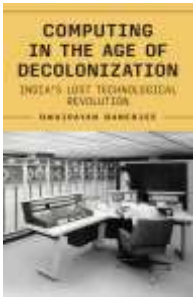
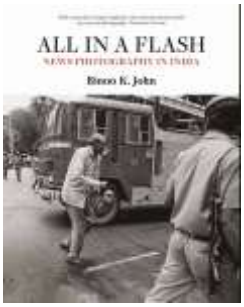
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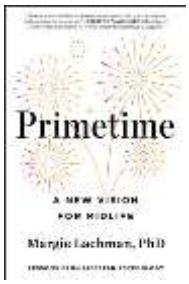
Computing in the Age of Decolonization: India's Lost Technological Revolution

Author: Dwaipayan Banerjee
Publisher: Princeton University Press
Overview: Dwaipayan Banerjee uncovers the overlooked history of India's ambitious but ultimately thwarted drive to build a self-reliant computing industry from the 1950s to the 1980s, tracing projects like the TIFRAC computer and the expulsion of IBM. He argues that genuine technological independence requires addressing the enduring political and social structures rooted in colonial legacies, not merely technical expertise.
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Call No: 004.0954 BAN-C



All in a Flash: News Photography in India

Author: Binoo K. John
Publisher: Niyogi Books
Overview: Binoo K. John surveys roughly 150 years of news photography in India, anchored by 141 images that have shaped the nation's visual memory from Sunil Janah's Partition photographs and Raghu Rai's Bhopal images to pandemic coverage and the Taj Mahal's evolving iconography. The book asks foundational questions about how still images shape our understanding of history and what it means to create and appreciate photographs in an image-saturated age.
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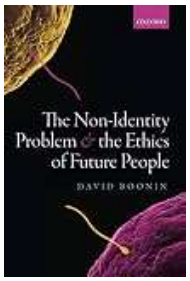
Primetime: A New Vision for Midlife

Author: Margie Lachman
Publisher: Simon and Schuster
Overview: This book reveals midlife as a critical time in the life cycle with high generativity and peak responsibility, as well as when we make choices that can impact our later years. With a focus on debunking myths, navigating changes, and planning for the future, she guides readers through making sense of the past and imagining future possibilities.
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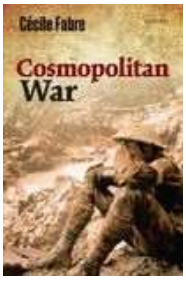
What We Owe to Future People: A Contractualist Account of Intergenerational Ethics

Author: Elizabeth Finneron-Burns
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Overview: Elizabeth Finneron-Burns develops a distinctly contractualist framework for intergenerational ethics, arguing that we must justify our actions to future people on grounds they could not reasonably reject. The book applies this method to four major areas the quality of life we must leave behind, the ethics of procreation, human extinction, and decision-making under uncertainty to establish concrete moral principles for how present generations should treat their successors.
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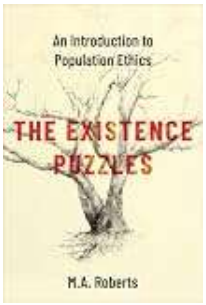
The Non-Identity Problem and the Ethics of Future People

Author: David Boonin
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Overview: David Boonin presents the first book-length study devoted exclusively to the non-identity problem the puzzle of our obligations to future people whose very identities depend on our present actions. After critically surveying four decades of proposed solutions, he develops and defends an unorthodox alternative that fundamentally differs from virtually every other available approach.
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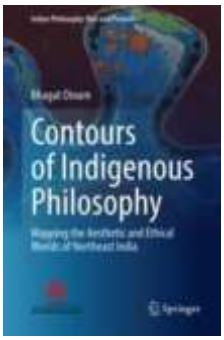
Cosmopolitan War

Author: Cécile Fabred
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Overview: Cécile Fabre articulates and defends a cosmopolitan theory of the just war, arguing that the individual not the nation-state is the fundamental locus of moral concern and that political borders are morally arbitrary. She applies this framework to examine the ethical principles governing wars of national defence, subsistence wars, civil wars, humanitarian intervention, wars involving mercenaries, and asymmetrical conflicts.
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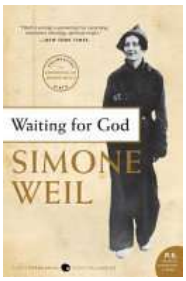
The Existence Puzzles: An Introduction to Population Ethics

Author: M. A. Roberts
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Overview: M. A. Roberts introduces population ethics by guiding readers through five key puzzles the Asymmetry, Pareto, Addition, Anonymity, and Better Chance puzzles each rooted in the question of whether bringing additional people into existence makes the world morally better. Rather than applying a pre-existing theory, she proposes solutions that together form a partial theory of population grounded in intuition while meeting formal demands of consistency and cogency.
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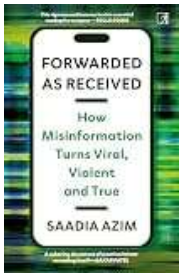
Contours of Indigenous Philosophy: Mapping the Aesthetic and Ethical Worlds of Northeast India

Author: Bhagat Oinam
Publisher: Springer Nature
Overview: This book engages with aesthetics and ethics in North-East India, involving readers in indigenous knowledge and philosophy through fieldwork reflections and observations. It examines the neglected area of women in aesthetic and ethical discourses within ethnic life worlds, presenting studies of more than 15 ethnic communities to capture indigenous thoughts and linkages among different ethnicities.
Acc. No: 103856
Call No: 181.4 OIN-C



Waiting for God

Author: Waiting for God
Publisher: Harper Perennial Modern Classics
Overview: Emerging from discussions and correspondence with Father Joseph-Marie Perrin, this classic collection contains Simone Weil's most profound meditations on the relationship of human life to the transcendent. It includes her spiritual autobiography, letters on baptism and vocation, and essays on the love of God, affliction, and the implicit love of neighbour.
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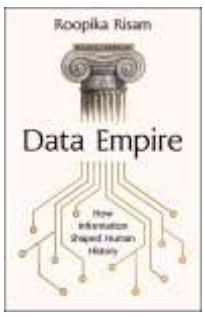
Forwarded as Received: How Misinformation Turns Viral, Violent and True

Author: Saadia Azim
Publisher: Simon and Schuster
Overview: Saadia Azim examines how the everyday habit of forwarding messages on digital platforms has evolved into a powerful engine of misinformation and distortion. Grounded in the realities of the Global South, the book explores how half-truths and manipulated narratives reshape perception, deepen inequality, and normalize suspicion, highlighting the life-altering consequences of our seemingly harmless digital reflex.
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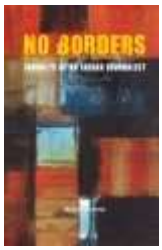
Essential Concepts of Science Communication: An A-Z Guide

