depth and sophistication to reorient narratives of partition and South Asian independence.



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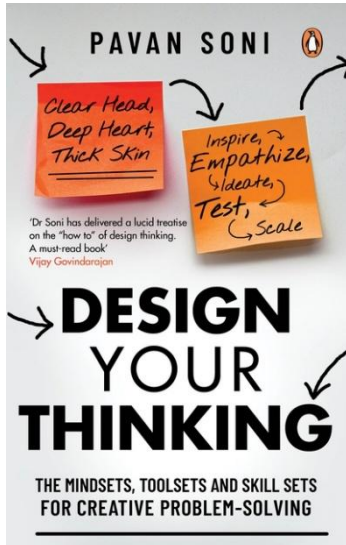
Creativity

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Design your thinking

by Pavan Soni | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2020 | 9780670094097

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Creative problem-solving is at the heart of innovation, and some of the world's most innovative companies are very systematic in following this approach. Most people would assume that creativity and discipline can't coexist, and that only when resources are replete and the talent best-in-class can one be creative. But nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, creativity thrives amid constraints and calls for great discipline.

Pioneered by IDEO and Stanford d.school, design thinking is one such approach that draws inspiration from the realm of product design. However, it shouldn't be narrowly associated with the world of start-ups and technology or thought of as something limited to product development. The method is increasingly being used in a wider context and can help us address a vast array of problems.

This book attempts to offer a practitioner's perspective on how the tenets, methods and discipline of design thinking can be applied across a range of domains, including to everyday problems, and help us become expert problem-solvers through the use of the appropriate toolsets, skill sets and mindsets.

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Psychology

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Stories of courage

by Sanjay Lazar | Pune : Sanjay Lazar, 2026 | 9789334136647

Accession Number: 57405 | Call Number: 158.1 LAZ

Stories of courage - 12 journeys of inspiration and strength, is a collection of writings by 12 independent authors from India and across the world. Their journeys are true stories of their struggles, sacrifices and courage.

They say "NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES" and stories of courage shows us just that. From a post office clerk in Tamil Nadu, to children who escaped war torn Afghanistan, from a young bride who lost her Pilot husband flying Vande Bharat missions, to a Husband who was wrongly incarcerated in the USA under mistaken identification as a terrorist, to a father who suffered the horrors of partition. This series catalogues the personal journeys of everyday men and women, who do extraordinary things in their everyday lives. They are an inspiration to Society.



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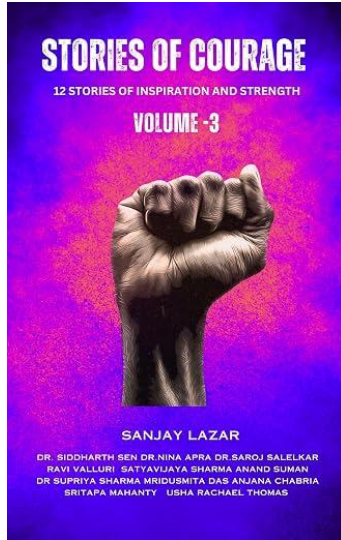
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Stories of courage : 12 journeys of inspiration and strenght (Vol.3)

by Sanjay Lazar | Pune : Sanjay Lazar, 2026 | 9789356556485

Accession Number: 57406 | Call Number: 158.1 LAZ

This is the third volume in the Amazon Number 1 bestselling series, of Stories of Courage - Vol 1 & 2. It represents 12 Journeys of Inspiration and Strength is a collection of writings by 12 independent authors from India and around the world. Their journeys are true stories of their struggles, sacrifices and courage and they are an inspiration to society in their own way.



“Not all heroes wear capes,” and Stories of Courage shows us exactly that. This series catalogues the personal journeys of ordinary men and women, who through their situations, end up doing extraordinary things in their everyday lives.

This anthology has been curated and compiled by Sanjay Lazar, the author of the best-seller “On Angels Wings – Beyond the Bombing of Air India 182” He runs the not-for-profit Avialaz Foundation, which campaigns against terrorism globally.

This book and its proceeds are dedicated to spreading the campaign against terrorism.

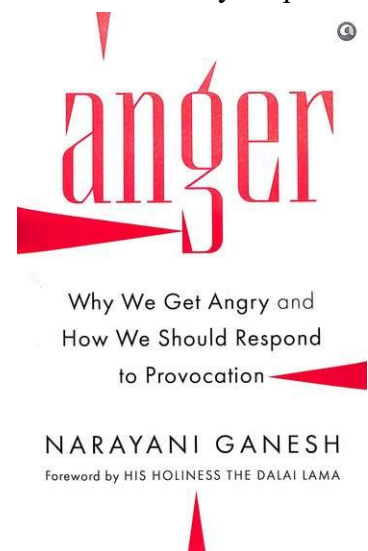
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Anger

by Narayani Ganesh | New Delhi: Aleph Book Company, 2026 | 9789365238259

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Anger is one of the most powerful emotions experienced by humankind. What may erupt in a moment of frustration could have simmered quietly within us for years, only to explode with consequences that can change lives. From personal relationships to global conflicts, anger has shaped the course of human history. Today, online platforms reward outrage and social media feeds are filled with content designed to inflame emotions. It is not without reason that 'rage bait' was named the Oxford English Dictionary's Word of the Year 2025. In *Anger: Why We Get Angry and How We Should Respond to Provocation*, the author takes readers on a reflective journey into the nature of anger—what triggers it, why it overwhelms us, and how it can both harm and transform us. She examines how this emotion has been analysed in spiritual teachings, and by philosophers and thinkers belonging to various cultures and traditions around the world. In his Foreword, His Holiness the Dalai Lama says that anger should not be seen as purely destructive or as something to be feared. The book shows readers how to accept anger, and provides insights into how its negative effects can be blunted for it to be used constructively.



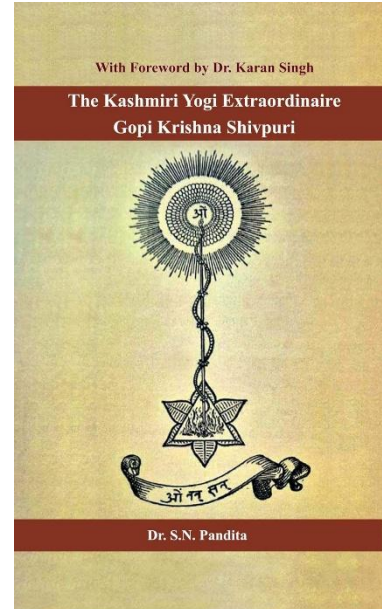
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The Kashmiri yogi extraordinaire Gopi Krishna Shivpuri

by S N Pandita | Gurugram : Shubhi Publications, 2026 | 9788182907034

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Gopi Krishen (Krishan) Shivpuri was a Kashmiri Pandit Yogi, who has remained nearly unknown within his own community, less known in India but universally renowned in the West during his lifetime, (1903-1984), The pages that fill this monograph demonstrate that Gopi Krishna was the greatest Kashmiri Pandit, Kashmir has produced in more than one thousand years since the time of Acharya Abhinavagupta in the tenth century. Many in the West have opined that Gopi Krishna was a genius. In the least, he was extraordinary. His work and ideas on Kundalini, the fountain-head of Yoga and higher state of consciousness revolutionized the idea and awareness of Yoga in the western world during the twentieth century. Among the big spiritual Masters that India produced during the twentieth century, Gopi Krishna alone stood to the scientific scrutiny of his claims. As an exceptional Yogi, Gopi Krishna exhorted the scientific world at the highest levels to check and test the claims of his spiritual and meditative claims under the strictest scientific testing.

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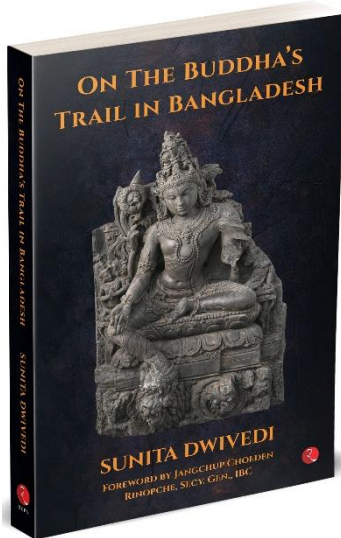
Religion

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On the Buddha's trail in Bangladesh

by Sunita Dwivedi | New Delhi : Rupa Publications, 2026 | 9789353522148

Accession Number: 57446 | Call Number: 294.3095492 DWI



Beginning at Kushinagar on Asia's Buddhist circuit, the author's long, looping trail through Afghanistan, Central Asia, the Tarim Basin, China and Tibet ultimately turns back towards Bengal and its overlooked eastern corridors. This book grows out of that return. It follows the old routes that once linked West Bengal and Bangladesh with Tibet and the southern provinces of China, where trade in horses, silk, aromatics and medicinal herbs moved alongside a steady traffic of monks, scholars and translators. These were not merely commercial roads but intellectual ones, feeding the mahaviharas of Bengal and carrying Buddhist texts, teachers and ideas onward into Tibet and China.

Set in Bangladesh, the narrative explores the country through what remains of that older Buddhist landscape. Along highways and riverbanks, ruined monasteries and unexcavated mounds appear with striking regularity: some formally identified, others half-obliterated into high earthen rises, and many built over by later structures. Drawing on archaeology, travel and close observation, the book connects celebrated sites such as Somapura at Paharpur and the Mainamati-Lalmai range with lesser-known settlements across Bogra, Dinajpur, Bikrampur and the deltaic south.

