

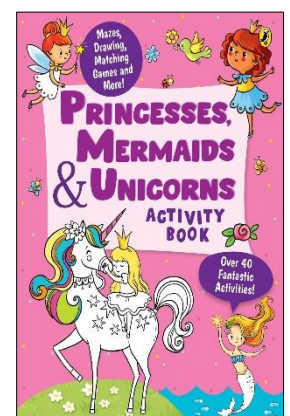
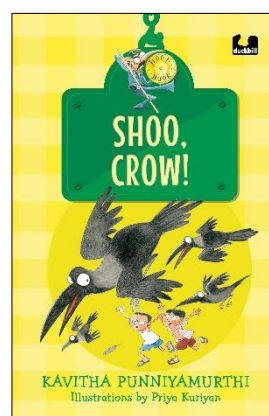
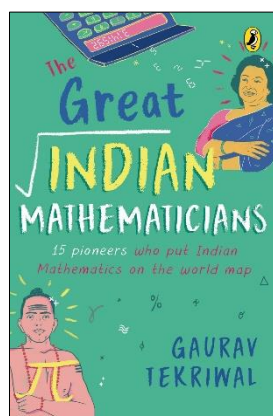
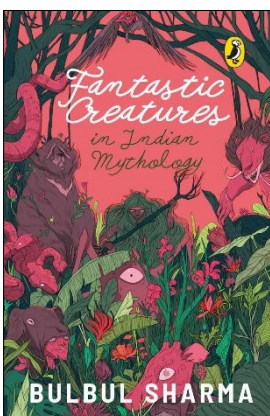
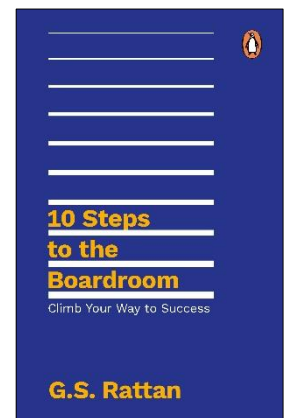
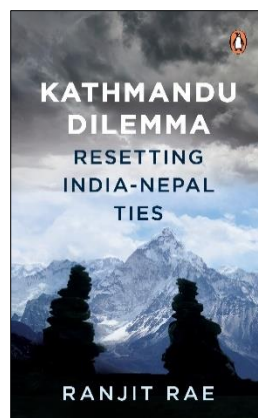
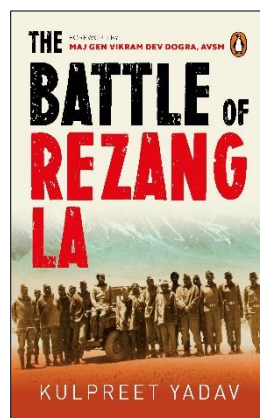
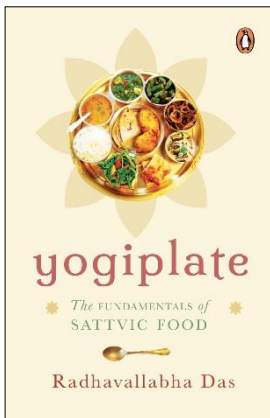
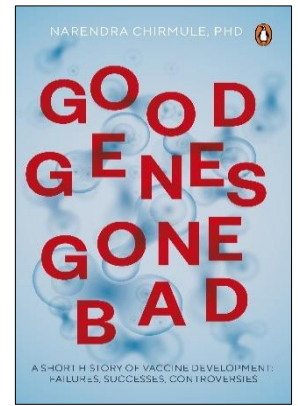
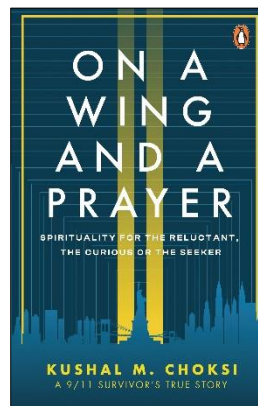
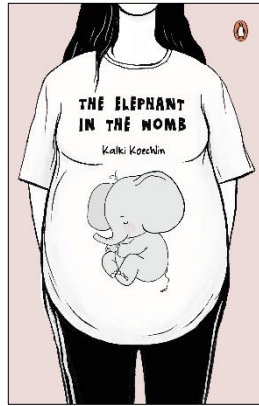
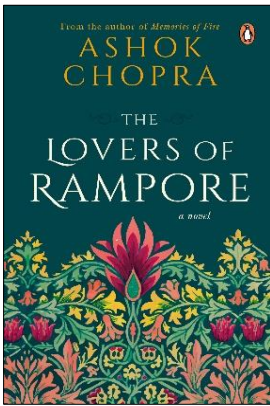
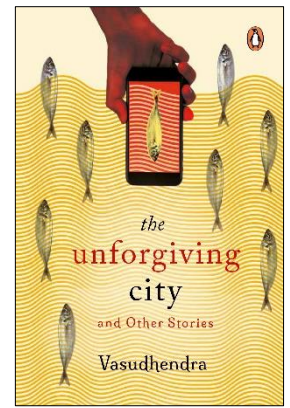
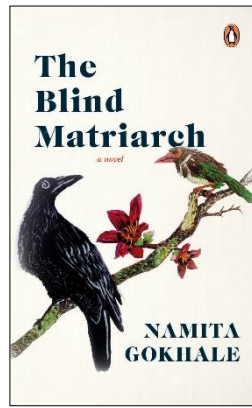
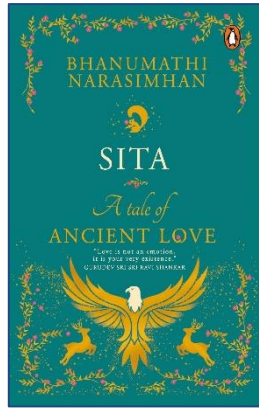
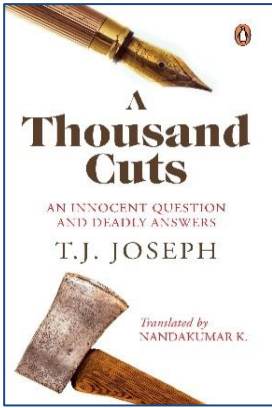


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A Thousand Cuts

An Innocent Question and Deadly Answers

T.J. Joseph

A chilling account of religious extremism

SELLING POINTS

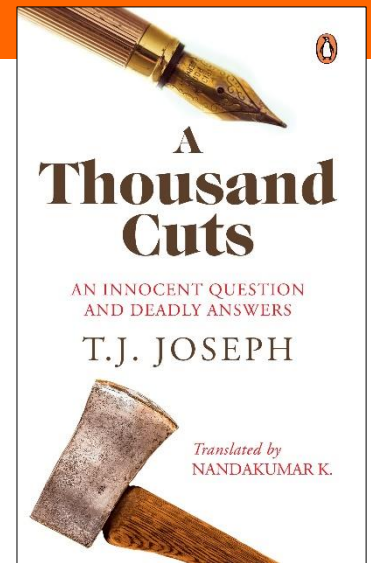
- **Memoirs of Prof T.J. Joseph, who gives a vivid first-hand account of how an innocent question he set for an examination was misunderstood by the Muslim community, changing his life and that of his family irrevocably**
- **He was the victim of brutal violence that led to the loss of his hand, but his troubles didn't end there. The Church that ran the college turned its back on him and threw him out of his job, leading his wife to depression and suicide**
- **This story of Prof Joseph, a former professor of Malayalam, is one of courage, determination, forgiveness and compassion**

THE BOOK

In 2010, T.J. Joseph, a professor of Malayalam in Newman College in Kerala, framed an innocuous examination question that would change his life forever. Alleging blasphemy for insulting Prophet Muhammad, the radical Islamist organization Popular Front of India launched a brutal public assault on him, which led to his hand being chopped off. In his memoir, Joseph narrates in agonizing detail the ordeal that he and his family faced. Here's the story of an extraordinary man who survived the dismembering, but was then betrayed by his own Church. At a time when it should have stood by him, it robbed him of his livelihood, driving Joseph's long-suffering wife to melancholia and eventually suicide. Joseph's story is one of fortitude, determination, forgiveness and compassion, told with rare wit that will make the readers chuckle through their tears. This is a tale that will leave the reader seething, weeping, and smiling by turns.

THE AUTHOR

Born on 22 July 1957 to Joseph and Elikutty, **Prof. T.J. Joseph** was educated in St Thomas College, Palai, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, and NSS Training College, Changanassery. He started his career as a lecturer in Pavanatma College, Murickassery, in 1985. He also worked in Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha, and Newman College Thodupuzha. In 2010, following the question-paper controversy, he was attacked by religious fundamentalists. He was dismissed from service subsequently. Reinstated on 28 March 2014, he retired on 31 March 2014.



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Binding: Hardback

Extent: 320pp

Imprint: Vintage

Territory: World

Sita

A Tale of Ancient Love

Bhanumathi Narasimhan

Rediscover the immortal and extraordinary life of Sita

SELLING POINTS

- Bhanumathi Narasimhan is the younger sister of Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and leads the women welfare and child care initiatives at Art of Living
- She is an author of bestselling books, which have been translated into twenty-two world languages
- Sita is an enigmatic and one of the most revered characters from Indian mythology
- Mythological fiction is on trend
- The book will be heavily promoted by Art of Living

THE BOOK

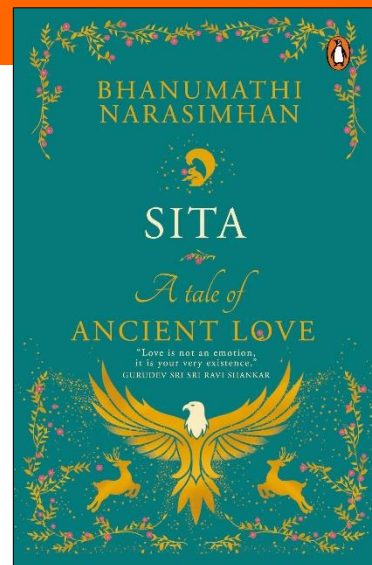
The vibration of the sacred sound of her beloved's name, 'Ram', filled her mind as it emanated from the tiny Vanara. 'His being is filled with Rama,' she pondered, 'but does he know me?'

