

## Hachette Highlights 2025:

# A Year in Review

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- *Insight Edge* by Vivek Banerji
- *Becoming Bangalore: Stories That Shaped a Hometown* by Roopa Pai
- *1975: The Year That Transformed Bollywood* by Pratik Majumdar
- *Forgotten Footprints* by Prateek Dasgupta

- *A Guide to Ayurvedic Remedies* by Dr. Sonica Krishnan
- *History of Medicine* by Smita Verma
- *Amazing Rituals of India* by Swayam Ganguly
- *World Geography* by Paromita Roy
- *Chambers Essential Guide to Indian Culture*
- *Quick & Concise Series*
- *Quick & Concise Biographies*

### Young Adult

- *Bee-Witched* by Aruna Sankaranarayanan and Brinda S. Narayan
- *Spotless* by Vibha Batra
- *Under the Wish-Fulfilling Tree* by Rohini Chowdhury

### Children's Fiction

- *Starstruck* by Rachna Chhabria
- *Homebound* by Rosemary Marandi
- *If Elephants Could Talk* by Ranjeeta Raam
- *Once Upon a Beginning: Incredible Origin Tales from India* by Nalini Ramachandran

### Children's Non-Fiction

- *Sardar Patel* by Mallika Ravikumar
- *From Root to Rain* by Sneha Verghese
- *From Sea to Sky* by Sneha Verghese

### Picture Books

- *Pushpa and the Pushpak Vimana* by Ishan Trivedi
- *The Damroo Man and the Monkey Gang* by Ishan Trivedi
- *Don't Do It For Candy* by Neil Flory, illustrated by Ra-ben Almeida
- *Bina the Bookworm* by Suhani Parikh, illustrated by Sharanbir Kaur

### International Titles

#### Fiction

- *Twice* by Mitch Albom
- *Circle of Days* by Ken Follett
- *The Artist* by Lucy Steeds

- *Saraswati* by Gurnaik Johal
- *The Land in Winter* by Andrew Miller
- *Endling* by Maria Reva
- *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall
- *The Names* by Florence Knapp
- *Never Flinch* by Stephen King
- *The Widow* by John Grisham
- *Proving Ground* by Michael Connelly
- *Remain* by Nicholas Sparks and M. Night Shyamalan
- *The Hallmarked Man* by Robert Galbraith
- *Invisible Helix* by Keigo Higashino
- *Onyx Storm* by Rebecca Yarros
- *Best Wishes from the Full Moon Coffee Shop* by Mai Mochizuki, trans. Jordan Taylor
- *The Dilemmas of Working Women* by Fumio Yamamoto, trans. Brian Bergstrom

## Non-Fiction

- *Finding My Way* by Malala Yousafzai
- *Poems & Prayers* by Matthew McConaughey
- *Heartbeats* by Björn Borg
- *The Warrior* by Christopher Clarey
- *The Bookshop Woman* by Nanako Hanada, trans. Cat Anderson
- *How to End a Story: Collected Diaries* by Helen Garner
- *Ocean* by David Attenborough and Colin Butfield
- *Native Nations* by Kathleen Duval
- *Every Living Thing* by Jason Roberts
- *Abundance* by Ezra Klein and Derek Thomson
- *My Head For A Tree* by Martin Goodman
- *Earth Shapers* by Maxim Samson
- *Forgotten* by Raja Shehadeh and Penny Johnson
- *1945: The Reckoning* by Phil Craig
- *38 Londres Street* by Philippe Sands

- ***Murderland*** by Caroline Fraser
- ***Test Cricket*** by Tim Wigmore
- ***Economica*** by Victoria Bateman
- ***House of Huawei*** by Eva Dou
- ***Waste Wars*** by Alexander Clapp
- ***Scorsese on Filmmaking and Faith*** by Martin Scorsese and Antonio Spadaro
- ***The Story of a Heart*** by Rachel Clarke
- ***Wisdom Takes Work*** by Ryan Holiday
- ***Click Here*** by Alex Schultz
- ***Tiny Experiments*** by Anne-Laure Le Cunff
- ***Confidence*** by Roxie Nafousi

**Local Titles**

**Adult Fiction**

**You Can't Be Serious!**

*by* **Prajwal Hegde**

*Can love brew in the most unexpected place, or will family legacies and modern ambitions tear them apart?*



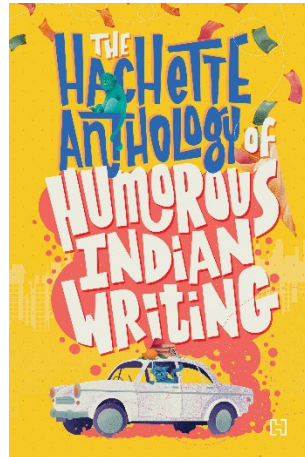
**December, 2025**

Aaditha Pratap is the brilliant, unapologetic mastermind behind India's trendiest café chain, 'Coffee Before Books & Bras' – because priorities, right? Sure, her family's fortune sparkles like new money does, but Asha is fiercely her own woman. She has absolutely no interest in being anyone's daughter, wife, or – cue the horror music – royal daughter-in-law. With her business booming, you'd think life would be all smooth lattes and soft book nooks, but nope. Trolls of the internet variety love to take a swipe at her, dredging up old scandals she'd much rather leave behind. Now, owing her dad a favour and under family pressure, Asha's considering... options. Even if one of those comes in the form of an incredibly charming, annoyingly exacting Indian prince.

Speaking of royals, Vedveer Rathore is an eco-warrior prince with a mission. He may have grown up playing polo and cricket under the royal sun, but after Harvard, he's back home and facing a harsh reality: his family's finances are, well, not so princely. When an international hotel chain dangles a tempting offer to turn the majestic riverside Ranibagh Palace into a luxury hotel, Vedveer isn't thrilled. But can this royal heartthrob find a way to save the palace without losing his heart in the process? In Prajwal Hegde's delightfully chaotic North-meets-South rom-com, love, family and tradition collide in the most charming and unpredictable ways. Buckle up for a wild ride full of laughter, heart and a little bit of royal scandal.

