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Philosophy

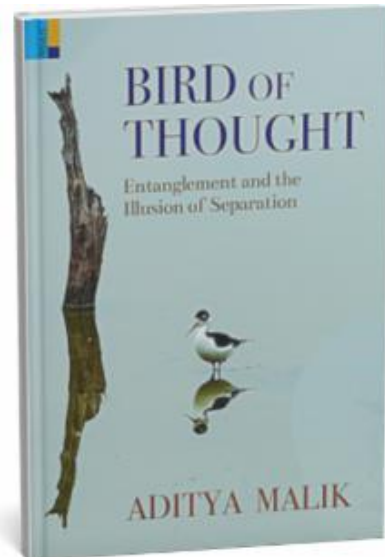
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Bird of thought: entanglement and the illusion of separation

by Aditya Malik | New Delhi: Primus Books, 2025 | 9789370335516

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Bird of Thought is an exploration into the idea of ‘relationality’ in conceptual and theoretical terms as the fundamental characteristic of all phenomena, processes, and events, including those involving conscious subjects and the world of objects they occupy. Along these lines, the author employs the notion of ‘entanglement’ found in quantum mechanics to create a new, re-imagined, ‘prior-to-material’ understanding of Earth as a field of possibility that gives rise to simultaneously occurring, interdependent, relational spheres of the biological, physical, and social. Interspersed within these themes is a discussion of literary and philosophical genres from different historical periods that articulate ideas of interdependence and harmony through dreams, alchemical visions, and rules of musical composition. The questions and materials here are placed within a transdisciplinary framework so we can begin to comprehend the immense complexity of the world which cannot be adequately grasped by specialized areas or disciplines.



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Religious

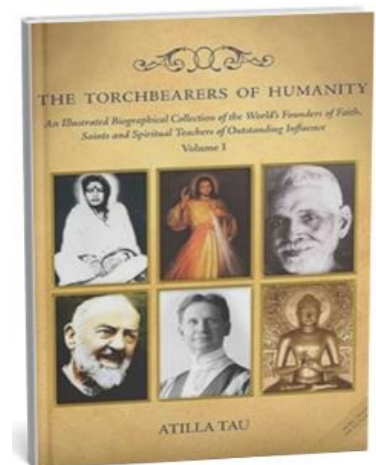
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The torchbearers of humanity

by Atilla Tau | New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass Publications, 2025 | 9788197917752

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This unique, illustrated biographical collection fills a long-felt gap. It is intended as a basic work which offers an overview of the lives of founders of faith, starters of religious movements, saints and religious teachers of outstanding importance who influenced the intellectual development of the whole of the humanity. A special feature of this high quality book is that it contains hundreds of little known pictures, and extensive, carefully compiled biographies.



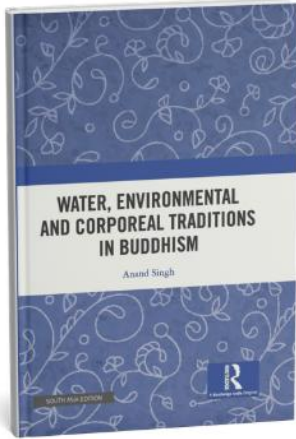
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Water, environmental and corporeal traditions in buddhism

by Anand Singh | New York : Routledge, 2025 | 9781041210283

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This book examines ancient Buddhist traditions centered around water. It studies the sustainability and conservation practices of Buddhist monastics and examines how these early practices and ethos are applicable in the contemporary world. The author draws on literary and archaeological sources across cultures and religions to trace the different socio-economic and cultural traditions that utilise water, to formulate a pathway to save water in its purest form. A unique contribution, this book will be an essential read for scholars and researchers of environmental studies, climate change, sustainable development, religious studies, and Buddhist history. It will also be useful to environmentalists and policymakers.

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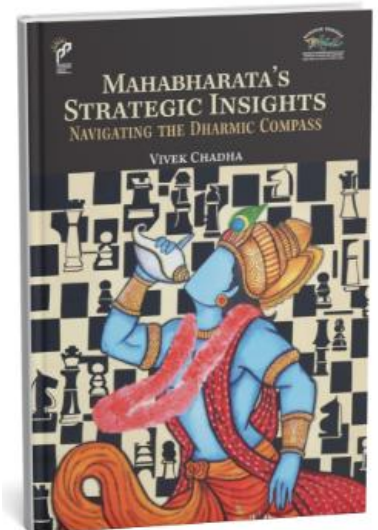
Mahabharata's strategic insights : navigating the Dharmic compass

by Vivek Chadha | New Delhi : Pentagon Press, 2025 | 9788198837073

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The appeal and allure of the Mahabharata have remained undiluted for centuries. It is the first text that lays the foundation of Indian strategic thought. This book's analysis is based on the English translation of The Critical Edition of the Mahabharata, by the late Bibek Debroy. The epic falls in the unique category of itihasa, which translates to "it happened like this". Drawing on historical facts, its primary aim remains deriving lessons and contextualising these with the present. It is a living text with a timeless appeal.

The Mahabharata is a foundational text for Indian strategic thought. It successfully distils ancient strategic wisdom through a combination of descriptive, didactic and prescriptive approaches. In doing so, dharma remains its abiding spiritual, philosophical and strategic anchor, with Krishna as its primary architect. This guidance frames the objective of yoga kshema as the raja dharma of a king, or a state, in contemporary times. The book discusses a conceptual framework for wars. This includes its conditional acceptability, planning process and conduct. The book also compares key aspects of the Mahabharata with the Arthashastra and Nitisara, to identify common elements of strategic thought over a period spanning almost 2,000 years.



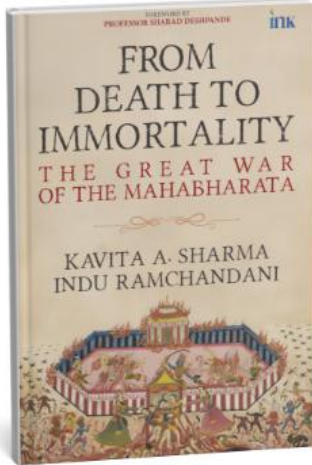
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From death to immortality the great war of the Mahabharata

By Kavita A Sharma and Indu Ramchandani | Noida: BluOne Ink, 2026 | 9789365471038

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As we delve deeper into the great epic, the Mahabharata, we come to realise how little we truly understand its depth, significance, and ability to convey spellbinding nuances. The epic presents a perfect synchrony between the harsh realities of the world we inhabit and the mystical realms of the cosmos. It captures both the trauma and stress we endure in this life and the mythology that seeks to explain these experiences.

The great war of the Mahabharata is a tale of death, annihilation, and despair—but it is also a profound narrative of the universal truth: immortality, the one unchanging reality that forms the essence of all existence.

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Sociology

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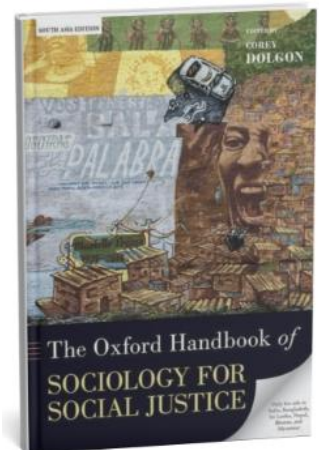
The oxford handbook of sociology for social justice

edited by Corey Dolgon | New York : Oxford University Press, 2024 | 9780197847756

Accession Number: 57116 | Call Number: 303.372 OXF

The Oxford Handbook of Sociology for Social Justice calls on sociologists to be first and foremost activists who apply sociological skills and imaginations to the work of organizing, mobilizing, educating, and envisioning radical social change. There has never been a more important time for such work. As millions of people are organizing and mobilizing in new and unparalleled ways to challenge the global powers responsible for political repression, exploitation and poverty, social devastation and ecological destruction, authoritarian movements are growing just as rapidly. This transformative political and social moment calls for the boldest forms of praxis from radical scholar-activists.