Sita, the beloved princess of Mithila, is one of the most revered women in Indian history; so well known, yet probably the least understood. At every crossroad of her life, she chose acceptance and grace over self-pity. Her life was filled with sacrifice yet wherever she was, there was abundance. It was as if she was carved out of an intense longing for Rama, yet she had infinite patience. In every situation she reflected his light and he reflected her love. In her, we find someone who is so divine yet so human.

In this poignant narration, Bhanumathi shows us the world through the eyes of Sita. We think what Sita thinks, we feel what she feels, and for these few special moments, we become a part of her. And perhaps, through this perspective, and Sita's immortal story, we will discover the true strength of a woman.

THE AUTHOR

Bhanumathi Narasimhan is the younger sister of Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. She shares his vision of a stress-free, violence-free planet. She is a meditation teacher. Bhanumathi leads the women welfare and child care initiatives at Art of Living that now supports 723 schools with over 72,000 underprivileged children. An author of bestselling books, which have been translated into twenty-two world languages, she holds a master's degree in Sanskrit literature from Bangalore University. She is a singer and has also created soulful albums of sacred chants and melodious bhajans.



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Category: Non-fiction/

Mythology

Format: B

Binding: Paperback

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Imprint: Ebury Press

Territory: World

The Blind Matriarch

Namita Gokhale

A novel by one of India's master storytellers!

SELLING POINTS

- Acclaimed writer Namita Gokhale's twentieth book
- A literary masterpiece that captures the horrors of the pandemic
- A decidedly Indian novel that captures the dysfunction of a joint family at its rawest

THE BOOK

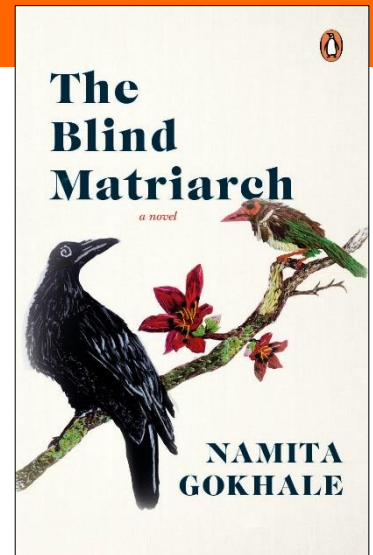
The blind matriarch lives on the topmost floor of an old house with many stories. From her eyrie, she hovers unseeingly over the lives of her family. Her three children are by turn overprotective and dismissive of her. Her long-time companion Lali is also her emissary to the world. Her grandchildren are coming to terms with old secrets and growing pains. Next door lives an odd couple with many strange skeletons. Life seems to go on... until one day in March 2020, when the world comes to a standstill-and they all begin to look inward. *The Blind Matriarch* is Namita Gokhale's twentieth book. This assured novel records the different registers in the complex inner life of an extended Indian family. Like the nation itself, the strict hierarchy of the joint family home can be dysfunctional, and yet it is this home that often manages to provide unexpected relief and succour to the vulnerable within its walls.

Structured with the warp of memory and the weft of conjoined lives, the narrative follows middle India, even as it records the struggles for individual growth as successive generations try to break out of the stranglehold of the all-encompassing Indian family. As certainties dissolve, endings lead to new beginnings.

Ebbing and flowing like the many waves of the pandemic itself, the novel is a brutal record of the tragedies of India's encounter with the virus, the cynicism and despair that accompanied it, and the resilience and strength of the human spirit.

THE AUTHOR

Namita Gokhale is a writer, publisher, and festival director. She is the author of nineteen works of fiction and non-fiction. Her acclaimed debut novel, *Paro: Dreams of Passion*, was published in 1984. Her most recent novel before *The Blind Matriarch* was *Jaipur Journals*, published in January 2020, set against the backdrop of the vibrant Jaipur Literature Festival, of which Gokhale is a founder director. She is also the author of *Himalayan Love Story*, *The Book of Shadows*, *Shakuntala: The Play of Memory* and *Lost in Time: Ghatotkacha and the Game of Illusions* amongst others. Gokhale also edited *The Himalayan Arc: Journeys East of South-east*, which focuses on a crucial yet often under-reported part of the Himalayan belt. The recent *Things to Leave Behind*, the third in her Himalayan trilogy, has been described as her most ambitious novel yet. Gokhale was conferred the Centenary National Award for Literature by the Assam Sahitya Sabha in Guwahati in 2017. She won the Sushila Devi Literature Award for her novel *Things to Leave Behind* in January 2019. *Things to Leave Behind* also received the Best Fiction (English) Jury Award at the Valley of Words International Literature Festival 2017 and was on the longlist for the 2018 International Dublin Literary Award. *The Blind Matriarch* is her twentieth book.



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Binding: Hardback

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Imprint: Viking

Territory: World

The Unforgiving City And Other Stories

Vasudhendra

A poignant collection that exposes the deepest contradictions of modern life

SELLING POINTS

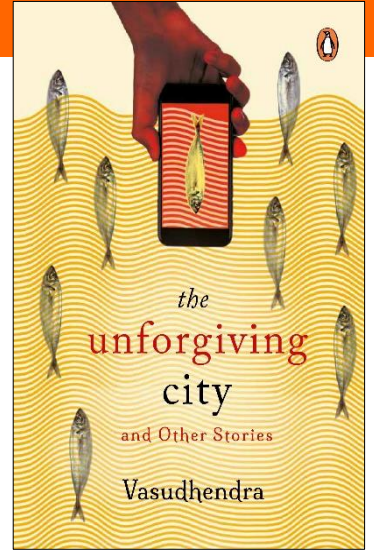
- Thoughtfully curated twelve stories by one of India's most exciting new writers
- Vasudhendra has several awards to his name and is a hugely popular writer
- All readers can relate to these stories: poignant but written with lightness

THE BOOK

Karnataka Sahitya Akademi winner Vasudhendra's short story collection brings out the discord between the old and the new in unfamiliar ways. As modernity creeps into his characters' lives, violent fissures erupt, and the makings of society itself are challenged. Spine-chilling yet vibrant, simple yet gripping, these stories take the reader into a world that straddles urban Bangalore and rural Karnataka, and make us question what it means to live in such discordant times. Fast-paced with a touch of light humour, this collection will resonate with readers across age groups and social classes.

THE AUTHOR

Vasudhendra is a Kannada author and lives in Bengaluru. The author of fifteen books, that have sold over hundred thousand copies, Vasudhendra has won many literary awards, including the Kannada Sahitya Akademi Book Prize. His award winning 'I like my mother' has been reprinted twenty times. His book *Mohanaswamy* garnered a lot of acclaim and has been translated into several languages. His latest book, a historical novel, *Tejo Tungabhadra*, has gone into several reprints and become extremely popular. After working as a software professional for more than twenty years, Vasudhendra now runs his own publication house, Chanda Pustaka, which publishes and encourages new writing in Kannada.



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Category: Fiction/Modern & Contemporary Fiction/
Translation

Format: Demy

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 312pp

Imprint: Viking

Territory: World

The Lovers Of Rampore

A Novel

Ashok Chopra

What does it mean to be in love with someone? What does it mean to love someone?

SELLING POINTS

- Ashok Chopra is a well-connected publishing figure
- The book is a bold exploration of love and desire

THE BOOK

In *The Lovers of Rampore*, Ashok Chopra delves into the many mysterious forms of love in five parts. From the thrills of lust, to the joys and fears of genuine commitment, to the exploration of desire and dispassion that exist in all relationships, this is the story of love in all its different manifestations.

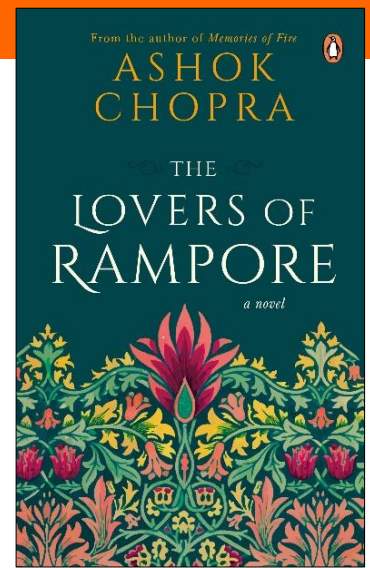
Raja Rajvendra Veer Bahadur Singh married Rani Padmakshi Devi Singh, a woman thirty-three years younger to him, after losing his first wife. Theirs is a love built on respect, trust and the desire to support each other against all odds.

In Rampore, their son, the dashing Prince Yuvraj, is curiously averse to the very ideals his parents' marriage embodies, choosing instead the path of instant gratification. In Mumbai, we're introduced to Vikram Desai. An enigmatic architect whose principles, charm and persona change the course of all those whom he interacts with.