## **The Hachette Anthology of Humorous Indian Writing**

*Laughter comes in many languages.*



**December, 2025**

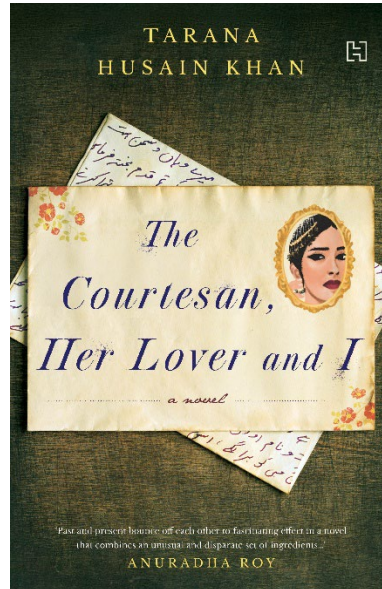
A desi tadka of fun, this collection brings together some of the best-known humorous writing from India. We peek into the oddities of governance, the absurdities of political situations, the circular comedy of debt and get-rich-quick schemes selling nothing, and the eternal hopes and exasperations of modern India and modern-ish Indians.

Spanning regions and eras, *The Hachette Anthology of Humorous Indian Writing* will be sure to keep you chuckling through the day and at the oddest of moments!

# The Courtesan, Her Lover and I

by Tarana Husain Khan

*Two women writers. Two centuries. A creative kinship.*



**November, 2025**

In the royal courts of nineteenth-century Rampur, courtesan–poet Munni Bai Hijab captivates the legendary Urdu poet Dagh Dehlvi, who immortalizes her in his verses while inadvertently eclipsing her voice.

More than a century later, Rukmini, an aspiring writer, stumbles upon Dagh’s letters in the archives of the Rampur Raza Library and finds herself drawn to the fierce, flickering presence of

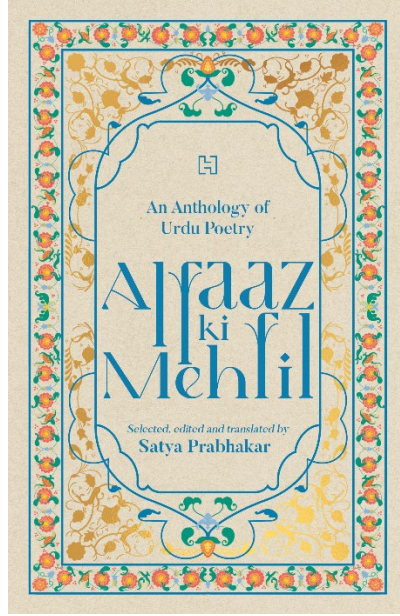
Munni Bai Hijab. Torn between worlds—a Hindu woman in a Muslim household, a cosmopolitan spirit in a conservative town—Rukmini begins to trace the forgotten threads of Hijab’s story, even as her own life starts to unravel. Her husband chases yet another doomed business idea. Her daughter walks away from medical school. And when her friendship with Daniyal, the stoic guardian of Rampur’s past, deepens into desire, Rukmini must confront her greatest fear: becoming her mother, the woman who once walked away from their family.

*The Courtesan, Her Lover and I* is a haunting novel of longing, ambition and women who dare to write themselves into history.

## Alfaaz ki Mehfil

*trans.* Satya Prabhakar

*A collection that captures the essence of Urdu's most poignant themes: love, loss, mysticism and revolution, while offering fresh, accessible translations.*



**November, 2025**

In this sincere collection of shers and ghazals, Satya Prabhakar brings to readers the beauty and fiery lyricism of a centuries-old poetic tradition.

Divided into five sections, *Alfaaz ki Mehfil* underscores love, loss, resistance and remembrance through the lens of literary stalwarts who have long defined the form. From the elegiac grace of Mir Taqi Mir and the wry melancholy of Ghalib to the sharper cadences of modern inheritors, such as Rahat Indori and Aleena Itrat, this accessible anthology traces the many moods and movements of the Urdu poetic imagination.

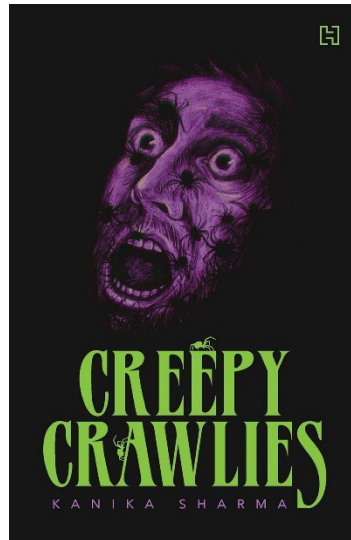


# Creepy Crawlies

by Kanika Sharma

*Something creepy hides in the cracks...*

*It's watching you, waiting to crawl out.*



**October, 2025**

In this unsettling anthology of psychological and supernatural horror, the line between the living and the demonic blurs, boundaries between nightmare and reality collapse, and sanity is only a mirage.

A boy returns from the asylum after years, and his neighbour's infant goes missing.

A reclusive homeowner begins to suspect the spiders in his house aren't intruders, but guardians.

In a chilling psychiatric interview, a young girl recounts why her brother had to die.