This Handbook includes theoretical framing pieces on the decolonization of sociology and its demand for an alternative approach to social science developing from grassroots engagements to challenge powers of exploitation and oppression. This collection also provides critical case studies on sociological work committed to progressive policy initiatives and a variety of local and global organizing efforts from the classroom to industrial labor unions, from farmers and farm workers to musicians and journalists, and other public intellectual efforts. It has been written and edited in a way that might inspire students and faculty not to abandon the passion for political change and social justice that may have brought them to sociology in the first place.



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Invisible women: exposing data bias in a world designed for men

by Caroline Criado Perez | London : Vintage, 2020 | 9781784706289

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The smash-hit bestseller which exposes the invisible bias in our everyday lives - 'HELL YES. This is one of those books that has the potential to change things' (Caitlin Moran)

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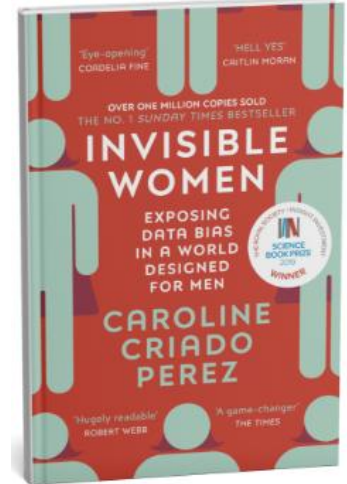
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Imagine a world where...

- Your phone is too big for your hand
- Your doctor prescribes a drug that is wrong for your body
- In a car accident you are 47% more likely to be injured.

If any of that sounds familiar, chances are you're a woman.

From government policy and medical research, to technology, workplaces, and the media. Invisible Women reveals how in a world built for and by men we are systematically ignoring half of the population, often with disastrous consequences. Caroline Criado Perez brings together for the first time an impressive range of case studies, stories and new research from across the world that illustrate the hidden ways in which women are forgotten, and the profound impact this has on us all.



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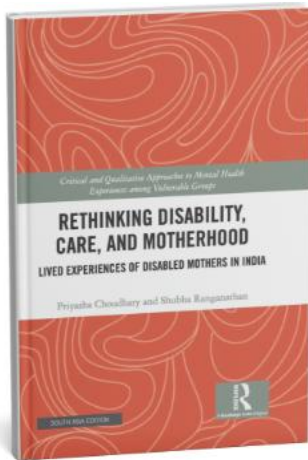
Rethinking disability, care, and motherhood:

lived experiences of disabled mothers in India

BY Priyasha Choudhary and Shubha Ranganathan | New York : Routledge, 2026 | 9781041240242

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This book focuses on the lived realities of disabled mothers to examine how they navigate their multiple competing responsibilities and identities. It reimagines normative constructions of motherhood, dependency, and care while rethinking advocacy and resistance, in the context of disability, gender, and mental health. It essentially argues that disabled women negotiate a delicate balancing act: they constantly work at proving their competence, even as they push the boundaries of normative femininity. The book is grounded in qualitative research on disabled mothers. In these conversations, disabled mothers described various aspects of their motherhood journey, ranging from their interactions with society to their daily experiences within the household. Drawing from critical disability studies, critical psychology, care theory, and feminist scholarship, this interdisciplinary volume elaborates on the everyday situations that disabled mothers encounter and the strategies they engage in to provide care for their children.



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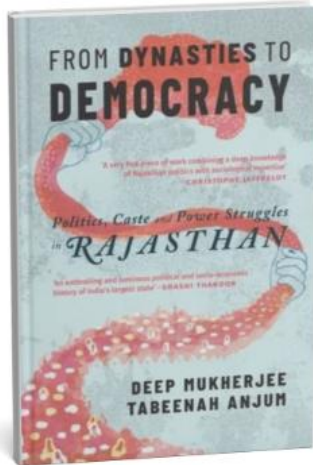
Politics

9 From dynasties to democracy: politics, caste and power struggles in Rajasthan

by Deep Mukherjee and Tabeenah Anjum | New Delhi : Macmillan, 2025 | 9789361135842

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A compelling unveiling of the transformation of Rajasthan from a feudal society into a vibrant democracy



Rajasthan, India's largest state, is often imagined as a land of sweeping deserts, majestic forts and colourful traditions. Yet, beneath this picturesque surface lies a complex reality shaped by centuries-old feudal systems, deep-seated social divisions, the lingering influence of royal families and a volatile political landscape.

In this insightful narrative, journalists Tabeenah Anjum and Deep Mukherjee offer a comprehensive look at Rajasthan's political evolution from a feudal state ruled by kings and jagirdars to a dynamic electoral democracy. They delve beyond common perceptions to chart Rajasthan's political journey from its formation in 1949 to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and beyond. They meticulously examine crucial historical moments – the rise of kisan sabhas and praja mandals, caste violence and

Dalit agitations, Adivasi self-assertion and episodes of unrest, riots and lynchings. Extensive firsthand reporting and rigorous archival research illuminate the power struggles between the BJP and the Congress, the pervasive influence of the RSS, persistent infighting within political parties and the formidable challenges faced by prominent leaders like Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Baldev Ram Mirdha, Ashok Gehlot, Sachin Pilot, Vasundhara Raje and others.

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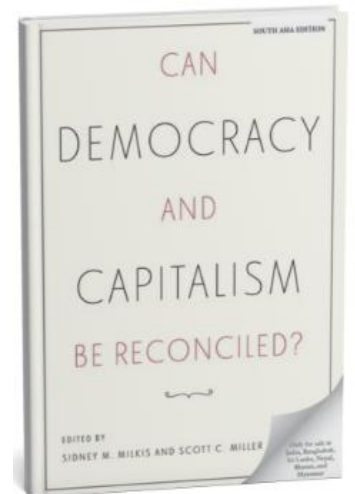
Can democracy and capitalism be reconciled

edited by Sidney M Milkis and Scott C Miller | New York : Oxford University Press, 2025 | 9780197854983

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In *Can Capitalism and Democracy Be Reconciled?*, Sidney M. Milkis and Scott C. Miller have gathered a truly eminent cast of contributors to provide a multidisciplinary examination at the intersection of capitalist economies and democratic political systems across time and space. Featuring twenty-four essays from scholars across nine different academic fields, the volume interrogates the ideas, history, and policy behind these two pillars of liberal society.

The volume begins with an introduction that explores the vibrant historical debate over whether democracy and capitalism can and should coexist in America. The contributors, further examining the United States and comparable countries, conclude that democracy and capitalism can be reconciled; at the same time, many recognize that the relationship is fragile and urge systemic changes that might sustain democratic capitalism in the future.



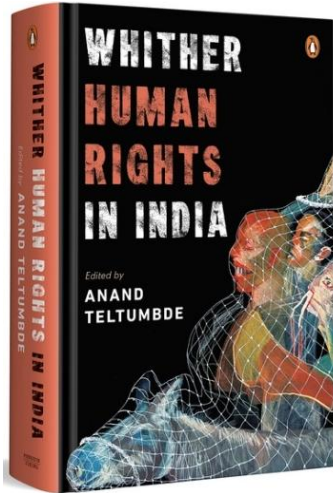
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Whither human rights in India

edited by Anand Teltumbde | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025 | 9780143478539

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Whither Human Rights in India, edited by Anand Teltumbde, one of India's prominent human rights activists, is a searing and indispensable anthology that brings together some of the most important thinkers, activists and human rights defenders of our time. The essays trace the historical and ideological roots of India's human rights discourse—from colonial legacies and constitutional guarantees to the challenges posed by majoritarian politics, state violence and systemic inequality. Contributors critically examine institutions and practices shaping the current landscape: judicial responses, hate speech, impunity, 'bulldozer justice' and contested models of development. They also turn to the lived realities of vulnerable communities—Dalits, Adivasis, Muslims, Christians, women, children, LGBTQI+ people and prisoners—whose struggles for dignity illuminate the larger battle for justice and democracy.

Featuring incisive contributions from Harsh Mander, Kalpana Kannabiran, Aakar Patel, Teesta Setalvad, Gautam Navlakha, Mihir Desai and others, this volume offers an unflinching exploration of human rights at a critical juncture in India's history.