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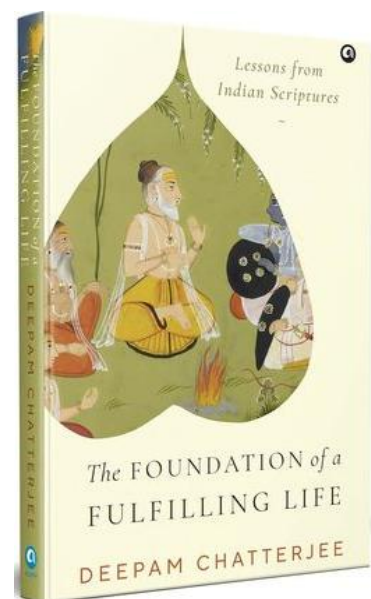
The foundation of a fulfilling life

by Deepam Chatterjee | New Delhi : Aleph Book Company, 2026 | 9789365236132

Accession Number: 57439 | Call Number: 294.548 CHA

Across centuries, stories have carried humanity's deepest wisdom. The Foundation of a Fulfilling Life gathers together several luminous stories from India's sacred and classical traditions and retells them for the modern reader. Drawing from stories in the Mahabharata, Ramayana, Upanishads, Puranas, Panchatantra, Hitopadesha, and the Jatakas, the author shows how, in these ancient tales, the answers we seek for modern dilemmas probably already exist.

We see, in the determination of Eklavya, the devotion of Savitri, the resilience of Dhruva, and the courage of Hanuman, as well as in the actions and traits of other unforgettable characters who wrestle with doubt, ambition, pride, love, and sacrifice, ways in which we might tackle our own problems. Importantly, these timeless stories suggest how we could lead a more fulfilling life. This book does not preach or instruct. Instead, it encourages us to pause, reflect, and act with greater awareness.



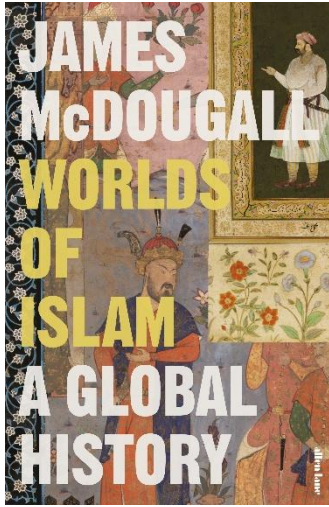
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Worlds of Islam

by James McDougall | London : Penguin Random House, 2026 | 9780241828359

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Worlds of Islam, James McDougall explores its origins and transformations from Late Antiquity to the digital age.

Over the span of a thousand years, armies, missionaries, and merchants carried it to the edges of Europe, the coasts of Southeast Asia, and the remote interior of China. By the nineteenth century, Islam encompassed a world of great diversity, from Muslim-ruled empires to nations where Muslims lived out their faith among many others. In the twentieth century, while monarchs in the Gulf asserted dynastic privilege and fundamentalists in Egypt and Pakistan preached social morality, revolutionaries from Algeria to Indonesia fought for national self-determination, and activists in North America and Europe campaigned for civil liberties and social justice.

As empires fell and new superpowers rose, Muslims proved to be as adaptable and dynamic as modernity itself. Sweeping and authoritative, Worlds of Islam narrates the epic story of how Muslims emerged as a community, built empires, traversed the globe, came to number in the billions, and became modern.

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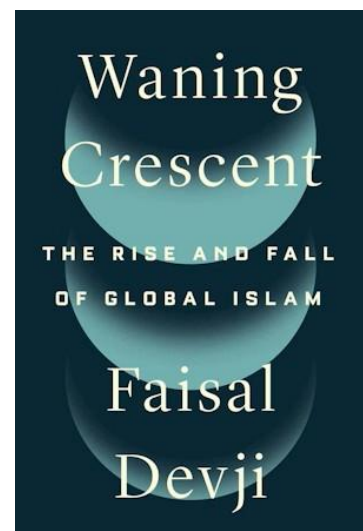
Waning Crescent

by Faisal Devji | New Haven : Yale University Press, 2025 | 9780300276633

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Until the nineteenth century, Islam was variously understood as a set of beliefs and practices. But after Muslims began to see their faith as an historical actor on the world stage, they needed to narrate Islam's birth anew as well as to imagine its possible death. Faisal Devji argues that this change, sparked by the crisis of Muslim sovereignty in the age of European empire, provided a way of thinking about agency in a global context: an Islam liberated from the authority of kings and clerics had the potential to represent the human race itself as a newly empirical reality.

Ordinary Muslims, now recognized as the privileged representatives of Islam, were freed from traditional forms of Islamic authority. However, their conception of Islam as an impersonal actor in history meant that it could not be defined in either religious or political terms. Its existence as a civilizational and later ideological subject also deprived figures like God and the Prophet of their theological subjectivities while robbing the Muslim community of its political agency. Devji illuminates this history and explores its ramifications for the contemporary Muslim world.



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Sociology

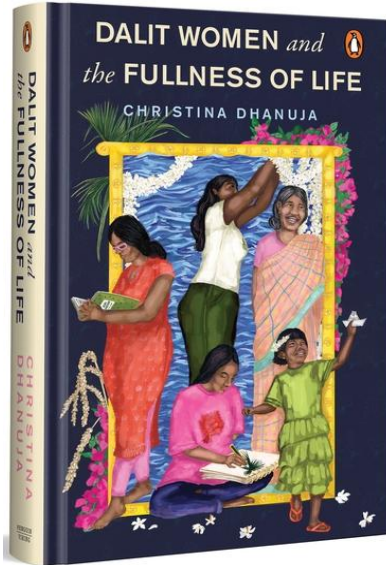
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Dalit women and the fullness of life

by Christina Dhanuja | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2026 | 9780670095506

Accession Number: 57421 | Call Number: 305.488914 DHA

In *Dalit Women and the Fullness of Life*, Christina Dhanuja confronts the narrow frames that have long confined how Dalit women are seen and understood. Too often rendered as symbols of all-consuming suffering or resilience alone, these are human lives flattened and portrayed without interiority and wholeness. This book refuses that erasure.



With candour and clarity, Dhanuja examines how reductive and unidimensional narratives take hold in institutions, media discourse and social imagination, and what it takes to break them apart. She asks what becomes possible when Dalit women are recognized as complex, desiring beings: capable of joy and contradiction, intimacy and power, fragility and fullness.

Blending memoir with sharp social analysis, the book situates lived experience within structures of caste, gender, faith and community. The result is a soulful and provocative work—one that insists on fullness as a political, ethical and imaginative

horizon for Dalit women.

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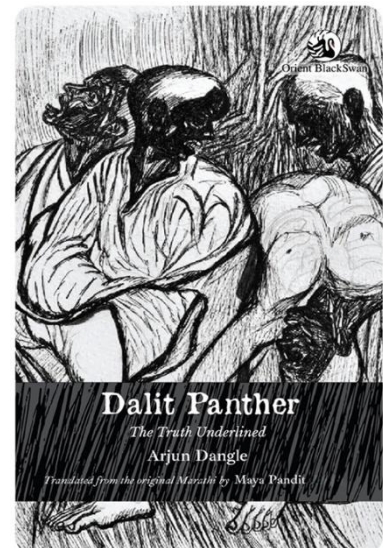
Dalit Panther

by Arjun Dangle; translated by Maya Pandit | Hyderabad : Orient Blackswan, 2026 | 9789369736683

Accession Number: 57418 | Call Number: 305.5688 DAN

Formed in 1972 and inspired by the Black Panther movement, the Dalit Panther emerged as one of the most radical and influential movements in post-Ambedkarite India. A wave of brutal caste violence across Maharashtra in the 1970s had turned simmering resentment into mass fury—the Dalit Panther transformed this fury into a militant movement for dignity, justice and social change.

Led by powerful writer-activists such as Namdev Dhasal, J. V. Pawar, Raja Dhale, Bhai Sangare, Avinash Mahatekar and Arjun Dangle, the Panther mounted a fierce challenge to the casteist political and literary establishment of Maharashtra, while sharing solidarity with the struggles of workers, women and farmers. In documenting this history, Dangle also revisits the enduring debate on the relationship between the Dalit movement and the Left, and between Ambedkarism and Marxism.

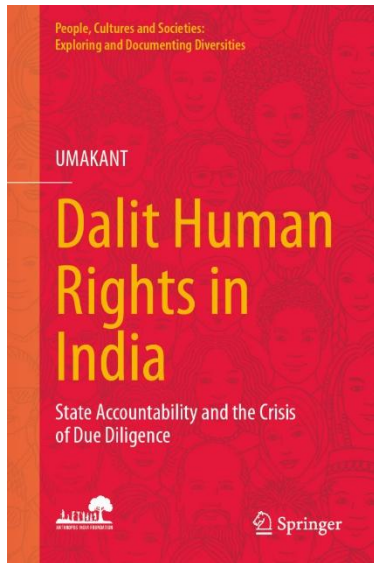


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Dalit human rights in India

by Umakant | Singapore : Springer, 2026 | 9789819557509

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This book investigates the widespread and persistent human rights violations against Dalits in India, with a focus on the erstwhile central Bihar from 1977 to the present day. Drawing on historical data, field interviews, judicial records, and human rights reports, the book presents a searing account of caste carnages, institutional failures, and the lived realities of marginalization and resistance. Key themes include the role of radical groups and civil society in raising awareness, the complicity and neglect of state institutions, and the urgent need for constitutional accountability and social reform. By weaving together theory, field research, and international human rights frameworks, this book uniquely situates Dalit rights within both Indian and global contexts. This book is a valuable resource on Dalit human rights, ideal for researchers, students, and general readers. It serves as a reference for courses in human rights, social exclusion, anthropology, political science, sociology, and South Asian studies and is suitable for both undergraduate and postgraduate reading lists.