Editor: Declan Fahy, Todd P. Newman
Publisher: Routledge
Overview: This A–Z guide provides readers with a comprehensive overview of fifty core concepts in the global field of science communication. It explains the origins and research foundations of each essential concept, analyses how they have been applied in different scholarly and professional contexts and demonstrates their use as guides to action.
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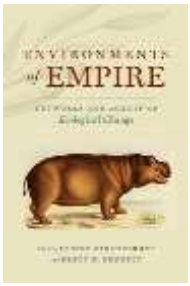
Data Empire: How Information Shaped Human History

Author: Roopika Risam
Publisher: Transworld Publishers
Overview: Roopika Risam traces the 11,000-year history of data as a technology of power, showing how record-keeping from ancient clay tablets and colonial censuses to modern algorithms has always been used to organize, control, and dominate populations. She argues that today's private data brokers and surveillance systems are the latest iteration of this ancient dynamic, and that understanding this deep history is essential to resisting a future hardwired for inequality.
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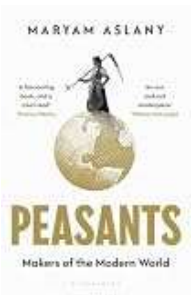
No Borders: Journeys of an Indian Journalist

Author: Mukul Sharma
Publisher: Daanish Books
Overview: It challenges stereotyped media coverage that frames the West as a place of hope and the South as a site of violence or markets through a first-hand account of his travels across fourteen countries between 1990 and 2005. Blending reportage with research, the book documents grassroots protests, trade union struggles, and people's movements to reveal a more complex reality of resistance and social change in both the Global North and South.
Acc. No: 103904
Call No: 303.48409 SHA-N



Environments of Empire: Networks and Agents of Ecological Change

Editor: Ulrike Kirchberger, Brett M. Bennett
Publisher: The University of North Carolina Press
Overview: This collection of nine case studies examines the unprecedented movement of plants, animals, and pests across the Ottoman, French, Dutch, German, and British empires during the age of high imperialism. By tracing these biological exchanges and their unintended ecological consequences, the book advances a comparative, transnational, and interdisciplinary history of how imperial networks reshaped landscapes worldwide.
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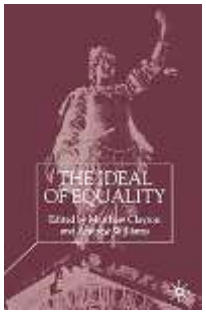
Peasants: Makers of the Modern World

Author: Maryam Aslany
Publisher: Bloomsbury Publishing
Overview: Maryam Aslany challenges the myth that peasants are a relic of the past, revealing how roughly two billion people still underpin the global economy, stabilize food systems, and protect fragile ecosystems. Through journeys to sugarcane fields in India, rice plains in Cambodia, coca valleys in Peru, and cocoa belts in Ghana, she exposes the exploitation behind global supply chains while arguing that the peasantry is essential to our future.
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Call No: 305.5633 ASL-P



Thicker Than Blood: How Racial Statistics Lie

Author: Tukufu Zuberi
Publisher: University of Minnesota Press
Overview: Tukufu Zuberi traces the historical links between the concept of race and the birth of social statistics, arguing that race-differentiated data are routinely misinterpreted in the social sciences. He contends that statistical analysis must be deracialized to achieve social justice.
Acc. No: 103730
Call No: 305.800727 ZUB-T



The Ideal of Equality

Editor: Clayton, Matthew; Williams, Andrew
Publisher: Palgrave Macmillan
Overview: This volume brings together key essays by leading political philosophers including Rawls, Dworkin, Nagel, Parfit, Scanlon, Cohen, and Temkin on the central debate over how to formulate an egalitarian theory of distributive justice. The collection explores the diversity of objections to inequality, the distinction between equality and priority, the "levelling down" objection, and the foundations of equal opportunity for welfare.
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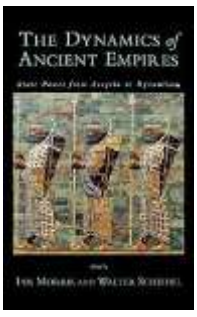
Dalit Aur Prakrati (Hindi)

Author: Mukul Sharma
Publisher: Vani Prakashan
Overview: The present book focuses on the inclusion of caste and Dalits in discussions of nature and the environment in India, and explores, for the first time in environmental studies, the complex interrelationships between caste, power, Brahmanism, and Dalit voices.
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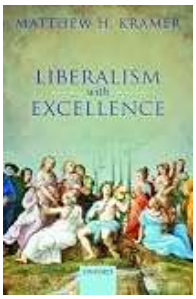
Planted Flags: Trees, Land, and Law in Israel/Palestine

Author: Braverman, Irus
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Overview: Irus Braverman examines how the seemingly mundane acts of planting and cultivating trees specifically pine forests and olive groves have become acts of war in Israel/Palestine. Through an ethnographic study involving officials, lawyers, and farmers, the book reveals how the natural landscape is polarised, legally mediated, and used to reinforce national claims to the land.
Acc. No: 103897
Call No: 306.095694 BRA-P



The Dynamics of Ancient Empires: State Power from Assyria to Byzantium

Editor: Ian Morris, Walter Scheidel
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Overview: This volume brings together leading scholars to compare the fundamental features of ancient empires in the western Old World from Neo-Assyria and Achaemenid Persia to Athens, Rome, and Byzantium filling a gap in cross-cultural historical analysis. Through case studies and an evolutionary psychology framework, it explores the mechanisms of state formation, imperial predation, and the dynamics of ancient state power.
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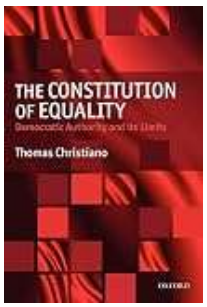
Liberalism with Excellence

Author: Matthew H. Kramer
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Overview: Matthew H. Kramer intervenes in the long-running debate between liberal neutralists and perfectionists by reconceiving both sides, arguing that certain government subsidies promoting human excellence are legitimate while also sharply critiquing existing perfectionist theories. He ultimately develops an "aspirational perfectionism" that is reconcilable with a suitably amplified Rawlsianism, thereby transforming the insights of both camps.
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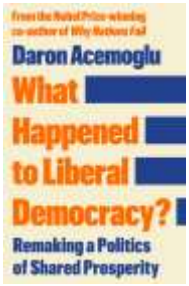
Liberalism without Perfection

Author: Jonathan Quong
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Overview: Jonathan Quong rejects liberal perfectionism the view that the state should promote autonomy and valuable ways of life and instead defends political liberalism, arguing that the state must remain neutral on what constitutes the good life. Drawing on the work of John Rawls, he develops a distinctive account of public justification, public reason, and the status of unreasonable persons, showing how political principles can be legitimate only if they are publicly justifiable to reasonable people.
Acc. No: 103804
Call No: 320.51 QUO-L