Dedicated to the memory of Father Stan Swamy and Prof. G. N. Saibaba, Whither Human Rights in India is both a record of resistance and a call to rethink the future of democracy and human dignity.

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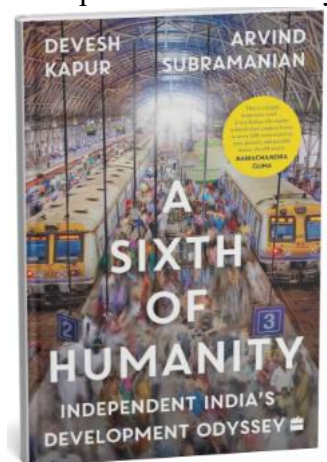
A sixth of humanity: independent India's development odyssey

by Devesh Kapur and Arvind Subramanian | Gurugram : Harper Collins Publishers, 2025 | 9789369891092

Accession Number: 57137 | Call Number: 325.254 KAP

India's journey has been distinctively 'precocious' in comparative terms. It opted for democracy before development and social change, promoted high-skilled services before and over low-skilled manufacturing and chose a globalization that favoured exports of talented people and short-changed the poor. The socialist state became an inefficiently capitalist one before providing the public goods of physical infrastructure and human capital. The outcomes have been surprising, with the country achieving success in creating and sustaining democracy, albeit flawed, and maintaining a modicum of order.

Four decades of economic dynamism and the emergence of a somewhat more capable Indian state has meant that it is able to build infrastructure and deliver the essentials of life to its population at scale—still not without disappointments, but a massive improvement over the past. Just as India's aspiration has lifted to building 'world-class' statues, temples, bullet trains, airports and digital systems, the undermining of some of the real achievements of democracy, federalism and nation-building stand in the way.



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International Relation

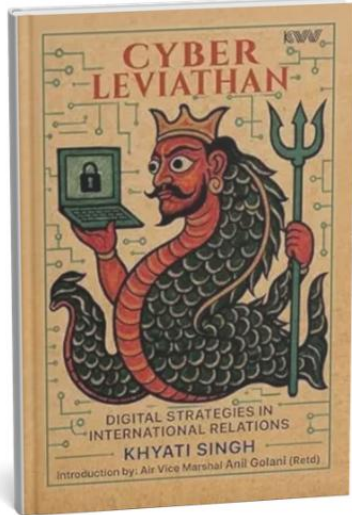
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Cyber leviathan: digital strategies in international relations

by Khyati Singh; introduction by Air Vice Marshall Anil Golani | New Delhi : KW Publishers. 2026 | 9788199705708

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Cyber Leviathan: Digital Strategies in International Relations examines how cyberspace is transforming power, sovereignty, and security in the twenty-first century. Moving from great powers to middle and small states, it maps how actors leverage cyber capabilities for espionage, coercion, and resilience, and how digital interdependence reshapes classic concepts like deterrence, sovereignty, and the security dilemma. Anchored in a Hobbesian reading of the 'state of nature' in cyberspace, the book develops the organising idea of a Cyber Leviathan—an emergent, contested authority formed by states, tech corporations, institutions, and civil society that together struggle to impose order on a borderless, constantly contested digital realm. Through rich case studies on the United States, China, Russia, Israel, Iran, South Korea, Taiwan, and others, it shows how cyber power acts as a strategic equaliser, enabling revisionist, sanctioned, and small states to punch above their weight, even as highly digitised societies become increasingly vulnerable. Bridging strategic studies, international relations theory, and real-world incidents—from Stuxnet and WannaCry to SolarWinds and election interference—Cyber Leviathan argues that cyber conflict has evolved from a supporting instrument to a primary arena of great-power rivalry and middle-power innovation.



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Indian politics & international relations : underexplored issues and approaches

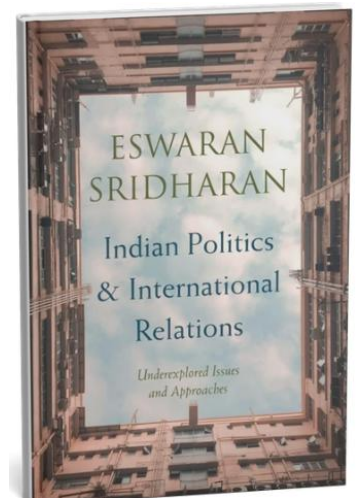
by Eswaran Sridharan | Ranikhet : Permanent Black, 2025 | 9788178247021

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This book comprises papers on underexplored topics and approaches in analysing Indian politics, political economy, and political sociology on the one hand, and India's international relations and foreign policy on the other, applying to the latter aspects of international relations theory to explain policies and developments as well as conflicts and deadlocks.

The subjects covered include the breakdown of the Congress-dominant party system; democracy and diversity within political parties; the pros and cons of a possible proportional representation system; whether 2014 marks the end of the coalition era; cross-state policy borrowing in Indian federalism; and the implications of middle-class growth for politics and economic reform.

Regarding international relations, the themes include India's rise and its constraints; linkages between economic co-operation and security in India–Pakistan relations; India–Sri Lanka relations driven by geopolitics, domestic politics, and identity politics; and the strategic consequences of China-centric Asian economic integration in the absence of an Asian security consensus.



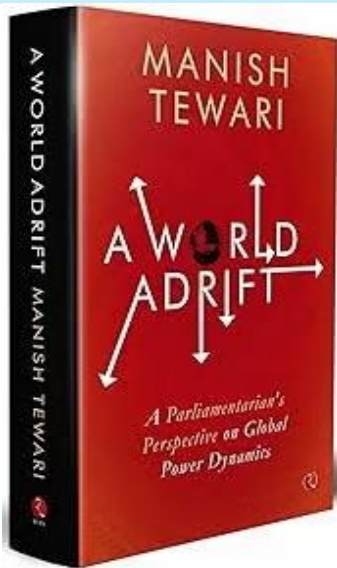
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A world adrift: a parliamentarian's perspective on global power dynamics

by Manish Tewari | New Delhi : Rupa Publications, 2026 | 9789353529260

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A World Adrift invites you to navigate the swirling tides of our fractured era, where ancient doctrines collide with modern upheavals, and the old world order crumbles under the weight of ambiguity and yet-unformed ideological and conceptual mores and constructs. From the shifting chessboard of Asia to the tortured sands of the Greater Middle East, Manish Tewari illuminates the fault lines of power, conflict and ambition that will shape the destiny of nations in the decades ahead. This is not merely a book of geopolitics. It is a profound meditation on the art of statecraft in an age where technology, ideology and tradition entwine in an uneasy embrace. Through the sharp lens of a seasoned parliamentarian, Tewari reveals India's unique place on the global stage, a nation poised at the crossroads of destiny, armed with history and resilience, but still needing to strengthen its capabilities and show the courage to play tough, practical politics. For readers young and old, seekers of truth and students of history alike, A World Adrift offers more

than insight. It is a beacon in the storm, a stirring call to awareness, and a reminder that the tides of history wait for none. Will India seize the rising current, catch the tailwinds of opportunity thereby sailing robustly towards fortune, or remain adrift lost in the shallows of vacillation and internal contradictions? The voyage begins here.

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Economics

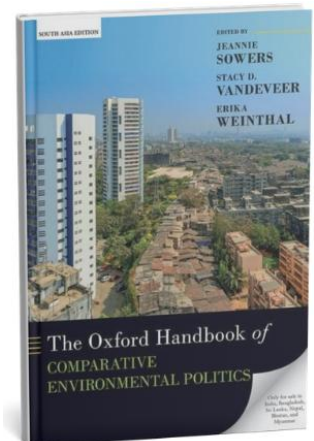
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The oxford handbook of comparative environmental politics

edited by Jeannie Sowers, Stacy D Vandever and Erika Weinthal | New York:Oxford University Press,2023 | 9780197845936

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The complexities and scope of environmental issues have not only outpaced the capacities and responsiveness of traditional political actors but also generated new innovations, constituencies, and approaches to governing environmental problems. In response, comparative environmental politics (CEP) has emerged as a vibrant and growing field of scholarly inquiry, embracing new questions and methods even as it addresses enduring questions in the broader field of comparative politics. Utilizing a range of methodological approaches, The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Environmental Politics delves into more traditional forms of CEP—the political economy of natural resources and the role of corporations and supply chains—while also showcasing new trends in CEP scholarship, particularly the comparative study of environmental injustice and intersectional inequities.



