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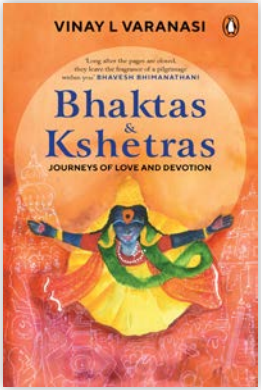
Publisher's Note

As we reveal our catalogue for July–September 2026, I am elated to share that we will continue to publish promising debut voices and new books from our established authors. Our list offers an eclectic mix of prose, fiction and translation, and I hope you will enjoy the range of books we are proud to publish. Keep on reading with Penguin.

NON-FICTION



BHAKTAS AND KSHETRAS

JOURNEYS OF LOVE AND DEVOTION

VINAY L VARANASI

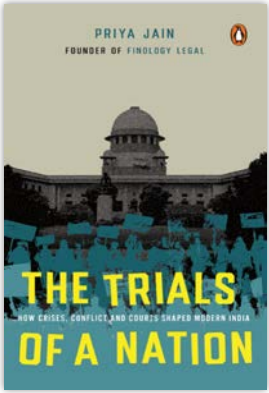
Imprint Ananda
Format Demy/Paperback
Page Extent 216
ISBN 9789377305406
Pub Month July 2026
Territory Indian Subcontinent
Language Rights English only
Price Rs 399

A heartfelt book offering a new perspective on divinity, kshetras and devotees

Kshetras are more than places—they are sacred spaces alive with devotion, faith and divine presence. For centuries, devotees have journeyed to them seeking solace, answers, blessings or simply to be close to their beloved deity. Woven into these spaces are stories of *bhakts* whose love and surrender gave them life.

Bhaktas and Kshetras explores the profound connection between deity, devotees and sacred geography.

VINAY L VARANASI is a Bengaluru-based storyteller and artist deeply rooted in Sanatan Dharma, spirituality and Indian culture.



THE TRIALS OF A NATION

HOW CRISIS, CONFLICT AND COURTS SHAPED MODERN INDIA

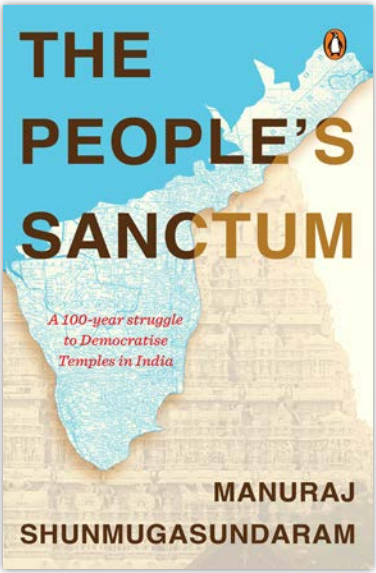
PRIYA JAIN

Imprint Ebury Press
Format B/Paperback
Page Extent 296
ISBN 9789377303020
Pub Month July 2026
Territory World
Language Rights N/A
Price Rs 399

Ten turning points that shaped the India we know—and the India we became

Democracies are defined by how they respond to crisis. In this book, Priya Jain examines ten pivotal moments that reshaped India's Republic—from the Constitution and Emergency to economic reforms, 26/11, Nirbhaya, Article 370 and more. A compelling exploration of how these events transformed institutions, rights and the nation itself.

PRIYA JAIN is the founder of Finology Legal, a platform dedicated to making law and constitutional issues accessible to everyday Indians.



THE PEOPLE'S SANCTUM

THE 100-YEAR STRUGGLE TO DEMOCRATIZE TEMPLES IN INDIA

MANURAJ SHUNMUGASUNDARAM

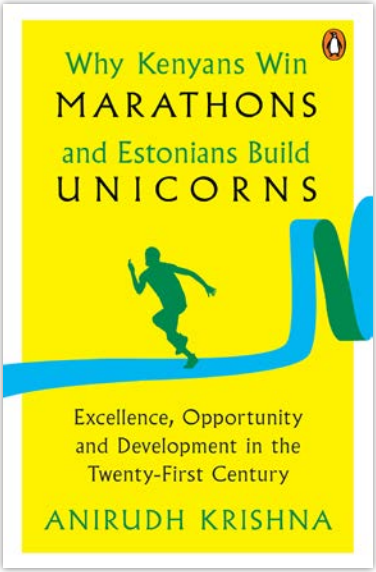
Imprint Vintage
Format Demy/Hardback
Page Extent 216
ISBN 9789377304553
Pub Month July 2026
Territory World
Language Rights All
Price Rs 699

Modern India's tryst with religious inequality and how temples became democratized

One hundred years ago, in the princely state of Travancore, a protest to challenge a ban that prevented the people of oppressed castes from using the roads around the Vaikom Mahadeva Temple had mobilized thousands. The gains from Vaikom, in part, inspired the Self-Respect Movement, which attacked caste hierarchy.

This book explains how this agitation has led to state legislation enabling the appointment of priests from all castes, and how constitutional courts help resolve disputes between temple entry and religious freedoms.

MANURAJ SHUNMUGASUNDARAM has worked in education policy and trained as a political aide before completing a second graduate degree in law. He has since worked as a lawyer, practising before the Madras High Court and the Supreme Court of India. He is also a media spokesperson for the DMK, a leading political party in Tamil Nadu, and a student of the Dravidian Movement.



WHY KENYANS WIN MARATHONS AND ESTONIANS BUILD UNICORNS

EXCELLENCE, OPPORTUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

ANIRUDH KRISHNA

Imprint Viking
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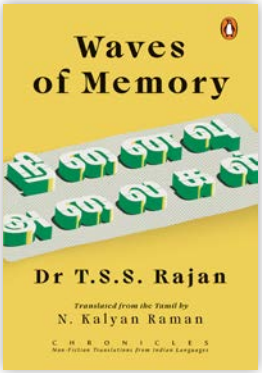
Price Rs 699

Why do people from certain countries excel at particular activities?

Why do so many of the world's best long-distance runners come from Kenya? How does Estonia (population 1.3 million) produce so many tech unicorns? Why do so many distinguished writers come from Nigeria and so many classical musicians from Venezuela?

Krishna uncovers how societies identify talent, create opportunity and combine them into systems that consistently deliver the best. Contrarian in approach and rigorous in research, it doesn't just explain success—it builds a framework for replicating egalitarian structures that broaden opportunity and deliver excellence.

ANIRUDH KRISHNA is the Edgar T. Thompson Professor of Public Policy at Duke University. His most recent book, *The Broken Ladder*, won the Ananda Kentish Coomaraswamy Book Prize.



WAVES OF MEMORY

DR T.S.S. RAJAN, TRANSLATED BY N. KALYAN RAMAN

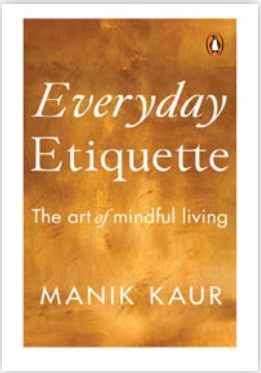
Imprint Vintage
Format B/Paperback
Page Extent 400
ISBN 9789377305581
Pub Month July 2026
Territory Indian Subcontinent
Language Rights All languages
Price Rs 499

A memoir by Dr TSS Rajan, politician, freedom-fighter and minister of public health in the Madras Presidency

Waves of Memory gathers T.S.S. Rajan's reflections on the people, incidents and turning points that defined his remarkable life.
This book captures, in essence, the history of two generations. At its heart lies the most compelling subject of all: Rajan himself— courageous, compassionate and relentlessly curious, a man who scrutinized the world and his own beliefs and whose public-spirited modernism continues to resonate today.

T.S.S. RAJAN was elected to Congress in Madras Presidency, where he became Minister of Food and Public Health. He served as minister till 1951.

N. KALYAN RAMAN is a translator of contemporary Tamil fiction and poetry. Over the past twenty-five years, he has published translations of fifteen works of Tamil fiction by important writers such as Ashokamitran, Poomani, Devibharathi, Perumal Murugan, Vaasanthi and Salma.



EVERYDAY ETIQUETTE

THE ART OF MINDFUL LIVING

MANIK KAUR

Imprint Ebury Press
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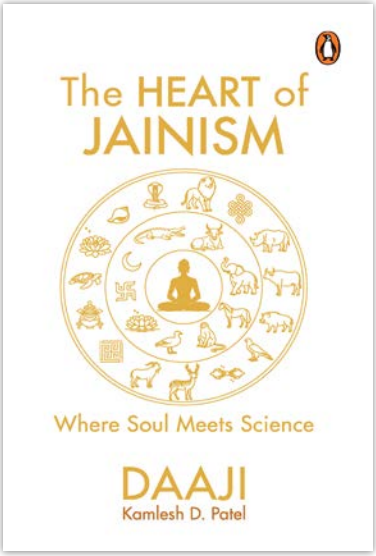
Page Extent 288
ISBN 9789377305444
Pub Month July 2026
Territory World
Language Rights All languages
Price Rs 499

A heartfelt, practical guide to reclaiming the lost art of everyday grace—at home, work and everywhere in between

Blending timeless Indian values with contemporary relevance, *Everyday Etiquette: The Art of Mindful Living* reimagines etiquette not as rigid rules or social performance, but as mindfulness in action. Whether you're a young professional stepping into a big-city job, an educator seeking life-skills content or a parent raising children in a hyper-digital world, this book is for you.

MANIK KAUR is India's first and leading etiquette and mindful living coach, founder of Mindful Living by Manik Kaur on Instagram and a TEDx speaker. Her work has been featured in *Times of India, India Today, Femina, Brut India* and *HT Brunch.*



THE HEART OF JAINISM

WHERE SOUL MEETS SCIENCE

DAAJI/ KAMLESH D PATEL

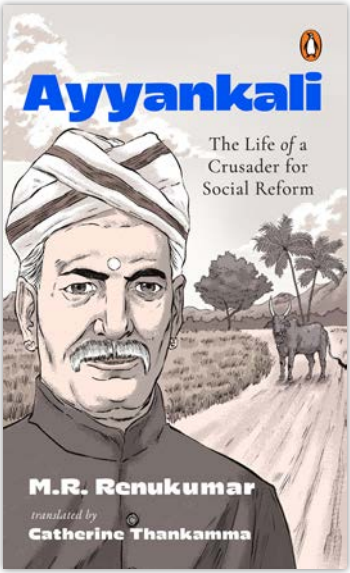
Imprint Ananda
Format B/Paperback with flaps
Page Extent 336
ISBN 9789377302559
Pub Month July 2026
Territory Indian Subcontinent, Middle East, Southeast Asia
Language Rights All languages
Price Rs 499

Can an ancient path still guide the life we live now?

One evening, a group of people gather at a Jain Sthanak. Their questions are simple: how to live well, how to deal with anger and attachment, how to make sense of suffering and how to stay honest in the middle of ordinary life.