The Constitution of Equality: Democratic Authority and Its Limits

Author: Thomas Christiano
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Overview: Thomas Christiano provides a philosophical account of the moral foundations of democracy and liberalism, arguing that both are grounded in the principle of public equality the requirement that we treat persons as equals in ways they can recognize. He uses this framework to explain the authority of democratic decisions, the nature of public deliberation, and the specific conditions under which democratic authority legitimately runs out.
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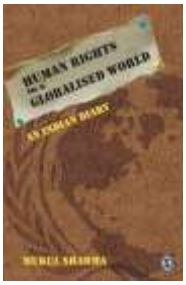
What Happened to Liberal Democracy? Remaking a Politics of Shared Prosperity

Author: Daron Acemoglu
Publisher: Profile books
Overview: Nobel laureate Daron Acemoglu charts the rise and fall of liberal democracy, arguing that its crisis stems not from external enemies but from its own failure to deliver on three core promises: shared prosperity, democratic self-governance, and the free pursuit of knowledge.
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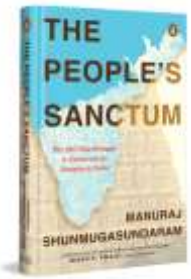
It Started with Words: The Epidemic of Hate Speech in New India

Author: Harsh Mander
Publisher: Speaking Tiger Books
Overview: Human rights activist Harsh Mander examines how hate speech in India has moved from the political fringe to the centre of public life since 2014, creating a climate in which minorities are boycotted, evicted, and met with violence. Drawing on case studies, including his own legal efforts after the 2020 Delhi riots, Mander asks whether the law can still protect the vulnerable or has become a weapon of the powerful.
Acc. No: 103817
Call No: 323.44 MAN-I



Human Rights in a Globalised World: An Indian Diary

Author: Mukul Sharma
Publisher: SAGE Publications
Overview: Mukul Sharma examines the complex landscape of human rights in an era of economic globalisation, political reconfiguration, and rising inequality, focusing on India, China, and South Asia. The book analyses the evolving roles of state and non-state actors, the ambiguous human rights commitments of emerging global powers, and the precarious situation of human rights defenders in the region.
Acc. No: 103903
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The People's Sanctum: The 100-Year Struggle to Democratize Temples in India

Author: Manuraj Shunmugasundaram
Publisher: Vintage
Overview: It traces the century-long struggle to democratize Hindu temples in India, beginning with the 1924 Vaikom Satyagraha against caste-based restrictions on public roads. He argues that this movement, alongside Ambedkar's constitutional drafting of Article 25(2), established intra-religious equality as a core principle of Indian secularism, leading to state legislation enabling priests from all castes.
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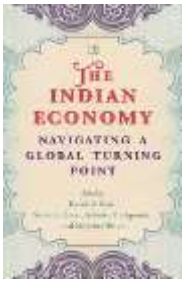
The Limits of Universal Rule: Eurasian Empires Compared

Author: Yuri Pines, Michal Biran, Jörg Rüpke
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
Overview: This volume offers a systematic comparative study of major Eurasian empires from Achaemenid Iran and Rome to the Mughals and Qing China exploring the ideological, ecological, and military factors that drove their expansion and eventual contraction. Leading specialists analyse how these empires conceived of "universal rule" and the spatial limits they inevitably encountered.
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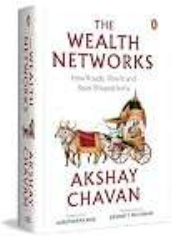
Bridging The Gulf: The Remaking of the India-UAE Relationship

Author: Navdeep Suri
Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers
Overview: Navdeep Suri, India's former Ambassador to the UAE, draws on his diplomatic experience and archival research to trace the centuries-old trade, migration, and cultural ties that evolved into one of India's most vital strategic partnerships. The book examines the commercial foundations laid by western India's historic links with the Gulf, the role of the Indian rupee and the gold trade, and the personalities and negotiations behind the modern alliance.
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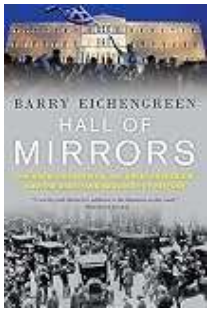
The Indian Economy: Navigating a Global Turning Point

Author: Kaushik Basu and Sonalde Desai
Publisher: Simon and Schuster
Overview: This collection of essays assesses India's economic journey from post-independence planning and the 1990s liberalization to today's dilemmas as a lower-middle-income market economy. Leading economists and policymakers examine how India can leverage its demographic scale, technological capabilities, and geopolitical opening to create good jobs and share the gains of globalization more widely.
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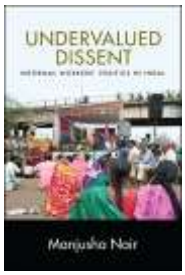
The Wealth Networks: How Roads, Rivers, and Seas Shaped India

Author: Akshay Chavan
Publisher: Penguin Business
Overview: Akshay Chavan reexamines Indian history through the movement of wealth across roads, rivers, and seas, tracing the routes that connected cities, ports, and pilgrimage towns. Rather than focusing on dynasties and kings, the book reveals how geographical networks of trade and travel shaped the location of monumental architecture, the wealth of temples, and the strategic importance of ancient sites.
Acc. No: 103832
Call No: 330.954 CHA-W



Hall of Mirrors: The Great Depression, the Great Recession, and the Uses—and Misuses of history

Author: Barry Eichengreen
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Overview: Barry Eichengreen provides a comparative history of the Great Depression and the Great Recession, weaving the two crises together to analyse their bubble-fuelled build-ups, financial collapses, policy responses, and recoveries. He argues that while policymakers learned from the 1930s to prevent the worst after 2008, they misapplied those lessons, leading to a failure to recognize how financial markets had fundamentally changed.
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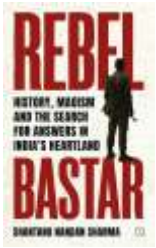
Undervalued Dissent: Informal Workers' Politics in India

Author: Manjusha Nair
Publisher: Meena Book Publications
Overview: Manjusha Nair compares two informal workers' movements in Chhattisgarh to explain why one succeeded in 1977 and another failed after 1989, despite similar backgrounds and demands. She argues that neoliberal reforms de-democratized labour politics by replacing a state that tolerated dissent with a decentralized, predatory, and communalised state that pre-empts democratic spaces.
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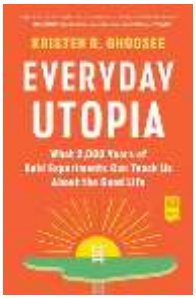
Fiscal Fables: A Citizen's Guide to Public Finance