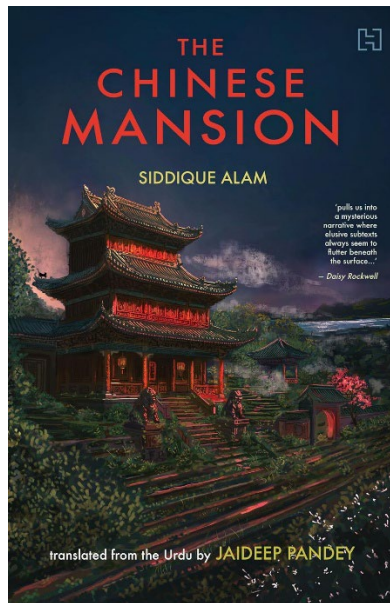
The darkly audacious stories in *Creepy Crawlies* twist the familiar into the grotesque. Drawing inspiration from ancient folklore, urban legends and the darkest corners of the human mind, this collection dares readers to peek behind the curtain with a fair warning that they may find something sinister watching from the dark.

# The Chinese Mansion

by Siddique Alam,

trans. Jaideep Pandey

*A profound reflection on the human condition in the shadow of loss, desire and decay.*



**August, 2024**

One night, a boy glimpses a dragon slipping into his bedroom – or thinks he does. The image lingers, strange and unshaken, like a riddle with no beginning and no end. Nearly two decades later, he is a lawyer in a quiet town in West Bengal, where days unfold in a hush of heat, dust and muffled lives. And across his street stands the crumbling and half-asleep Chinese Mansion, watching him as he watches it, as if the secrets it holds might one day explain his own.

By day, he navigates the ambiguous corridors of law. He defends a man accused of violating a child. He represents Aisha, a recently widowed woman fighting her family to claim her inheritance, drifting into a tentative companionship with her – never quite defined and always unfinished. He does not seek company, yet a few remain close: a retired sub-inspector who speaks to cats and his housekeeper with a murderer's past, both drawn into his orbit without ceremony or demand. The world, for him, doesn't fall apart, it simply dims and slips out of his reach every day.

Siddique Alam's *The Chinese Mansion* is a haunting meditation on the human soul caught in the crosshairs of grief and imagination. First published to critical and commercial acclaim in 2016, it reimagines storytelling with bold formal grace and dreamlike intensity. At once a study of small-town India and a deeper excavation of the human psyche, it moves through memory and myth, prejudice and longing, guided by a narrator whose vision grows more fractured and more revelatory with every page.

## Keeru

by Fauzia Rafique,

trans. Haider Shahbaz

*'We think insects are inferior, insignificant, but insects know how to survive; they are tough. Small, big, swimming, crawling, flying – there are more kinds of insects than we can count.'*



July, 2025

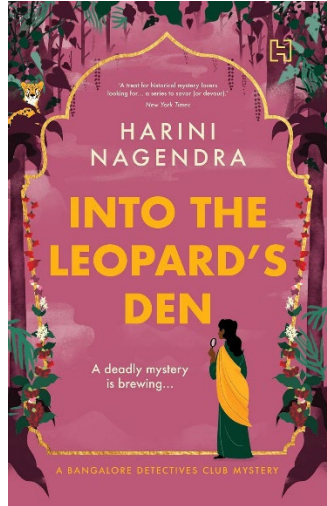
Muhammad Hussain Khan 'Keeru' – named after insects – has come a long way since Pakistan, where he was hounded for his caste, and almost beaten to death on false charges of blasphemy. Having escaped to Canada, he is the owner of a small business, but the past has an inexorable habit of haunting him even in the present.

Told from the perspectives of five characters, each tormented by their past and desperately in pursuit of a home, *Keeru* tells queer and feminist stories as it overturns familiar tropes about migration and family. This award-winning novella is a celebration of resilience and our power to find family, love and hope – sometimes a world away.

# Into the Leopard's Den

by Harini Nagendra

*Amateur detective Kaveri Murthy returns with her most complex case yet.*



July, 2025

Bangalore, 1922: Pregnant and confined to the house by her protective mother-in-law, Kaveri Murthy has resolved to take a break from detection. But when an elderly woman is stabbed at night and dies clutching a photograph of Kaveri while asking for her help—how can she refuse? Missing the assistance of her husband Ramu, who is working in Coorg, Kaveri investigates her new case with her able assistants, milk boy Venu and housemaid Anandi. They find a trail of secrets that lead them to suspect the killer may be in Coorg.

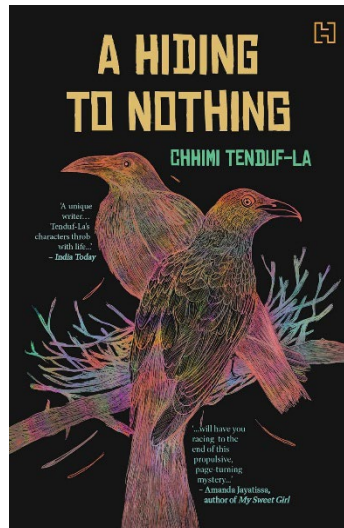
Eager to be reunited with her husband, Kaveri sets off to Coorg to investigate. When she arrives, she encounters a thorny thicket of cases. Why does a ghost leopard prowl the forests at night, terrorizing the plantation workers? And who is trying to kill Colonel Boyd, the Coffee King of Coorg? She finds suspects in every coffee bush and estate—from Boyd's surly plantation manager and security guard to the feuding brothers who own the neighboring plantation—and the many women the Coffee King has pursued and abandoned.

When two vulnerable children appeal for her help, Kaveri is drawn deeper into the case, becoming emotionally involved in finding the killer. Soon, one murder turns into two—and then a few days later into three. Now the killer has tasted blood and needs to be stopped. Racing against time, Kaveri must take on her most complex challenge so far, with the assistance of Anandi and Venu in Bangalore, and with Ramu and Inspector Ismail in Coorg. In this stunning new novel by an acclaimed master of the form, the Bangalore Detectives Club must find and expose a brutally intelligent killer before they strike again.

# A Hiding to Nothing

by Chhimi Tenduf-La

*Gripping and full of shocking twists, this thriller dives deep into the lengths parents will go to save their child – and themselves.*



July, 2025

In the gilded, claustrophobic circles of Sri Lanka's elite, appearances are everything – and secrets can be deadly. Neja and Ramesh must keep the incident out of the headlines and away from the prying eyes of entitled families, while navigating Neja's fraught relationship with an enemy close to home: her powerful mother-in-law.