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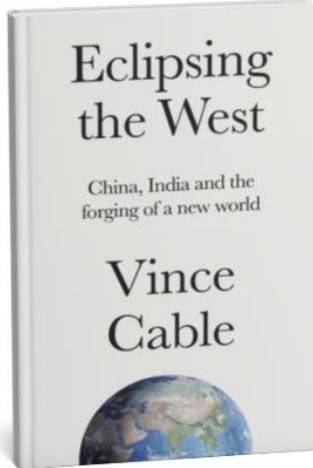
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Eclipsing the west : China, India and the forging of a new world

By Vince Cable | Manchester : Manchester University Press, 2025 | 9781526179821

Accession Number: 57157 | Call Number: 337 CAB

As the international order begins to crumble, this incisive book asks what the rise of the Asian superstates means for the future.



The Western-dominated world we have known for the past three hundred years is coming to an end. As America withdraws from its role as enforcer of the international order, other countries are moving in to fill the void. Among them are two rising Asian 'superstates'.

Accounting for more than a third of the world's population, China and India have the potential to wield enormous economic and political power. China is already vying with the US for the top spot in the global economy, and on some measures has surpassed it. By the middle of the century India may be number two. How will these countries navigate their growing roles on the world stage? What are the implications for commerce, international law and the fight against climate change?

Vince Cable has followed China and India for decades, first as a professional economist and later as a senior government minister. In *Eclipsing the West* he draws on the latest data and a lifetime of political and economic experience to offer a compelling account of what the rise of the Asian superstates means for the future.

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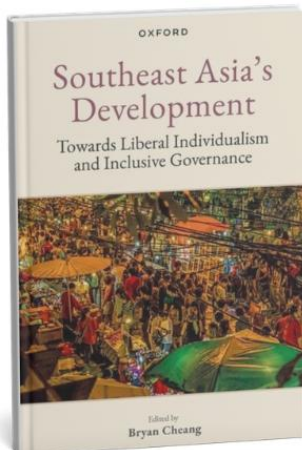
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Southeast Asia's development: towards liberal individualism and inclusive governance

edited by Bryan Cheang | Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2025 | 9780198984177

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This volume challenges dominant narratives about Southeast Asia's development by bridging a long-standing intellectual divide. On the one hand, liberal thinkers rarely engage with the developmental histories and practices of the non-Western world. On the other, Asian scholars and heterodox critics often treat economic liberalism as a "neoliberal" project imported in unsavoury circumstances. Bringing these worlds into conversation, *Southeast Asia's Development* advances a distinct view of liberal development in the tradition of Adam Smith and F.A. Hayek—rooted in individualism, social pluralism, and negative rights—to expose the failures of the region's entrenched model of elite-driven political capitalism. While globalization and partial liberalization since the 1980s have raised living standards, Southeast Asian states continue to uphold regimes that hollow out personal agency, treating citizens as instruments of national performance, economic units to be optimized, or bodies to be disciplined, rather than as persons with ends of their own. This volume advances a new normative ideal: development as freedom to discover, treating development as the preservation of individual spaces that enable people to pursue their own conceptions of good within the rules they help shape.



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Law

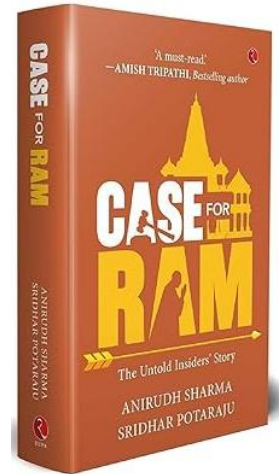
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Case for Ram: the untold insider's story

by Anirudh Sharma and Sridhar Potaraju | New Delhi : Rupa Publications, 2025 | 9789370032415

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What happens when divinity enters the docket? Case for Ram takes readers deep into the courtroom where faith, law and history collided. Chronicling the Ram Janmabhoomi legal battle in the Supreme Court, this behind-the-scenes account reveals how Lord Ram came to be represented as a legal person—and how a 92-year-old legal titan, K. Parasaran, led a team through one of the most complex and emotionally charged trials in Indian history. From legal strategy sessions and dramatic cross-examinations to centuries-old evidence and internal conflicts among Hindu litigants, this book brings alive the intricate workings of a case that shaped the national psyche. Rich with legal insight, cultural resonance and historical depth, Case for Ram is both a meticulous record and a compelling narrative of a once-in-history spiritual and civilisational reckoning.

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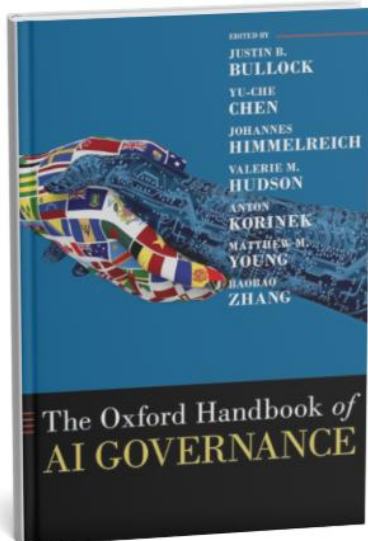
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The oxford handbook of AI governance

edited by Justin B Bullock...[et al] | New York : Oxford University Press, 2024 | 9780197847763

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As the capabilities of Artificial Intelligence (AI) have increased over recent years, so have the challenges of how to govern its usage. Consequently, prominent stakeholders across academia, government, industry, and civil society have called for states to devise and deploy principles, innovative policies, and best practices to regulate and oversee these increasingly powerful AI tools. Developing a robust AI governance system requires extensive collective efforts throughout the world. It also raises old questions of politics, democracy, and administration, but with the new challenges posed by AI's growing influence on markets, governing structures, international relations, healthcare, science, and political activism. The Oxford Handbook of AI Governance delineates the scope of these issues and addresses the key questions of AI governance. Across forty-nine chapters, organized in nine major sections, the Handbook covers the theoretical and ethical foundations of AI governance, different frameworks for developing a governance structure for AI, practical perspectives on AI governance in different policy domains, economic analyses of AI governance, and concrete lessons about the impact of AI governance domestically and internationally. Chapter authors come from a wide set of disciplines, areas of study, and cultural backgrounds, providing a global perspective on AI governance.

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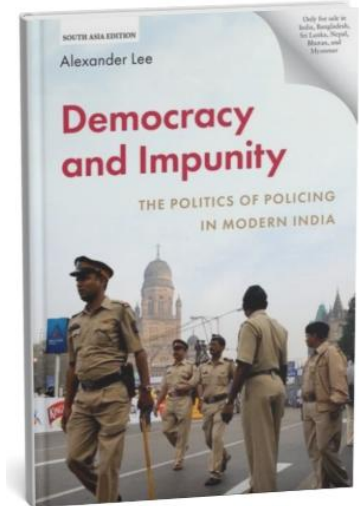
Democracy and impunity: the politics of policing in modern India

by Alexander Lee | New York : Oxford University Press, 2025 | 9780197844301

Accession Number: 57126 | Call Number: 363.20954 LEE

India faces a crisis of criminal impunity. Crimes against the poor and marginalized go unprosecuted, while crimes committed by the rich and influential are ignored in return for bribes or favors. Those who have enough money to pay the police, or enough power to influence them, can quite literally get away with murder.

In *Democracy and Impunity*, Alexander Lee examines the politics of law enforcement in India and why the police perform so poorly across multiple dimensions—a level of performance that is exceptional even for similar developing democracies. Lee shows that high levels of impunity in India are the result of two interdependent policy choices—the Indian police are severely under-resourced and have very low autonomy in relation to senior members of the political elite. While Lee focuses on India, his account sheds light on how nations can find themselves in the "policy trap" of low police resources and low police autonomy, and why they find it so hard to get out of this equilibrium.