Author: Sarthak Pradhan and Pranay Kotasthane
Publisher: Penguin Business
Overview: The book demystify India's public finances for a lay audience, explaining core concepts like taxation, government spending, fiscal deficits, and federalism through relatable stories. The book addresses everyday debates from north-south resource claims to GST disputes and municipal funding to help citizens understand the economic choices governments make with public money.
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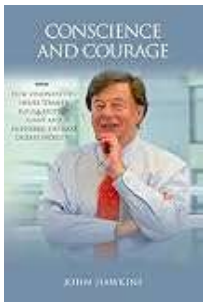
Rebel Bastar: History, Maoism and the Search for Anwers in India's Heartland

Author: Shantanu Nandan Sharma
Publisher: Hachette India
Overview: Rich in reportage and historical insight, *Rebel* Bastar examines how armed movements in India's heartland embedded within its tight indigenous societies, why they endured and whether their decline is only conditional.
Acc. No: 103761
Call No: 335.430954 SHA-R



Everyday Utopia: What 2,000 Years of Wild Experiments Can Teach Us About the Good Life

Author: Kristen R. Ghodsee
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
Overview: Kristen R. Ghodsee explores 2,000 years of utopian experiments from Pythagoras's ancient commune to modern cohousing and ecovillages to argue that radical alternatives to the traditional nuclear family can create more connected and contented lives. The book offers a hopeful vision for rethinking how we live together, share resources, and raise children.
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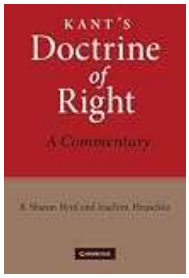
Conscience and Courage: How Visionary CEO Henri Termeer Built a Biotech Giant and Pioneered the Rare Disease Industry

Author: John Hawkins
Publisher: Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press
Overview: John Hawkins chronicles how Henri Termeer transformed Genzyme from a fledgling start-up into a biotech giant and pioneered the rare disease industry by putting patients before profits. Drawing on Termeer's 28-year career, the book reveals the iconoclastic leadership philosophy and patient-centered drug development model that brought hope to thousands of forgotten patients.
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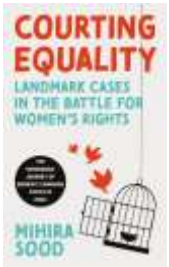
Models in Microeconomic Theory

Author: Martin Osborne, Ariel Rubinstein
Publisher: Open Book Publishers
Overview: The book focuses on the concepts of model and equilibrium. It states models and results precisely and provides proofs for all results. It uses only elementary mathematics (with almost no calculus), although many of the proofs involve sustained logical arguments. It includes about 150 exercises.
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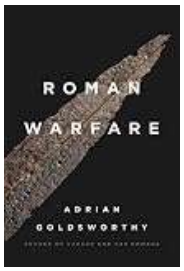
Kant's Doctrine of Right: A Commentary

Author: B. Sharon Byrd and Joachim Hruschka
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
Overview: This commentary provides a clear, section-by-section guide through Kant's Doctrine of Right (1797), analysing his system of individual rights from the original innate right to external freedom through to property, contract, and family claims. It explains Kant's terminology, method, and ideas considering his intellectual environment, aiming to ground lasting international peace through the idea of the juridical state (Rechtsstaat).
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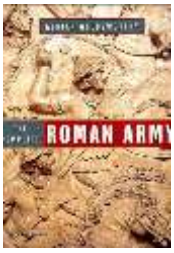
Courting Equality: Landmark Cases in the Battle for Women's Rights

Author: Mihira Sood
Publisher: Juggernaut Books
Overview: Lawyer Mihira Sood traces five decades of landmark women's rights cases in India, from the Mathura rape case and Shah Bano to the Nirbhaya movement and Sabarimala, placing them within the social and political movements that shaped them. The book examines both the promise of law and its limitations as a vehicle for social change, arguing that legal reform alone cannot secure lived equality for women.
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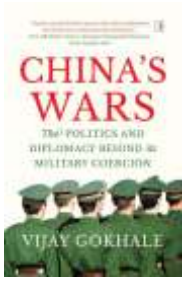
Roman Warfare

Author: Adrian Goldsworthy
Publisher: Basic Books
Overview: Adrian Goldsworthy traces over a thousand years of Roman military history, explaining how Rome's relentless pursuit of total victory and its genius for absorbing conquered peoples built one of the most enduring empires in history. This concise yet comprehensive account examines the tactics, organization, and ferocity that made the Roman army the most professional fighting force of the ancient world.
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The Complete Roman Army

Author: Adrian Goldsworthy
Publisher: Thames & Hudson
Overview: The Roman army was one of the most successful fighting forces in history. Its organization and tactics were highly advanced and would not be equalled again until the modern era while spectacular monuments to its perseverance and engineering skill are still visible today.
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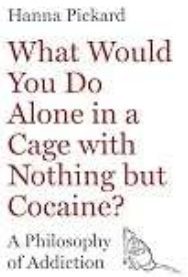
China's Wars: The Politics and Diplomacy Behind Its Military Coercion

Author: Vijay Gokhale
Publisher: Simon and Schuster
Overview: Former Indian Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale analyses the politics and diplomacy driving China's military coercion, examining case studies from the 1950s to the present. He argues that Beijing consistently portrays itself as a victim of aggression to justify the use of force and absolve itself of blame, making its strategic behaviour formidable to counter.
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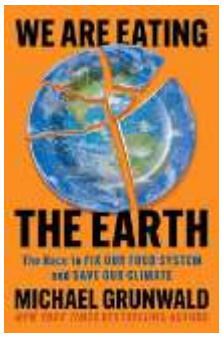
Staying Alive

Author: Ramani Atkuri
Publisher: Pan Macmillan
Overview: Staying Alive challenges, us to envision a nation where the right to health is not a luxury for the few but the right of every citizen, regardless of where they live.
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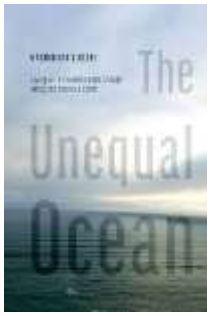
What Would You Do Alone in a Cage with Nothing but Cocaine? A Philosophy of Addiction

Author: Hanna Pickard
Publisher: Princeton University Press
Overview: Hanna Pickard proposes a new paradigm for understanding addiction that rejects the false dichotomy between brain disease and moral failing, arguing instead for a heterogeneous, humanistic model grounded in philosophy, clinical practice, and the voices of people who use drugs. She explores why people use drugs to cope, self-harm, or even die, and develops an ethics of "responsibility without blame" for treating addiction.
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Call No: 362.29 PIC-W