What follows is a series of conversations in which the teachings of the Tirthankars are understood in today's context. *The Heart of Jainism* brings Jain wisdom into everyday life through stories, conversations and reflections.

KAMLESH D. PATEL, also known as Daaji, is the fourth and current spiritual guide of the global Heartfulness movement. He is the author of numerous books, including *The Wisdom Bridge, Spiritual Anatomy, Designing Destiny* and the USA Today bestseller *The Heartfulness Way*. In 2023, Daaji was conferred with the Padma Bhushan by the Government of India for distinguished service of a high order in the field of spirituality.



AYYANKALI

THE LIFE OF A CRUSADER FOR SOCIAL REFORM

M.R. RENUKUMAR, TRANSLATED BY CATHERINE THANKAMMA

Imprint Penguin Books
Format B/Paperback
Page Extent 232
ISBN 9789377300326
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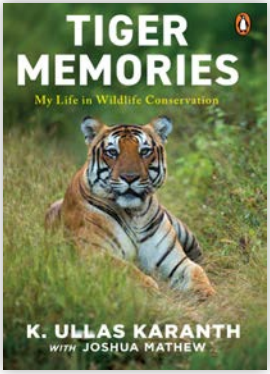
Territory Indian Subcontinent
Language Rights All languages
Price Rs 399

Ayyankali's contribution to Kerala's Dalit politics and reform is recorded for the first time in English

The social interventions of 'Mahatma' Ayyankali (1863–1941) were radical, secular and fundamental. He sought to secure dignity, social justice and economic equality for Dalits. Few people know that his famous 'Leave the fields fallow' call to Dalits was aimed not at obtaining better wages, but for ensuring their right to education. In Catherine Thankamma's translation of M.R. Renukumar's 2017 biography, Ayyankali's life and work come to readers across the world.

M.R. RENUKUMAR is a Kerala Sahitya Akademi award-winning poet with nine published volumes of poetry to date. He has also penned five collections of short stories, two travelogues and translated the graphic novel Bhimayana into Malayalam.

CATHERINE THANKAMMA is a retired associate professor, writer and translator, known for translating *Kocharethi: The Araya Woman* by Narayan and *Pulayathara* by Paul Chirakkarode. Her own collection of short stories, *A Kind of Meat and Other Stories*, came out in 2025.



TIGER MEMORIES

MY LIFE IN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

K. ULLAS KARANTH WITH JOSHUA MATHEW

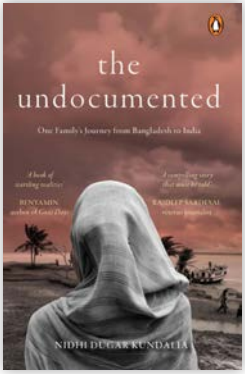
Imprint Viking
Format Royal/Hardback
Page Extent 408
ISBN 9789377303266
Pub Month August 2026
Territory World
Language Rights All
Price Rs 999

The autobiography of K. Ullas Karanth, renowned conservationist and tiger expert

As a teenager, Ullas Karanth explored the rich jungles of Malenad in Karnataka. Shocked by how people around him were slaughtering wildlife and motivated by his interest in tigers, he made their scientific study his life's mission. After two decades of tireless effort, Karanth became a professional wildlife biologist.

K. ULLAS KARANTH trained as an engineer but pursued his passion for wildlife biology, getting degrees from the University of Florida and Mangalore University. He has been awarded the Padma Shri.

JOSHUA MATHEW is a Bengaluru-based accidental writer who felt that his first book, *The Last White Hunter*, would expose his lack of any pedigree in writing. Little did he know that he would get another chance.



THE UNDOCUMENTED

ONE FAMILY'S JOURNEY FROM BANGLADESH TO INDIA

NIDHI DUGAR KUNDALIA

Imprint Vintage
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Page Extent 264
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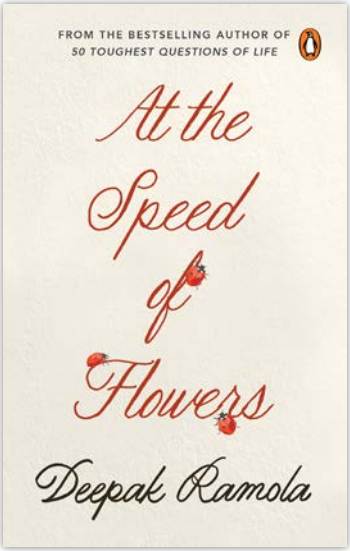
Territory Indian Subcontinent
Language Rights N/A
Price Rs 699

A Bangladeshi family crosses a border in search of refuge, only to find a new battle for survival

After Cyclone Aila destroys their home, a Bangladeshi family led by Safrat crosses into Kolkata seeking safety and a fresh start. Instead, they find themselves trapped on society's margins, battling poverty, prejudice, violence and exploitation. A powerful portrait of displacement, resilience and a mother's determination to keep her family alive against all odds.

NIDHI DUGAR KUNDALIA'S stories, mostly around socio-cultural issues, have appeared in various national newspapers and magazines. She is the author of *The Lost Generation: Chronicling India's Dying Professions* and *White as Milk and Rice: Stories of India's Isolated Tribes.*



AT THE SPEED OF FLOWERS

DEEPAK RAMOLA

Imprint Ebury Press
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Page Extent 256
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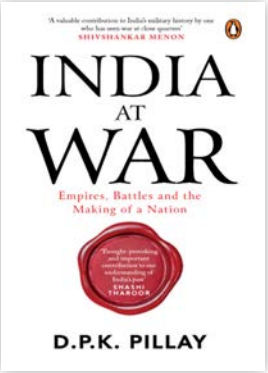
Pub Month August 2026
Territory World
Language Rights N/A
Price Rs 399

A tender love letter to slow down and reflect in a world of urgency

You are holding a book that doesn't want to hurry you. A book that believes wisdom lives in tender, unglamorous places—in handwritten recipes, lingering goodbyes, crocheted blankets and silences that speak louder than words.

At the Speed of Flowers is a collection of essays that invites you to notice the life happening at the edges of your attention. With the intimacy of a friend and the clarity of a teacher, Deepak Ramola leads you through stories and small, sturdy truths that unfold one memory, one encounter, one love note at a time. Deeply human and hopeful, this book is about learning to bloom in your own season.

DEEPAK RAMOLA has spent seventeen years gathering life lessons from everyday people across 195 countries through his organization, Project FUEL. He is faculty and a Life Design Fellow at Stanford and co-instructor of the Meaning of Life course at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has authored three books spanning poetry, self-help and narrative non-fiction.



INDIA AT WAR

EMPIRES, BATTLES AND THE MAKING OF A NATION

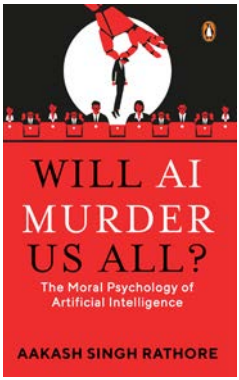
COL D.P.K. PILLAY

Imprint Vintage
Format Demy/Hardback
ISBN 9789377301040
Page Extent 376
Pub Month August 2026
Territory World
Language Rights Yes
Price Rs 699

A stirring journey through forgotten battlefields, sacrifice and the unbroken martial spirit that forged modern India

India's story is that of a civilization that has endured invasions, empires, partitions and wars, yet has never surrendered its identity. *India at War* explores memory, sacrifice, resilience and the enduring spirit of a nation. It asks how India survived when many empires vanished into history and why its identity endured despite centuries of conflict.

Col D.P.K. PILLAY, PhD, Shaurya Chakra, has served in the Ministry of Defence and has shaped policy matters at the National Security Council Secretariat. His international humanitarian and diplomatic footprint includes serving with the International Red Cross in Iraq, Syria and Yemen, and acting as an international research adviser to the Korean War Memorial Organization.



WILL AI MURDER US ALL?

THE MORAL PSYCHOLOGY OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

AAKASH SINGH RATHORE

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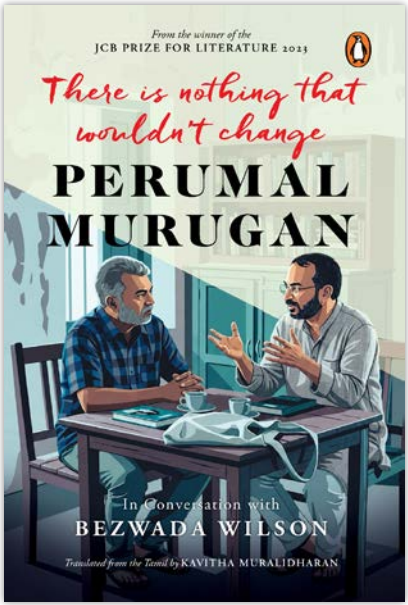
Page Extent 352
ISBN 9789377303686
Pub Month August 2026
Territory World
Language Rights English
Price Rs 799

A bold, thought-provoking guide to the ethical and existential challenges of artificial intelligence

Will AI Murder Us All? is a guide to the ethical and existential challenges of artificial intelligence—and the human choices that will shape whether it liberates or dominates us. As technology blurs the line between human and machine, Aakash Singh Rathore confronts a question we can't ignore: *What happens when intelligence outpaces wisdom?*
This is both a cautionary tale and a blueprint for responsible innovation—calling us to build a future of dignity, accountability and human flourishing.

AAKASH SINGH RATHORE is a philosopher, author and public intellectual of international repute. His ten authored books span ethics, politics, law, literature, biography and wine, with translations into multiple languages. Notable titles include the bestsellers *Becoming Babasaheb* (HarperCollins, currently being adapted into a film) and *Ambedkar's Preamble* (Penguin).



THERE IS NOTHING THAT WOULDN'T CHANGE

PERUMAL MURUGAN IN CONVERSATION WITH BEZWADA WILSON

PERUMAL MURUGAN, TRANSLATED BY KAVITHA MURALIDHARAN

Imprint Hamish Hamilton
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Language Rights All languages
Price Rs 499

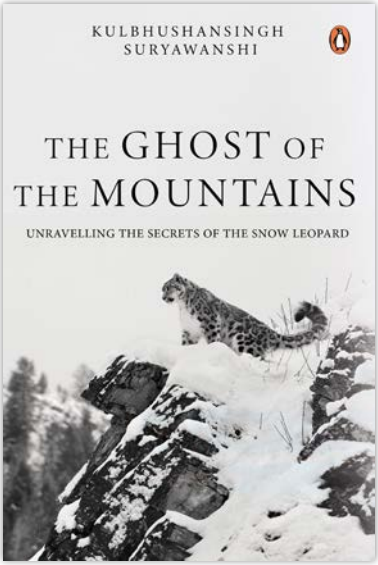
Perumal Murugan's entirely fascinating conversations with Bezwada Wilson

There Is Nothing That Wouldn't Change features an extraordinary conversation between writer Perumal Murugan and social activist Bezwada Wilson. Their friendship, forged during one of the most turbulent phases of Murugan's life, lends this unscripted exchange a powerful honesty.