Ashok Chopra weaves together these richly detailed stories that cut across class, gender and age, fundamentally changing the way we perceive love. In doing so, he also challenges society's archaic understanding of the bonding between people.

THE AUTHOR

Ashok Chopra has occupied some of the hottest seats in the Indian book trade executive editor of Vikas Publishing House, vice president of Macmillan India, publishing director of UBS Publishers, executive director and publisher of the India Today Book Club and Books Today as well as chief executive and publisher of HarperCollins India. Currently, he is the chief executive of Hay House India. He lives in Gurgaon and is presently working on his next book, *The Aging Loins*.



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Price: Rs. 599/-

Category: Fiction/Modern & Contemporary Fiction

Format: Demy

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 360pp

Imprint: Viking

Territory: Indian subcontinent

The Elephant In The Womb

Kalki Koechlin

A graphic and honest account of pregnancy and motherhood by actor and writer Kalki Koechlin

SELLING POINTS

- An honest portrayal of motherhood by award-winning actor Kalki Koechlin in her debut book
- Filled with funny and insightful illustrations by Valeriya Polyanychko, this graphic memoir is unique in its storytelling
- This book sheds some light on the bittersweet experience that is motherhood without romanticising any part of it

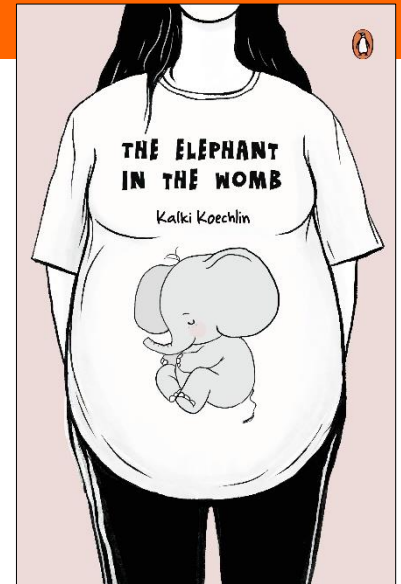
THE BOOK

Motherhood is the greatest job in the world...right?

In this unique graphic narrative, we finally have that candid, funny and relatable book on pregnancy and parenting that mothers, expectant mothers, and anyone even thinking about motherhood have been waiting for. Actor and writer Kalki Koechlin opens up about so much that we don't talk about—the social stigma of abortions and unmarried pregnancies, the toll that pregnancy takes on a body, the unacknowledged domestic labour of women, the emotional rollercoaster of giving birth, bouts of postpartum melancholy, the unsolicited parenting advice from every corner, and of course the innumerable moments of joy and delight in bringing a real little person into this very weird world. With whimsy and compassion, with uproariously funny art and spellbinding honesty, *The Elephant in the Womb* blends the deeply private with the blazingly political. It's an eye-opener for anyone who has ever thought that pregnancy was all about the glow and that motherhood was all about fulfilment. From fixing broken parts to enduring untimely farts, Koechlin's nuanced prose—gorgeously illustrated by Valeriya Polyanychko—tells us the bare-faced truth about the physiological discomfort and manic expectations that make it a bittersweet experience. With a combination of personal essays and think-pieces, journal entries captured in real time, reflections and anecdotes, this is the motherload!

THE AUTHOR

Kalki Koechlin is a French-Indian actor and writer living in Mumbai. She studied drama and theatre at Goldsmiths, and made her screen debut as Chanda in the critically acclaimed drama *Dev.D* in 2009. She won a Filmfare award for the same. She is also the recipient of a National Award and Best Actress award at the Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival for the internationally applauded film, *Margarita with a Straw*. She has also acted in two of Bollywood's highest grossing films of their respective years, *Yeh Jewani Hai Deewani* and *Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara*. She hosts a podcast with the BBC called *My Indian Life*, and is part of several series streaming on Netflix and Amazon. Throughout her career, she has continued to write and perform for the theatre, often with her original material. She won the Hindu Metroplus Playwright Award in 2009 along with co-writer Prashant Prakash for *Skeleton Woman*. Her work often addresses the issues of women's rights and freedom of speech. She is a feminist and an advocate of children's rights.



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Memoirs

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Imprint: Penguin

Territory: World



On A Wing And A Prayer

Spirituality for the Reluctant, the Curious or the Seeker

Kushal M. Choksi

A 9/11 survivor's true story

SELLING POINTS

- Planned around the anniversary of 9/11
- Will have the full support of Art of Living and Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

THE BOOK

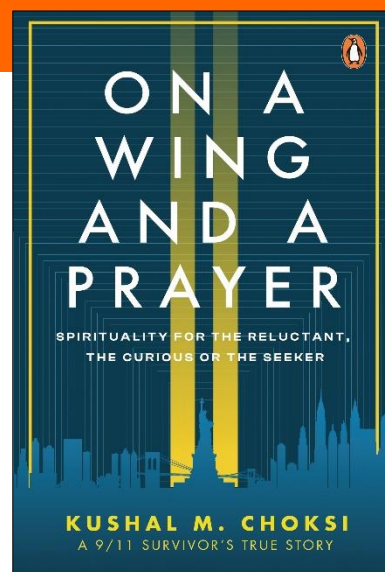
What would you do if your life completely turned upside down overnight?

Narrowly escaping death and witnessing the destruction of 9/11 in front of his eyes, Kushal Choksi would never be the same again. He couldn't focus on anything, his life felt meaningless and he didn't know how to escape this void he was falling deeper into. Until one day when he reluctantly attended a workshop with a spiritual guru in New York City.

From being a Wall Street trader, a slave to the material world, to leaving everything and going on a quest for answers to life's biggest questions, this is a book about doubts, struggles, revelations and transformation on a spiritual path of a complete skeptic. On a Wing and a Prayer is a true account of one man finding himself while on a decade long journey shadowing Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.

THE AUTHOR

Kushal M. Choksi runs Elements Truffles, an artisanal chocolate company based in NYC. Prior to that he has had successful exits from a tech venture and a hedge fund. And before that he slaved on Wall Street for nearly a decade.



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Autobiography**

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Imprint: Penguin

Territory: World



Good Genes Gone Bad

A Short History of Vaccine Development: Failures, Successes, Controversies

Narendra Chirmule, PhD

The history of vaccine development through the eyes of the former head of R&D at Biocon, India's largest biopharmaceutical company

SELLING POINTS

- The field of biotechnology has evolved over the past four decades into developing medicines which are curing diseases. The journey of this success has been a tough and arduous, built upon the shoulders of major failures
- This is the story of the major infection points in biotechnology
- The author was head of R&D at Biocon Research Labs, Bangalore, one of India's largest biotechnology companies. Under his leadership, the company received the first ever approvals of biologics by FDA and EMA in India
- With the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, there is a huge interest in such subjects
- Will be loved by readers of books like *The Double Helix* by James Watson, *The Gene* by Siddharth Mukherjee, and more recently *The Gene Machine* by Venki Ramakrishnan

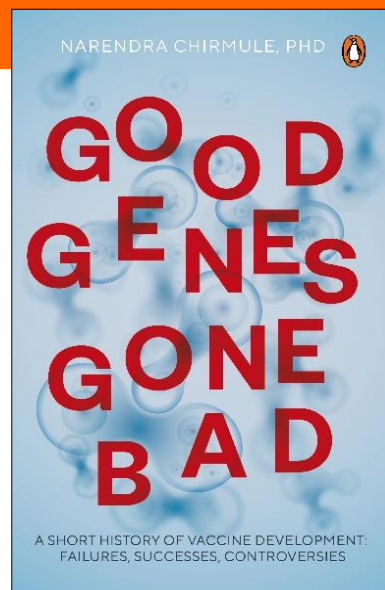
THE BOOK

The field of biotechnology has evolved over the past four decades, developing medicines which are curing diseases. But this journey of success has been tough and arduous, built upon the shoulders of major failures. *Good Genes Gone Bad* highlights seven such colossal failures in drug development—all of which culminated in the development of novel drugs—weaving together various analogies through the stories and thus allowing the reader to understand complex biological phenomena. These stories include treatment of medical conditions such as genetic clotting disorder (haemophilia), childhood diarrhoea (rotavirus vaccine), preventing HIV infection, activation of the immune systems to treat cancer, gene therapy for treatment of diseases caused by gene-defects/mutations, cell therapy for treatment of leukaemias, and finally the success of Biocon's approval of the first biologic drug for breast cancer.

Written by the former R&D head of Biocon, India's largest pharmaceutical company, *Good Genes Gone Bad* is a fascinating look at the complex world of medicine and drug development, providing the readers with a sense of magnitude of challenges and the extent of difficulty that it takes to make novel medicines.

THE AUTHOR

Narendra Chirmule, PhD, is the founder-director of SymphonyTech Biologics, a company focused on statistical, technical and quality aspects in drug development. Most recently, he was head of R&D at Biocon Research Labs, Bangalore, one of India's largest biotechnology companies. Under his leadership, the company received the first ever approvals of biologics by FDA and EMA in India.