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Politics

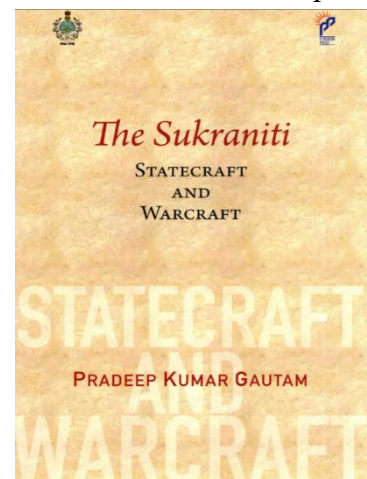
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The Sukraniti

by Pradeep Kumar Gautam | New Delhi : Pentagon Press, 2025 | 9788198445810

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The Sanskrit word for scientific work is 'shastra' (text book), while 'Arthashastra' implies 'science of wealth and power'. The Arthashastra tradition in Sanskrit, along with its various translations over the ages, has carried forward the key essence of statecraft in India. For over 2,000 years, this tradition can be seen in three texts as milestones dealing with statecraft in varying degrees and on grand strategy, warfare, and security-related issues, military appreciation, diplomacy, intelligence studies, leadership, management, and morals, under the term in Sanskrit as 'artha'. There is another related and synonymous term, 'niti'. Niti is defined as pragmatics, politics, or statecraft. The Sanskrit Dictionary of Law and Statecraft defines niti as law, policy, governance, and Nitishastra to mean treatise on law or political science. In other words, 'the books relating to the regulations of the state are generally known by the technical term of Nitisastras.... Among the extant publications, we may mention the three monumental works in this tradition, viz. the Arthashastra of Kautilya, the Kamandaki, and the Sukranitisara. In this tradition of statecraft and politics, 'the Nitisara of Sukra is a well-known manual of Arthashastra's type.'⁵ Etymologically, in the initial stages, the term was artha and danda.



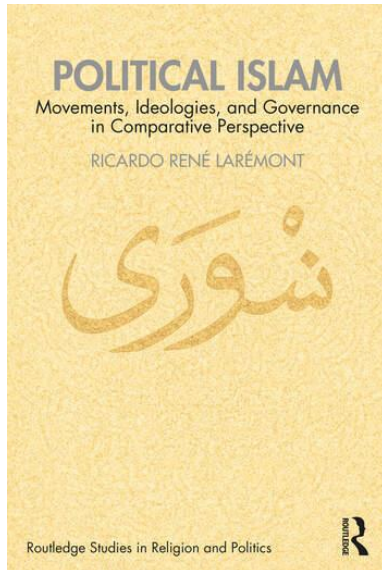
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Political Islam

by Ricardo Rene Laremont | New York : Routledge, 2026 | 9781041173700

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Political Islam: Movements, Ideologies, and Governance in Comparative Perspective is a textbook that offers a comprehensive and accessible exploration of Islamist movements and the diverse political models they have pursued across the modern Muslim world. Bridging theology, political theory, and case-based analysis, this book examines how religion, nationalism, and armed resistance have intersected to shape contemporary Muslim-majority states.

The book begins with foundational chapters that compare the historical relationship between religion and politics in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam and then outlines key differences between Western democratic theory and Islamic governance models. It proceeds to examine seminal Islamist movements, including the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, the ideological legacy of Sayyid Qutb, Iran's Shi'i theocracy, and resistance movements such as Hezbollah, Hamas, and the Taliban. Each

chapter integrates ideological analysis with political history, institutional development, and regional context. Unique among books in the field, Political Islam: Movements, Ideologies, and Governance in Comparative Perspective combines intellectual genealogy with detailed case studies and comparative frameworks, enabling students to grasp both the diversity and coherence of Islamist thought.

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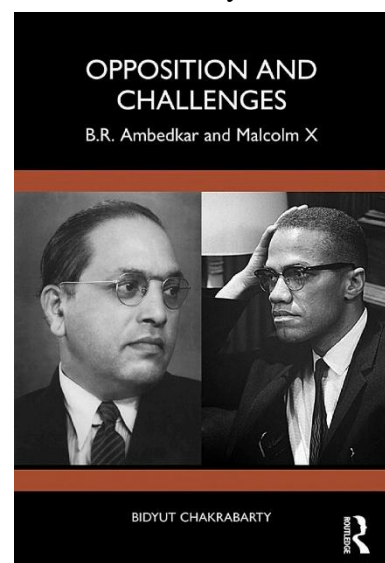
Opposition and challenges

by Bidyut Chakrabarty | London : Routledge, 2026 | 9781041385974

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Presenting a unique East meets West subaltern history of the twentieth century, this book juxtaposes the political lives and ideas of B. R. Ambedkar and Malcolm X, homing in on their respective struggles against caste and racial discrimination. Despite the differences in their backgrounds, the two thinkeractivists had significantly overlapping worldviews, shaped by their experiences of identity-based oppression, marginalization, and institutional violence. This book explores those overlaps, with a view to analysing how Ambedkar and Malcolm X's legacies live on in civil rights movements and discourse the world over.

The volume will be of interest to researchers and scholars of race, caste and discrimination studies, history, African-American studies and South Asian studies.



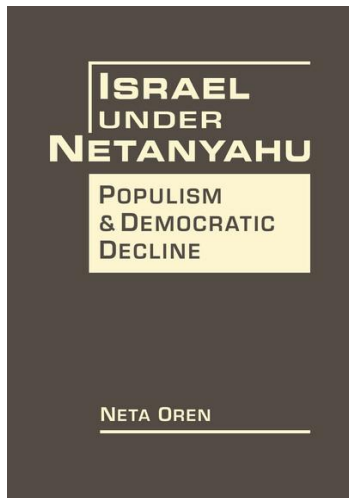
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Israel under Netanyahu

by Neta Oren | Colorado : Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2025 | 9781962551427

Accession Number: 57503 | Call Number: 320.95694 ORE



Discussions of democratic backsliding typically include examples from Hungary, Poland, Turkey, and even the United States, but rarely a mention of Israel. Neta Oren asks: Should scholars include Israel in this list? Should Benjamin Netanyahu be considered a populist leader? Are there lessons about populism and democratic decline to be learned from the Israeli case?

Answering yes to each of these questions, Oren analyzes the related phenomena of populism and the erosion of Israel's democracy during Netanyahu's long tenure as prime minister. Her book contributes to an enhanced understanding of not only contemporary Israel, but also democratic backsliding and populism overall.

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Foreign Policy

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Strengthening BRICS in areas of internal security, public health, disaster management and the role of media

edited by Venkat Ram Reddy...[et al] | New Delhi : Routledge, 2026 | 9781041357315

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This book examines BRICS+ countries as a post–Cold War emerging response to the compelling consequences of unipolar order and the overbearing effects of non-military security issues such as internal security, public health security, disaster management, and the role of media. The book:

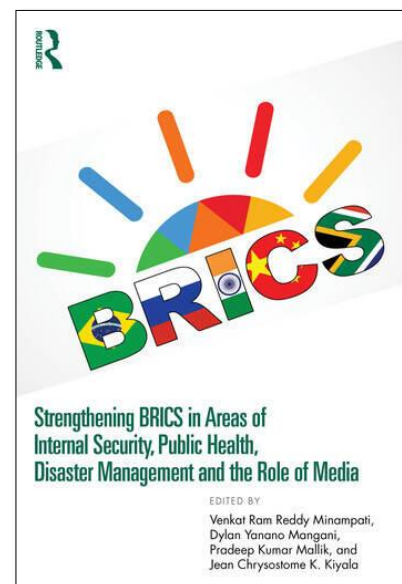
Explores the BRICS+ countries' conception of internal security and its impact on the broader global security architecture in the post–Cold War dispensation.

Critiques the substance and efficacy of BRICS+ countries' public health regimes and diplomacy in the context of pandemics and other health emergencies.

Evaluates the multiple trajectories of natural and artificial disasters in the BRICS countries.

Assesses the role of the fourth estate in shaping public discourse, such as peacebuilding in the BRICS+ countries, as well as the role of social media through themes such as digital diplomacy.

The volume will be of great interest to scholars and researchers in international relations, public policy and administration, and media development.



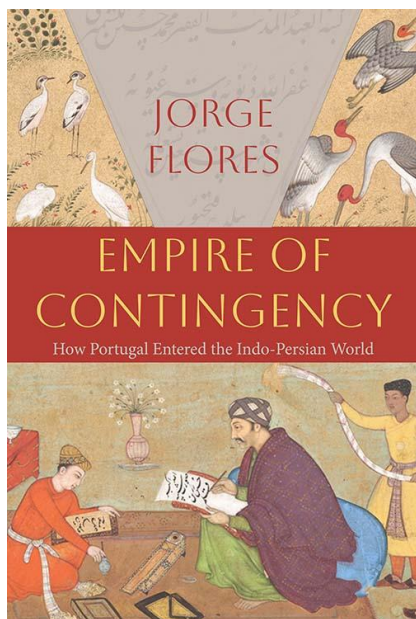
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Empire of contingency

by Jorge Flores | Ranikhet : Permanent Black, 2024 | 9788178247281

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Empire of Contingency explores the information and communication practices of the Portuguese empire in late-sixteenth- and seventeenth-century India – during which period Portuguese imperial ambitions were struggling for survival, while the Mughal empire was at the height of its power.

Jorge Flores uncovers the apparatuses of intelligence through which the Estado da Índia endeavoured to survive in a vast Indo-Persian world. Detailing the complex relations that officials of the Portuguese empire maintained with the Mughals as well as with the sultanates of Ahmadnagar and Bijapur – through information gathering, record-keeping, interpreting, and diplomatic correspondence – Flores demonstrates how the Portuguese territories along the western coast of India were substantially incorporated into the vast Persianate cultural sphere from Iran to South East

Asia. Showing how a European empire was drawn into the political practices and rituals of the Indo-Persian world, this book compels us to look afresh at the Portuguese empire in Asia.