The conversation is raw and deeply personal and traverses the complex terrains of caste, politics, conviction, doubt and the profound, enduring bonds of friendship. This book compels readers to confront uncomfortable realities while imagining what a truly just society might look like.

PERUMAL MURUGAN is the star of contemporary Tamil literature. An award-winning writer, poet and scholar, he has garnered both critical acclaim and commercial success for his vast array of work.

KAVITHA MURALIDHARAN is a bilingual journalist and translator. Her notable translations include Perumal Murugan's *Amma* and *Sandalwood Soap and Other Stories.*



THE GHOST OF THE MOUNTAINS

UNRAVELLING THE SECRETS OF THE SNOW LEOPARD

KULBHUSHANSINGH SURYAWANSHI

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Page Extent 304
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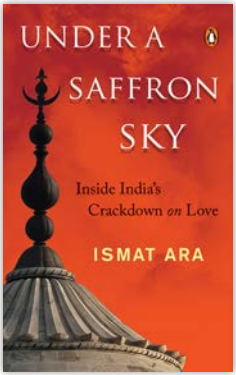
Pub Month August 2026
Territory Indian Subcontinent
Language Rights All languages
Price Rs 999

The vivid account of a leading conservationist's efforts to find, study and protect snow leopards

In *The Ghost of the Mountains*, Kulbhushansingh Suryawanshi offers an evocative account of his decades of work in this field, from his exhilarating adventures on the high peaks to his efforts to build a community-based, collaborative model for protecting the snow leopards and their remaining habitat.
Thrilling, illuminating and filled with transportive storytelling, *The Ghost of the Mountains* reveals the challenges facing a beautiful, fragile ecosystem in the midst of a major transition.

KULBHUSHANSINGH SURYAWANSHI is an ecologist and conservationist who has spent almost two decades studying snow leopards in the wild. He is a fellow of the British Ecological Society, the director of the India programme of the Snow Leopard Trust and a scientist with the Nature Conservation Foundation.



UNDER A SAFFRON SKY

INSIDE INDIA'S CRACKDOWN ON LOVE

ISMAT ARA

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Page Extent 328
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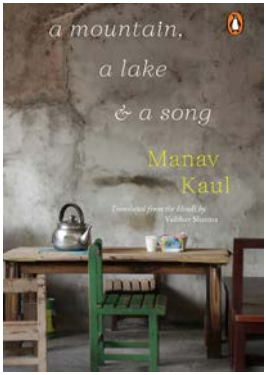
Pub Month August 2026
Territory Indian Subcontinent
Language Rights All languages
Price Rs 799

Investigates the phenomenon of 'love jihad' from a journalistic angle

What does it take to convince millions that the enemy lives within? Two words: *love jihad.* Researching this book took Ismat Ara from Arya Samaj mandirs in east Delhi, police stations in Uttar Pradesh and the small, rented rooms where couples live like fugitives—and she realized she wasn't just documenting interfaith couples. She was documenting a country at war with love.

ISMAT ARA is an award-winning journalist with bylines in the *Times of India, TIME,* BBC, Wire, *The Quint, Al Jazeera, The Hindu, HuffPost* and *Frontline.* A recipient of the UN Laadli Media Award, her reporting has been raised in the Indian Parliament, has made it to courts and led to tangible real-world impact.



A MOUNTAIN, A LAKE AND A SONG

MANAV KAUL, TRANSLATED BY VAIBHAV SHARMA

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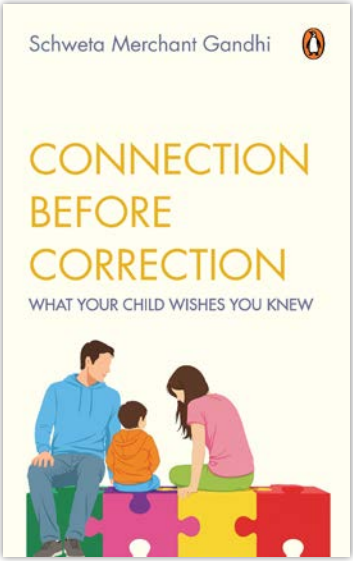
Price Rs 299

A fascinating travelogue across Europe; a journey into unusual people and unusual destinations!

In this deeply evocative memoir–travelogue, Manav the writer, the traveller, the theatre artist, the dreamer, the escapist embarks on a journey that is as much within as without. In doing so, sometimes he's mesmerized by the beauty of a town and sometimes repulsed. Sometimes his writing flows, and sometimes he gives it up for life itself.

Born in Baramulla, Kashmir, MANAV KAUL has been an integral part of the film world, acting, directing and writing for the past twenty years.



CONNECTION BEFORE CORRECTION

WHAT YOUR CHILD WISHES YOU KNEW

SCHWETA MERCHANT GANDHI

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Pub Month August 2026
Territory World
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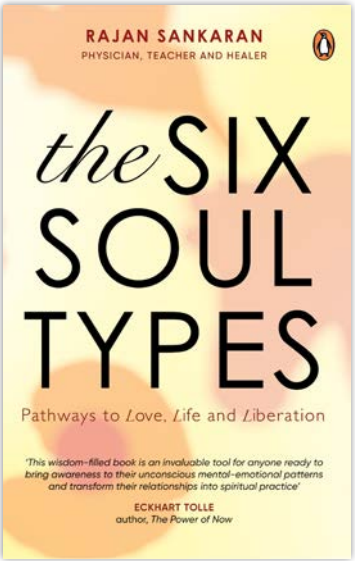
Price Rs 499

From a popular parenting expert, an accessible, brain-based guide that helps parents decode behaviour, handle big emotions and raise emotionally resilient children

Modern parents are not struggling because they lack love, effort or good intentions. They are struggling because they are raising developing brains in a world that expects adult-level self-control from children who are not yet biologically ready for it. Schweta Merchant Gandhi draws on neuroscience, psychology and practical experience, to introduce simple frameworks and exercises that will help parents understand how a child's brain develops, why emotional regulation must come before discipline and how everyday interactions shape resilience for life.

SCHWETA MERCHANT GANDHI is the founder of HappyMinds, a child psychology and early learning school that has impacted millions of families globally. As a child psychology educator, NLP master coach, subconscious mind coach, TEDx speaker and podcast host, Schweta has spent over fifteen years bridging neuroscience and everyday parenting. Through online programmes, workshops and digital content, her work reaches parents across the world. Her philosophy—Connection Before Correction—is the foundation of her teachings. A firm believer that no parent should feel lost in their role, she lives in Surat with her husband and two beautiful children.



THE SIX SOUL TYPES

PATHWAYS TO LOVE, LIFE AND LIBERATION

RAJAN SANKARAN

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The Six Soul Types **reveals a hidden map of human nature that explains why we love the way we do, why conflicts repeat and how we can transform struggle into healing**

In this groundbreaking and deeply human book, Rajan Sankaran invites us to look beyond behaviour and emotion into the hidden patterns that shape our lives—what he calls the Six Soul Types: the Oyster, Snail, Bird, Dog, Horse and Lion.

RAJAN SANKARAN is a globally respected homoeopath, healer, teacher and author whose pioneering insights have shaped the practice of homoeopathy for over four decades. His books and teachings, translated into many languages, continue to inspire practitioners across five continents. Beyond his profession, he is a seeker and storyteller, deeply engaged with spirituality and music—paths he sees as leading to the same truth. Website: www.rajansankaran.com.

THE CHIP AGE

HOW SEMICONDUCTORS BECAME THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL RESOURCE

RAKESH KUMAR

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Is the next world war going to be fought over computer chips?

Everyone is worried about the chip—experts, world leaders, businesses and conservationists alike. What makes this tiny object so special? What has it got to do with the tensions between China, Taiwan and the US? Why is making a single chip so impressively complex? *The Chip Age* takes readers on a captivating journey from the birth of a single chip to our chip-enabled digital age.

RAKESH KUMAR is a professor and John Bardeen faculty scholar in the electrical and computer engineering department at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He is a renowned expert on chips who has received multiple awards in recognition of his influence on chip research and the chip industry.

INDIA AFTER NONALIGNMENT

ARGUMENTS ABOUT THE INDIA POLE IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

HAPPYMON JACOB

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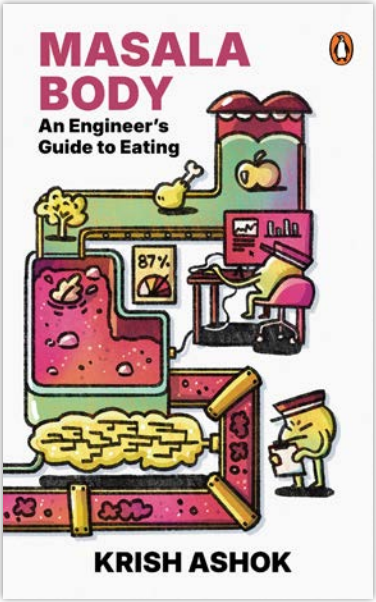
A clear examination of India's place in international relations

India's strong drive for strategic autonomy is rooted in its profound ambition to become a pole in international politics. A pole does not join blocs. A pole does not take instructions. A pole builds its own gravitational field. As India rises rapidly, becoming a pivotal power in the Indo-Pacific and the fourth-largest and fastest-growing major economy, understanding what this country wants and how it will behave on the global stage is important. This book seeks to answer these vital questions.

HAPPYMON JACOB is a distinguished visiting professor at the Shiv Nadar University (SNU), Delhi NCR. Prior to joining SNU, he served on the faculty of Jawaharlal Nehru University for seventeen years. He is the editor of *India's World* magazine.



MASALA BODY

AN ENGINEER'S GUIDE TO EATING

KRISH ASHOK

Imprint Penguin Books
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Price Rs 499

From the bestselling author of *Masala Lab*, a book that explains the digestive system and demystifies nutrition myths

Somewhere in the gap between the published meta-analysis and the Instagram reel, a perfectly reasonable person trying to decide what to feed her family gets lost.
She is navigating an information environment specifically designed to produce confusion because confused people buy more products than confident ones.
This book is for her. And for the man with a recent diabetes diagnosis who's been told six contradictory things about maida. And for the twenty-five-year-old who has developed a genuine fear of refined oil and leftover food. And for anyone who has ever stood in a supermarket aisle, trying to choose between regular paneer and organic A2 grass-fed yoga-practising cow milk paneer at triple the price, and felt a low hum of anxiety about getting it wrong.
A fun, popular science exploration of what happens to the biryani we made at the end of *Masala Lab* as it goes down your mouth—with most common nutrition myths busted along the way.

KRISH ASHOK is not a chef but cooks daily. He is not a scientist, but he can explain science with easy-to-understand clarity.