Who would dare take Devin – and why?

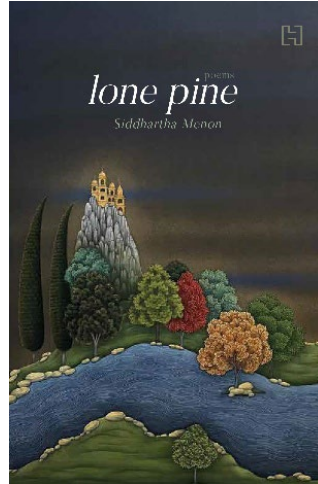
Is it the hunk of a swimming coach Neja gets too close to? Could it be the ghosts of their past – the ruthless creditors Ramesh deceived in a Ponzi scheme, now back for blood? Or is it the enigmatic Dr Haksar who helped them have a child? And what of the mysterious woman from the British High Commission, whose probing questions hint at knowledge she shouldn't possess? As the whispers grow louder, one name resurfaces with terrifying weight: Satya Basu. Is she back to settle an old score?

From Colombo's manicured gardens to Durham's cobblestone streets, acclaimed author Chhimi Tenduf-La unravels a suspenseful tale where the truth is elusive – and the cost of uncovering it may be too high to bear.

# Lone Pine

by Siddhartha Menon

*A vivid meditation on topography, time and the shifting nature of identity.*



May, 2025

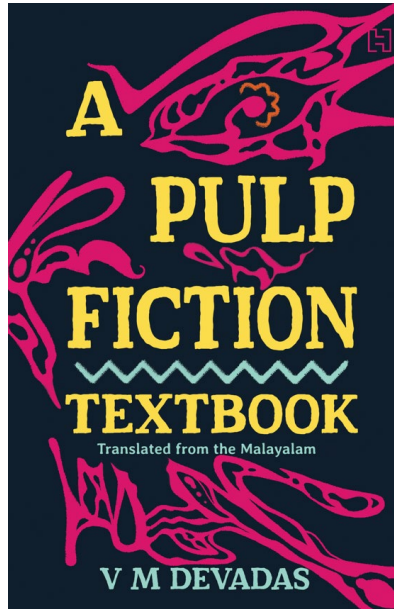
*The last sky of yesterday  
the first of today  
trees jagging into what light there is.  
No telling which is  
which without captions. No labels  
suffice for skies in transit.  
Call the night that fell between them  
a day.*

The poems in Siddhartha Menon's *Lone Pine* move with grace and intensity, carrying the reader from stillness to revelation, from the immediate to the far-flung. In 'Settings', the quiet residence of trees and ceaseless motion of the river offer more than scenery – they embody questions of belonging, conflict and nature's flawed and unyielding beauty. With 'Stirrings', the focus turns inward, tracing the currents of human connection, the ebb and flow of relationships, and the pulse of time moving through us. 'Bearings' asks what it means to see and to turn away, to bear witness to violence, personal and planetary, or to find meaning in silence. In these poems, Menon stands at the threshold: observer, participant, seeker of truth. With language both tender and unflinching, *Lone Pine* offers no easy answers, but an invitation to watch and listen. It nudges us to navigate the world – its rough contours, its shadows and its light – and to discover the shape of our own place within it.

# A Pulp Fiction Textbook

by V M Devadas

*A thrilling, interactive journey through crime, mystery, and forbidden passions.*



February, 2025

Narrated by characters who have either been killed or taken their own lives, each chapter unveils a new perspective, revealing the dark connections between murder, suicide, and the hidden desires driving it all. As you delve deeper into India's underground sex toy trade, you'll uncover a web of illegal activities, entwined with simmering rivalries and tangled emotions. *A Pulp Fiction Textbook* explores a series of gruesome deaths, unravelling clues and revealing the killer through exercises, drawings, and questionnaires.



# The Tiger's Share

by Keshava Guha

*'A stylish and engaging tragi-comedy of manners, set against the backdrop of a collapsing environment... an astute and insightful observer of contemporary India.'*

– Amitav Ghosh



April, 2025

Having dedicated her life to achieving professional success in Delhi, Tara is everything her brother isn't: steadfast, independent, thriving. But when their beloved father retires, he reveals himself to be far from the quiet, conventional accountant they thought they knew – and the family is thrown into disarray.

Meanwhile, Tara's friend, Lila, has it all: the great job, the lovely home, the beautiful family. But when her father dies, Lila's brother wastes no time in claiming what's his. Together, Tara and Lila two are now forced to confront the challenge that their ambition and success have posed to patriarchal Delhi society. In a country where old elites and norms are under threat, the pursuit of private aspiration plays out against a dystopian daily background of ecological collapse and political unrest.

Unlike anything else in contemporary Indian fiction, *The Tiger's Share* is a stunning state-of-the-nation novel that is also intensely personal.

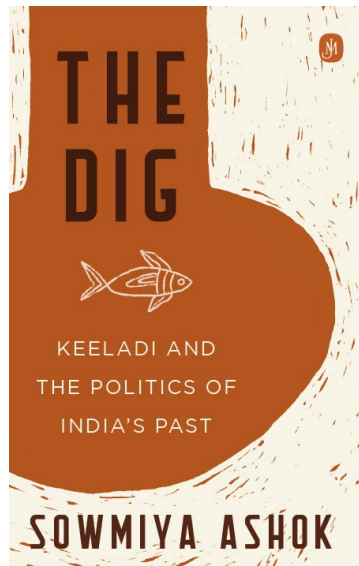


Adult Non-Fiction

## The Dig

by Sowmiya Ashok

*A brilliant survey of some of India's most contentious historical questions.*



**December, 2025**

Since its discovery in 2016, the Keeladi excavation has become one of India's most contested digs – hailed by some as proof of an urban civilisation in South India, and dismissed by others as political mythmaking.