We Are Eating the Earth: The Race to Fix Our Food System and Save Our Climate

Author: Michael Grunwald
Publisher: Simon and Schuster
Overview: Michael Grunwald investigates how global agriculture which has cleared a landmass the size of Asia and Europe combined and generates a third of carbon emissions threatens to fry the planet even if fossil fuels are eliminated. centred on food and land expert Tim Searchinger, the book critiques misguided "green" solutions while highlighting real innovations, from miracle crops to genetically edited cattle, that could help grow more food on less land.
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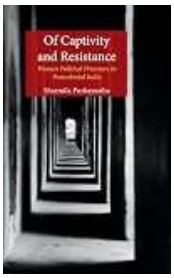
The Unequal Ocean: Living with Environmental Change along the Peruvian Coast

Author: Maximilian Viatori
Publisher: The University of Arizona Press
Overview: The author analyses a multitude of timely topics, including waves and coastal development, the circulation of ocean waste, El Niño warming events, and the extraction of jumbo squid. This book also addresses expanding scholarly interest in the world's oceans as sites for thinking about social inequities, environmental politics, and multispecies relationships.
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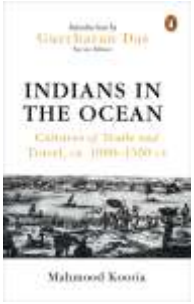
London Falling: A Mysterious Death in a Gilded City and a Family's Search for Truth

Author: Patrick Radden Keefe
Publisher: Picador
Overview: Patrick Radden Keefe investigates the 2019 death of teenager Zac Brettler, who fell from a luxury London apartment building after leading a double life posing as the son of a Russian oligarch. The book follows his grieving parents' dangerous quest for truth through the city's underworld of dirty money, deception, and corruption, while examining the nature of parental love and the struggle to truly know one's child.
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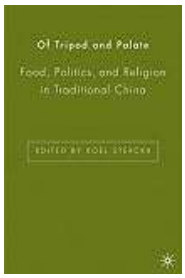
Of Captivity and Resistance: Women Political Prisoners in Postcolonial India

Author: Sharmila Purkayastha
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
Overview: Sharmila Purkayastha offers a historical and political study of women's experiences of dissent and detention in postcolonial India, focusing primarily on the Naxalite movement (1967–75) and the Emergency (1975–77). By tracing women's transformation from marginal political participants to resistant detainees, the book evaluates the gendered dimensions of radical politics, state violence, and testimonial literature on carcerality.
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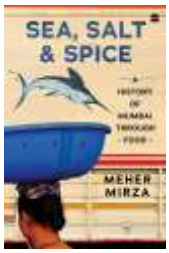
Indians in the Ocean: Cultures of Trade and Travel c. 1000-1500

Author: Mahmood Kooria
Publisher: Penguin Business
Overview: Mahmood Kooria traces the history of Indian traders and travellers navigating the Indian Ocean between 1000 and 1500 CE, exploring how their journeys for profit, adventure, and knowledge shaped subcontinental society, material life, and the production of oceanic knowledge. Drawing on multilingual historical sources, the book reconstructs the experiences of these maritime actors during an era when the ocean served as the principal highway linking communities across continents.
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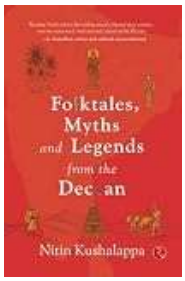
Of Tripod and Palate: Food, Politics, and Religion in Traditional China

Editor: R. Sterckx
Publisher: Palgrave Macmillan
Overview: This interdisciplinary volume examines the relationship between secular and religious food culture in traditional China, exploring how sacrifices, banquets, and dietary codes shaped social, political, and religious life. Contributors analyse how culinary activity fasting and feasting governed human relationships and mediated communication between humans and the spirit world across Confucian, Daoist, and Buddhist traditions.
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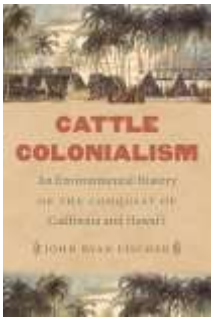
Sea, Salt and Spice: A History of Mumbai through Food

Author: Meher Mirza
Publisher: Picador
Overview: Richly illustrated with maps, photographs and archival texts, *Sea, Salt and Spice* blends scholarship with storytelling, wit with insight. This is not a guide to what to eat or where to eat it, but a spirited biography of a city - one that finally gives Mumbai, and its food, their due.
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Folktales, Myths and Legends from The Deccan

Author: Kushalappa, Nitin
Publisher: Rupa Publications India Pvt. Ltd.
Overview: Nitin Kushalappa gathers ten powerful narratives from the Deccan's vibrant oral storytelling traditions, spanning heroic ballads, sung epics, and possession rituals across diverse linguistic and cultural regions. The collection brings together local heroes worshipped as deities, immortalized warriors, and tales of forbidden love, alongside an ethnographic exploration of the seven mother-goddesses.
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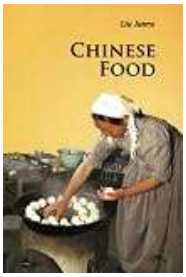
Cattle Colonialism: An Environmental History of the Conquest of California and Hawai'i

Author: John Ryan Fischer
Publisher: The University of North Carolina Press
Overview: Environmental historians have too often overlooked California and Hawai'i, despite the roles the regions played in the colonial ranching frontiers of the Pacific World. In Cattle Colonialism, John Ryan Fischer significantly enlarges the scope of the American West by examining the trans-Pacific transformations these animals wrought on local landscapes and native economies.
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The Second Orbit: Belief of a Man . . . Dream of 1.4 Billion Hearts

Author: Shubhanshu Shukla
Publisher: Vintage
Overview: In The Second Orbit, Shubhanshu Shukla strips away the spectacle of space travel to reveal something far more powerful, the inner battle to keep believing when everything pushes you to stop.
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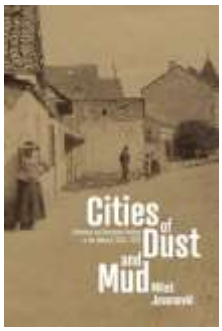
Chinese Food

Author: Liu Junru
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
Overview: Liu Junru traces the development of China's unique food and drink culture from ancient times to the modern era, exploring culinary traditions, regional variations, and advanced techniques. The book highlights the Chinese belief that food is not merely for sustenance but signifies good fortune and is crucial to health, offering an illustrated gastronomic tour of this globally enjoyed cuisine.
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The Cambridge Companion to Queer Studies