3000 MILES TO FREEDOM

THE TRUE STORY OF ONE INDIAN PRISONER OF WAR AGAINST THE JAPANESE EMPIRE

BRIGADIER M.M. PILLAI

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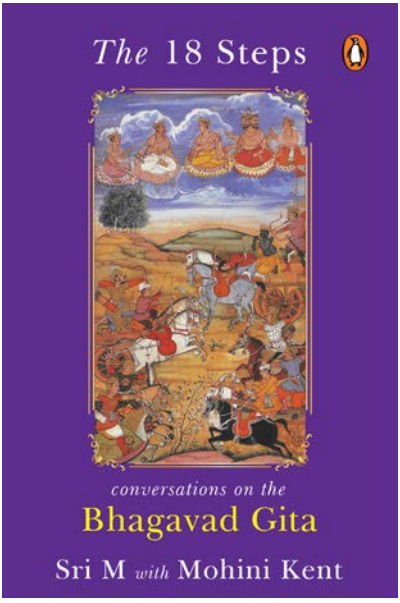
A compelling account that brings to life the meaning of fear and courage in the escape from captivity within enemy territory

The suffocating weight of captivity is more than just the barbed wire, guards, watchtowers and gnarly food. To plan and execute an escape from a POW camp requires a deeper kind of motivation, one born from the desperate understanding that death is not the worst fate one could face. This is what prompted Capt. 'Mark' Pillai, an officer in the Bombay Sappers to escape from the Japanese after they overran Singapore in 1942. This is his story.

BRIGADIER M.M. PILLAI was one of the first Allied soldiers to escape from occupied Singapore and make it out from behind enemy lines. His narrative and information were of immense value to the Allies as till that time, they had literally no information, of any ground activity after the Japanese had overrun the region. For the escape and associated acts of valour, he was awarded the Military Cross (MC).



THE 18 STEPS

CONVERSATIONS ON THE BHAGAVAD GITA

SRI M WITH MOHINI KENT

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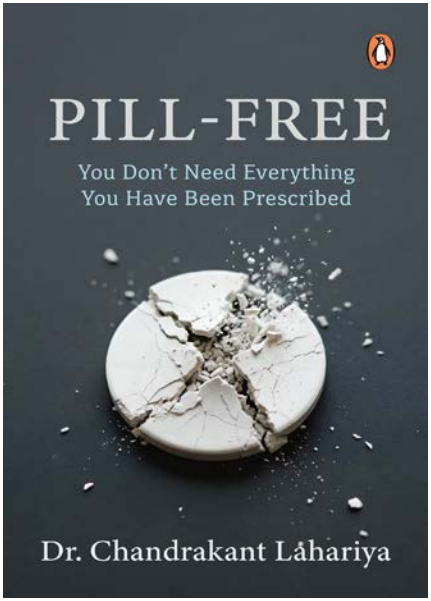
Price Rs 399

The 18 Steps **offers profound wisdom from the Bhagavad Gita, guiding individuals through life's challenges towards spiritual liberation**

The Gita is rooted in Hindu Vedic culture, but its message is deeply relevant to all because it charts the journey every individual can make to spiritual transformation, even as we are busy with our daily tasks. The Bhagavad Gita gives us the eighteen steps to liberation in Spirit, through all the travails of existence, in its eighteen chapters. And the Mahabharat war lasted for eighteen days. On the first day, Arjuna, overwhelmed by the impending bloodbath and death of beloved ones: What's it all for? This book is for those who have had to repeatedly define and reinvent themselves across the globe, to cope with fluid emotions and feelings, live in foreign societies, and who ultimately seek wisdom from great teachings and spiritual guides.

The transformational journey of SRI M—spiritual teacher, social reformer, educationist and author—from young boy to yogi is a story of single-minded discipline and dedication. He established the Satsang Foundation twenty years ago as a meeting point for spiritual seekers of all persuasions. Sri M was conferred the Padma Bhushan in January 2020 for distinguished service of high order in spirituality.

MOHINI KENT is an author, journalist, playwright, film-maker and charity worker. She has previously worked as a print journalist with the India Today magazine and other publications and had a fortnightly radio slot on BBC Radio 5 Live and Radio Scotland.



PILL-FREE

YOU DON'T NEED EVERYTHING YOU HAVE BEEN PRESCRIBED

DR CHANDRAKANT LAHARIYA

Imprint Vintage
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Page Extent 320
ISBN 9789377300951
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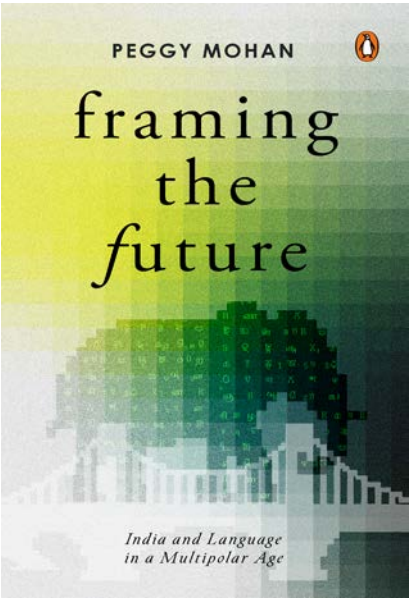
Territory World
Language Rights All languages
Price Rs 499

Not an anti-medicine book. It is a pro-health book

In today's India, over-medication has become so normal that many of us barely question it. A mild symptom becomes a diagnosis. One prescription leads to another. A side effect is treated with yet another tablet. Vitamins, supplements, probiotics, drips, tests, scans and even surgeries are increasingly presented as routine—often when simpler, safer and more effective solutions are available.

In *Pill-Free*, physician and public health expert Dr Chandrakant Lahariya takes on one of the most urgent and under-discussed health challenges of our time: the culture of unnecessary medicines, supplements, tests and procedures.

Dr CHANDRAKANT LAHARIYA is a leading public policy and health systems expert. He has received advanced trainings in epidemiology, vaccinology, immunology and public health.



FRAMING THE FUTURE

INDIA AND LANGUAGE IN A MULTIPOLAR AGE

PEGGY MOHAN

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Territory World
Language Rights All languages
Price Rs 699

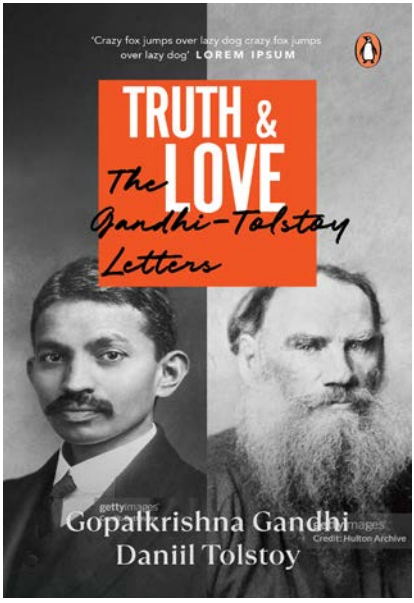
The future is upon us. It is up to us to seize the moment

This book is a thought experiment. It wonders about the future. The ideas in this book are the upshot of the author's thinking about language throughout her life as a linguist.

Language, the thing that has occupied the author's thoughts for most of her life, finds itself connected to so many of India's existential issues as a civilization. But there are lots of signs in the air around us that we have reached an inflection point, another twelfth-century moment when the smooth plateau of our trajectory is about to be disrupted, and we will have to make choices to steer ourselves towards a stable future.

Framing the Future is a leap into the near future. It is a reflection on the possible routes that languages in India might take and how things such as AI and LLMs could affect the complex language situation of India today.

Born in Trinidad, West Indies, PEGGY MOHAN studied linguistics at the University of the West Indies and pursued a PhD in the same from the University of Michigan. She has taught linguistics at Howard University, Washington D.C., Jawaharlal Nehru University and Ashoka University, and mass communications at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. She is the author of Wanderers, Kings, Merchants (2021), which won the Mathrubhumi Book of the Year Award. Peggy has dabbled in cartoon animation, produced a television series in Hindi for children and taught music. She lives in New Delhi.



TRUTH AND LOVE

THE GANDHI–TOLSTOY LETTERS

GOPALKRISHNA GANDHI AND DANIIL TOLSTOY

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Language Rights
Price Rs 499

Contemporary reflections on the exchanges between Mahatma Gandhi and Leo Tolstoy, two of the towering figures in the history of non-violence, truth and social justice

Mahatma Gandhi and Leo Tolstoy are two of the most influential figures in the history of non-violence, truth and social justice. Penned in the early twentieth century, their correspondence forms a powerful dialogue, sharing their philosophies of peaceful resistance, moral courage and spiritual awakening. These letters provide not just a historical record of their shared beliefs in non-violence and peace, but also a continuing dialogue that speaks to the challenges of the present day.

In *Truth and Love*, Gopalkrishna Gandhi (grandson of Mahatma Gandhi) and Daniil Tolstoy (descendant of Leo Tolstoy), offer a fresh, deep dive into their intellectual legacy, exploring the profound influence their ancestors had on one another, and reintroduce these iconic letters to modern audiences, while offering critical reflections on their ongoing relevance.

GOPALKRISHNA GANDHI is the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. He is an acclaimed Indian writer, diplomat and historian, with extensive experience in public service, including serving as the governor of West Bengal. He has contributed significantly to India's political landscape and is widely respected for his scholarship on the moral and political philosophy of his grandfather.

DANIIL TOLSTOY is the great-great-grandson of the legendary Russian writer Leo Tolstoy. A scholar of Russian philosophy and literature, Daniil has spent years researching the intellectual legacy of his ancestor, with a particular focus on Tolstoy's engagement with Eastern philosophies such as those found in Hinduism and Buddhism.

LALITA SAHASRANAMA

COSMIC CODE OF CREATION

ANURADHA GOYAL

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ISBN 9789377301453
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A contemporary guide to the devotion, symbolism and philosophy of the Lalita Sahasranama

The Lalita Sahasranama, the sacred hymn of the thousand names of the Goddess, is one of the most revered texts in Hinduism. For centuries, devotees have chanted it to invoke the Goddess's grace, cultivate devotion, purify the mind and move towards inner freedom. Each of its thousand names celebrates an aspect of Lalita Tripura Sundari: her beauty, compassion, power, wisdom and boundless presence.

In this illuminating guide, Anuradha Goyal explores the deeper meaning of every name. With insight and reverence, she uncovers the many layers of the stotra, enabling both seasoned practitioners and first-time readers to deepen their understanding of the Goddess and experience the transformative wisdom of the Lalita Sahasranama.

ANURADHA GOYAL works at the intersection of Indic knowledge, culture, travel and business innovation through her books, columns, blogs, podcasts and talks. An author of eight books, a leading bi-lingual travel blog and 700 book reviews, she is a sought-after public speaker and spiritual consultant.

IS INDIA READY FOR THE NEXT CRISIS?