Journalist Sowmiya Ashok traces the serendipitous discovery of the ancient settlement and the storm it set off. Her journey takes her from the earliest Iron Age sites in Tamil Nadu to Rakhigarhi in Haryana and the lost port of Muziris in Kerala. Along the way, she chats with archaeologists while sweating under the Tamil sun, clings to rickety platforms at a roaring *jallikattu* stadium, and even tastes ancient pottery at an excavation site.

Blending sharp insight with humour, *The Dig* reveals how battles over science and politics continue to shape our understanding of India's past.

*'The Dig* is a brilliant survey of some of India's most contentious historical questions. Lucidly crafted, and objectively narrated, Sowmiya Ashok leaves us richer in knowledge, while posing questions about ourselves and our ancestors both.'

– Manu S. Pillai, historian and author of *Gods, Guns and Missionaries*

'Sowmiya Ashok takes the reader companionably through a mesmerizing journey from the country's deepest past to its complicated, compromised present. Part travelogue and part nail-biting whodunnit, [*The Dig*] offers insights into some of the most politically and emotionally charged questions of the 21st century – who we are and where we came from.'

– Ira Mukhoty, author of *The Lion and the Lily*

## What the ... What?!

by Nipun Jain and Mohit Mamoria

*'I'm delighted that there are YouTube and social media sensations now emerging in the knowledge and learning sectors too.'*

— Viswanathan Anand



November, 2025

*A tiny island makes millions of dollars out of thin air. How?*

*A deadly weapon got its name from a common fruit. Which?*

*A world-famous genius blundered like the rest of us. Who?*

These are not made-up stories; they are odd little facts about things and people you already know! Once you find the answers to these, you'll go, 'What the ... WHAT?!'

**Nipun** and **Mohit**, the brains behind *Arey Pata Hai* – the channel that made curiosity cool – are your guides through this book. Expect fascinating trivia, bizarre facts, and their trademark 'questionable' jokes.

Read it front to back or back to front or jump from one page to another; this book is for the endlessly curious ... yeah, even your cat!

**"It won't cure your curiosity. It'll make it incurable."**

— Ankur Warikoo

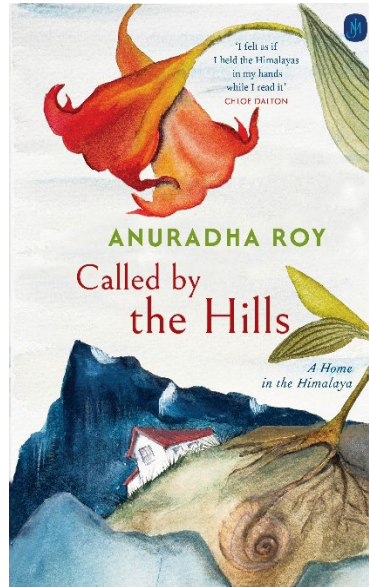
**'I've loved Arey Pata Hai?! since forever – their videos always make the nerd in me so happy. This book has the same magic, just printed.'**

— Mithila Palkar

## **Called by The Hills**

**by Anuradha Roy**

***Called by The Hills* launches 'John Murray Journeys' in India with transportive writing from one of India's foremost literary voices. This is travel with a difference: it is about discovering a new place and making it your own.**



**November, 2025**

**A book about building a home and a wild garden on the edge of a Himalayan forest, illuminated by the author's own watercolours.**

When novelist Anuradha Roy and her husband stumble upon a derelict cottage in the hill station of Ranikhet, they decide it is where they will now live. Leaving behind the freneticism of Delhi, Roy is initially bemused by the gentle pace of life in the mountains. Before long, however, she is won over: spellbound by the landscape, taken to the heart of her sometimes recalcitrant neighbours and adopted by several mountain dogs.

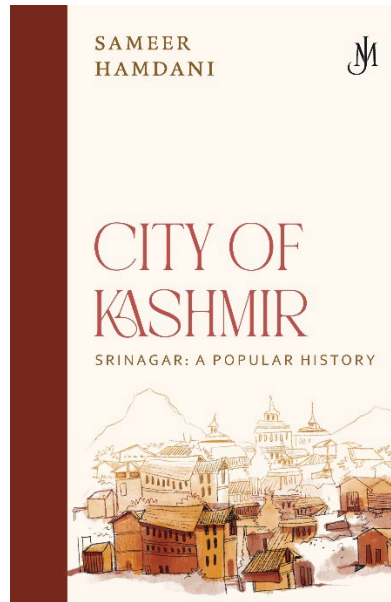
Over twenty-five years, as Roy becomes accustomed to living among forests where leopards roam freely, she will come to encounter nature at its most fierce, beautiful and vulnerable – and bear witness to the destructive impact of global warming on the alpine ecosystem.

*Called by the Hills: A Home in the Himalaya* is an intimate portrait of a home, a community and a rugged, extraordinary landscape. Written with unsentimental clarity, humour and poignancy, this is an account of profound transformations.

## City of Kashmir

by Sameer Hamdani

*Into the marrow of India's urban memory: from John Murray India's 'Cities in Time' series.*



**October, 2025**

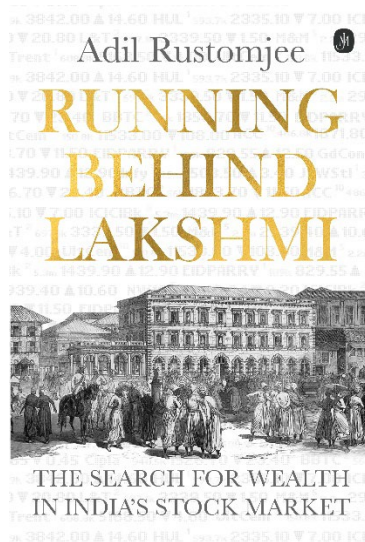
Sameer Hamdani invites readers to explore the long and layered history of Srinagar: a city shaped by over two millennia of cultural, political and artistic evolution. Through stories drawn from historical texts, oral traditions, art and everyday life, the book uncovers how Srinagar's identity was formed and continually reshaped across centuries. Hamdani's narrative spans from the city's pre-Islamic roots to its medieval and early modern Muslim eras, placing a strong emphasis on its material culture - architecture, craft and poetry - as windows into its past.