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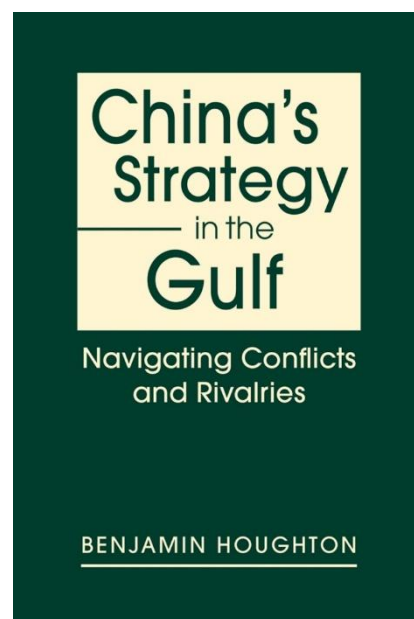
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China's strategy in the gulf

by Vijay Gokhale | Colorado : Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2025 | 9781962551465

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China's foreign and security policy in the Gulf region has been characterized by the cultivation of strong positive relationships with all of the Gulf states, irrespective of their domestic politics and the ubiquitous rivalries between neighbors. Has this "hedging strategy" proven fruitful? Or has it had negative consequences? Addressing this issue, Benjamin Houghton explores the contours of China's hedging strategy in the Gulf from the time of the 1979 Iranian revolution through early 2024.



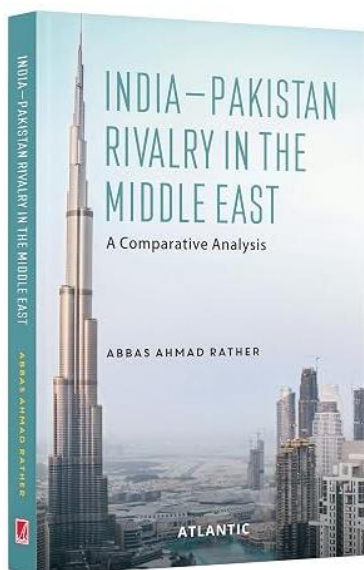
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India-Pakistan rivalry in the Middle East

by Abbas Ahmad Rather | New Delhi : Atlantic, 2026 | 9789372266917

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India-Pakistan Rivalry in the Middle East: A Comparative Analysis offers a rare and timely study of how South Asia's fiercest rivals compete for influence in a region undergoing profound change. Once shaped largely by religious identity, Middle Eastern states are increasingly guided by economic interests in choosing partners. This shift has elevated India's standing-driven by its economic strength and recent diplomatic outreach-while Pakistan's influence has declined amid economic weakness. Moving beyond the familiar lens of Kashmir, the book explores under-researched dimensions of the rivalry, spanning history, energy, diaspora, trade, defense, and diplomacy. It is an indispensable resource for students, researchers, policymakers, foreign policy professionals, and readers interested in South Asian and Middle Eastern geopolitics.

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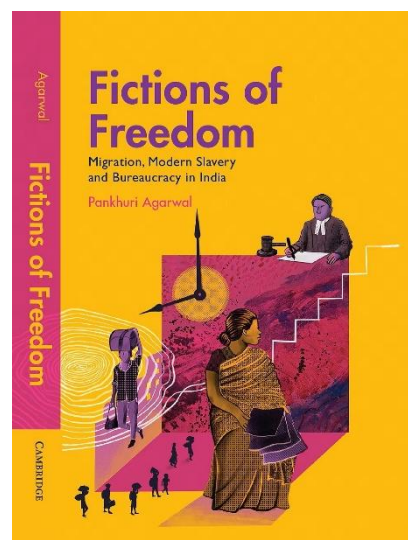
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Fictions of freedom

by Pankhuri Agarwal | New York : Cambridge University Press, 2026 | 9781009628334

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Fictions of Freedom emerges from the fact of anti-trafficking interventions having led to newer forms of oppressions and entanglements of bureaucracy. Situating the lives of sex workers and daily-wage earning labourers through a multi-sited ethnography in India, this book opens up an examination of the rescue industry alongside migration and informality, and how the lived reality of the workers is crowded with sociopolitical unfairness, individual and state-sponsored violence, informal debt, gender and caste-based hierarchies, and limited livelihood options. It aims to offer a critical lens into the practices, modalities, and contestations through which freedom is lived and asserted in India.



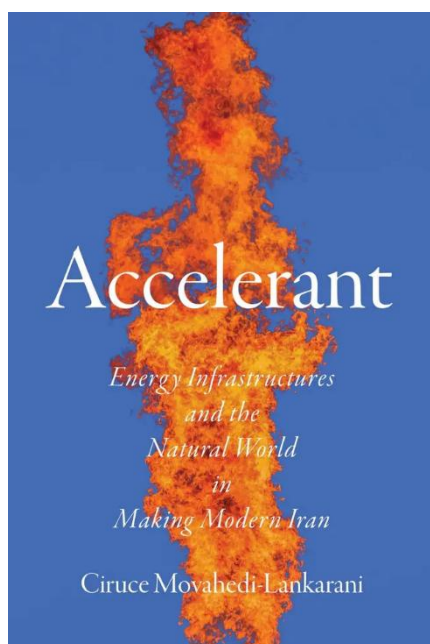
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Accelerant

by Ciruce Movahedi - Lankarani | Stanford : Stanford University Press, 2026 | 9781503643871

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Between the late 1940s and the end of the twentieth century, natural gas became Iran's bedrock energy source. Billed as a futuristic fuel for a future world power, gas became an avenue for the country's developmentalist ambitions. The ability to build technologically sophisticated infrastructures served as a powerful tool of state legitimation, both before and after the 1979 Revolution, and tied top-down politics of modernization to bottom-up feelings of national belonging. *Accelerant* analyzes the interwoven histories of energy, development, and the environment in Iran. Following the movement of natural gas from underground deposits, through infrastructures of refining and distribution, and into everyday life, Ciruce Movahedi-Lankarani explores the roles of development planners, oil firms, industrialists, engineers, and consumers—as well as the mountain ranges, sedimentary rock, and natural gas itself—to show how natural gas emerged as a crucial enabler of industrialization and a strong impetus for resource nationalism. Tracing the

transformation of gas from a waste product into a vital resource, this book offers a history of anticolonial developmentalism in Iran—revealing a key driver toward intensified energy use that suggests why and how societies in the Global South became voracious consumers of fossil fuel energy.

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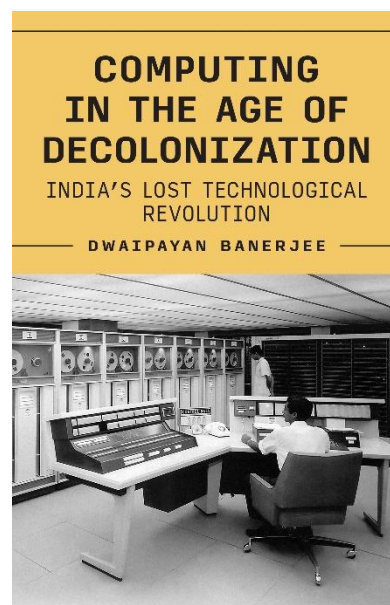
Computing in the age of decolonization

by Dwaipayan Banerjee | New Jersey : Princeton University Press, 2026 | 9780691268217

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India today is widely recognized for producing world-class tech talent and Silicon Valley leaders, yet captures only a fraction of the global tech industry's profits, primarily providing skilled but inexpensive labor for Western corporations. *Computing in the Age of Decolonization* uncovers the overlooked history behind this paradox, tracing India's ambitious but ultimately thwarted drive to build a self-reliant computing industry from the 1950s to the 1980s.

After independence in 1947, Indian scientists and policymakers at institutions such as the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research saw computing as central to national sovereignty, economic growth, and scientific advancement. Through projects such as the groundbreaking TIFRAC computer and the decisive expulsion of IBM, they aimed for technological independence. But almost immediately, these initiatives faced powerful political and economic headwinds. Indian computer scientists grappled with Cold War politics, international trade imbalances, US corporate monopolies, and strategic decisions by India's technocratic elite, who favored profitable technical services over costly investments in research and manufacturing.



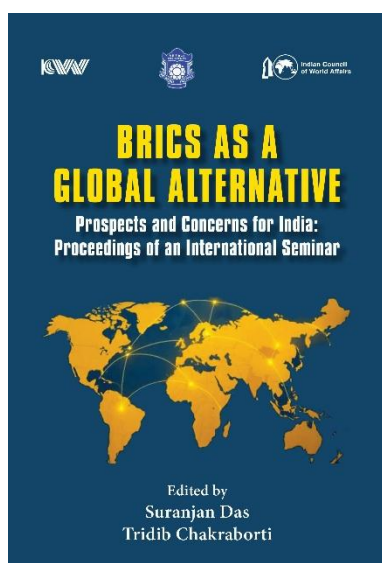
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BRICS as a global alternative

edited by Suranjan Das and Tridib Chakraborti | New Delhi : K W Publishers, 2026 | 9788199705791

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The volume brings together the speeches delivered and papers presented at an international brainstorming seminar on ‘BRICS as a Global Alternative: Prospects and Concerns for India’ held at Adamas University, Kolkata, on 22 and 23 February 2024. Primarily sponsored by the Indian Council of World Affairs and supported by Adamas University, the H. P. Ghosh Research Centre (Kolkata), and the Netaji Institute For Asian Studies (Kolkata), the conference was attended by His Excellency the Ambassador of Brazil, the Hon’ble Consul-Generals of China and Russia in Kolkata, distinguished Indian diplomats, and leading academics from across the country. The seminar deepened our understanding of BRICS’ evolving significance, its institutional prospects and challenges, and the role that India has played and can play in shaping this geographically and politically diverse coalition that seeks to moderate the entrenched Western dominance in global governance structure.

Published at a time when India has assumed the presidency of BRICS, the volume should be of particular interest for India’s reading public as well as its practicing diplomats. For the BRICS as a Group, the collection should provide a critical perspective to chart out an effective path to realise its goal to promote a more inclusive and multipolar global order in the midst of emerging challenges in world politics.