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Territory: World

Yogiplate

The Fundamentals of Sattvic Food

Radhavallabha Das

An easy, practical guide to cooking and eating sattvic food

SELLING POINTS

- A comprehensive guide on a sattvic way of cooking, based on traditional Ayurvedic knowledge
- Has simple advice on how to improve your diet, tailored to each person, body type, temperament and eating habits
- Contains recipes, details about which vegetables, spices and grains are the healthiest, food combinations to avoid and ingredients to pair together

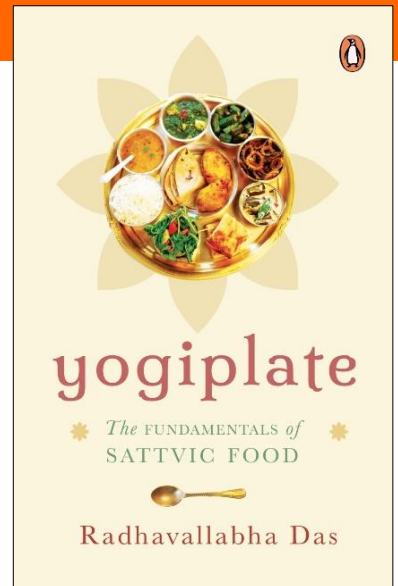
THE BOOK

Learn about Ayurvedic and sattvic cooking principles used at the ISKCON Mumbai Ashram and Govinda's restaurant from former ISKCON monk and Yogiplate founder Radhavallabha Das. Ayurvedic diet varies by body type, a person's nature, their lifestyle and the food they grew up eating. In this book, we learn how to identify our unique body type, the vegetables, fruits, grains, and spices that will suit us, and how Sattvic food nourishes the body, mind and inner soul.

Some food combinations can be toxic for a certain body type. In his simple style, Radhavallabha Das shows us how to pair the correct ingredients, avoid the ones that are harmful to us, and also focus on the oil, salt and water we cook with. This book will teach you how to tailor a unique diet that will nourish you to lead a happy and healthy life.

THE AUTHOR

Radhavallabha is an acclaimed chef, author, former monk, yoga teacher, speaker and life coach. He has over two decades of experience in sattvic & Ayurvedic vegetarian cooking, developed by reading Ayurvedic texts. He is the founder of Yogiplate, an organisation dedicated to educating people about Sattvic cooking. After completing his M Tech from IIT, he decided to become a monk at ISKCON, Mumbai, to dedicate his life to the service of society. There he cooked for 250 residents of the ashram daily for more than a decade. As head chef, he led a team of highly acclaimed chefs who were featured in National Geographic's series on India's mega kitchen series, serving about 10,000 plates of sattvic food every day. He was also the cook of his Gurudev, HH Radhanath Swami for 17 years. But the love for Ayurveda grew from discussions with Dr Sanjay Pisharodi, a fellow ashram resident with an MBBS degree and also great knowledge of Ayurveda. Radhavallabha Das has conducted more than 200 cooking workshops across the world and held seminars on the importance of an Ayurvedic Diet, including at the headquarters of Microsoft, Amazon and Intel in the USA. Currently he lives with his wife Hansapriya in Silicon Valley in California. He is working with a team to bring healthy food to people through live cooking workshops, seminars and one-on-one consulting.



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Price: Rs. 299/-

Category: Non-fiction/Health,
Fitness & Dieting: Nutrition

Format: B

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 299pp

Imprint: Ebury Press

Territory: World

The Battle Of Rezang La

Kulpreet Yadav

The untold story of the heroic battle of Rezang La

SELLING POINTS

- The story of one of the most decorated Companies in Indian Army to this day
- Not much is known about this important battle in Indian military history
- Tensions between India and China are high after decades
- Kulpreet often has celebrities launching his books
- He is the author of fourteen books, many of which are bestsellers
- He has a considerable social media following

THE BOOK

120 soldiers. 6 left. 5 prisoners. 2 escapees. 1 battle.

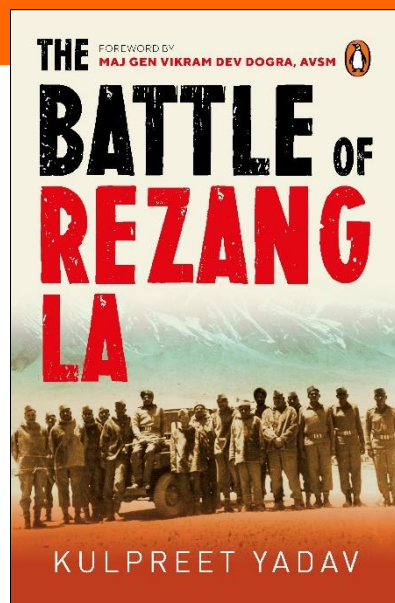
On 20 October 1962, India had been caught off guard in the face of a Chinese blitz. China wanted to 'teach India a lesson', and launched a simultaneous attack in Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh. Only 10,000 Indian soldiers were sent to defend their land against 80,000 Chinese adversaries. In the war that ensued, India lost 4000 soldiers and 45,000 sq km of land (as big as Switzerland). The 1962 Indo-Sino war eventually left a scar that continues to linger in the nation's collective memory.

Within this dark period of history stands resolute a bright spot, a strategically pivotal victory—the battle of Rezang La. On 18 November 1962, the Charlie Company of the 13th Kumaon Regiment fought off the Chinese at Rezang La Pass. Their valour not only successfully stopped China's advance but also possibly saved the entire Ladakh region from falling into the hands of the People's Liberation Army. Even today, a year after the Galwan Valley clash in 2020, tensions between the two nuclear-armed nations continue to bubble. And India must learn from its history to understand how it eventually thwarted the enemy back in 1962.

From a former Commandant at the Indian Coast Guard, based on interviews and in-depth research, comes *The Battle of Rezang La*, the untold story of a remarkable victory and one of the most decorated Companies in the Indian Army to this day.

THE AUTHOR

Kulpreet Yadav is an ex-armed forces officer who served as a Commandant with the Indian Coast Guard for two decades. He was awarded the Director General's Commendation for professionalism and dedication to the nation in 2007. As an officer, he completed his postgraduation in journalism and mass communication from Amity University in 2004 and management courses from IIM Indore and IIM Lucknow. He is a prolific speaker who has delivered speeches at schools and companies around the world. Kulpreet has won the Blogprint Contest 2007 for his travel writing and is the author of the bestselling *Andy Karan Thriller series*. He has also authored *Murder in Paharganj*, *The Day Simran Died*, *The Last Love Letter* and *Queens of Crime*. To promote Indian literature and budding authors, Kulpreet also runs Open Road Review, an online journal of literature and culture. More details relating to the magazine can be found on www.openroadreview.com. Kulpreet currently stays in Delhi with his wife, Seema, and daughters, Leah and Jeanie.



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Extent: 312pp

Imprint: Ebury Press

Territory: World

Kathmandu Dilemma

Resetting India-Nepal Ties

Ranjit Rae

The vicissitudes of the India-Nepal relationship, as told by a former Indian ambassador to Nepal

SELLING POINTS

- Former Ambassador of India to Nepal analyses the shift in India-Nepal ties
- The book explains the reasons why Nepal dislikes and distrusts India, how India's big-brother attitude hurts Nepal's self-respect and how Nepal's increasing closeness to China constitutes a threat to India-Nepal's longstanding relationship
- Ranjit Rae draws from his extensive diplomatic experience in bilateral relations with Nepal and personal recollections from his days as ambassador, to give a behind-the-scenes view of important contemporary moments in the India-Nepal relationship

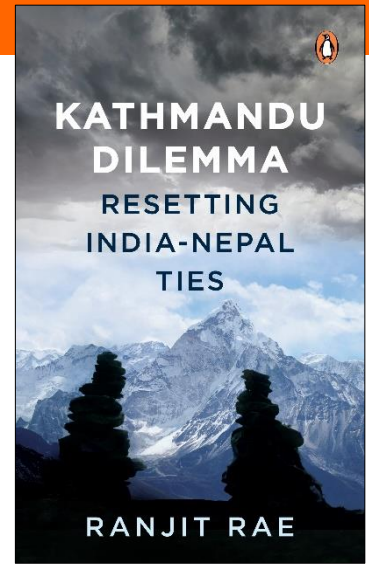
THE BOOK

The first two decades of the new millennium have witnessed a dramatic sociopolitical transformation of Nepal. A violent Maoist insurgency ended peacefully, a new Constitution abolished the monarchy and established a secular federal democratic republic. Nevertheless, political stability and a peace dividend have both remained elusive.

Nepal is also buffeted by changing geopolitics, including the US-China contestation for influence and the uneasy relationship between India and China. As a close neighbour, India has been deeply associated with the seminal changes in Nepal, with the bilateral relationship seeing many twists and turns. This book examines India's perspective on these developments in the context of the civilizational and economic underpinnings of the relationship, as well as the issues that continue to prevent it from exploiting its full potential. Though there are several Nepalese accounts available, there are few from an Indian point of view. *Kathmandu Dilemma* fills this gap.

THE AUTHOR

Ranjit Rae is a former Indian ambassador to Nepal. He also headed the Northern Division in the Ministry of External Affairs, dealing with India's Himalayan neighbours, Nepal and Bhutan, during 2002-2006. Since retirement, Rae has been involved in travelling, trekking and trying to make sense of the developments in Nepal. He has contributed articles on Nepal to several newspapers. This is his first book.