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Education

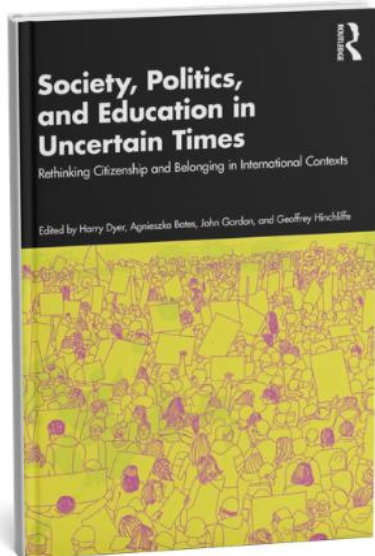
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Society, politics, and education in uncertain times: rethinking citizenship and belonging in international contexts

edited by Harry Dyer, Agnieszka Bates, John Gordon and Geoffrey Hinchliffe | New York : Routledge, 2026 | 9781032658247

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Drawing on chapters from a selection of authors from the fields of education, philosophy, political science, and sociology this book presents provocations on how citizenship might be experienced, conceptualised, expressed, and practiced in a range of settings.



Comprised of thirteen chapters by a group of international academics, the book engages with the concepts of 'citizenship' and 'political agency', as well as forms and expressions of citizenship, to consider how the practice of citizenship can be extended to move beyond mainstream political discourses. Discussions of decolonisation, race, disability advocacy, sexual health, protest, and democracy examine how citizenship and belonging are enacted in a range of international contexts. In order to explore these issues, the book draws on a range of empirical, theoretical, political, and speculative discussions from a range of perspectives. Throughout, it provides a critique of dominant conceptions of citizenship and explores how citizenship might be re-conceptualised and re-fashioned.

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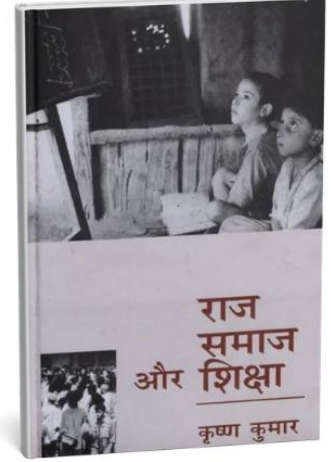
Raaj, samaaj aur shiksha

by Krishna Kumar | New Delhi : Rajkamla Prakashan, 2024 | 9788126702138

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शिक्षा की बहसें प्रायः सरकारी नीतिपत्रों में दिए गए वायदों, घिसे-पिटे आदर्श वाक्यों या फिर प्राचीन व्यवस्था के मिथकों के इर्द-गिर्द घूमती हैं। स्कूल और कॉलेजों की दैनिक चर्चा हो या शिक्षाशास्त्र की पाठ्य-पुस्तकें-दोनों ही बच्चे के जीवित संसार और समाज के व्यापक संघर्षों से बहुत दूर जा पड़ी हैं। इस पुस्तक ने शिक्षा की बहसों को एक नई शब्दावली ही नहीं, एक नई अर्थवत्ता भी दी है। कोई आश्चर्य नहीं कि यह पुस्तक उमस के बीच ताजा हवा के झोंके का पर्याय बन सकने की क्षमता रखती है।

शिक्षा की सच्चाई को यह कृति राज्य-व्यवस्था और सामाजिक जीवन की जटिल बुनावट के बीच ढूँढती है। इसे पढ़ते हुए हम बच्चों के प्रति अपनी स्वाभाविक चिन्ता को एक राजनैतिक आधार और वैज्ञानिक अभिव्यक्ति पाते हुए देखते हैं। शिक्षा को कृष्ण कुमार ने बहुत व्यापक अर्थ में लिया है, जिसमें बच्चों के लालन-पालन से लेकर उन्हें सामाजिक मूल्यबोध देनेवाली अनेक सूक्ष्म प्रक्रियाएँ शामिल हैं।



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Science

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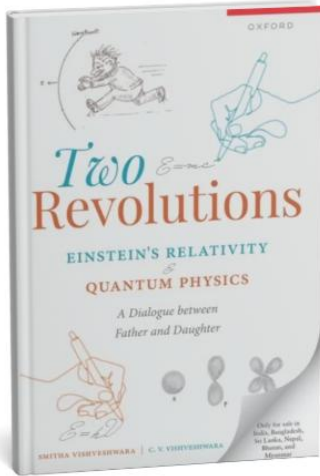
Two revolutions: Einstein's relativity and quantum physics:

a dialogue between father and daughter

by Smitha Vishveshwara and C V Vishveshwara | Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2025 | 9780197906293

Accession Number: 57111 | Call Number: 530.12 VIS

Can you kick a black hole?"" ""What about electrons?"" As a child, quantum-physicist Smitha Vishveshwara pondered such questions with her astrophysicist father, C. V. Vishveshwara (Vishu); decades later, their musings grew into a series of letter exchanges in *Two Revolutions: Relativity and Quantum Physics*.



The letters between father and daughter lead the scientifically curious reader through these two remarkable branches of physics that dramatically changed our perception of nature. From the subatomic to the astronomical realms, they weave a rich tapestry of scientific insight, history, personal anecdotes, philosophy, and wonder.

The book traces Einstein's tenacious journey in formulating the theory of relativity, in which space and time merge, and gravitation warps spacetime, forming the very fabric of the Universe. The authors reveal how black holes and gravitational waves emerge as bizarre and awe-

inspiring constructs within this framework.

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Medicine / Ayurveda

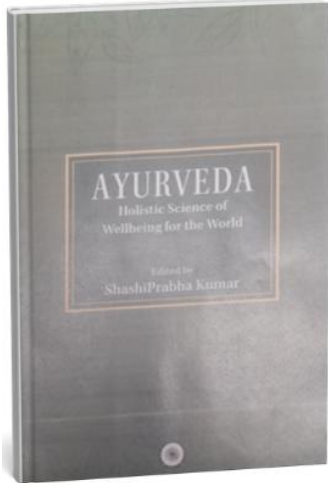
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National conference on Ayurveda: holistic science of wellbeing for the world

edited by Shashi Prabha Kumar | Shimla : Indian institute of advance study, 2025 | 9788198731838

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Ayurveda is not just a system of traditional Indian medicine, as is usually understood. It is in fact a holistic science of well-being which deals with both the aspects of healthcare: preventive as well as Curative. In fact it is much broader in the sense that it covers physical mental, emotional, social and spiritual dimensions of existence.



Humanity realized the value of holistic well-being during the onslaught of pandemic Corona and started looking for integrated approaches to nurture positive and holistic health.

To quote our Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi-""As The Pandemic focussed the global attention on health, India went a step further and focussed on wellness. That is why we have put forward a vision before the world-ONE EARTH ONE HEALTH. This involves holistic healthcare for all creatures-humans, animals or plants.""

In the above background and under the Task Force-3 for T-20 a National Conference on Ayurveda was organised at IIAS Shimla in which several scholars and practitioners from all over the country participated.

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Arts

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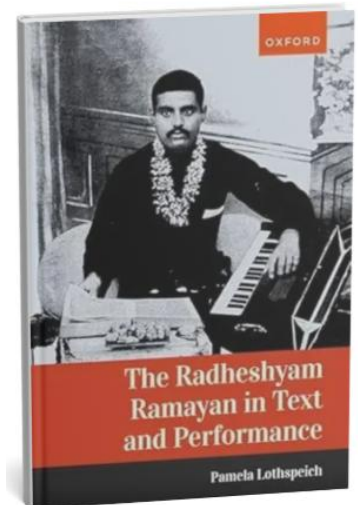
The Radheshyam Ramayan in text and performance

by Pamela Lothspeich | Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2025 | 9780198948896

Accession Number: 57123 | Call Number: 792.1 LOT

A new Ramayan for a new age. In the early twentieth century, the poet and singer-storyteller Pandit Radheshyam Kathavachak reimagined and published the classic story of the Ramayan with stunning success. Guided by Tulsidas's sixteenth-century Rāmcaritmānasin Avadhi, Kathavachak composed his religious epic, the Radheshyam Ramayan, in Hindi-Urdu to make it comprehensible to modern audiences and to be able to sing and explicate it in devotional concerts (kathā). Even so, the work was quickly incorporated into the scripts of annual Ramlila theatrical productions in the Rohilkhand region and beyond.