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The bench, the bar and the bizarre

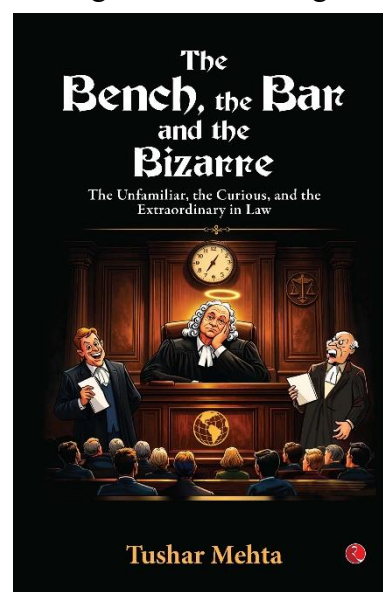
by Tushar Mehta | New Delhi : Rupa Publications, 2026 | 9789353523190

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In *The Bench, the Bar, and the Bizarre*, Tushar Mehta invites you on a guided tour through the curious edges of the law—sometimes whimsical, sometimes absurd, and often unexpectedly funny. This book offers a collection of surprising and engaging incidents, events, and judgments that will appeal not only to lawyers and judges, but to non-legal readers as well.

Drawing on real cases from around the world, this is the side of the law and its functionaries rarely seen: judges who expressed dissenting views in their judgments with remarkable vigour; maverick litigants who sued demons, the Devil, and even God—not out of mere eccentricity, but to prove a point; judges who harangued others over robes, wigs, and mobile phones; instances of judges unduly absorbed in social media; and those who, from the Bench, allowed authority occasionally to overwhelm restraint.

Unpredictable and incisive, these episodes reveal the strange humanity that lurks behind the solemn rituals of justice—and remind us that the law, for all its dignity, can sometimes be gloriously bizarre, yet undeniably fascinating to legal professionals and lay readers alike.



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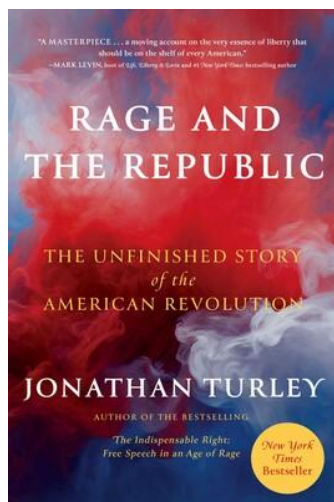
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Rage and the republic

by Jonathan Turley | New York : Simon & Schuster, 2026 | 9781668205020

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On the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, law professor, legal analyst, and bestselling author of *The Indispensable Right* Jonathan Turley explores how the unique origins of American democracy set it apart from other revolutions, whether it can survive and thrive in the 21st century, and how the unfinished story of the revolution will play out in a rapidly changing world.



This is a book about revolutions. Most countries are the progeny of revolution. At the birth of this nation, the Founding Fathers faced the quintessential question of self-governance: how do you keep democracy from devolving into violent anarchy or brutal despotism? Drawing on little-known facts from the founding, Jonathan Turley reveals how the United States escaped the cycles of violence and instability that plagued other democratic movements, from ancient Athens to 19th-century France.

As the nation approaches a new era marked by artificial intelligence, robotics, and profound economic shifts, America must again withstand the pressure of radical forces that seek to curtail our natural liberties under the guise of popular reform. In this crisis of faith, many politicians and pundits are questioning the very principles of American democracy, and some law professors are even calling for scrapping the Constitution.

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Military Science

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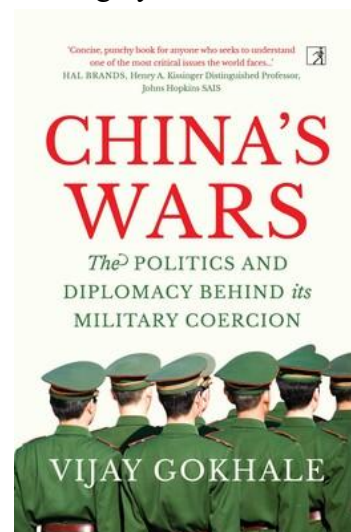
China's wars

by Vijay Gokhale | New Delhi : Simon & Schuster, 2026 | 9789390343997

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The People's Republic of China has engaged in military coercion or grey-zone wars with several major powers and neighbours since 1949. Portraying itself always as the victim of aggression, it holds adversaries responsible for provoking conflict by trampling on China's national security and, thus, compelling it to retaliate in self defence. Its ability to achieve political objectives even with more powerful adversaries while absolving itself of blame and justifying the use of force, makes it formidable to deal with.

This book explores the complex factors that shape China's decisions to deploy force by delving into its politics, diplomacy and military thinking, as well as the tools that it uses to craft favourable narratives, through specific case-studies from the 1950s till current times. It is intended to uncover the politics and diplomacy behind China's coercive behaviour and to identify possible patterns in their decision-making process that might be useful to practitioners, strategists or researchers who study why and when China might, in the future, engage in military coercion or conflict.



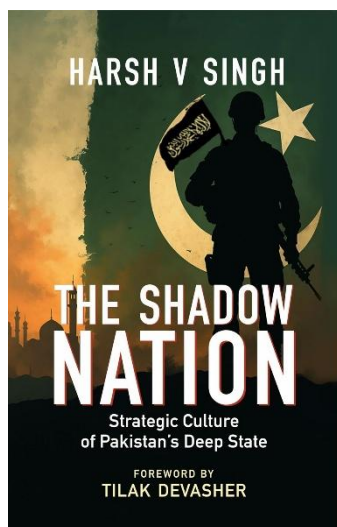
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The Shadow Nation

by Harsh V Singh; foreword by Tilak Devasher | New Delhi: Pentagon Press, 2025 | 9788198748447

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Pakistan Military has used the mantle of being the custodian of 'Nazariya-e-Pakistan' (idea of Pakistan) as *causa principalis* to permeate into the societal fabric of Pakistan and impose its strategic culture on Pakistan, the state. While externally it may be revisionist, internally Pakistan Military would prefer to maintain status quo ante. This book is a critique on Pakistan's military dominance and how the army's grip on national ideology, politics and society has persisted. Pakistan Military has shaped a revisionist, anti-India posture by manipulating the feudal elite, the political satraps, theological cronies, the judiciary and the bureaucrats through a 'carrot and stick' regimen by the Deep State. The Pakistan Military today controls the trajectory of Pakistan and cleaving the strategic culture of the state from that of the military is virtually impossible. The revisionist mindset of Pakistan is a direct manifestation of this confluence, wherein despite the internal fractures and fluctuations, Pakistan's inimical posture to India has remained a constant. Pakistan Military's 'numero uno' status took a hit on 09 May 23 with the riots targeting the military establishment, heralding the 'fall from grace'. The cleaving of the military from the people is a 'strategic shock' second only to the creation of Bangladesh. As internal dissent grows and its hold weakens, the book examines the strategic implications for South Asia and proposes a multi-dimensional response to unhinge the military's central role in Pakistan's trajectory.

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Social Change

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Games hospitals play

by Abantika Ghosh | New Delhi : Bloomsbury, 2025 | 9789361313394

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In *Games Hospitals Play*, veteran health journalist and public policy professional Abantika Ghosh exposes the shadowy economics of India's private healthcare industry. This isn't a story of a few rotten eggs – it is a systemic breakdown exposing how patient vulnerability is the fodder for the profit-driven healthcare industry. Mining through a mountain of court documents, backed by insider accounts and investigative reports, Ghosh decodes hidden markups, surge pricing for surgeries, unnecessary procedures, and corporate pressures that turn every illness into a profit opportunity. She reveals how hospital packages are designed like experiential commodities, why your insurance policy might not be enough and how over-testing has become a tool for revenue generation. A playbook to fight back, *Games Hospitals Play* is a call to action for every patient, caregiver, policymaker and healthcare professional who believes health ought not to be a commodity.

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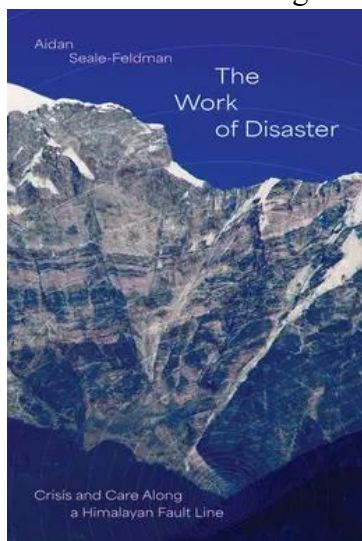
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The work of disaster

by Aidan Seale-Feldman | London : University of Chicago Press, 2025 | 9780226843865

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In a world of cascading disasters, what are the consequences of transient care? In 2015, a 7.8-magnitude earthquake and equally powerful aftershock struck the central region of Nepal. The disaster claimed over 9,000 lives and inspired a surge of humanitarian concern for the mental health of Nepali people. In *The Work of Disaster*, based on extensive fieldwork in the region, anthropologist Aidan Seale-Feldman examines what disaster generates, and the fraught relationship between crisis and care.



Moving between NGO offices, mountain trails, therapeutic interventions, and affected villages, Seale-Feldman tells the story of an emergent "mental health crisis" and the forms of care that followed in the disaster's wake. She also analyzes how emergency services transform the places they seek to assist; the challenges of psychiatric support provided by international organizations; and the place of mental health counseling in a modern biopolitical reality. *The Work of Disaster* reveals the

contiguous violence and gentleness of humanitarian encounters, engaging with broader debates about worldmaking and the ethics of care.