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Category: Non-fiction/
International Relations

Format: Demy

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 224pp

Imprint: Vintage

Territory: World

10 Steps To The Boardroom

Climb Your Way to Success

G.S. Rattan

An excellent career handbook from a Tata CEO

SELLING POINTS

- An accessible and useful guide to climb the corporate ladder by a former CEO of Tata Bearings
- The book will have the support of Tata and have great potential for corporate sales too
- It is for readers of *Catalyst* and *The Right Choice*

THE BOOK

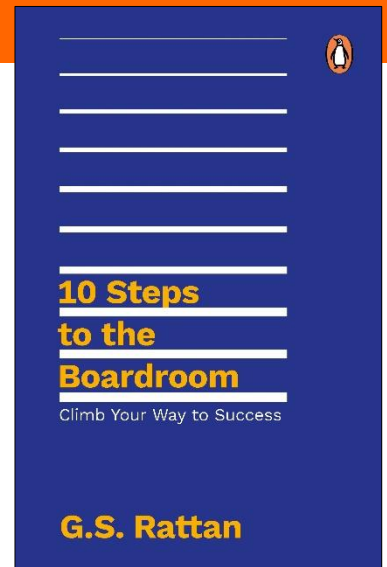
There is no linear path to reach the top. In today's day and age, when there is so much competition and nepotism that is being spoken about, one has to wonder: Does talent and merit have a chance? In my opinion, they do. So how does one knock on the door of success and reach the boardroom?

This book takes you through the crucial ten steps you need to climb as you progress in your career to reach the top via the author's own personal journey. Each chapter deals with one specific quality that a CEO is required to have and is accompanied with a worksheet next to it that will help you chart your growth.

Peppered with wisdom and experience, each story will help you understand the implications of your decisions and the right career stage that one should look at making a move. An absolute must-have for anyone looking to make a mark in their corporate career.

THE AUTHOR

An experienced leader with a vast experience in steering techno-commercial functions in world-class engineering companies, **G.S. Rattan** continued to teach after retirement. The Punjab Engineering College (Chandigarh) graduate is now on a sabbatical as he pens down his first book and starts a new journey at the age of seventy-two with renewed enthusiasm. It is Day 1 again. With an overall experience of fifty years, he earned the moniker of 'creative strategist' from his peers. As a longstanding member of the Tata Family, he had the opportunity to work and learn from industry leaders, like Dr J.J. Irani and Mr B. Muthuraman, who inspired him to be more, achieve more and do more. During his thirty-one-year tenure with the Tata Family, the departments under his care won several awards and appreciation of all seniors. A company man through and through, he rose through the ranks to head the company with unanimous support of his colleagues and seniors.



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Category: Non-fiction/Self-Help & Personal Development

Format: B

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 256pp

Imprint: Portfolio

Territory: World

Economist Gandhi

The Roots and the Relevance of the Political Economy of the Mahatma

Jaithirth Rao

A novel interpretation of Gandhi's economic thought

SELLING POINTS

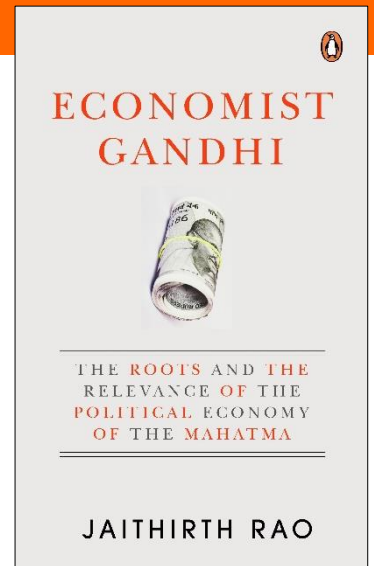
- Based on in-depth archival research
- Provides a new perspective on Gandhi's personality and Gandhian thought
- Dispels popular myths about Gandhi's reading of economics and capitalism
- First-of-its kind work that proves Gandhi was not against businesses and economic development

THE BOOK

This book is a refreshing take on Gandhi's economic philosophy. It provides insights into the hidden facet of Gandhi's personality, and his thoughts on economics and capitalism. The book captures aspects of Gandhi's thinking usually missed by those who are sure they know Gandhi. This is probably the first book on Gandhi that claims that Gandhi was not against business and capitalists. In fact, the author maintains that Gandhi was a Baniya by caste, and this is what explains Gandhi's positive approach towards business, trade and wealth.

THE AUTHOR

Jaithirth Rao is an Indian entrepreneur. He is the founder and former CEO of Mphasis, a software company. He is also the founder of Value and Budget Housing Corporation, an affordable housing venture which he founded in 2008.



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Category: Non-fiction/

Economic Theory & Philosophy

Format: Demy

Binding: Hardback

Extent: 256pp

Imprint: Portfolio

Territory: World

Passionate About Baking

Picture Perfect, Indulgent & Easy Chocolate Recipes to Make at Home

Deeba Rajpal

The ultimate desserts cookbook based on one of the most popular food blogs in India, *Passionate about Baking*

SELLING POINTS

- Deeba Rajpal is the blogger behind one of the finest baking and food blogs in India, *Passionate About Baking*, for which she won the IndiBlogger 2017 Award for 'The Best Food Blogger'
- Her Instagram account of the same name has over 165k followers, making it one of the top food accounts on social media
- She has styled and shot for *My First Kitchen*, a cookbook by Michelin Star Chef Vikas Khanna and *Uparwali Chai* by Pamela Timms
- The book contains easy everyday dessert recipes which redefines the way we celebrate food

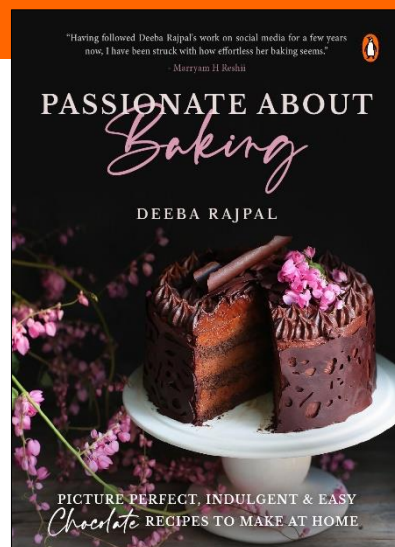
THE BOOK

A home baker for over 20 years, food stylist and photographer Deeba Rajpal put her passion to the test when she decided to blog about her adventures in the kitchen. Soon, her simple yet delectable dessert recipes accompanied by beautiful, evocative imagery struck a chord with people across the globe, turning her blog, *Passionate about Baking*, into one of the most popular blogs in the country.

Inspired by her blog, this book is a collection of some of her most loved chocolate dessert recipes for every kind of indulgence. With healthy, tasty yet easy-to-make chocolate delights -- from tarts, tea cakes and cupcakes to cookies, traybakes and cakes for special occasions -- and simple tips and tricks, Deeba shows you how working with chocolate can be oh so fun!

THE AUTHOR

Deeba Rajpal's passions in life are baking, cooking, nature, art and photography. She has two kids, and her better half is her greatest critic and motivation for her culinary adventures! Travel, macarons, food styling & recipe development are her other interests.



Pub: September 2021

ISBN: 9780143449928

Price: Rs. 799/-

Category: Non-fiction/Cookery

Format: 229mm x 178mm

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 192pp

Imprint: Ebury Press

Territory: World

Lustre

Abdus Samad (Tr.)

A portrait of a society confronted by a heinous crime

SELLING POINTS

- An extremely relevant and timely translation for our times
- Abdus Samad is among the most notable contemporary writers from Urdu literature
- A perfect read for those who enjoy watching socio-political shows such as Delhi Crime, Tandav and Mirzapur

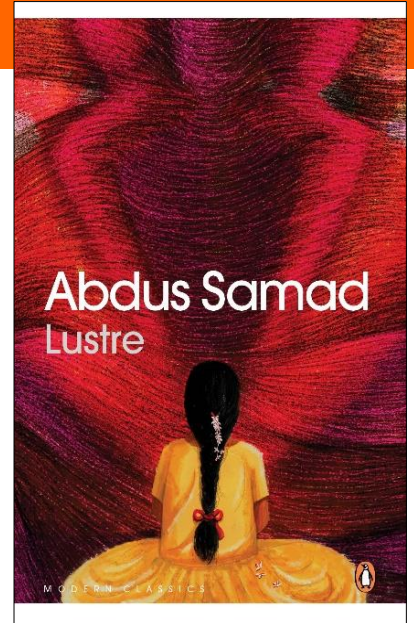
THE BOOK

When a group of seven girls is brutally gang-raped by a gang of upper-caste men, a small village comes under the national spotlight. The police, politicians and the local Naxalite leaders pull the villagers into various directions. Raju, a young boy, thus begins his political journey and comes to realize the value of things that truly matter.

Abdus Samad's *Lustre* is a fictionalized tale of what is heard in the news too often. A heart rending tale full of political ambition and greed, it is also shows us a way out of grimy reality. It is only when one individual changes can we expect a society to change.

THE TRANSLATOR

Abdus Samad is an award-winning Urdu writer and poet. He started writing at the age of fifteen and he received numerous awards for his novels. He is a recipient of the Sahitya Akademi award and he was on the board of the prestigious Jnanpith award.