*City of Kashmir* is both a personal chronicle and a scholarly deep dive based on twenty years of close engagement with Srinagar as a heritage professional. It reclaims the city's place as a historic centre of knowledge and creativity in South Asia, offering an essential entry point into Kashmir's urban and cultural memory.

# Running Behind Lakshmi

by Adil Rustomjee

*From banyan trees to electronic screens – the authoritative account of India's stock market over two centuries.*



September, 2025

For millions of people, the stock market is the canvas on which are sketched fantasies of riches, of lives transformed. Yet, the history and methods of one of modern India's most transformative forces remain underexplored till now.

Starting from the early nineteenth century, when a few banias traded shares under banyan trees, to the Cotton and Share Mania occasioned by the American Civil War, to the decades of marking time during the Nehruvian Era, to 1991's great unshackling that made the market accessible to the public, all the way to the market cycles of the new millennium, *Running behind Lakshmi* brings India's stock market into focus.

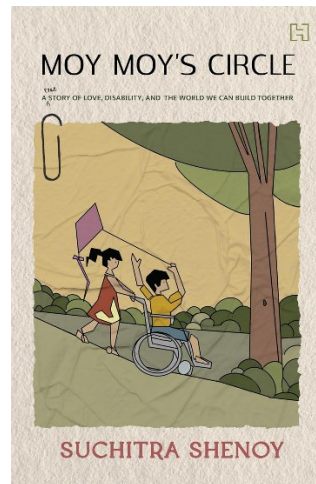
By combining archival sources with observations and expertise forged through immersion in the markets, Adil Rustomjee provides a wide-ranging account that is equal parts analytical history, financial practice, and market lore. Brimming with pioneers and adventurers, grand rivalries and petty jealousies, scams and scandals, this is the story of a nation and a people told through a lens that's never been used, but is more relevant than ever.

# **Moy Moy's Circle**

**by Suchitra Shenoy**

***'ABOUT LOVE AND IRRATIONAL COURAGE'***

**– Rajmohan Gandhi**



**August, 2025**

When Jo Chopra McGowan, an American woman living in India, adopts baby Moy Moy – born with multiple disabilities and given little chance of survival – she could not have foreseen how completely their lives would transform. What begins as an intimate journey between a mother and her child soon expands into something far greater: the birth of a pioneering organization: Latika.

Latika doesn't just offer services; it changes lives. It supports children with developmental disabilities and their families while empowering its workforce – primarily young women who have known hardship intimately, and who are trained to become confident, skilled professionals.

Over the course of more than twenty-five years, Latika has touched thousands of lives, delivering high-quality, affordable care infused with joy, compassion and dignity. Yet this is not simply the story of one child or one non-profit.

*Moy Moy's Circle* is a powerful rendering of the resilience of the human spirit. It reveals what can happen when we listen to those the world often overlooks, how care can be an act of courage, how dignity is a right not a privilege, and how hope, paired with determination, can work quiet miracles. For anyone who has ever wondered how one life can make a difference, this deeply moving exploration by Suchitra Shenoy offers a luminous and lasting answer.

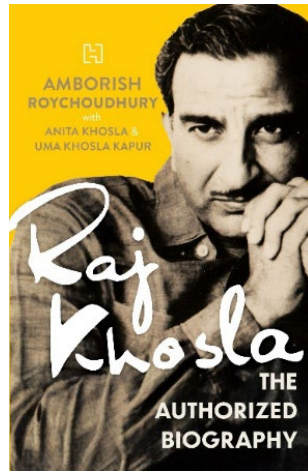


# **Raj Khosla: The Authorized Biography**

*by* Amborish Roychowdhury

*with* Anita Khosla and Uma Khosla Kapur

*For the first time, a definitive biography that turns the arc lights on iconic filmmaker Raj Khosla.*



**May, 2025**

The 1940s witnessed the scripting of an origin story that would go down in the books. A young man was signed on by Guru Dutt as assistant director after eager assurances of his competency in Hindi, a white lie that was soon unmasked.

This was Raj Khosla, an aspiring playback singer, eager to get a foot in the door any which way. In a plot twist he would have approved of, he became instead a filmmaker who made a habit of hits, routinely setting the box office on fire.

He made taut thrillers (*C.I.D.*), family dramas (*Do Raaste*), timeless romances (*Do Badan*) and action spectacles (*Dostana*). Few filmmakers have demonstrated such versatility and command over their craft. He was behind some of Hindi cinema's most enduring soundtracks, from 'Lag ja gale' to 'Jhumka gira re' to 'Jaane kya baat hai'. Yet, Raj's legacy remains confined to the odd footnote.

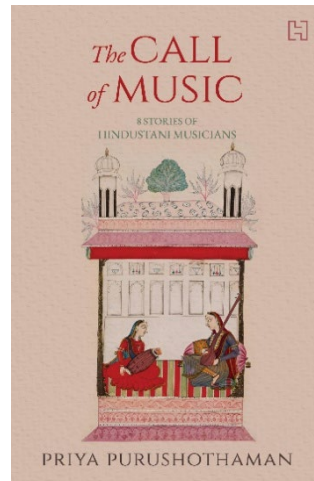
Through interviews with family, friends and coworkers – including Asha Bhosle, Waheeda Rehman, Mumtaz, Asha Parekh, Sharmila Tagore, Dharmendra, Manoj Kumar, Prem Chopra, Bindu, Mahesh Bhatt and Aamir Khan – this biography addresses this glaring gap in the history of Bollywood. Examining Raj Khosla's work, it reveals a director and a man who was as talented and sensitive as he was flawed. The result is a tender treatment that lays bare a caring employer, a Napoleon fanboy, a maudlin soul who wore his heart on his sleeve, a passionate lover of music, and a man who transformed Hindi cinema.