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Corruption

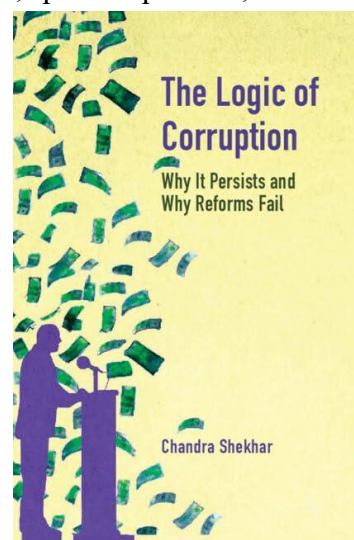
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The logic of corruption

by Chandra Shekhar | New York : Cambridge University Press, 2026 | 9781009566254

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Corruption continues despite abundant government legislation, public protests, and an overwhelming consensus that it threatens modern liberal institutions, hard-earned global prosperity, human rights, and justice. While we understand corruption better than the ancients, the puzzle of why it remains a timeless societal vice remains unsolved. This book addresses that puzzle by challenging assumptions about individual behavior and bureaucratic design. It analyzes corruption in three of India's major state bureaucracies. The book argues that corruption is organized into grand and petty forms, rather than being uniform. Several markets for grand and petty corruption exist within bureaucracies, linked to and driven by the market for grand corruption in bureaucratic transfers controlled by politicians. The nature, strength, and stability of these linkages explain the persistence of corruption and why top-down approaches fail. The book offers an original account of corruption's 'sticky' nature and proposes an agenda for reform.



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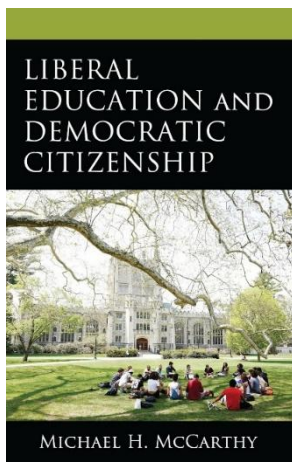
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Liberal education and democratic citizenship

by Michael H McCarthy | Lanham : Lexington Books, 2024 | 9781666948776

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In Liberal Education and Democratic Citizenship, Michael H. McCarthy carefully describes the many crises confronting American democracy and identifies their philosophical, cultural, and institutional origins. He argues that a liberal education, properly understood, can address several of these crises effectively.

The book's successive chapters explore the sources, areas, and levels of division in contemporary America, and show how they have created important disagreements about the major challenges we presently face and the credible solutions they require. McCarthy articulates what a liberal education actually is and why it is vitally important for both our personal and civic lives. He also clarifies the critical contrast between effective freedom, the aim of a liberal education, and the concepts of freedom within economic and political liberalism.

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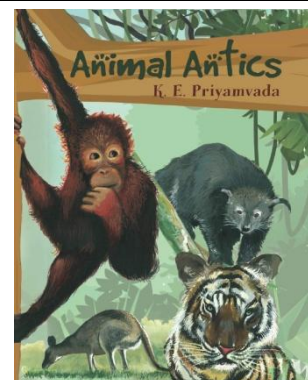
Animal antics

by K E Priyamvada | Goa : Cinnamonteal Publishing, 2012 | 9789381542477

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Animal Antics: A book of fun and factual poetry

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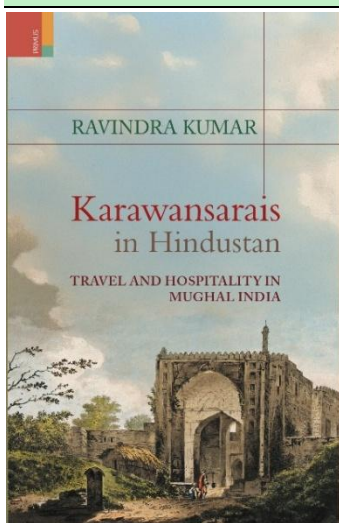


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Karawansarais in Hindustan

by Ravindra Kumar | Delhi : Primus Books, 2026 | 9789371792028

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Karawansarais in Hindustan takes readers on a journey through the historic rest houses that once lined the trade routes of the subcontinent. More than mere shelters, these inns were centres of commerce, cultural exchange, and statecraft. Drawing on historical records, travellers' accounts, and architectural remains, the book reveals their striking designs—fortified gateways, vast courtyards, and arcaded chambers—and the lives they hosted: merchants, pilgrims, nobles, and common travellers. Illustrated with photographs and maps, this work opens a window into a forgotten world of movement, encounter, and exchange, offering both scholars and general readers a vivid portrait of Hindustan's vibrant karawansarais.

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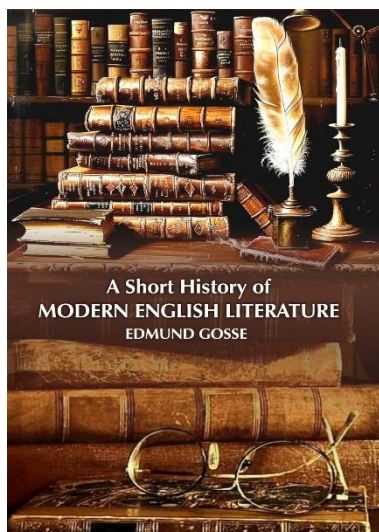
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A short history of modern English literature

by Edmund Gosse | New Delhi : Heritage Publishers, 2026 | 9788170266358

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The principal aim in writing this volume, has been to show the movement of English Literature. The author desired a feeling of the evolution of English Literature in the primary sense of the term, the disentanglement of the skein, the slow and regular unwinding, down succeeding generations, of the threads of literary expression. To do this without relation to particular authors, and even particular works, seems to be impossible; to attempt it would be to essay a vague disquisition on “style” in the abstract, a barren thing at best. The author has endeavoured to keep expression, form, technique, always as the central interest, rather than biography, or sociology, or mere unrelated criticism.

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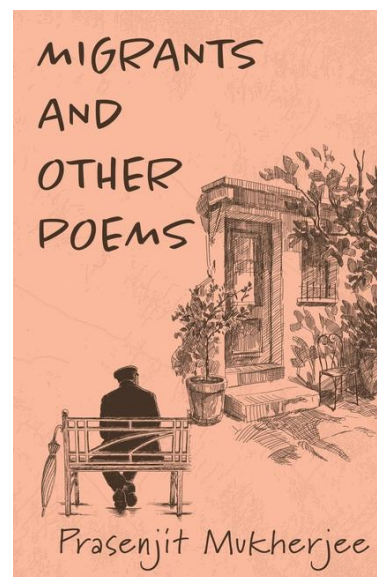
Migrants and other poems

by Prasenjit Mukherjee | Gurugram : Penguin Books, 2026 | 9780143481911

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An old man sits in a corner of the verandah, gazing at the distant horizon—remembering a homeland he can never return to, a home and hearth left behind in exchange for an uncertain future in an alien land, his evenings tinged with sorrow.

From such moments, Mukherjee’s poems draw their quiet power, evoking the ache of loss: of homeland, of loved ones, and of the self in the anonymity of modern life. Shaped by images and myths, and written with empathy and delicacy, these poems linger on rootlessness and apathy, the fragility of human relationships, and the fleeting, impermanent nature of existence.

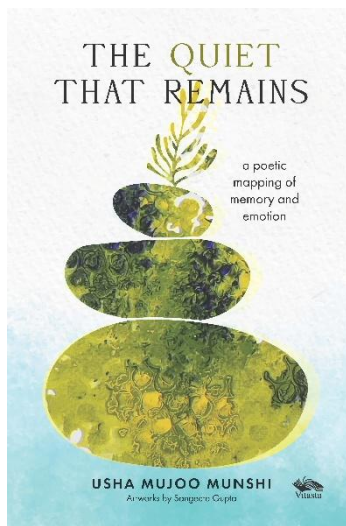


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The quiet that remains

by Usha Mujoo Munshi | New Delhi: Vitasta, 2026 | 9789347098567

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Where stories end, their echoes begin. Some stories do not end when the final page is turned—they linger in memory, emotion, and silence. *The Quiet That Remains* is a compelling collection of poems inspired by seventeen narratives, each exploring what endures after a story is told. At once tender and expansive, these poems invite readers not simply to read, but to feel: to recognise their own silences, inheritances, and quiet astonishments within these pages. Moving beyond retelling, these poems inhabit the spaces where meaning deepens and settles quietly into the heart. Through intimate reflections on loss, resilience, belonging, memory, and revelation, the collection listens for truths often left unspoken—the histories hummed rather than recorded, the emotions carried through ordinary lives and familiar spaces.

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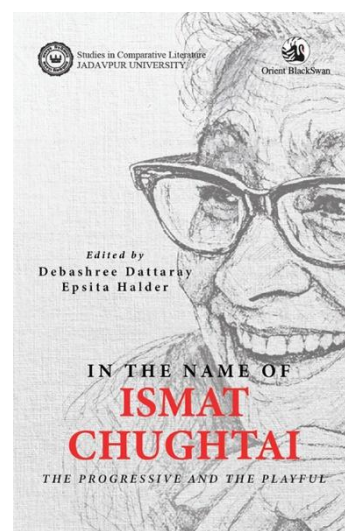
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In the Name of Ismat Chughtai

Edited by Debashree Dattaray and Epsita Halder | Hyderabad Orient Blackswan 2026 | 9789369731596

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This volume brings together insightful and engaging perspectives on Ismat Chughtai's enduring significance as a writer who was at once progressive and playfully subversive. Revisiting her life, work and legacy, the essays explore a rich range of themes—from her dialogues with cinema, literature and cultural politics to her place within the Left imagination of the Bombay film industry. The collection also reads Chughtai alongside Sa'adat Hasan Manto and Ritwik Ghatak to illuminate the cultural memory of Partition, examines her depiction of the intimacy of the zenana as part of the history of the nation, probes her complex persona through psychoanalytic lenses, and reflects on her fiercely independent voice within the literary politics of the Progressive movement. Together, these essays offer a nuanced and compelling reappraisal of one of the most distinctive voices in modern Indian literature.