Author: Siobhan B. Somerville
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
Overview: This Companion provides a guide to queer inquiry in literary and cultural studies, with essays representing new and emerging areas including transgender studies, indigenous studies, disability studies, queer of colour critique, performance studies, and digital culture. Rather than organizing around a fixed set of literary texts, it foregrounds a queer critical approach that moves across literary traditions, genres, historical periods, national contexts, and media.
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Cities of Dust and Mud: Urbanism and Bourgeois Fantasy in the Balkans, 1820-1920

Author: Miloš Jovanović
Publisher: Stanford University Press
Overview: Miloš Jovanović examines the social costs of urban modernization in Belgrade and Sofia between 1820 and 1920, revealing how the bourgeois dream of transforming Ottoman towns into European capitals relied on dispossession, ethnic cleansing, and brutal labour control. By centering working people and their nostalgia for the Ottoman city, the book offers a critical history of Balkan modernization and the role of fantasy in capitalist societies.
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Call No: 711.409496 JOV-C



Care and Administration of Heritage Monuments in India (1784-1904)

Author: Dhirendra Kumar Pant
Publisher: Aryan Books International
Overview: Dhirendra Kumar Pant examines the archival evolution of British colonial heritage policy from the East India Company era through Lord Curzon's Ancient Monuments Preservation Act of 1904. Drawing on National Archives of India records, the institutional history details early governmental initiatives, legislative debates, administrative frameworks, and structural interventions designed to inventory and preserve India's architectural monuments.
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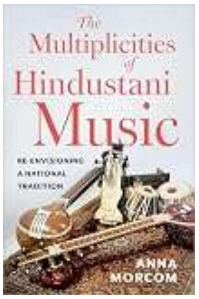
The Secret History of Wonder Woman

Author: Jill Lepore
Publisher: Scribe Publications
Overview: Jill Lepore uncovers the secret history of Wonder Woman by examining the unconventional life of her creator, William Moulton Marston, and the feminist and suffragist influences that shaped the character. The book argues that Wonder Woman is a missing link in the history of the struggle for women's rights, tracing a chain of events from early twentieth-century suffrage campaigns to contemporary feminism.
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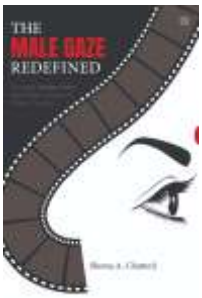
Understanding a Photograph

Author: John Berger
Publisher: Penguin Classics
Overview: Curated and introduced by Geoff Dyer, this selection gathers John Berger's most original essays and uncollected writings on photography, probing the work of photographers like Henri Cartier-Bresson and W. Eugene Smith with fierce engagement and tenderness. The collection explores how we see the world around us and how photographs shape our understanding of the lives they capture.
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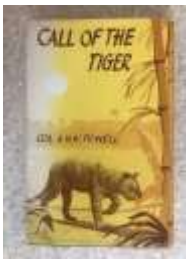
The Multiplicities of Hindustani Music: Re-envisioning a National Tradition

Author: Anna Morcom
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Overview: Anna Morcom challenges the conventional framing of Hindustani music as a singular classical tradition, tracing its historical entanglements with popular, devotional, and commercial forms across the twentieth century. By approaching the music from beyond geographical and social centers, she argues that its vitality lies not in purity or exclusivity but in its interdependence with a wider spectrum of musical practices, including lighter genres that enabled social mobility for rural and lower-income students.
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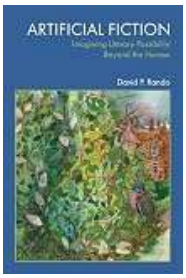
The Male Gaze Redefined: Through Mother India and Other Classics of Indian Cinema

Author: Shoma A. Chatterji
Publisher: Hachette
Overview: The book examines how nine male Indian directors including Mehboob Khan, Ritwik Ghatak, Satyajit Ray, and Shyam Benegal have constructed women on screen, drawing on and pushing beyond Laura Mulvey's theory of the male gaze. She argues that these filmmakers' portrayals often defy the exploitative stereotype, tracing this defiance to their literary sources, personal ideologies, and the positioning of women in their narratives.
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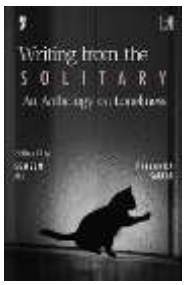
Call of the Tiger

Author: A. N. W. Powell
Publisher: Robert Hale
Overview: A.N.W. Powell recounts his shikar adventures across the Indian subcontinent, detailing his early mistakes and eventual mastery of the art of calling up tigers. Written for aspiring sportsmen and nostalgic veterans of British India, the book captures the thrill of hunting big game from the Himalayas to the Nilgiris, concluding with a chapter of controversial "Thirty Questions" on hunting lore.
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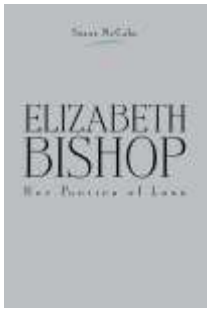
Artificial Fiction: Imagining Literary Possibility Beyond the Human

Author: David P. Rando
Publisher: Edinburgh University Press
Overview: David P. Rando imagines "artificial fiction" that represents the world in creatively nonhuman ways, challenging how we define and value fiction itself. Through fresh readings of works from Middlemarch to Frankenstein, he explores new realisms, new modernisms, and new genres that present nonhuman epistemologies, pleasures, and experiences, while also asking what remains distinctive and valuable about human fiction.
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Writing From the Solitary: An Anthology of Loneliness

Editor: Priyanka Sarkar And Semeen Ali
Publisher: Simon and Schuster
Overview: Writing from the Solitary: An Anthology on Loneliness, edited by Priyanka Sarkar and Semeen Ali, collates twenty-three voices pondering over the feeling of loneliness. Featuring poems, essays, and short stories, the collection brings the daunting subject into the foreground: not as something that needs to be resolved, rather to be deliberated upon.
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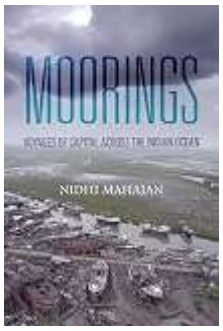
Elizabeth Bishop: Her Poetics of Loss

Author: Susan McCabe
Publisher: Pennsylvania State University Press
Overview: Susan McCabe examines Elizabeth Bishop's poetry, prose, and unpublished material to reveal how personal loss particularly the early death of her father and her mother's madness shapes her vision of a fluid, unfixed self. McCabe argues that Bishop's writing challenges modernist claims of impersonal art, instead calling attention to the processes of language that construct identity and foregrounding loss in connection with gender and a feminist poetics.
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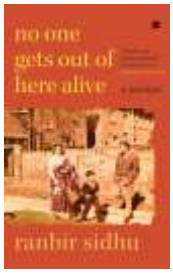
The Deadline: Essays