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ISBN: 9780143446071

Price: Rs. 499/-

Category: Fiction/Modern & Contemporary Fiction

Format: B

Binding: Paperback

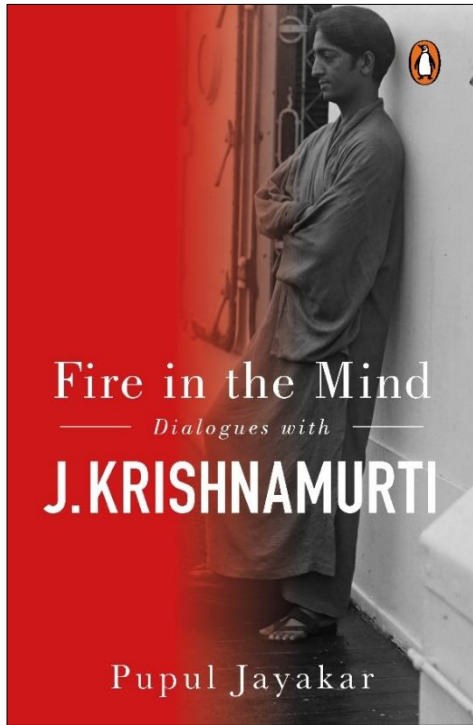
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Imprint: Penguin Modern Classics

Territory: World

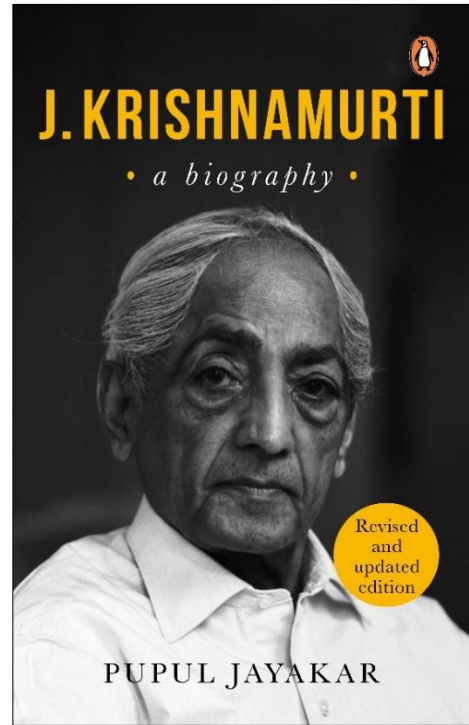


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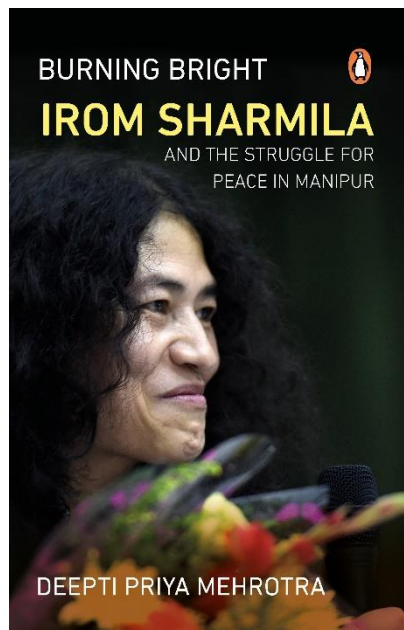
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against AFSPA



Fantastic Creatures In Indian Mythology

Bulbul Sharma

Discover the fascinating beasts and creatures found in Hindu Mythology!

SELLING POINTS

- Written by Bulbul Sharma, who has authored the ever-loved *Tales of Fabled Beasts, Gods and Demons* and *The Ramayana*
- Features ten most fascinating magical and fantastical creatures in Hindu mythology
- Beautiful and lush black-and-white illustrations will delight kids
- Told in simple language, the book is great for beginner readers
- Great for children starting to read mythology books
- A short primer on Hindu mythology and the magical creatures featured there

THE BOOK

A terrifying one-eyed demon.

A magical shape-shifting deer.

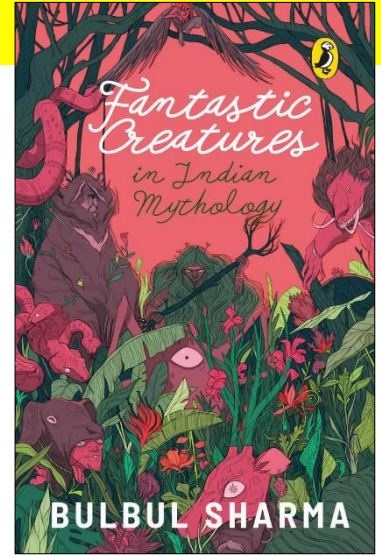
A noble bird with giant wings.

The many-headed evil serpent.

These are just a few of the most fascinating and fantastical creatures that are found in Hindu mythology. There are many more waiting for you in this book!

THE AUTHOR

Bulbul Sharma is an author and painter. She has written five collections of short stories, a novel, non-fiction and some of the most-loved books for children, including *Tales of Fabled Beasts, Gods and Demons* and *The Ramayana*. Her books have been translated into several languages. Bulbul has also held several exhibitions of her paintings in India and abroad, and her works are in collections at the National Gallery of Modern Art, Lalit Kala Akademi, Chandigarh Museum as well as in private collections.



Pub: September 2021

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Price: Rs. 250/-

Category: Fiction/Non-fiction/
Traditional Stories/Mythology

Format: B

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 144pp

Age: 9+ years

Imprint: Puffin

Territory: World



The Great Indian Mathematicians

15 Pioneers Who put Indian Mathematics on the World Map

Gaurav Tekriwal

Meet legendary Indian mathematicians who created waves in the world of mathematics

SELLING POINTS

- A brilliant introduction to 15 pioneers who made breakthrough discoveries in the mathematics we study today
- Comes with a bonus chapter on the story of zero
- Impressive information related to iconic Indian mathematicians, varied facts and extraordinary achievements, told simply
- Each chapter has an element of surprise from little known facts, movies to watch, places to visit and even a 'Tips and Tricks' section with simple tricks and sums for young readers to solve
- Includes legendary names like Aryabhata, Shakuntala Devi, Anand Kumar among others
- A perfect book for every maths wizard!

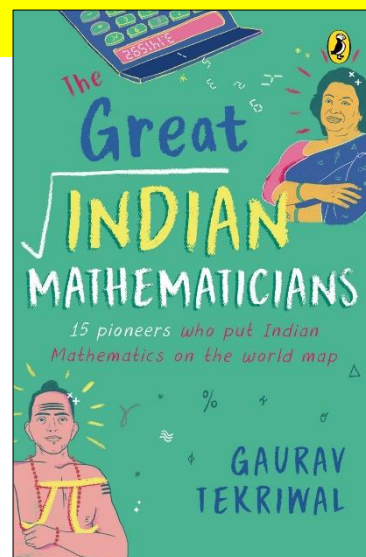
THE BOOK

India's mathematicians have made significant contributions over the last 5000 years. Whether it is the ever-popular Aryabhata, widely recognized for revolutionizing the number system or a pioneer forgotten by time, like Baudhayana, who explained the Pythagoras theorem in his treatise written nearly 3000 years ago, the figures included in this book are trailblazers in the world of mathematics.

Fresh, accessible and inspiring, *The Great Indian Mathematicians* celebrates persistent mathematicians throughout Indian history. This book is an ideal introduction for the next generation of tenacious and curious maths wizards, and features a goldmine of tips and tricks, nuggets of surprise and much more!

THE AUTHOR

Gaurav Tekriwal is the founder and president of Vedic Maths Forum India. As an educator, he has been imparting high-speed vedic mental mathematics skills over the past fifteen years across the globe. He inspires and informs people, helping them to realize their true potential by introducing them to the world's fastest mental-math system, called vedic mathematics. Gaurav is the author of *Speed Math* and his complete DVD set on the topic is popular among students and academicians worldwide. Through television programmes, DVDs, books, workshops and seminars, Gaurav has taken the Vedic Maths system to over four million students in India, South Africa, Australia, the United States and Oman. He is a four-time TED speaker and has been awarded the Young Visionaries Fellowship by the ministry of external affairs, India.



Pub: September 2021

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Category: Non-fiction/Reference

Format: B

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 192pp

Age: 11+ years

Imprint: Puffin

Territory: World



You Are Simply Perfect!

A Mindfulness and Self-Awareness Guidebook for Tweens and Teens

Sadia Saeed

Guided step-by-step wisdom solutions for everyday difficulties faced by young adults

SELLING POINTS

- A one-of-a-kind self-help book aimed at tweens and teens stepping into adulthood, especially in the age of social media and in a competitive society
- A TEDx speaker, the author is a trained psychologist with twenty years of experience, specializing in mindfulness training
- A must-have guide for all growing kids and adults who are dealing with anxiety, anger issues, depression, jealousy and other problems
- Divided into five parts, the book looks into specific issues and gives tools and approaches so that readers can lead fulfilled lives
- The book has guided step-by-step solutions for everyday difficulties faced by young adults
- Real-life case studies help set context to problems and the "exercise" and "practice" sections help in guided mindfulness
- Has journal space and small workout sections, including breathing exercises, that help readers use the book fruitfully

THE BOOK

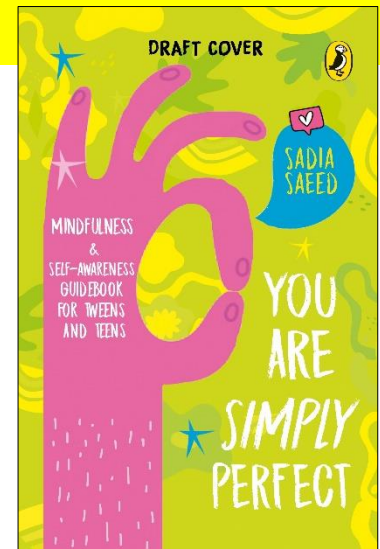
A self-help guide-cum-journal for self-exploration

Jealousy. Bullying. Anger. Anxiety. Body image issues. Selfies and social media addiction . . . Are you grappling with any of these?