Based on extensive literary, archival, and ethnographic research, The Radheshyam Ramayan in Text and Performance takes readers on a journey through Kathavachak's hometown of Bareilly and his cosmopolitan world of Hindi letters and performance. The book demonstrates how Kathavachak's Ramayan, a purported translation, departs significantly from Tulsidas's famous Ramayan, and includes personal vignettes of actors who have declaimed Kathavachak's verses on a Ramlila stage in Bareilly.



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Literature

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James

by Percival Everett | New York : Penguin Random House 2024 | 9781035031269

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Truly extraordinary books are rare, and this is one of them' – Roddy Doyle
 'A brilliant retelling of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn from the point of view of the enslaved Jim' – The Observer

James is a profound and ferociously funny novel from one of our greatest living writers, Percival Everett.

The Sunday Times Bestseller

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction

Winner of the National Book Award for Fiction

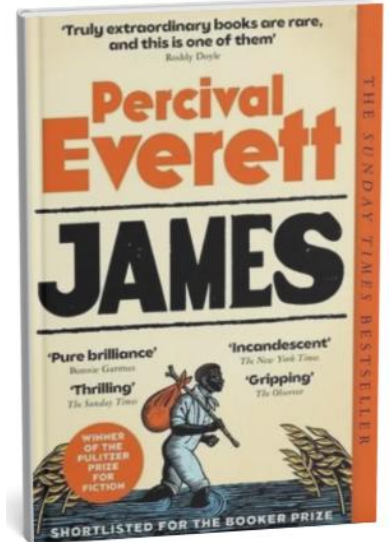
Winner of the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction

Shortlisted for the Booker Prize

Shortlisted for the Dublin Literary Award

Finalist for the Orwell Prize for Political Fiction

The Mississippi River, 1861. When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a new owner in New Orleans and separated from his wife and daughter forever, he flees to nearby Jackson's Island until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck Finn has faked his own death to escape his violent father who recently returned to town.



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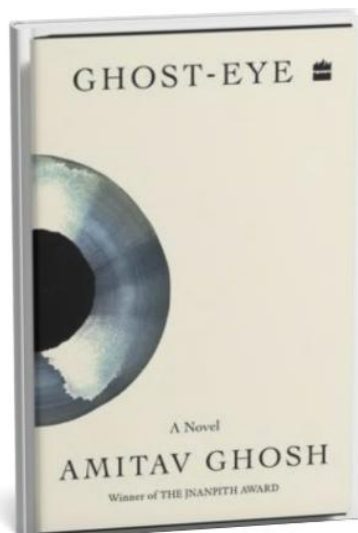
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Ghost eye: a novel

by Amitav Ghosh | New Delhi : Fourth estate 2026 | 9789373073439

Accession Number: 57146 | Call Number: 823 (Ind) GHO

Past and present collide in a novel about a girl who might just be a case of the reincarnation type



Varsha Gupta wants fish for her lunch. Her family cant understand it; the three-year-old has never tasted fish in her life. The Guptas are strict vegetarians and dont allow it inside their Calcutta mansion. But Varsha claims she can remember another life: a mud house by a river where she caught and cooked fish with a different mother.

Perplexed, the Guptas turn to Dr Shoma Bose, a psychiatrist who has been investigating what are known as cases of the reincarnation type for years. But Shomasunder standing of the world is changed forever by Varshasrevelations.

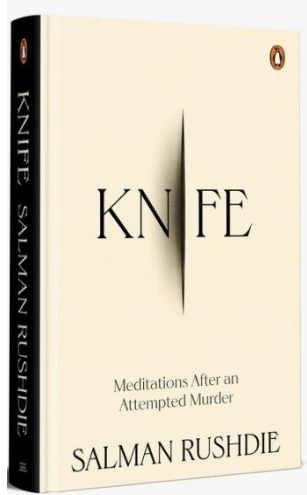
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Knife : meditations after an attempted murder

by Salman Rushdie | Gurugram : Penguin, 2024 | 9780670099580

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On the morning of August 12, 2022, Salman Rushdie was standing onstage at the Chautauqua Institution, preparing to give a lecture on the importance of keeping writers safe from harm, when a man wearing black clothes and a black mask rushed down the aisle toward him, wielding a knife. His first thought: So it's you. Here you are.



What followed was a horrific act of violence that shook the literary world and beyond. Now, for the first time, and in unforgettable detail, Rushdie relives the traumatic events of that day and its aftermath, as well as his journey toward physical recovery and the healing that was made possible by the love and support of his wife, Eliza, his family, his army of doctors and physical therapists, and his community of readers worldwide.

Knife is Rushdie at the peak of his powers, writing with urgency, with gravity, with unflinching honesty. It is also a deeply moving reminder of literature's capacity to make sense of the unthinkable, an intimate and life-affirming meditation on life, loss, love, art—and finding the strength to stand up again.

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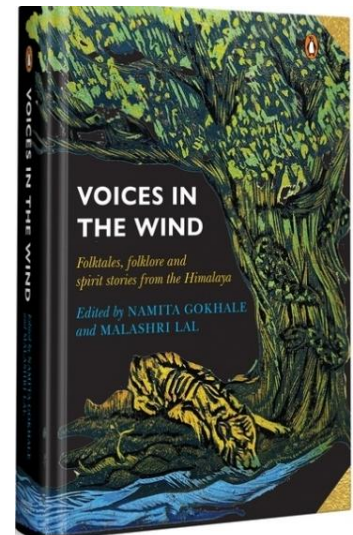
Voices in the wind: folk tales, folklore and spirit stories from the himalaya

edited by Namita Gokhale and Malashri Lal | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2026 | 9780143470267

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The Himalaya has always been a land of folklore, carried across generations in the voices of its people. Villagers by a bonfire, grandmothers at the hearth with grandchildren at their knees, wandering bards, fakirs and mystics have all shaped a vast oral tradition. This is a world where rivers sing, animals speak, demons and tricksters lurk, and gods walk among mortals. In *Voices in the Wind*, celebrated authors Namita Gokhale and Malashri Lal gather this living inheritance from across the length and breadth of the mountains—Kashmir and Ladakh, Himachal and Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Bhutan, and the sister states of the Northeast—into a single, enchanting volume.

This collection of folktales, fairytales, spirit stories, legends and fables encompasses generational wisdom and contains within it traditional beliefs, local knowledge systems and a deep understanding of the contradictions of human nature. The tales span the spectrum of human and non-human experience: stories of lovers separated by fate and reunited by magic; of crows who nurture abandoned children; of serpent kings and shape-shifting brides; of feisty heroines, tricksters, and goddesses who challenge injustice; of the everyday courage and wit of villagers negotiating harsh but enchanted landscapes. Rooted in ecological memory, these narratives are also reminders of the delicate Himalayan balance between humans, animals, rivers and forests.



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The story of a new name

by Elena Ferrante; translated by Ann Goldstein | London : Europa Editions, 2013 | 9781787702233

Accession Number: 57132 | Call Number: 853.92 FER

The follow-up to *My Brilliant Friend*, *The Story of a New Name* continues the epic New York Times–bestselling literary quartet that has inspired an HBO series, and returns us to the world of Lila and Elena, who grew up together in post-WWII Naples, Italy.



In *The Story of a New Name*, Lila has recently married and made her entrée into the family business; Elena, meanwhile, continues her studies and her exploration of the world beyond the neighborhood that she so often finds stifling. Marriage appears to have imprisoned Lila, and the pressure to excel is at times too much for Elena. Yet the two young women share a complex and evolving bond that is central to their emotional lives and a source of strength in the face of life's challenges. In these Neapolitan Novels, Elena Ferrante, gives us a poignant and universal story about friendship and belonging, a meditation on love and jealousy, freedom and commitment—at once a masterfully plotted page-turner and an intense, generous-hearted

family saga.