## The Call of Music

by Priya Purushothaman

*'... a rich and beautiful meditation on the greatest of our art forms.'*

*– Ramachandra Guha*



**June, 2025**

*The Call of Music* traces the journeys of eight singular voices in Hindustani music – some acclaimed performers, others quiet torchbearers who create, teach and sustain the tradition far from the public eye. From the narrow lanes of Kashipur to the sweeping hills of San Rafael, these artists emerge from vastly different worlds, yet each has devoted their life to music with unflinching conviction and artistic courage.

Among them are the heirs of musical legacies, grappling with the weight of inheritance; vocalists who challenge gendered assumptions embedded in the tradition; instrumentalists who reimagine the expressive possibilities of their craft; a sarangi player navigating the complexities of caste and faith; and a tabla maestro bridging a lineage ruptured by Partition.

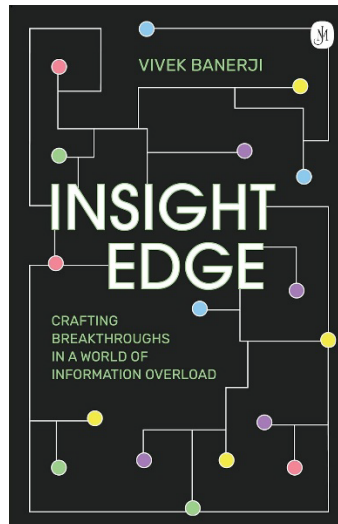
As these musicians forge their identities within a classical tradition, they reveal an artform not only enduring, but continually transforming – connecting generations, reshaping boundaries and resonating anew. What binds them is a profound surrender to the art, a deep-seated devotion that transcends convention and circumstance. Together, they form a luminous, emotionally textured portrait of a musical legacy – rooted and radically alive.



## Insight Edge

by Vivek Banerji

*As Artificial Intelligence reshapes industries, one question looms large:  
Where does human ingenuity fit?*



**June, 2025**

Drawing on decades of experience at organizations such as Insight Dojo, McKinsey and PepsiCo, Vivek Banerji reveals how to generate powerful insights that drive transformational success for organizations. He urges us to embrace the dynamic interplay of art and science, imagination and pragmatism, theory and practice – and to draw inspiration from diverse disciplines, whether it is machine learning, design, statistics, psychology, music, art or sports.

*Insight Edge* makes a compelling case that information alone does not create insight. Instead, it is inherently human qualities – curiosity, analytical thinking, creativity and empathy – that shape meaningful strategies and drive breakthrough outcomes.

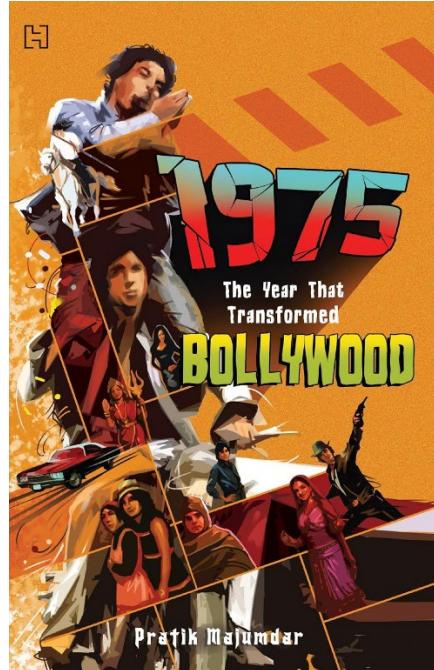
With real-world examples and actionable frameworks, this book equips leaders and professionals – CEOs, marketers, customer insights experts, strategists, non-profit executives, entrepreneurs, and data analysts – to move beyond algorithms and tap into the irreplaceable power of human insight.

What makes a city uniquely itself? Is it its geography, history, location? Is it its leaders, aspirations, demographic? Or is it a palpable spirit, wrought of a combination of all these, that seeps into the soil over centuries and charges the air, infecting residents and visitors alike? Two decades of exploring, discovering, and reading, writing and talking about her hometown has convinced Roopa Pai that the last is true – cities are neither born nor made, they *become*. In a series of columns written over the past four years, now compiled into this book, she trawls the city's history to tease out bits of the Bangalore jigsaw – a scientist's quest for excellence, a maharani's foresight, an entrepreneur's vision, a chief minister's ambition, a writer's pride in his language, and more – in an effort to trace the genesis of the liberal spirit of the metropolis, its ability to offer inclusive, creative, laid-back spaces amid its frenetic growth.

# 1975: The Year That Transformed Bollywood

by Pratik Majumdar

*A legendary year now gets the blockbuster book it deserves.*



**August, 2025**

The year 1975 to Bollywood is what 1939 is to Hollywood – the greatest year in film history of the respective industries. *Sholay*, *Deewaar*, *Pratiggya*, *Aandhi*, *Mausam*, *Khel Khel Mein*, *Warrant*, *Chupke Chupke*, *Mili*, *Nishant* and then ... who can forget the jaw-dropping success of *Jai Santoshi Maa*! Rarely a year sees the release of such a great number of films that go on to become cult classics.

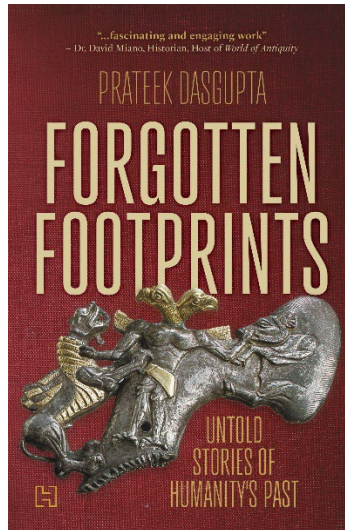
With iconic films, leading actors, film-makers and music composers, shelved movies from that year and the impact of the Emergency on Hindi films, this guide to 1975's Bollywood offers wholesome information with fulsome entertainment.