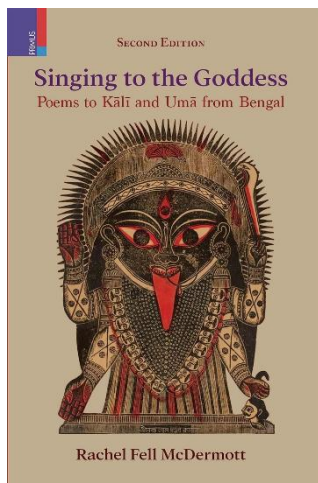
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Singing to the goddess

by Rachel Fell McDermott | Delhi : Primus Books, 2026 | 9789355722812

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This vibrant collection presents 145 brief Bengali lyric poems dedicated to the Hindu goddesses Kali and Uma. These poems--many of which are presented here for the first time in English translation--were written from the early eighteenth century up to the contemporary period. They represent the unique Bengali tradition of goddess worship (Saktism) as it developed over this period. Included are forty poems by the most famous of all Sakta poets, Ramprasad Sen (c.1718-1775) and ten lyrics by the renowned 20th-century poet Kaji Najrul Islam. McDermott's lucid introduction places these works in their historical context and shows how images of the goddesses evolved over the centuries. Her lively translations of these poetic lyrics evoke the passion and devotion of the followers of Kali and Uma and shed light on the history and practice of goddess

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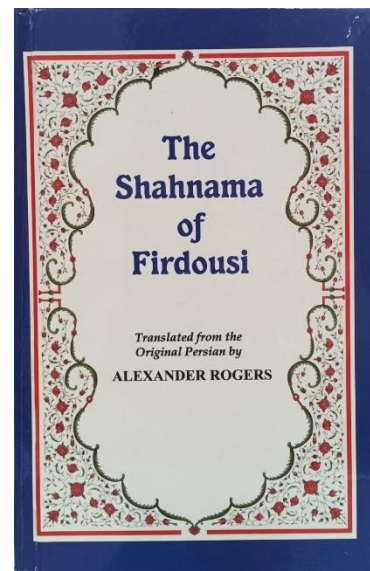
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Shah-Namah of Fardusi

by Alexander Rogers (Translator) | New Delhi : Heritage Publishers, 2025 | 9788170266570

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The Shah-Namah of Fardusi by Alexander Rogers is a translation of the monumental Persian epic Shahnameh by Ferdowsi. The epic tells the history of Persia from its mythical beginnings to the end of the Sassanian dynasty, blending history, legend, and mythology. It highlights the exploits of legendary kings, heroes, and warriors, exploring themes of fate, justice, and the eternal battle between good and evil. Rogers' translation strives to preserve the grandeur and lyrical quality of the original, making this foundational work of Persian literature accessible to English-speaking readers and offering insights into Persian culture and history. About The Author: Alexander Rogers (1825–1911) was a prominent scholar and translator. His works include The Land Revenue of Bombay, analyzing the region's revenue system, and Shah Namah of Fardusi, a translation of the epic Persian text, focusing on Persian history and mythology

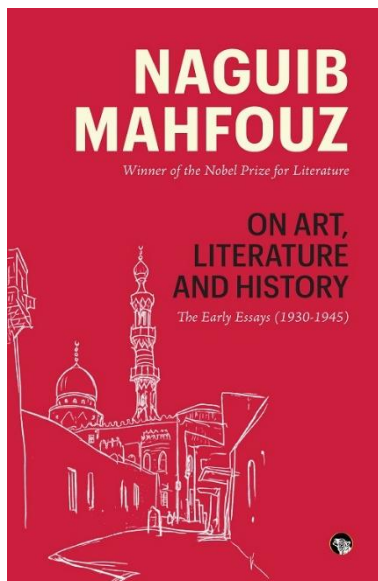

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On art, literature and history : the early essays (1930-1945)

by Naguib Mahfouz; translated by Aran Byrne | New Delhi:Speaking Tiger Books,2026 | 9789363362987

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Naguib Mahfouz is one of the most important writers in contemporary Arabic literature. His novels helped bring Arabic literature onto the international stage, and won him the Nobel Prize for Literature. But few people know his non-fiction works—especially his essays, which he wrote, on a variety of subjects, throughout his adult life.

This collection of his early writing, from his time as a philosophy student, reveals the intellectual ferment of the young author grappling with two millennia of philosophers and writers and establishing his own voice among them. Available in English for the first time, these essays tackle a vast array of subjects—from pre-Socratic Philosophy to love and the sexual impulse; from the development of Islam to the struggles between tradition, modernity and the influences of the West.

The intellectual development demonstrated here forms the foundation of Mahfouz's literary work, granting insight into the

mind behind such celebrated works as *The Cairo Trilogy* and *Children of the Alley*.

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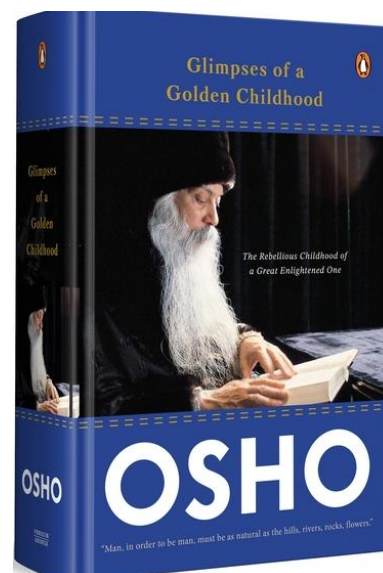
Glimpses of a golden childhood

by Osho | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2026 | 9780143474548

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This book is unique among all works by Osho. Here, Osho recalls his rebellious and mischievous childhood. The stories are fascinating, entertaining and inspiring and have the invaluable added dimension of the enlightened consciousness of the storyteller himself. The inclusion of many beautiful and intimate photos make this a rare treat indeed.

“I came from the village utterly blank, with nothing written on me. Even while I was away from that village I had remained a wild boy. I have never allowed anybody to write anything on me. People are always ready—not only ready but insistent that they write something on you. I had come from the village empty, and I can say now that all that has been written in between I have erased, and erased completely. In fact I have demolished the wall itself so you cannot write anything on it ever again.”



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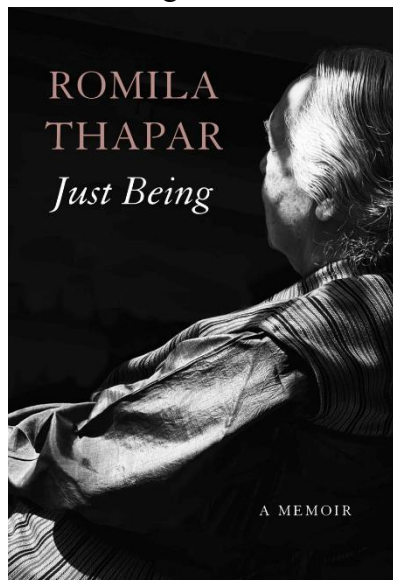
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Just being : a memoir

by Romila Thapar | Calcutta : Seagull Books, 2026 | 9781803096308

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In *Just Being*, historian Romila Thapar invites us into her illustrious world—a rich, extensive memoir from a scholar who has profoundly shaped our understanding of India's past and present.



From her childhood growing up in British India, through her years of education in London, her extensive travels to archaeological sites across Asia and beyond, and her trailblazing role in shaping the Centre for Historical Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Thapar reflects on a life lived in the service of inquiry and education. Composed over the past few years, *Just Being* is a testimony to Thapar's ability to view herself within the larger flow of history, and to illumine it with a scholar's depth and a storyteller's sensitivity. It reveals not only an extraordinary, boundary-defying life but a profound conviction that understanding our past in the light of irrefutable evidence is essential to an insight into the present and to shaping a more thoughtful future.

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The Battle of Narnaul

by Kulpreet Yadav and Madhur Rao | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025 | 9780143476498

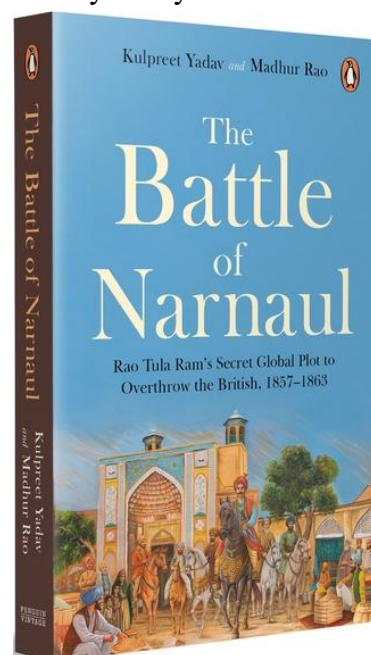
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The Battle of Narnaul was one of the fiercest battles of 1857, marked by heavy loss of life and forgotten heroes. Among them was the valiant Rao Tula Ram, a man whose story remains largely unknown.

Rao Tula Ram was not just a warrior but also a strategist. For years, he gathered resources, built secret alliances with Rajputana kingdoms, and later sought support from Persia, Afghanistan, and Russia to fight the British. His efforts are an overlooked chapter of India's struggle.

Through meticulous research and thorough analysis, Kulpreet Yadav and Madhur Rao revive these narratives, detailing the valour and sacrifices of these unsung warriors while providing a vivid, detailed account of the conflict and the relentless six-year resistance that followed.

Clear, deeply researched, and compelling, *The Battle of Narnaul* is a gripping retelling of a forgotten fight for freedom, a book for both history lovers and general readers.