Author: Jill Lepore
Publisher: Liveright Publishing Corporation
Overview: This collection gathers Jill Lepore's astonishing essays from *The New Yorker*, offering a prismatic portrait of American techno-utopianism, political fractiousness, and the personal losses that haunt her life. Moving seamlessly between urgent constitutional analysis, cultural scrutiny of items like Bratz dolls, and meditations on mortality, the book challenges the very nature of the essay and of history itself.
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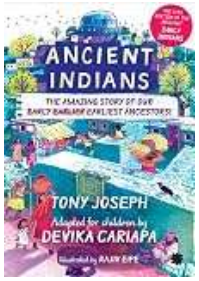
Moorings: Voyages of Capital across the Indian Ocean

Author: Nidhi Mahajan
Publisher: University of California Press
Overview: Nidhi Mahajan follows sailors from the Gulf of Kachchh as they voyage across the Indian Ocean on mechanized wooden dhows, showing how these voyages produce capital through spatial, moral, material, and conceptual moorings. Based on historical and ethnographic research aboard ships and at ports, the book examines the social worlds of Muslim seafarers navigating colonialism, neoliberalism, Hindutva, and climate change, revealing how capitalism derives value from practices grounded in caste, gender, and transregional community regulation.
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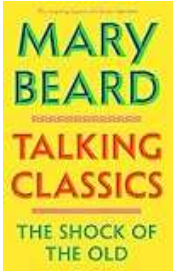
No one gets out of here alive

Author: Ranbir Singh Sidhu
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
Overview: Following the deaths of his parents, Ranbir Singh Sidhu journeys from his working-class London childhood to California and rural Punjab to understand who they were and who they might have been without the trauma of Partition and patriarchal constraints. Blending memoir, essay, travelogue, and history, he explores how the cultural demand for *sharam* (shame) deforms lives and unmakes the region of Punjab.
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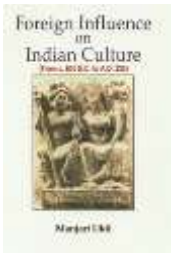
Ancient Indians: The Amazing Story of our Early, Earlier, Earliest Ancestors

Author: Tony Joseph and Devika Cariapa
Publisher: Juggernaut Books
Overview: The book takes young readers on a high-speed adventure across deep time, tracing the story of India's earliest inhabitants from giant prehistoric beasts and archaic humans to the arrival of the first Homo sapiens 65,000 years ago. Through the detective work of scientists examining bones, fossils, ancient DNA, and languages, the book explores how these early migrants survived and eventually became the billion-strong nation of today.
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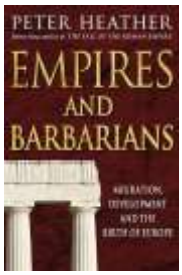
Talking Classics: The Shock of the Old

Author: Mary Beard
Publisher: Profile
Overview: Mary Beard explores the enduring fascination with the ancient world, arguing that Classics belongs to neither the political left nor the right and that no one owns the past. Drawing on her own childhood encounter with a 4,000-year-old piece of bread, she makes a case for the "shock of the old" and the value of grappling with complicated, controversial things through the study of antiquity.
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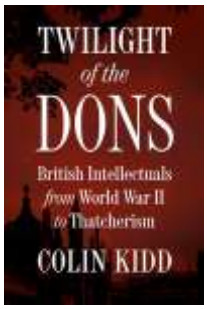
Foreign Influence on Indian Culture

Author: Manjari Ukil
Publisher: Originals
Overview: Manjari Ukil examines the cultural interactions between India and its western neighbours from c. 600 B.C. to A.D. 320, tracing the traces left by foreigners on Indian social life, fine arts, and religion. The book presents a picture of the cross-fertilization of ideas during a formative period of Indian history.
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Empires and Barbarians: Migration, Development and the Birth of Europe

Author: Peter Heather
Publisher: Pan Books
Overview: Peter Heather traces the dramatic transformation of western Eurasia over the first millennium AD, explaining how the sophisticated Roman Empire and the loosely organised barbarian societies of northern Europe converged to create a new commonwealth of Christian states. The book argues that mass migration and socio-economic development, rather than a simple "fall," were the driving forces behind the birth of Europe itself.
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Twilight of the Dons: British Intellectuals from World War II to Thatcherism

Author: Colin Kidd
Publisher: Princeton University Press
Overview: It examines the golden age of Britain's Oxford- and Cambridge-based intellectual elites the dons from World War II to the 1980s, exploring how their cozy connections to power waned under the assaults of student radicals and Thatcherism. Through episodes like the Kennedy assassination debates and the rise of sociology, Kidd reveals how these academics functioned as an "estate of the realm" until deference to them declined.
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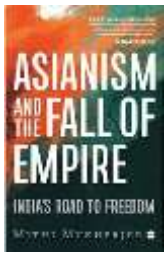
The Descent: Witnessing Russia's Spiral into Madness Under Putin

Author: Marc Bennetts
Publisher: Bloomsbury Continuum
Overview: Marc Bennetts, a British foreign correspondent who lived in Russia for twenty-five years, chronicles the country's descent into totalitarianism, paranoia, and madness under Putin through personal memoir and on-the-ground reporting. From the chaotic 1990s in Moscow to narrowly escaping death in Ukraine, he shows how propaganda warped minds and how a power-hungry leader reshaped an entire nation.
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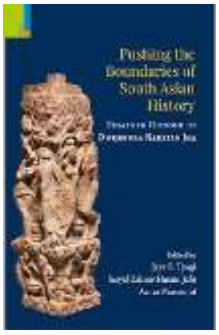
One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This

Author: Omar El Akkad
Publisher: Canongate
Overview: In this National Book Award-winning nonfiction debut, journalist and novelist Omar El Akkad reckons with the betrayal of Western ideals, arguing that the West has never intended to treat certain groups Arabs, Muslims, immigrants, and others outside the boundaries of privilege as fully human.
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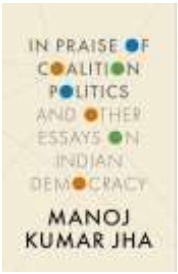
Asianism and the Fall of Empire: India's Road to Freedom

Author: Mithi Mukherjee
Publisher: Harper Collins
Overview: As Asian powers become central to global politics once again in the twenty-first century, Mithi Mukherjee's timely and perceptive book traces India's historical relations with its neighbours and presents a strong case for transnational solidarities against ethnonationalist discourses.
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Pushing the Boundaries of South Asian History: Essays in Honour of Dwijendra Narayan Jha