THE USA–ISRAEL–IRAN CONFLICT: NOBODY'S WAR, EVERYBODY'S WAR

LT GEN. K.J.S. DHILLON (RETD), AIR MARSHAL SANJEEV KAPOOR (RETD)

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Pub Month September 2026
Territory World
Language Rights N/A
Price Rs 699

Is India truly ready for the next crisis?

In today's interconnected world, a conflict far beyond a country's borders can disrupt energy supplies, trade, financial markets and national security.

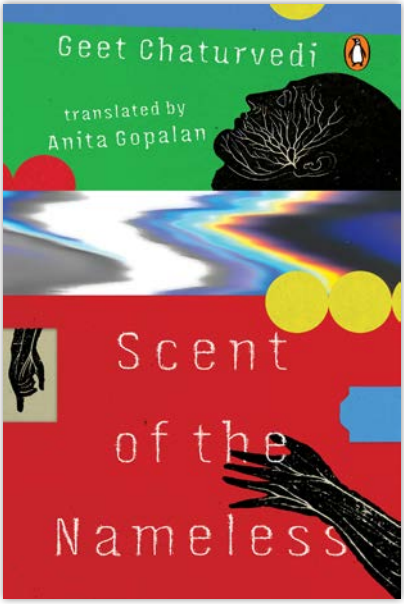
The US–Israel–Iran conflict is a powerful reminder that no war remains local for long. Is India prepared for the next crisis? Whether it comes through tensions along our borders, instability in our neighbourhood, cyberattacks, maritime disruptions, terrorism or even a natural or manmade disaster, India's resilience and preparedness will be tested in unexpected scenarios within, along or away from India's borders.

Written by two decorated veterans, this timely book combines military insight with geopolitical analysis to examine the challenges ahead.

K.J.S. 'TINY' DHILLON, an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, is a 1983-commissioned infantry officer (Rajputana Rifles). He served extensively in counter-insurgency and counterterrorism operational areas of Kashmir and the North-east. He superannuated as director general, Defence Intelligence Agency, under the Chief of Defence Staff in January 2022. He is the author of national bestsellers, *Kitne Ghazi Aaye, Kitne Ghazi Gaye, Wafadari Imaandari Zimmedari* and *Operation Sindoor*.

SANJEEV KAPOOR was commissioned as a pilot in 1985 and is a flying instructor with 8000 hours. A pioneer of aerial refuelling in the IAF and key architect behind inducting advanced combat aircraft, he commanded strategic assets, led the Boeing-777 transfer for the Prime Minister, and served as Commandant of the Air Force Academy and National Defence Academy before retiring as Director General (Inspection & Safety).

FICTION



SCENT OF THE NAMELESS

GEET CHATURVEDI, TRANSLATED BY ANITA GOPALAN

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Price Rs 399

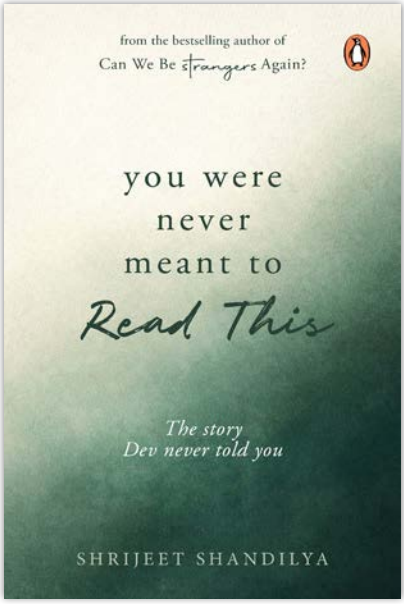
A contemporary look at urban life among the Indian middle-class

A middle-class office clerk leads a life of contented monotony in a modest Mumbai apartment—until a credit card unleashes desires he never knew existed. What begins as convenience becomes compulsion, then catastrophe. Debt seeps into everything: his relationships, his dignity, even his sense of self.

Blending satire with hallucinatory lyricism and psychological tension, this novel by Geet Chaturvedi, in Anita Gopalan's translation, is a piercing meditation on modern capitalism and the insidious violence of economic inequality.

GEET CHATURVEDI is one of the most widely read contemporary literary authors writing in Hindi. He is the recipient of numerous literary prizes, including the Syed Haidar Raza fellowship for fiction writing and was named among the Best Young Writers by the *Indian Express* in 2011.

ANITA GOPALAN is a literary translator. Her translations from Hindi include Geet Chaturvedi's *The Memory of Now, Simsim, The Master of Unfinished Things* and *The Funeral.*



YOU WERE NEVER MEANT TO READ THIS

THE STORY DEV NEVER TOLD YOU

SHRIJEET SHANDILYA

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Price Rs 299

A story of love, fate and the price of loving someone

Perhaps fate didn't allow it then, but Dev never stopped believing that it meant something. Now, his new life awaits: the corporate job of every MBA's dreams with a salary to match. But some things still follow him: a name never deleted, a number never blocked. And fifteen months of learning to live, without ever really being able to let go.

When six words from her appear on his screen, *I wish we could meet again*. Everything he worked so hard to bury comes back. But love in the real world is very different from love in college. Dev's story didn't end with Tanishka asking to be strangers again.

This is the rest of their story in the words he was never able to tell her.

SHRIJEET SHANDILYA is the bestselling author of *Can We Be Strangers Again?* An alum of Christ University and the Goa Institute of Management, he writes about love, timing, ambition and the moments people pretend didn't change them. He began writing in private, long before he thought of publishing. Over time, those pages became stories that strangers found familiar.

HE STOOD BY ME

LOVE ONLY HAPPENS ONCE

TARUN VIKASH

Imprint Metro Reads
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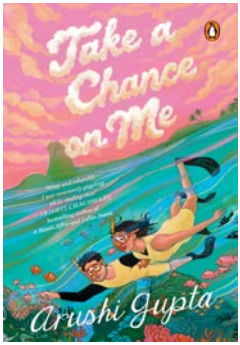
Language Rights Yes
Price Rs 299

A brand-new romance by bestselling author, Tarun Vikash!

Based on a true story, *He Stood By Me* is a rollercoaster of events, where two young lovers are forced to navigate the turbulent road towards marriage—one marred by office politics, disapproving parents and societal expectations. Offering great empathy and understanding to its protagonists, it pulls readers into a captivating world of love, hate and everything in between.

TARUN VIKASH hails from Patna. He is the best-selling author of *She Stood by Me* and *The Right Guy*, both inspired by true events. He is currently working as a technical lead for a reputed IT firm.



TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

ARUSHI GUPTA

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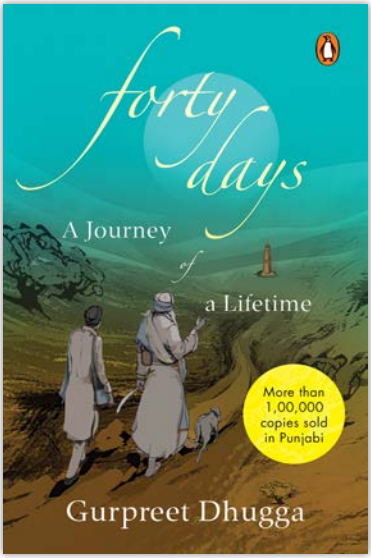
Price Rs 299

A page-turning story of self-discovery, passion and enemies-to-lovers romance!

At twenty-nine, Sitara's career as a lawyer is stuck in a rut, her unrequited love for her colleague Rohan only adding to this frustration. Enter Samar, her sworn frenemy. As chance encounters fuel her mixed feelings towards him, she is forced to make a pivotal choice: continue prioritizing others or finally bet on herself?

ARUSHI GUPTA is a lawyer and die-hard romance shipper. With her debut novel, she's finally realizing her dream of being a brown romcom author, hoping to take Indian romance to the world.



FORTY DAYS

A JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

GURPREET DHUGGA

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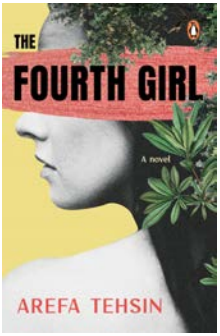
Tender, wise and transformative

On rough terrain, young Kesar sets out on a forty-day journey with a wandering ascetic whose wisdom is as endless as the desert. Their difficult passage turns into a soulful journey inward.

The fakir shares stories and truths drawn from ordinary people and folk wisdom. Through conversations around campfires, long silences on dusty roads and encounters with strangers, Kesar begins to understand lessons that no school could ever teach.

At a time when the world seems to be moving faster than ever, *Forty Days* is a rejuvenating pause. Deeply rooted in the rhythms of the Indian storytelling, this is a book about slowing down, listening closely and rediscovering the simple truths that often get lost in modern life.

GURPREET DHUGGA is an accomplished physician and an avid reader who loves his profession but is equally passionate about giving back to society through his writing and philanthropic activities.



THE FOURTH GIRL

A NOVEL

AREFA TEHSIN

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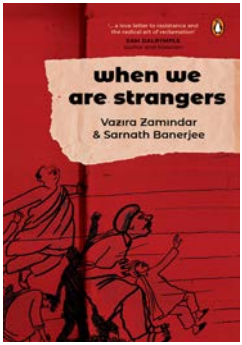
Price Rs 499

Old crimes cast long shadows in Arefa Tehsin's thriller *The Fourth Girl*

Twenty years ago, four girls went into a forest. Only three returned, bound by a lie.

For two decades, the survivors have lived down a mysterious disappearance. They have become bestselling authors, formidable diplomats and celebrity icons. When a funeral reunites them in Colombo, a journalist starts digging into their past and asks the one question they can't answer: What happened to the fourth girl?

AREFA TEHSIN is an Indian author, naturalist and columnist. She writes fiction for children, young adults and adults. Her debut adult novel, *The Witch in the Peepul Tree*, was super-shortlisted for the 2024 Asian Prize for Fiction.



WHEN WE ARE STRANGERS

SARNATH BANERJEE, VAZIRA FAZILA-YACOOBALI ZAMINDAR

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A graphic novel that meshes history and fiction like never before

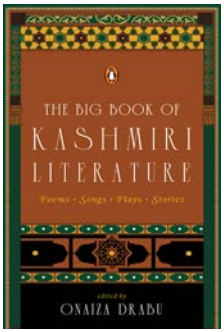
Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan: two kindred souls who fought the British empire and were united in thought and deed.

Mahmud and Sita: a photographer and a student of history who wanted to *make history*, not merely record it.

When We Are Strangers unfolds across some of the most dramatic moments of the anti-colonial struggle.

SARNATH BANERJEE is a comic book writer who wrote and drew the pioneering graphic novel *Corridor* and has since authored several books.