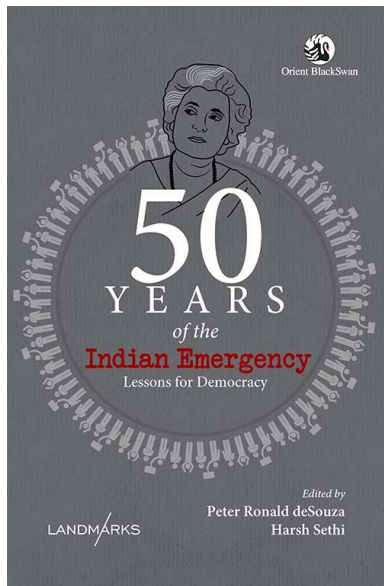
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50 years of the Indian emergency

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This volume marks the fiftieth anniversary of one of the defining moments of Indian history. It examines the Emergency and its aftermath from diverse perspectives – political, historical, legal, economic, philosophical, experiential and cultural, among others. Bringing together leading scholars and writers, it explores how the Emergency transformed Indian polity, and shaped law enforcement and penal practices, the media, student movements, judicial responses, subaltern politics and literary expression, and examines why analysis of the Emergency is still relevant to political discourse in India today.

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Fractured communities

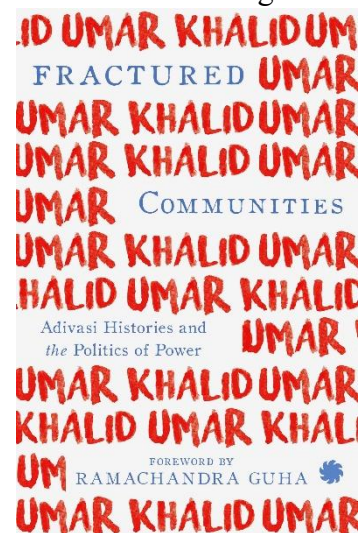
by Umar Khalid | New Delhi : Juggernaut, 2026 | 9789353456368

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Umar Khalid completed his PhD thesis on the history of the Adivasi tribes of the Singhbhum region of Jharkhand under extraordinary circumstances. He was facing sedition charges, had spent time in jail and had been rusticated from the university.

The thesis was submitted at Jawaharlal Nehru University's Centre for Historical Studies in July 2018. Since then, it has garnered significant attention among scholars and historians. Ramachandra Guha has called it 'one of the most accomplished doctoral dissertations by an Indian that I have read', while Nandini Sundar described it as a 'deeply insightful' work by a 'brilliant mind'.

In *Fractured Communities*, published in book form for the first time, Khalid combines archival rigour with analytical clarity to illuminate the history of Singhbhum's tribal societies under British rule. The book is both a valuable work of history and a critique of histories written from positions of power, which tend to "flatten differences among and, more crucially, within communities.



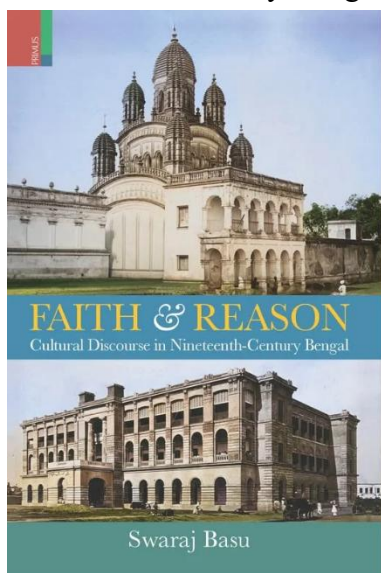
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Faith and reason

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In nineteenth-century Bengal, the discourse on faith and reason emerged as a critical site for the reinterpretation of Hinduism. Confronted with colonial rule, Christian missionary attacks, and the rationalist ideals of the European Enlightenment, a new class of Bengali Hindu intellectuals sought to reinterpret their religious tradition. Through appeals to ancient Sanskrit texts, a critique of ritual excess, and a language of ethical universalism, they reimagined Hinduism as a rational, moral, and spiritual tradition—capable of standing alongside modernity. This redefinition laid the cultural groundwork for early Indian nationalism, positioning a reformed Hinduism as the foundation for a modern Indian identity. Yet, in doing so, it also excluded the lived religious practices of the subaltern classes—bhakti devotion, folk deities, and local rituals.

Faith and Reason explores the tensions between elite reformist discourse and popular religious life, revealing how Hinduism in colonial Bengal was not a fixed or unified system, but a

contested and evolving field. By bringing together intellectual history and the embodied faith of ordinary people, this study offers a nuanced portrait of a tradition in transformation, and of a society grappling with the meaning of belief in a rapidly changing world.

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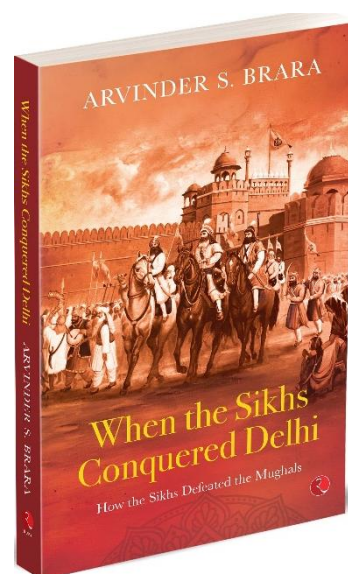
When the Sikhs conquered Delhi

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This book presents a clear, grounded history of Sikhism, tracing its journey from the teachings of Guru Nanak in fifteenth-century Punjab to the challenges of the modern world. It explores how Sikh principles of equality, honest labour, shared responsibility, and resistance to injustice shaped community life, institutions, and responses to power.

Moving beyond a simple chronology of events, the book examines periods of persecution and resilience, the rise of Sikh political authority, colonial rule, Partition, and the global Sikh presence today. Drawing on scripture, scholarship, and historical context, it portrays Sikhism as a living tradition shaped by ethical choice rather than fixed dogma. Written in an accessible, measured voice, it offers readers a thoughtful understanding of Sikh history rooted in moral clarity and human dignity.



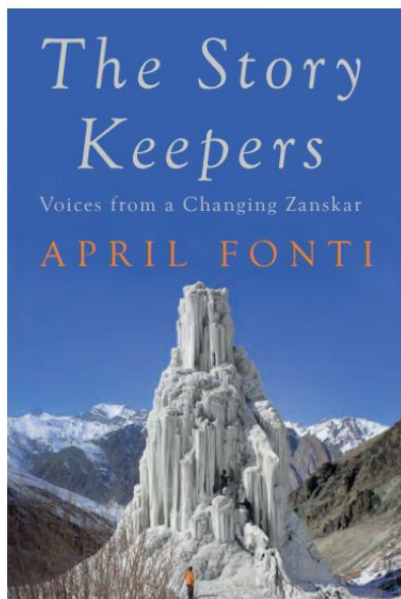
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The Story Keepers

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Deep in the highest valleys of the Himalayas, an isolated Buddhist kingdom has survived for millennia in one of the world's harshest climates. The people of Zaskar are remarkably self-sufficient, sewing their own clothes, harvesting glacial streams to water their crops and foraging for herbal medicines. Life in this secluded Ladakhi enclave depends on collective restraint and strong community bonds. Belief in natural spirits reigns supreme. Then in 1980, the king convinces his people to build a road.

Villagers who had never seen matchsticks encounter lighters, gas cylinders, mass-produced clothing and electricity. Cash, once regarded as spiritually impure, becomes ubiquitous, and Zaskar finally enters the monetary. Children who learnt to write using slates will grow up to use smartphones. Old Silk Road trade routes give way to ribbons of bitumen.

When Fonti first visits Zaskar in 2018, she discovers that the preindustrial world is within living memory of many of the people she meets. Over the next six years, she traces the transformation of this unique society through her encounters with oracles, monks, a runaway nun, the region's first nurse and postman, its last two kings and others. She discovers another side of Zaskar, one that moves beyond the narrative of a lost Shangri-La and sits uncomfortably within recorded history. Shaped by nuance and sensitivity, *The Story Keepers* brings alive the disappearing stories of a society grappling with climate change and social upheaval while honouring its spiritual connection to the natural world.

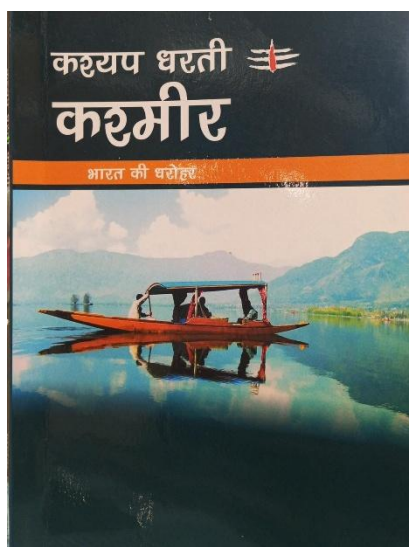
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Kashyap Dharti Kashmir

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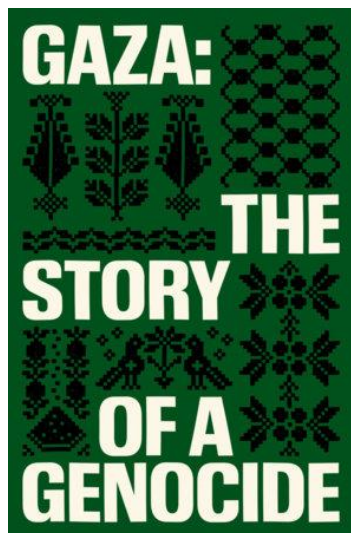
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Gaza : the story of a genocide

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Gaza: The Story of a Genocide is Together, bears witness to the vast and ongoing destruction inflicted on the Palestinian people—their lives, their land, and their future.

Ahmed Alnaouq recounts the devastating loss of twenty-one family members. Noor Alyacoubi offers a searing reflection on starvation. Mariam Barghouti examines the brutality of Israeli settler violence in the West Bank, while Eman Bashir describes the phenomenon of a “wounded child, no surviving family.” These voices, among many others, illuminate the enduring psychological, physical, and generational toll of state violence.

With contributions from recipients of the Palestine Book Award, Arab American Book Award, Pulitzer Prize, Emmy Award, National Book Award, and Gandhi Peace Award, this collection also honors the late poet Hiba Abu Nada—killed in an Israeli airstrike on her home in Khan Younis, Gaza, on October 20, 2023.

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