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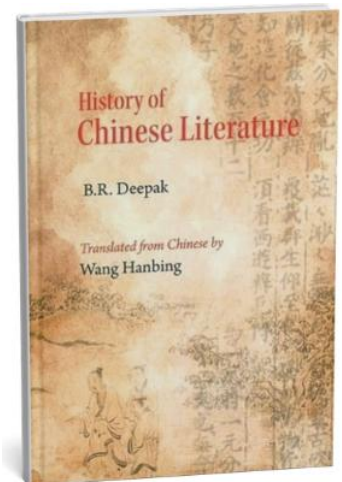
History of Chinese literature

by B R Deepak; translated from Chinese by Wang Hanbing | New Delhi : Pentagon Press, 2025 | 9788199352759

Accession Number: 57130 | Call Number: 895.109 DEE

The *History of Chinese Literature* offers an extensive exploration of the evolution of China's literary traditions, charting their journey from ancient times to the modern era. The book provides an in-depth analysis of various genres, influential writers, and representative texts from different dynastic periods, highlighting the development of classical prose, poetry, fiction, and drama while presenting a vivid portrayal of China's rich cultural and literary legacy.

Spanning over three thousand years of history, the book examines oral traditions and early writings, including the *Classic of Poetry* (Shijing) from the Zhou dynasty, the philosophical prose of the Spring and Autumn and Warring States periods with landmark works like *Zuo Zhuan* and *Zhuangzi*. It explores the Han dynasty's historical prose, epitomized by Sima Qian's *Records of the Grand Historian* (Shiji), and celebrates the poetic brilliance of Tang dynasty masters such as Li Bai, Du Fu, and Bai Juyi. The narrative continues with the lyrical poetry (ci) of the Song dynasty, the drama (zaju) of the Yuan dynasty, and the celebrated novels of the Ming and Qing dynasties.



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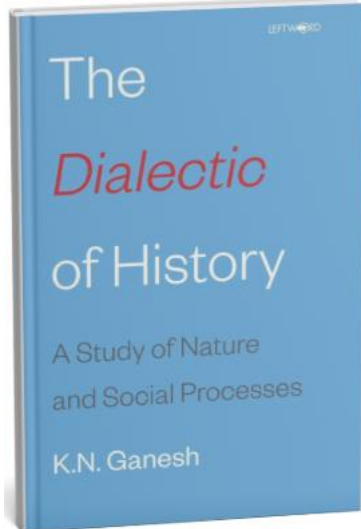
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The dialectic of history: a study of nature and social processes

by K N Ganesh | New Delhi : Left Word Books, 2025 | 9789392018640

Accession Number: 57129 | Call Number: 901 GAN

A major contribution to Marxist theory. Ganesh brings the latest advancements in the study of the



physical sciences, evolution, early human history, human migration, the trajectories of civilisations, and the intellectual development of humankind into a seamless narrative. It is like reading Stephen Jay Gould, V. Gordon Childe and Perry Anderson all rolled into one. A magisterial study. — Vijay Prashad

“This is a most unusual book based on an intense engagement with certain basic questions thrown up by Marxism by a scholar of great erudition. It embodies long years of thinking and demands serious attention on the part of the readers.” — Prabhat Patnaik

There has been a resurgence in writings on Marx and Marxism in recent years, particularly after the financial crisis of 2008. However, many of these attempts try to establish Marxism as another social theory, or try to use Marx’s writings to support their own versions of cultural, economic or political arguments. Much of the contemporary

writing that goes in the name of Marxism either bypasses the contributions of Marx, Engels and Lenin, or dismisses them as theoretically insignificant and outmoded. Such arguments denigrate or debunk the rich experience of revolutionary Marxism in a number of states, and dissociate Marxist practice from theory. This tendency plays a negative role in the progress of revolutionary movements.

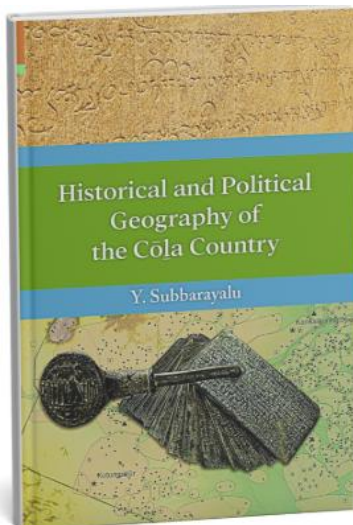
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Historical and political geography of the cola country

by Y Subbarayalu | Delhi : Primus Books, 2026 | 9789370332034

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Historical and Political Geography of the Cōla Country is a revised and enlarged version of the author’s work that was originally published in 1973. It deals with different aspects of the territorial units found in the Cōla period inscriptions (850–1300), from the village (ūr) at the base to higher-level territories, such as vaḷanāṭu and maṅṭalam. Instead of simply considering them to be administrative divisions used for political purposes, their social and cultural aspects are studied here, while the associated social and agrarian groups (like ūrār and nāṭṭār) are given due importance in understanding contemporary socio-political organization. Several tables and maps have been added to this new edition, to organize and analyze the data provided. As a backdrop, the geography of the bhakti period (700–900) is also explored, showing the continuity of temples and the associated settlements over the centuries.

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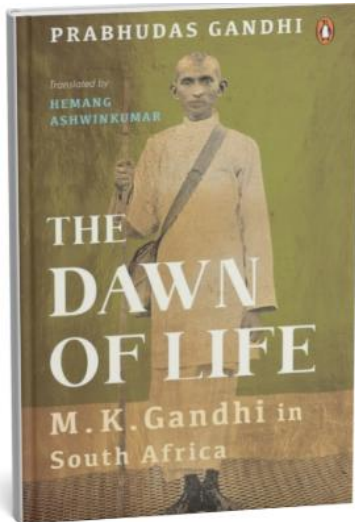
Biography

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The dawn of life: M.K.Gandhi in South Africa

By Prabhudas Gandhi; translated by Hemang Ashwinkumar | Gurugram : Penguin Random, 2025 | 9780143475873

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Prabhudas Gandhi was born in 1901 in Porbandar to Chhaganlal Gandhi and Kashiben and like many members of his family, spent his childhood in South Africa at the Phoenix Ashram.

The memoir, *Jeevan nu Parodh* in Gujarati was serialized in a handwritten journal called *Madhpudo* (The Beehive) that Prabhudas edited at Sabaramati Ashram and published as a book in 1948 in the bloodied aftermath of independence. Awarded the Narmad Suvarna Chandak award, *The Dawn of Life* is an engaging and elaborate account of Gandhi's imagination of swaraj, both personal and collective. It flows from the memory of a young Prabhudas who migrated to Phoenix Settlement in 1905 to join his father and uncle Maganlal Gandhi. It has a ring of innocence, which is as refreshing as it is deceptive, for the author forces the reader to look within and confront her fears, prejudices and violent impulses. Being made available to English

readership after more than a century since its original inscription, the book pleads for the recovery of a dawn that has remained shrouded far too long in the pitch-dark of communalism, casteism and chauvinisms of various kinds.