Let's be honest, juggling school, extra classes, home, friendships and new relationships can be hard. It's difficult to find balance and really, really tough not to get affected by the 'happy' content we see online. But what is genuine happiness vis-à-vis short-term pleasure? Are we even looking for it in the right place? Written by a renowned psychologist, this beautifully illustrated book is divided into five parts that will help in easing the everyday anxieties. Learn to make friends with yourself, your body, mind and feelings, and how to deal with specific emotions and situations. *You Are Simply Perfect!* will equip you with life-changing tools to find contentment-in school and outside. Find your own quiet spaces inside this book with journal pages left for you to write and reflect.

THE AUTHOR

Sadia Saeed is a psychologist with over two decades of experience of working with schools, corporates, child guidance centres and hospitals. A TEDx speaker, Sadia is the founder of Inner Space, a mental health platform that focuses on psychotherapy; teaching self-awareness and wisdom programmes; and training organizations in mental health and wellness practices. Her core approach to mental health and emotional resilience rests on cultivating a deep understanding of one's own nature, creating space for personal growth and change, and developing compassion for oneself and others.



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Format: B

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 192pp

Age: 12+ years

Imprint: Puffin

Territory: World



Hook Book: Shoo, Crow!

Kavitha Punniyamurthi

A funny story set in Tamil Nadu, about how two young boys manage save the crops from the crows!

SELLING POINTS

- Part of the Hook Book series for beginner readers, with short text and lavish illustrations
- The stories are age appropriate and set in different parts of India, with exercises to teach language skills in an unobtrusive way
- A funny, punchy story by Kavitha Punniyamurthi and fun-filled illustrations by Priya Kuriyan shows how unlikely things can turn out to be problem-solvers

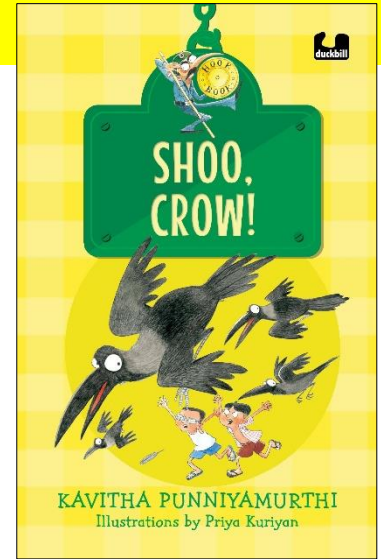
THE BOOK

The crows of Rajipuram are too clever for Velu and Akif to handle. But then comes Puchu Mama and his amazing harmonica ...

The Hook Book series of short simple stories for beginning readers come with fun stories set in different parts of India, gorgeous illustrations and short exercises to enhance the reading experience.

THE AUTHOR

Kavitha Punniyamurthi is an award-winning children's writer and editor. Her picture book *When Bholu Came Back* was awarded the South Asia Book Award (Highly Commended Book). When she is not having existential conversations with the crows on her terrace, Kavitha spends her time creating goofy characters and writing funny stories. *Croak*, *Building a Building* and *Look Up* are some of her other books for children.



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Price: Rs. 175/-
Category: Fiction /
Humorous Stories
Format: B
Binding: Paperback
Extent: 40pp
Age: 5 - 7 years
Imprint: Duckbill
Territory: World



Hook Book: Boy Bear

Adithi Rao

A tender and touching story that emphasizes the dilemmas of animal rights and human needs, set among the streets bears of Mumbai

SELLING POINTS

- Part of the Hook Book series for beginner readers, with short text and lavish illustrations
- The stories are age appropriate and set in different parts of India, with exercises to teach language skills in an unobtrusive way
- Poetic text by Adithi Rao and gorgeous illustrations by Aaryama Somayaji make it possible to transform a complex story into one which kids will understand and identify with

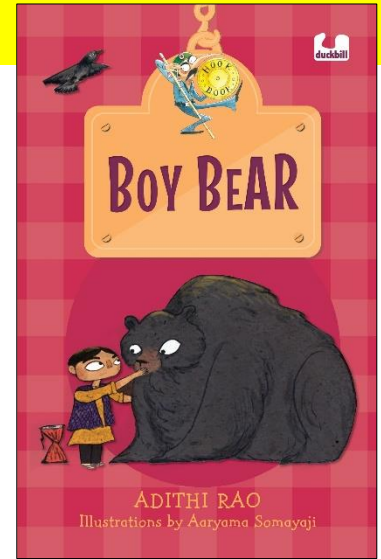
THE BOOK

Boy and Bear have grown up together on the streets of Mumbai. Baba is a madari. But now that Baba is gone, how are Boy and Bear to survive?

The Hook Book series of short simple stories for beginning readers come with fun stories set in different parts of India, gorgeous illustrations and short exercises to enhance the reading experience.

THE AUTHOR

Adithi writes books, film scripts and plays. Her YA novel, *Candid Tales: India on a Motorcycle*, made it to the Parag Honour List 2021. Her short stories and feature articles have appeared in American literary journals, and in anthologies by leading Indian publishing houses.



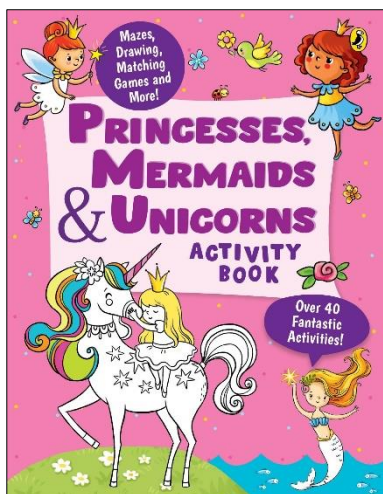
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Animal Stories
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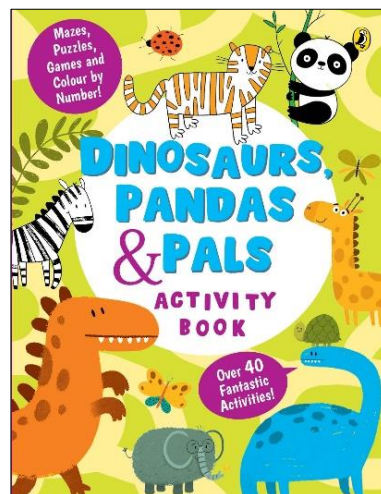
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SELLING POINTS

- Children can follow mazes that feature prompts for problem solving along the way
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- Gorgeously packaged with over 40 fun activities
- Suitable for parent-child association
- Each activity also offers an opportunity for introducing core concepts, such as counting and colours
- The entertaining activities encourage children to develop problem-solving skills as well as strengthen hand-eye coordination as they handle writing instruments
- Carefully researched, these books aim to build vocabulary through picture-word association for toddlers, pre-schoolers
- Full of bright, colourful pictures to make learning easy, accessible, engaging and fun.
- A must for every library; in school or at home

THE BOOKS

1. Princesses, Mermaids and Unicorns Activity Book From mermaids and princesses to unicorns and fairies, the fairyland brought alive inside this quirky activity book provides hours of creative fun for kids. Jam-packed with colouring pages and fantastic activities like interactive puzzles, dot-to-dot, spot the difference and playing peek-a-boo with fairies, Princesses, Mermaids and Unicorns Activity Book is the perfect companion to keep young minds engaged.

2. Dinosaurs, Pandas and Pals Activity Book From prehistoric dinos and bugs to pandas and sharks, the endless animals inside this quirky activity book provide hours of creative fun for kids. Jam-packed with colouring pages and fantastic activities like interactive puzzles, dot-to-dot, spot the difference and playing peek-a-boo with animals, Dinosaurs, Pandas and Pals Activity Book is the perfect companion to keep young minds engaged.

THE AUTHORS

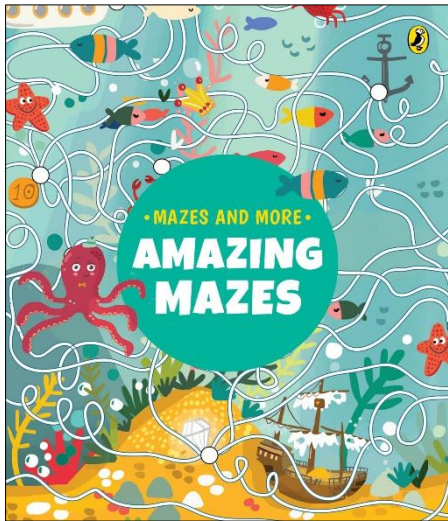
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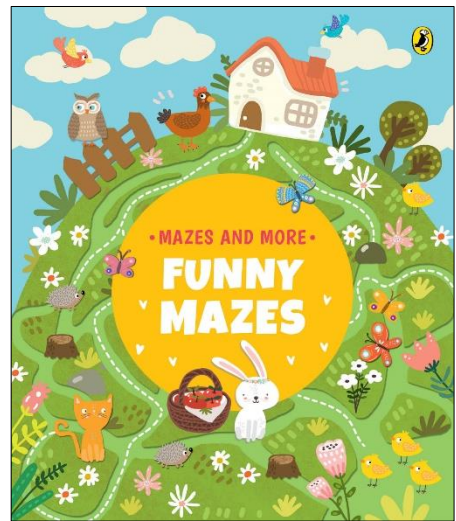
Mazes and More