VAZIRA FAZILA-YACOOBALI ZAMINDAR is a twentieth-century historian at Brown University, and is most well-known for her book *The Long Partition and the Making of Modern South Asia.*



THE BIG BOOK OF KASHMIRI LITERATURE

POEMS • SONGS • PLAYS • STORIES

ONAIZA DRABU

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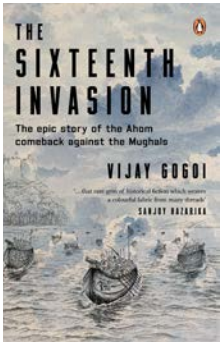
Price Rs 799

In the next volume in the Big Book series, Onaiza Drabu puts together a detailed curation of Kashmir's long and eclectic literary history

This anthology of literature translated from the Kashmiri is the first of its kind. It is as much an introduction into the literary landscape of Kashmir as a journey through its history. From pre-modern verse to radio plays, folk chants to metaphysical ghazals, flash fiction to excerpts from a novel—the book is compilation of memory and an anthology of voices.

ONAIZA DRABU is an anthropologist, writer and translator. Rooted in Kashmir, she tries to make sense of the world around her through language and literature. Her first book, a retelling of Kashmiri folklore, was published in 2019.



THE SIXTEENTH INVASION

THE EPIC STORY OF THE AHOM COMEBACK AGAINST THE MUGHALS

VIJAY GOGOI

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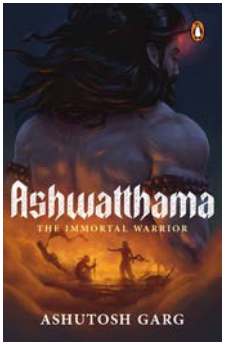
A riveting work celebrating one of India's greatest stories of resilience and triumph

The Sixteenth Invasion is a gripping retelling of two major attempts by the Mughals to conquer the Ahom kingdom, and the ingenuity with which the Ahoms resisted, using what nature had bestowed upon them: the torrential rains, the mighty Brahmaputra and the unforgiving terrain.

In a story of ambition and greed, courage and sacrifice, loyalty and betrayal, Vijay Gogoi recreates a world of rivalries, political intrigue, daring strategy and indomitable resolve.

VIJAY GOGOI is a debut author with a deep connection to the history and culture of Assam. Though not a professional historian, he grew up immersed in the language, traditions and stories of the Ahom people.



ASHWATTHAMA

THE IMMORTAL WARRIOR

ASHUTOSH GARG

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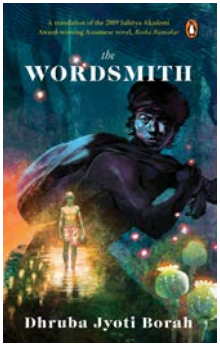
A powerful retelling of the Mahabharata that reveals hidden dimensions of a legendary figure

After the war of the Mahabharata, Ashwatthama commits two horrific acts that invite Krishna's wrath. Cursed to wander the earth for thousands of years in endless pain, he is stripped of honour, purpose and the release of death.
As centuries unfold, a question begins to haunt him: Was Krishna's curse truly punishment … or part of a greater purpose?
Ashutosh Garg presents the Mahabharata through Ashwatthama's eyes, exploring the untold struggles and dilemmas of an immortal warrior.

ASHUTOSH GARG is an acclaimed author, translator and columnist. *Ashwatthama* was his debut Hindi novel. It has since been translated and published in Gujarati, Marathi, Odia and Assamese.



THE WORDSMITH

DHRUBA JYOTI BORAH

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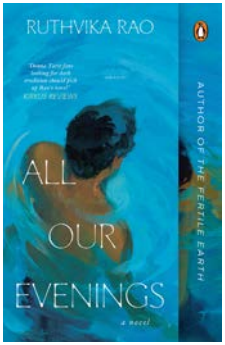
The winner of the Sahitya Akademi award in the Assamese language, *Kotha Ratnakar*

Born into a village of thieves, with few options in life, Moina becomes a paddy cultivator by day and opium trader and thief by night. As life goes on, he wonders: Why do the people of his village grow poorer? Why, as hunger gnaws at them, do greed, vice and indulgence multiply?
When Moina is caught and jailed, he is surrounded by the worst kind of criminals. He listens and learns the world: through their stories, their backgrounds, their history.

DHRUBA JYOTI BORAH has had a literary career spanning around three decades during which he has published many critically acclaimed works of fiction and non-fiction. He has written more than twenty-four books—novels, monographs on history and travelogues. He was honoured with the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2009.



ALL OUR EVENINGS

A NOVEL

RUTHVIKA RAO

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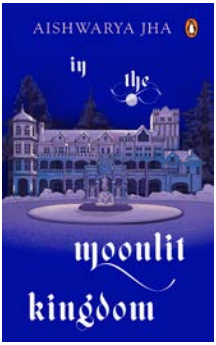
Language Rights English only
Price Rs 499

A powerful tale of desire, friendship and rivalry between three inseparable friends over the course of an unforgettable summer

In 1990s Hyderabad, three teenagers forge an unexpected bond and discover love, friendship and solace from their troubled families. They also discover the abandoned Red House, the site of their intimate friendship, where an unexpected act of violence shatters their lives forever.
A decade later Ruhee returns. Arjun, who has never forgotten his first love, is given a chance to tell the truth, both to himself and those around him. But the tangled threads of fate, class and desire remain.

RUTHVIKA RAO is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop. Her critically acclaimed debut novel, *The Fertile Earth*, won the First Book Fiction Award at the Godrej Literature Live! Literary Awards 2025.



IN THE MOONLIT KINGDOM

AISHWARYA JHA

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The Manor in Munala and its deep, dark secrets . . .

Riddled with myths and legends dating from the colonial era, the fictional mountain town of Munala hero-worships its first family, the Chandra Singhs who live at the 'Manor'. The patriarch's death brings his estranged, unstable daughter Meher back to the ancient family manor after eleven years and skewers the lives of his beloved wife Devyani and successor son. Against a backdrop of bankruptcy and betrayal, Meher must contend with the lingering ghosts of the past.

AISHWARYA JHA is a writer, designer and entrepreneur from New Delhi. Her first novel, *The Scent of Fallen Stars*, won the Ramnath Goenka Sahitya Samman 2024.

TONIGHT ON NATURE TV NEWS

A GREEN HUMOUR COLLECTION

ROHAN CHAKRAVARTY

Imprint Vintage
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ISBN 9789377300920
Pub Month September 2026
Territory World
Language Rights
Price Rs 799

A rich collection of ingenious, experimental short stories from a master of the craft

Spanning two turbulent years marked by the unchecked rise of billionaires, technocracies and climate catastrophes, and the steady erosion of nature, wildlife and Indigenous rights, *Tonight on Nature TV News* captures the world as seen by those who stand to lose the most. Through cartoons from the award-winning Green Humour series, wild animals and the occasional human protagonist, Chakravarty deliver sharp, informed and often biting commentary on global environmental affairs.

ROHAN CHAKRAVARTY is the creator of Green Humour, a series of comics and illustrations on wildlife and nature conservation. He has authored seven other books, including *Green Humour for a Greying Planet, Naturalist Ruddy* and *Pugmarks and Carbon Footprints.*

DHRUVADEVI

THE QUEEN WHO MADE CHANDRAGUPTA

SARVAJEET DINESH CHANDRA

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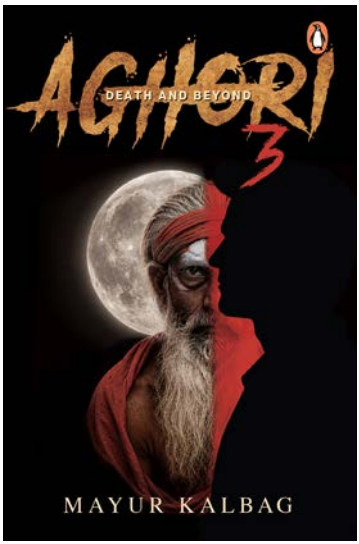
Language Rights All languages
Price Rs 499

Once upon a time, in ancient India, a queen saved an empire . . .

India, c. 375 ce
After Samudragupta's long and successful reign, his weak and incompetent son, Ramagupta, is on the throne at Pataliputra. He is married to the Licchavi princess, Dhruvadevi. Chandragupta, Ramagupta's rebellious and ambitious half-brother, is the governor of Malwa.
As time passes, Dhruvadevi has to make a choice: stand by her husband, even as his short-sighted actions endanger the Gupta Empire? Or cast in her lot with Chandragupta, a man she secretly admires and considers better equipped to lead the Guptas?

SARVAJEET DINESH CHANDRA is a Mumbai-based business strategist, entrepreneur and brand builder with over twenty-five years of experience, who brings a rare blend of narrative instinct and strategic insight to fiction.



AGHORI 3: DEATH AND BEYOND

MAYUR KALBAG

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Price Rs 399

The third and final part of the bestselling Aghori trilogy

In this book, Subbu reunites with Tadamba to vanquish an evil entity that has caused the death of two sadhus. To defeat the evil entity, they must go to Sentinel Island to learn a special mantra from an Aghori sadhu living there. The mantra will act as a powerful protection for them.

They must also get a rare yet extremely poisonous fluid from a sea serpent that makes its habitat only near the Sentinel Islands. When mixed with the venom of a turtle, it enhances the overall toxicity of the unified poison to such a level that the entity will stand no chance of survival.

Aghori 3: Death and Beyond is a journey of stunning revelations.
Join Subbu, his Guru and the Aghori Sadhus on this final journey!

MAYUR KALBAG is a motivational speaker, leadership coach and behavioural trainer by profession. Mayur has written two books of poetry, *Smile at Stress* and *Rising Waterfall. Adventures of Poorna* is his first book of prose and was well received by readers. He has also written the bestsellers, *Aghori: An Untold Story* and *Aghori 2: The Untold Story Continues.*

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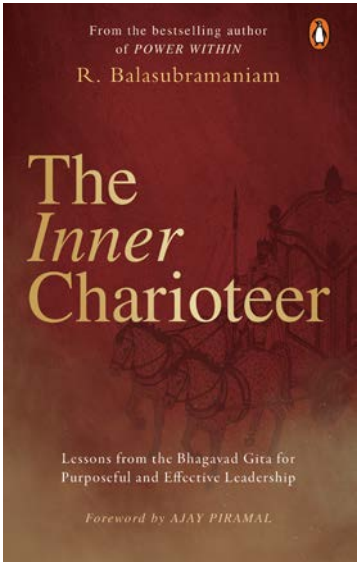

THE INNER CHARIOTEER

LESSONS FROM THE BHAGAVAD GITA FOR PURPOSEFUL AND EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP

R. BALASUBRAMANIAM

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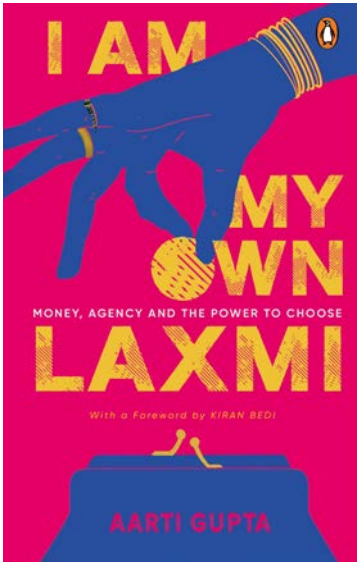
The Bhagavad Gita as a leader's operating manual

Modern leadership has a paradox at its heart; we rush to manage others before we have learnt to govern ourselves. *The Inner Charioteer* turns to the Gita to address this—as a practical operating manual for human existence.