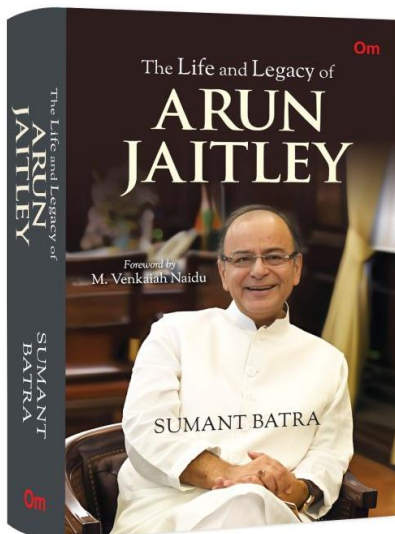
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The life and legacy of Arun Jaitley

by Sumant Batra | Noida : Om Books International, 2026 | 9789363957954

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A brilliant lawyer, eloquent parliamentarian, and visionary reformer, Arun Jaitley stood apart for his rare combination of political acumen and human warmth. Whether as the BJP's master strategist, the nation's finance minister, or the Opposition's most articulate voice, he was known for his clarity of thought, persuasive diplomacy and unwavering integrity. His gentle manner and incisive intellect made him the bridge between differing ideologies, a man trusted across party lines. As finance minister, Jaitley oversaw landmark transformations—most notably the Goods and Services Tax, which unified India into a single common market, and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, which reshaped corporate India. Yet, beyond these historic reforms, his enduring legacy lay in his ability to build consensus, inspire respect, and lead with empathy. In this definitive portrait of one of India's most influential and admired public

figures, Sumant Batra chronicles his journey from a spirited student activist in the 1970s to one of the most powerful voices in Indian politics.

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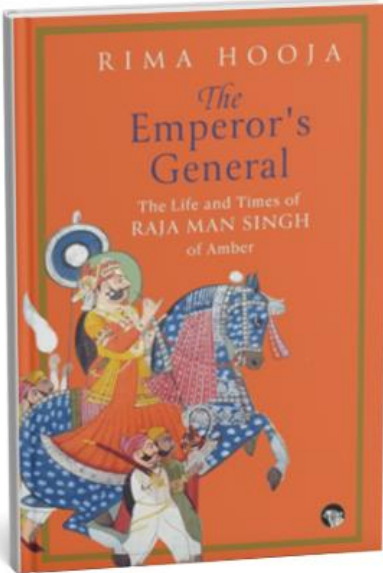
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The emperor's general: the life and times of Raja Man Singh of Amber

by Rima Hooja | New Delhi : Speaking Tiger, 2025 | 9789363365261

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In sixteenth-century India, as the Mughal Empire reached its height under Akbar, one Rajput prince stood at the centre of its battles and politics—Raja Man Singh of Amber. Both a loyal commander and Akbar's beloved 'farzand' (son), Man Singh bridged two worlds: the proud martial traditions of the Rajputs and the expanding ambitions of the Mughals.



From the banks of the Indus to the fields of Haldighati, from Kabul's mountain passes to Bengal's swamps, Man Singh's career was a relentless sequence of campaigns, alliances, and acts of statesmanship that secured and expanded an empire. Yet his story is not confined to the battlefield. It is also the tale of a builder and patron, who commissioned celebrated temples in Vrindavan and Varanasi, and transformed Amber into a thriving seat of art and architecture.

At the heart of this biography lies his complex bond with Akbar—marked by loyalty, kinship, and political calculation. Through Man Singh's life, we see the larger currents of the age: the alliances and rivalries of Rajput states, the consolidation of Mughal power, and the cultural synthesis that defined the era.

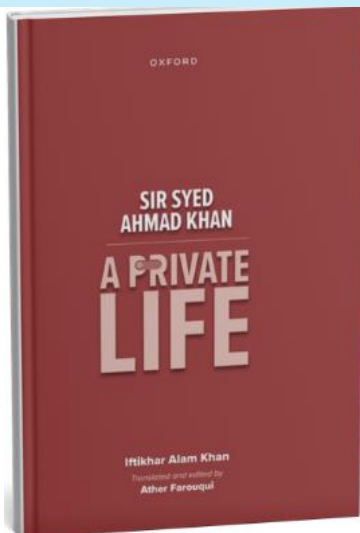
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Sir Syed Ahmed Khan: a private life

by Iftikhar Alam Khan; translated and edited by Ather Farouqui | Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2025 | 9780198972594

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Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, a 19th-century educationist and reformer, pioneered modern education among Indian Muslims. He founded the Mohammedan Anglo-Oriental (MAO) College in 1875, which became Aligarh Muslim University in 1920, revolutionizing Muslim thought and promoting intellectual growth. This book explores Sir Syed's personal life, from his family's shift from Mughal to British loyalty to his service under the British and motivations for modern education. It examines his childhood, relationships, and his mission to reform Muslim society through education. Filling a gap in English-language scholarship, this work offers fresh insights for researchers on Sir Syed, Aligarh Muslim University, and educational reform in India.

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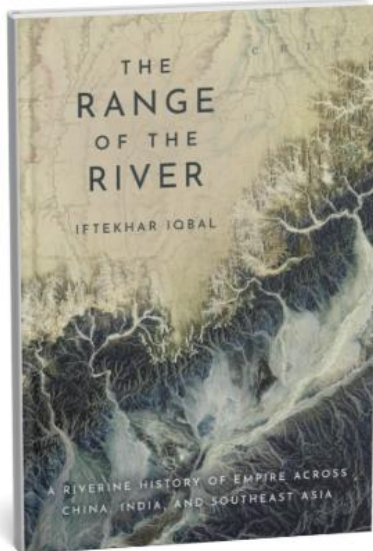
History

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The range of the river:

a riverine history of empire across China, Indian, and southeast asia

By Iftekhar Iqbal | Stanford : Stanford University Press, 2026 | 9781503644946

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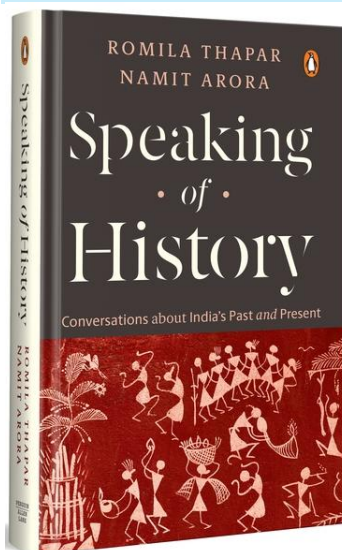
Spanning nearly 4 million square kilometers, the Tibetan river system—including the Brahmaputra, Irrawaddy, Salween, Mekong, Red, and Yangzi—forms the largest contiguous network of rivers on the planet, stretching across eastern South Asia, mainland Southeast Asia, and southern China. *The Range of the River* uncovers the entwined histories of these vast waterways and the empires, human actors, and other-than-human forces that have shaped Asia since the 1850s. Both ethnodiverse and biodiverse, these rivers were more than contested imperial spaces—they were also channels of communal and material exchange, linking near and distant contact zones. They fostered connections across Asia, driving commerce, mobility, and cultural encounters that transformed them into shared, living commons bridging societies, political powers, and economic interests.

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Speaking of history: conversations about India's past and present

by Romila Thapar and Namit Arora | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025 | 9780143476931

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Speaking of History brings India's past into sharp, urgent focus. In these wide-ranging conversations, Romila Thapar, the distinguished historian, joins Namit Arora, incisive writer and social critic, to explore how history is written, remembered and fought over.

Together, they pull back the curtain on the historian's craft: how evidence is weighed, how interpretations are made, and why the past has become a battleground of politics and identity. From caste and gender to religion, mythology and nationalism, they revisit much contested terrain and ask the vital questions—what can we really know about our past, and why does it matter so much today?

The result is both erudite and refreshingly accessible: a book that challenges distortion and mythmaking, while celebrating history as an act of curiosity, argument and critical inquiry. At a time when the discipline is under siege, *Speaking of History* is both a defence of rigorous scholarship and a lively reminder that to engage with history in all its complexity is to undertake a profound journey—an inquiry not just into the past, but into ourselves.

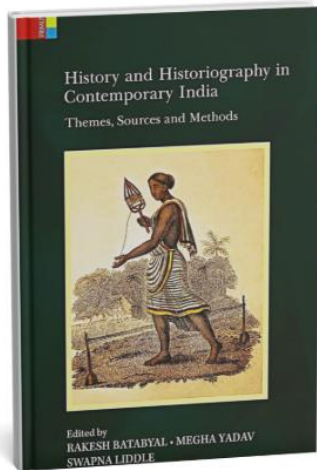
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History and historiography in contemporary India: themes, sources and methods

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