Editor: Jaya S. Tyagi, Saiyid Zaher Husain Jafri, Amar Farooqui
Publisher: Primus Books
Overview: This festschrift honours historian Dwijendra Narayan Jha with essays that push at the spatial, chronological, and conceptual boundaries of South Asian history, drawing attention to liminal areas and retrieving histories that slip through the gaps between conventional periodization's. Organised into four sections, the volume demonstrates the fluid, connected, and deeply entangled nature of past societies and the new ways historians can retrieve them.
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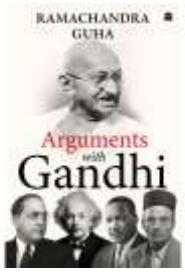
In Praise of Coalition Politics and Other Essays on Indian Democracy

Author: Manoj Kumar Jha
Publisher: Speaking Tiger
Overview: Manoj Kumar Jha offers a collection of essays interrogating the state of Indian democracy after a decade of majoritarian rule, addressing the dismantling of constitutional safeguards, the marginalization of minorities, and the retreat of federalism. The lead essay argues that the 2024 Lok Sabha election's return of coalition politics points to the essentially inclusive nature of India's democracy, making a case for plurality and social justice over uniformity.
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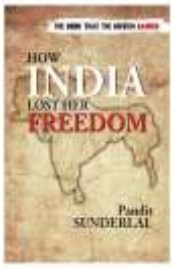
Thumb Printed: Champaran Indigo Peasants Speak to Gandhi

Editor: Megha Todi Shahid Amin, Tridip Suhrud
Publisher: National Archives of India
Overview: In April 1917, Gandhi arrived in Champaran, Bihar, to investigate the plight of indigo peasants, prompting his associates to record their testimonies in Bhojpuri, which were translated on the spot into English. This volume presents these rare first-person narratives, authenticated by the peasants' thumb-impressions, offering a vivid window into their lived experience of exploitation and resistance.
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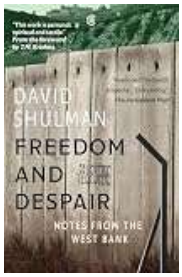
Arguments with Gandhi

Author: Ramachandra Guha
Publisher: Fourth Estate
Overview: Ramachandra Guha uses Mahatma Gandhi's legacy as a pivot to present a moral and political history of the modern world, examining Gandhi's fierce debates with contemporaries like Ambedkar, Savarkar, and Einstein on non-violence, caste, religion, and economics. The book foregrounds enduring questions about resisting tyranny and combating discrimination, showing how Gandhi's ideas were tested and refined through argument.
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Call No: 954.035092 GUH-A



How India Lost Her Freedom

Author: Pandit Sunderlal
Publisher: Popular Prakashan
Overview: Originally written in Hindi in 1929, freedom fighter Pandit Sunderlal's account vigorously exposes the dubious methods through which the British East India Company slowly penetrated and subjugated native Indian kingdoms to establish an empire. The book provides a detailed picture of India prior to British rule while focusing on the crucial events and treaties that led to the loss of Indian sovereignty.
Acc. No: 103734
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Freedom and Despair: Notes from the West Bank

Author: David Shulman
Publisher: Context, an imprint of Westland Books
Overview: An Israeli peace activist and Indologist, offers vivid firsthand reports from the occupied West Bank, interweaving powerful field stories with deep meditations on evil, freedom, and the perseverance of activism. Through encounters with Palestinian shepherds, farmers, and Israeli volunteers engaged in nonviolent resistance, he suggests a model for ordinary people everywhere who refuse to be silent or passive.
Acc. No: 103819
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A History of Nigeria

Author: Toyin Falola, Matthew M. Heaton
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Overview: Toyin Falola and Matthew Heaton provide a comprehensive history of Nigeria, tracing the country's trajectory from its early states and pre-colonial societies through British colonial rule to independence and the challenges of statehood. By examining key themes such as slavery, religion, nationalism, and the oil economy, the authors explain the historical roots of Nigeria's persistent ethnic conflicts, political instability, and corruption.
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Understanding Modern Nigeria: Ethnicity, Democracy, and Development

Author: Toyin Falola
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
Overview: Toyin Falola provides a comprehensive introduction to modern Nigeria, exploring how British colonialism created the foundations for the country's deep ethnic divisions, federal political system, and religious pluralism. By examining the historical roots of contemporary challenges like corruption, poverty, and violence, the book offers critical insights and policy recommendations for Nigeria's future development.
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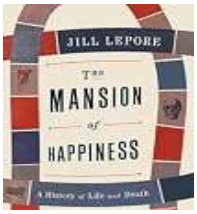
The Kissinger Tapes: Inside His Secretly Recorded Phone Conversations

Author: Tom Wells
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Overview: A richly detailed collection of transcripts of Henry Kissinger's secretly recorded phone conversations from his time in the Nixon administration that touch on every important issue of Kissinger's day and provide a sweeping view of his era. Read more.
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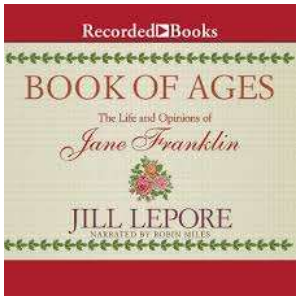
Backlash: Donald Trump and the Remaking of America

Author: Nirmal Ghosh
Publisher: World Scientific
Overview: Views of the United States of America globally are often as polarised as those within the United States itself. At this potentially critical juncture in America's history, *Backlash* probes the underlying tensions and proximate factors that have shaped America, that in recent history paved the way for the rise of Donald Trump, and that will continue to shape the future of this century's global hyperpower.
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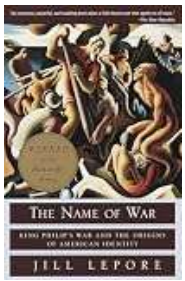
The Mansion of Happiness: A History of Life and Death

Author: Jill Lepore
Publisher: Vintage Books
Overview: Renowned Harvard scholar and New Yorker staff writer Jill Lepore has composed a strikingly original, ingeniously conceived, and beautifully crafted history of American ideas about life and death from before the cradle to beyond the grave.
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Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin

Author: Jill Lepore
Publisher: Vintage Books
Overview: Jill Lepore resurrects the life of Jane Franklin Mecom, Benjamin Franklin's youngest sister, using a cache of rediscovered letters, objects, and portraits to reveal a brilliant but forgotten woman who was a passionate reader and shrewd political commentator. The book offers a strikingly original vantage point on the founding of the United States, showing how gender and class shaped the very different traces the two siblings left behind.
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Call No: 973.3092 LEP-B



The name of war: king Philip's war and the origins of American identity

Author: Jill Lepore
Publisher: Vintage Books
Overview: Jill Lepore examines King Philip's War (1675–1676), the bloodiest conflict in American history proportionally, to show how the writing and remembering of the war hardened the boundaries between Native Americans and English colonists. She argues that the words used to describe the brutal conflict shaped a new American identity based on rigid racial and cultural divides that reverberated for centuries.
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