The dialogue between Arjuna and Krishna mirrors the dilemmas every leader faces, and the Gita illuminates a path through them all.

R. BALASUBRAMANIAM, widely known as Dr Balu, is a development practitioner, leadership educator and author. He is a full-time member of NITI Aayog and is the author of nine books in Kannada and English, including *Power Within: The Leadership Legacy of Narendra Modi, I, the Citizen, Voices from the Grassroots* and *Leadership Lessons for Daily Living.*



I AM MY OWN LAXMI

MONEY, AGENCY AND THE POWER TO CHOOSE

AARTI GUPTA

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Price Rs 499

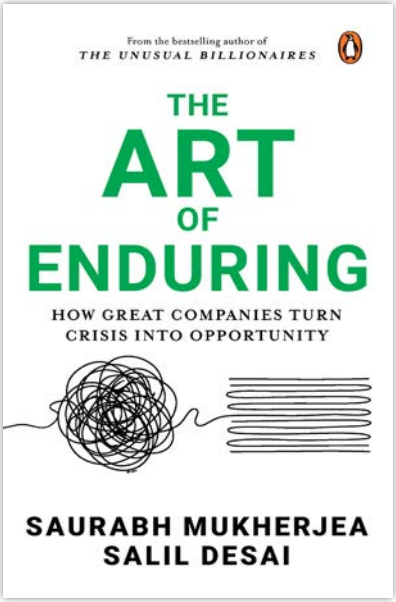
The newest and finest guide to personal finance for women by one of the best in the field

In a country where Laxmi is worshipped as the goddess of wealth, women are rarely taught to own wealth for themselves. Financial decisions are often handed over, delayed or dismissed, shaped by generations of conditioning that taught women to participate in money but not claim power through it.

Blending lived experiences, storytelling and practical insights, *I Am My Own Laxmi* speaks to the woman who wants financial security but does not know where to begin. After all, the moment a woman understands her money, she begins to understand her power.

And that awakening changes everything. For her, for her family, for society.

AARTI GUPTA is an investment professional, policy leader and one of the few prominent female voices shaping conversations on investing in India today. Belonging to the promoter family of the Jagran Group, she spent over fourteen years in the investment space and currently serves as their chief investment officer. She is also managing partner at Anikarth Ventures, focusing on early-stage investing, portfolio strategy and founder mentorship. She is an independent director and board member of various companies.



THE ART OF ENDURING

HOW GREAT COMPANIES TURN CRISIS INTO OPPORTUNITY

SAURABH MUKHERJEA AND SALIL DESAI

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A sequel to the bestseller *The Unusual Billionaires*, the book looks at five outstanding companies that have exceeded 15 per cent growth in the last fifteen years

The decade from 2015 to 2025 felt like a century compressed into ten years, marked by chaos in the business world. *The Art of Enduring* highlights companies that outpaced India's GDP and generated returns on capital exceeding 15 per cent every year for fifteen years. From India's 500 largest companies, only five were selected: Bajaj Finance, Titan, Dr Lal Pathlabs, Divi's Labs and Tata Elxsi. These companies were built by ordinary Indians whose hard work and passion achieved extraordinary outcomes. These are not the people who dominate business media—they are the ones who built institutions that will outlast the headlines.

SAURABH MUKHERJEA works for Marcellus Investment Managers and is the bestselling author of *The Unusual Billionaires, Coffee Can Investing* and *Diamonds in the Dust*. A London School of Economics alumnus, Saurabh is a founder director of the Association of Portfolio Managers in India and a CFA charterholder.

SALIL DESAI, a chartered accountant and MBA, has spent over sixteen years covering diverse sectors in the Indian equity markets, including at India's largest family investment office. He manages some of the large advisory portfolios at Marcellus.

A BILLION BETS

THE MAKING OF INDIA'S START-UP ECOSYSTEM

AVIRAL BHATNAGAR

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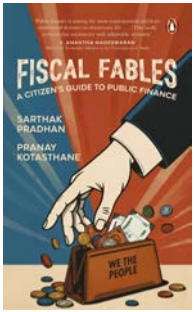
An insider's account of the companies, capital and convictions that transformed India's start-up ecosystem

A Billion Bets is the story of India's start-up ecosystem through the entrepreneurs, investors and companies that took outsized risks before success was certain. From the early internet pioneers to the new generation building for a digital India, Aviral Bhatnagar traces how a once-fragmented market became one of the world's most dynamic engines of innovation and ambition.

AVIRAL BHATNAGAR is the founder of ajvc, an Indian pre-seed fund investing in entrepreneurs at the inception stage. He has spent a decade supporting start-ups as a venture capitalist. Aviral graduated top of the class at IIM Ahmedabad after completing his engineering degree at IIT Bombay. He lives in Pune with his family.



FISCAL FABLES

A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO PUBLIC FINANCE

PRANAY KOTASTHANE AND SARTHAK PRADHAN

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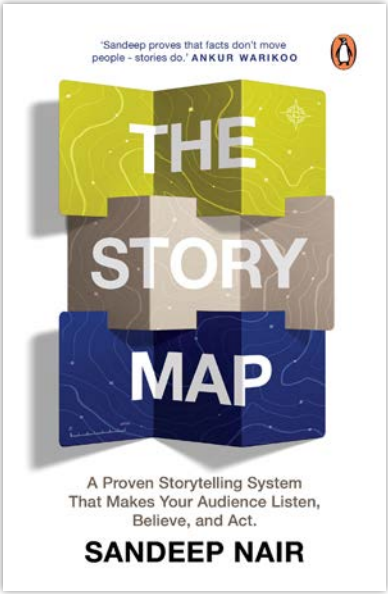
Provides a clear understanding of an important issue: How the Indian government earns and spends your money

North–south disputes over government funding fuel recurring political debates. Every election revives arguments over freebies and corruption, while the Union and states continue to clash over the goods and services tax. While these issues dominate public discourse, the debates are conducted without a clear understanding of public finance. Fiscal Fables fills this gap.

PRANAY KOTASTHANE is a public policy nerd who spent his early career designing mobile processor chips before India's governance puzzles proved to be more engrossing. He is a deputy director at the Takshashila Institution.

SARTHAK PRADHAN is a public policy researcher focused on public finance and economics. He is a fellow at the Takshashila Institution.



THE STORY MAP

A PROVEN STORYTELLING SYSTEM THAT MAKES YOUR AUDIENCE LISTEN, BELIEVE AND ACT

SANDEEP NAIR

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Price Rs 499

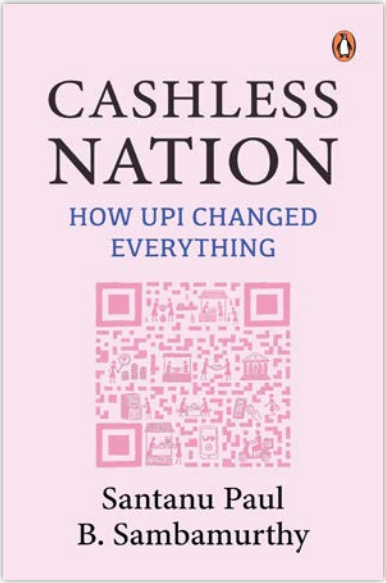
A tactical guide to telling your best stories

How well you tell a story decides how far your ideas travel and how well they are received. But most good ideas stay stuck inside us, because we believe that storytelling is a natural talent one is born with.

The Story Map dispels that myth and distils storytelling into a simple framework: Soul, Body and Spirit. Soul tells you what to say. Body shows you how to organize it. Spirit tunes it to your audience and the moment.

For the professional who has something to say and needs to say it well, this book turns storytelling from talent into technique.

SANDEEP NAIR has spent over fifteen years building brands across India, the UK and Singapore for companies including P&G, Reckitt Benckiser and Swiggy. A graduate of IIM Bangalore, he writes regularly about marketing and storytelling on LinkedIn, X and his newsletters. He also runs workshops for founders and senior executives, and mentors people trying to find their own voice at work.



CASHLESS NATION

HOW UPI CHANGED EVERYTHING

SANTANU PAUL AND B. SAMBAMURTHY

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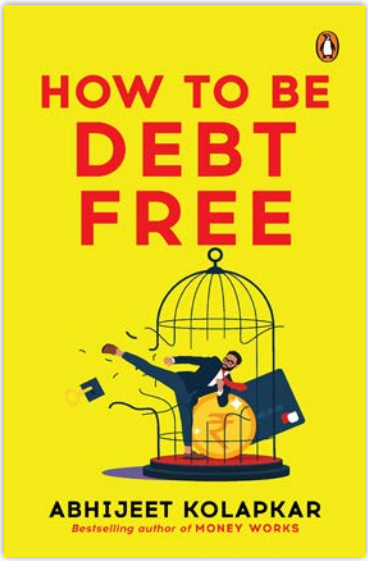
A walk through the architecture of India's digital future

How did UPI revolutionize the way India pays? Tracing its roots in the country's long journey towards financial inclusion, this book tells the extraordinary story of a digital innovation that touched millions, transformed everyday transactions and emerged as a powerful symbol of India's global influence.

SANTANU PAUL is a computer scientist and entrepreneur. From start-ups to global tech firms, he has chased problems in education, finance and regulation. He was the founding CEO of TalentSprint, a deeptech upskilling platform focused on inclusion. As an independent director at NPCI and BSE, he saw India's fintech infrastructure from the inside.

B. SAMBAMURTHY is a career banker who believes technology can democratize finance and increase prosperity. Going from branch manager to heading a public sector bank, he built operating models that accelerated financial inclusion and enabled large-scale digital transformation. As CEO of IDRBT and later as RBI nominee director and non-executive chairman of NPCI, he helped shape India's electronic payments and governance frameworks.



HOW TO BE DEBT FREE

ABHIJEET KOLAPKAR

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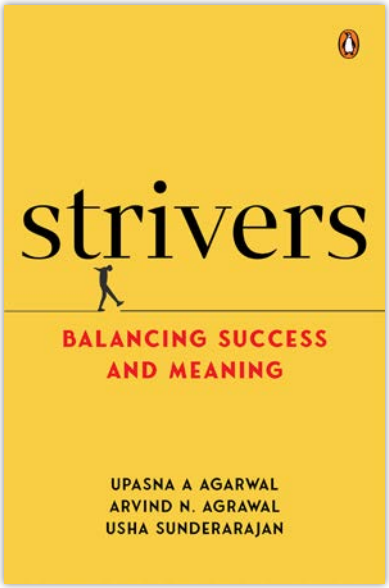
A must-read for every average Indian, from the bestselling author of *Money Works*

Are EMIs and credit cards suffocating your peace of mind? You are not alone.