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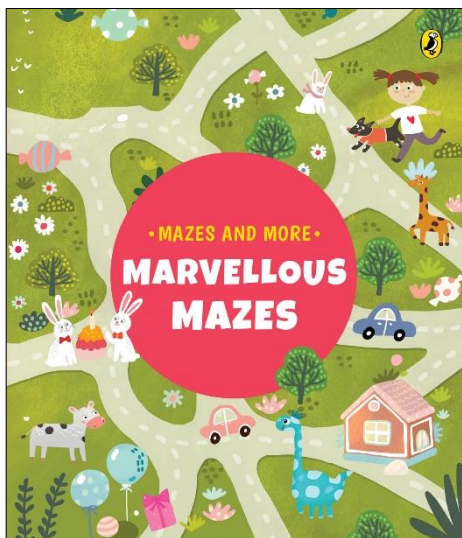
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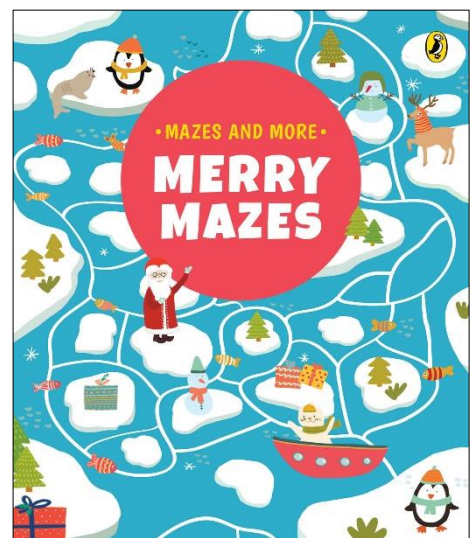
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SELLING POINTS

- The format includes activities - sorting, counting, matching, and identifying colors - that encourage interactive learning of basic concepts
- Combines mazes with Look and Find puzzles, providing hours of fun and learning
- Designed to promote logical thinking and sharpen hand-eye coordination
- Curated for children to complete on their own by learning through trial and error
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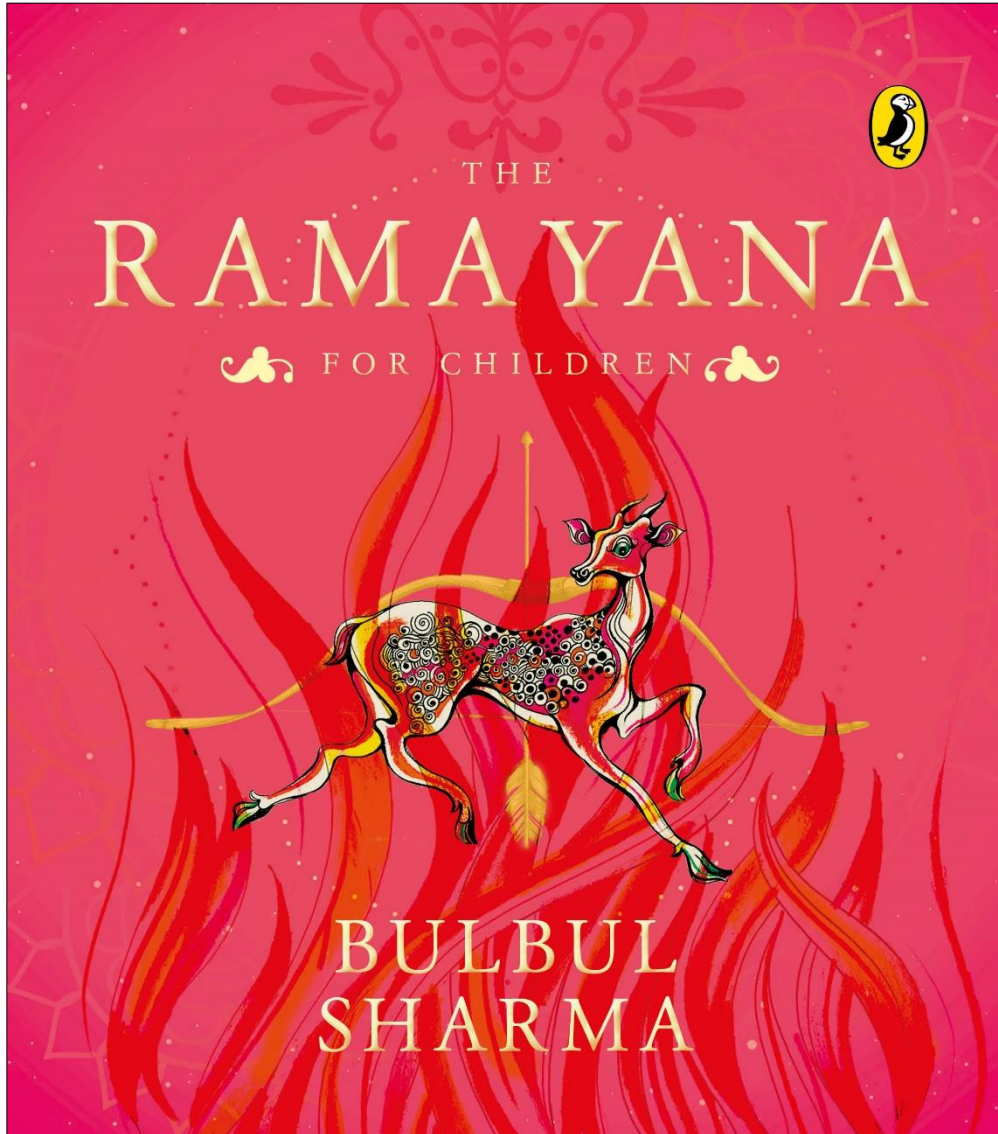
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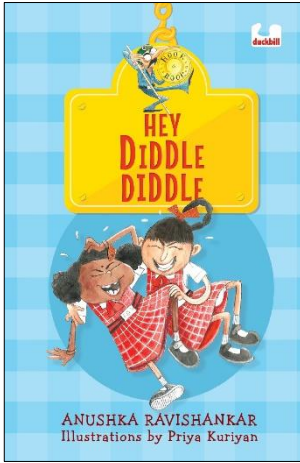
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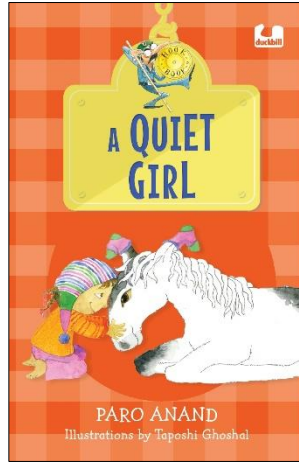
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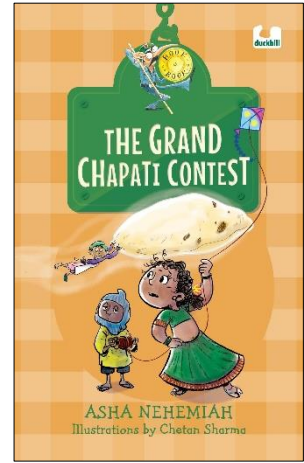
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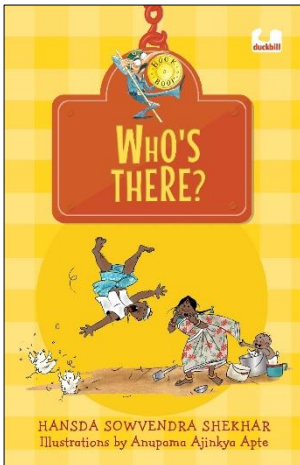
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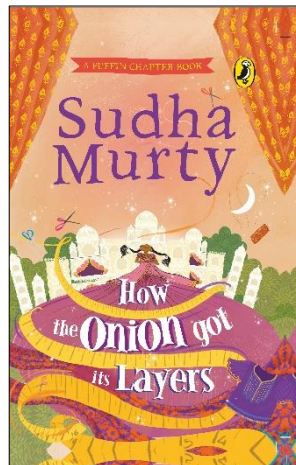
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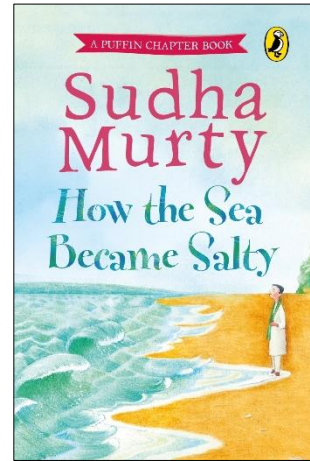
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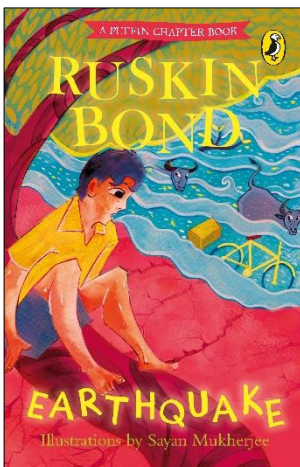
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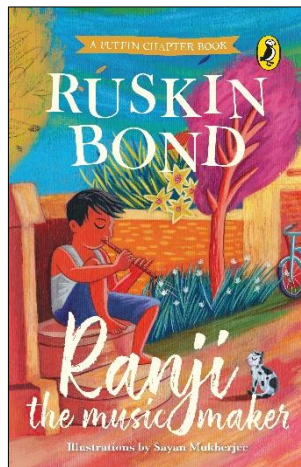
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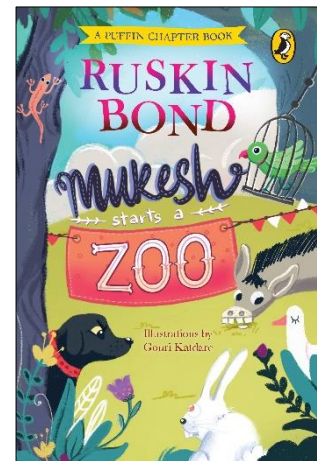
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