In a culture driven by aspiration and social pressure, millions of honest Indian borrowers are trapped.
How to Be Debt Free demystifies interest, CIBIL scores and hidden traps. Bestselling author of *Money Works*, chartered accountant Abhijeet Kolapkar brings together the mathematics of debt, the psychology of money and the realities of Indian banking, explaining exactly how loans work and how to regain control before they control you.

With simple explanations, worksheets and a deeply Indian understanding of family, dignity and dreams, Kolapkar shows that debt need not be a life sentence. It can be managed, reduced and finally overcome.

ABHIJEET KOLAPKAR Abhijeet Kolapkar is a bestselling author and financial literacy champion specializing in debt-freedom. A chartered accountant with over two decades of finance experience, he has authored the Marathi books *Arthasakshar Vha!* and *Karjamukt Vha!*, with widely recognized translations of the former in English (*Money Works*), Hindi (*Kahan Lagaye Paisa?*) and Gujarati. Based in Pune, Abhijeet's knack for breaking down complex financial concepts into simple, actionable insights shines through his books, articles, Instagram videos and YouTube podcasts.



STRIVERS

BALANCING SUCCESS AND MEANING

UPASNA A. AGARWAL, ARVIND N. AGRAWAL AND USHA SUNDERARAJAN

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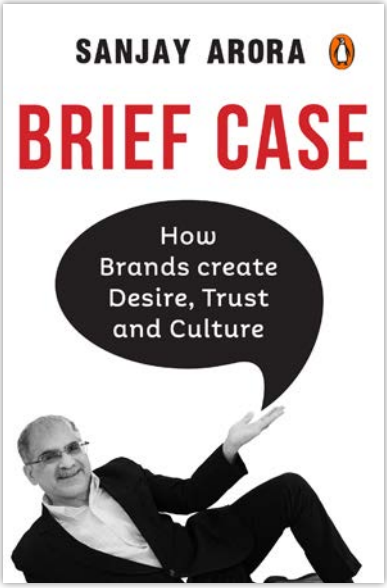
A handbook for balancing success and meaningfulness

At its core, *Strivers* is an exploration of not just how people achieve great success but also how they strive to live meaningfully. Drawing on extensive life-history interviews with twenty-eight graduates from premier institutions such as the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad, IIM Bangalore, IIM Calcutta, Indian School of Business, INSEAD and Harvard University, the book examines how high achievers navigate ambition, adversity, identity, family, leadership and inner purpose across different phases of life.

UPASNA A. AGARWAL is a professor and heads the organizational behaviour and human resource management, and diversity, equity and inclusion cell of IIM Mumbai.

ARVIND N. AGARWAL brings over five decades of corporate leadership to his work as an executive coach, leadership consultant and author.

USHA SUNDERARAJAN is a human resources management and organization development consultant.



BRIEF CASE

HOW BRANDS CREATE DESIRE, TRUST AND CULTURE

SANJAY ARORA

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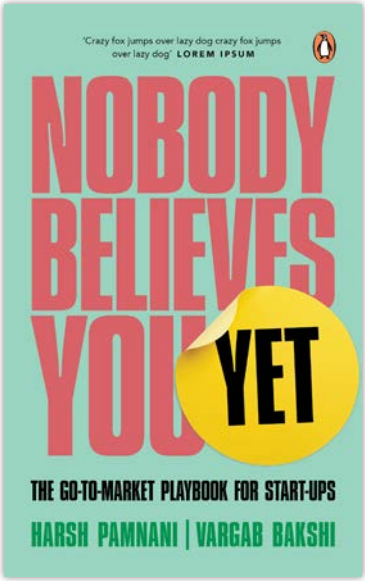
Instagram sensation Sanjay Arora has written a riveting collection of brand stories

From Sanjay Arora, one of India's most popular marketing voices on Instagram, comes an addictive collection of brand stories that reveal why people buy what they buy. Across forty unforgettable cases—from Bisleri, Maggi and Parle-G to De Beers, LEGO and Spotify—this book uncovers the hidden psychology, cultural codes and business decisions behind iconic wins and costly failures. Written with the insight of four decades in the industry, it shows that great marketing is not about selling harder but understanding humans better.

SANJAY ARORA, a PhD in brand management, marketing communication and consumer behaviour, has an MBA and modules in brand management and digital marketing from IIM Bangalore. He is a fifteen-time TEDx speaker and has over 7 lakh followers on Instagram.



NOBODY BELIEVES YOU YET

THE GO-TO-MARKET PLAYBOOK FOR START-UPS

HARSH PAMNANI AND VARGAB BAKSHI

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Insights from India's leading investors and start-ups on what it really takes to scale

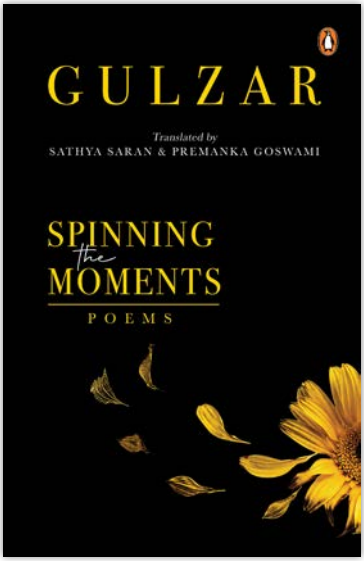
For years, founders have been told that achieving product–market fit is the ultimate goal. But in a trust-deficit market like India, reducing customer doubt and turning interest into confidence require a different kind of fit: trust–market fit.

In *Nobody Believes You Yet*, Harsh Pamnani and Vargab Bakshi bring together insights from India's leading investors alongside case studies of leading start-ups to reveal a blueprint for go-to-market success.

HARSH PAMNANI is a marketer, brand storyteller and bestselling author who has worked with Deloitte, HSBC and the World Bank. A seven-time TEDx speaker, he writes for *Forbes* and the *Economic Times*.

VARGAB BAKSHI is a growth leader who has helped scale global internet companies, including Shopify and Wix in India. He also runs Grow Kwik, a leading platform for founders and operators.

POETRY



SPINNING THE MOMENTS

POEMS

GULZAR

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212 previously unpublished poems. Gulzar's most inward journey yet

Gulzar turns silence into poetry in *Spinning the Moments.*

Meditative and introspective, these poems explore identity, doubt, memory and the fragile limits of language. Moving between the inner world and the outer one, Gulzar traces the quiet conflicts that shape the self—becoming at once seeker, witness and questioner.

Quiet, silent and powerful . . . *Spinning the Moments* explores enduring questions of identity, truth and existence with remarkable clarity and grace.

GULZAR, one of India's leading poets, is a greatly respected scriptwriter and film director. He has been one of the most popular lyricists in mainstream Hindi cinema, gaining international fame when he won an Oscar and a Grammy for the song 'Jai Ho.'

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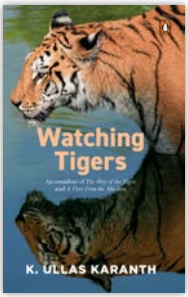

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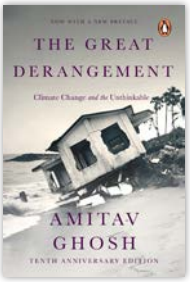

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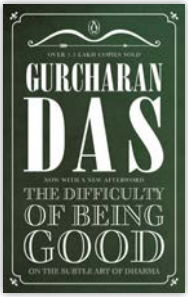

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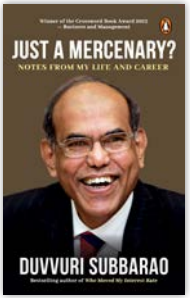

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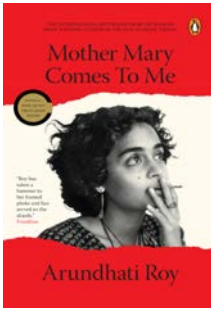

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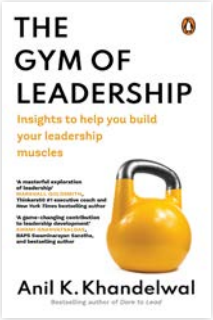

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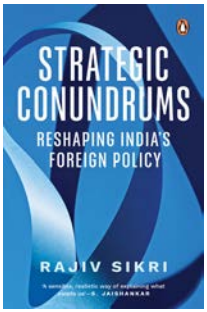

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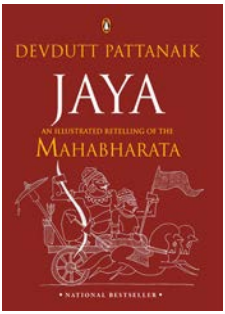

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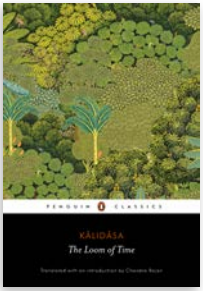

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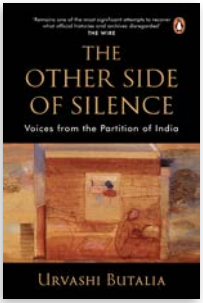

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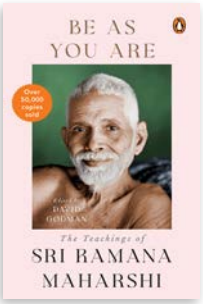

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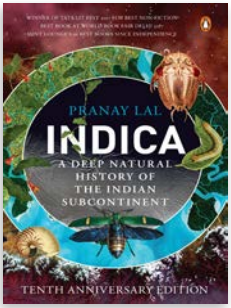

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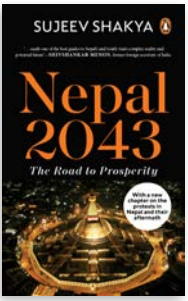

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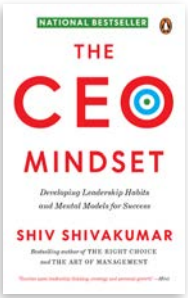

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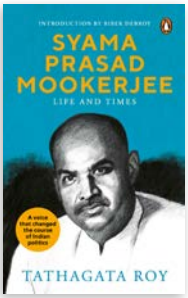

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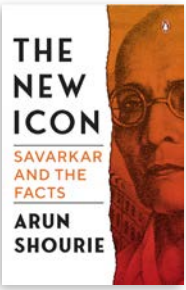

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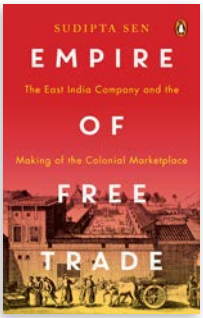

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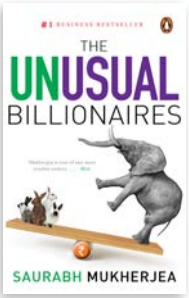

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