## Forgotten Footprints

by Prateek Dasgupta

*“Prateek Dasgupta takes us on an exhilarating journey through history’s greatest forgotten chapters...”*

– Sam Dalrymple, Historian, Author of *Shattered Lands*



November, 2025

*What is Agatha Christie’s connection to the world’s earliest known city?*

*Did the first cotton farmers practice dentistry?*

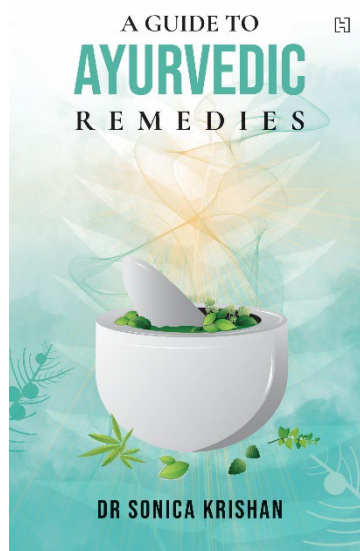
*Did the Balkans know writing before Mesopotamia?*

Embark on a journey through time, from the Ice Age to the Middle Ages, exploring lesser-known civilizations shrouded in mystery. Discover stories that shed light on the underappreciated peoples of the ancient world. Written in an engaging style, this book takes you around the globe while providing insights into life in the distant past. *Forgotten Footprints* is a meaningful effort to honour those who came before us and document their history in a new world.

# **A Guide to Ayurvedic Remedies**

*by* **Dr. Sonica Krishnan**

*Let Ayurveda guide your path to wellness!*



**April, 2025**

*A Guide to Ayurvedic Remedies* is your practical Ayurveda manual. The book offers simple and effective solutions to common ailments. Each chapter is dedicated to a specific disease, with separate sections on its causes, possible symptoms and Ayurvedic treatments.

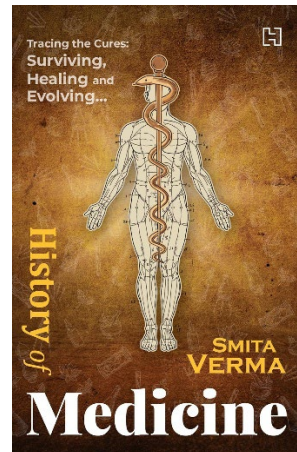
From *Panchakarma* therapies and herbal remedies to diet and lifestyle management tips, this handbook has it all.

This accessible guide simplifies Ayurveda's wisdom so the reader can incorporate it into daily life. With insightful anecdotes and practical advice, it is perfect for people looking for a treatment as well as those seeking an introduction to the age-old medical practice. With information boxes and key takeaways that end each chapter, this reference book on Ayurveda promises to inform, educate and heal.

# History of Medicine

by Smita Verma

*Discover the human stories and societal forces behind medical progress in this comprehensive history of healing.*



July, 2025

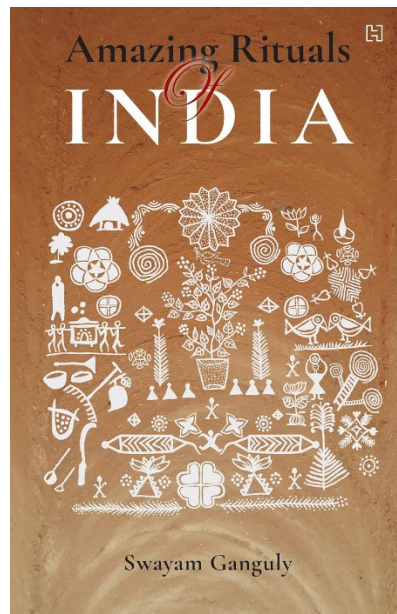
From ancient remedies to modern miracles, from the dark phases of medicinal history to life-saving advancements in healthcare, *History of Medicine* explores the fascinating evolution of healing across cultures and time.

This definitive reference charts the journey of medicine worldwide, covering diverse traditions like Egyptian, Greek, Roman, African, Native American, Chinese, Ayurveda, homeopathy and allopathy, among others. It unravels how devastating diseases led to groundbreaking discoveries like penicillin and vaccination, shaping our understanding of health and the human body.

# Amazing Rituals of India

by Swayam Ganguly

*A tribute to India's unique and colourful cultural richness, this one-of-a-kind curation brings together mainstream rural and urban customs as well as lesser-known ethnic traditions of India.*



**June, 2025**

From the intriguing wedding rites of the Nyishis of Arunachal Pradesh or the Roce ceremony of the Christians to the more well-known mourning practices on Muharram, and from the dazzling *Lai Haraoba* dance and music ceremonies of the Meitei tribe to the breathtaking *gajan* festival of rustic Bengal, where body piercing takes centre stage, this compendium has it all.

While describing the rituals, this engaging and essential reference book also details the geographical and historical landscape of many. It also highlights the ethnological wealth of the subcontinent in terms of its metaphysical, material, cultural and occupational diversity.

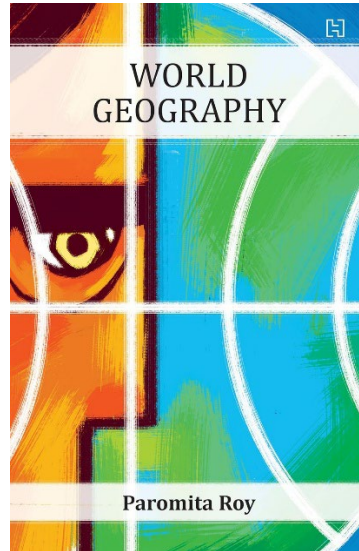
*Amazing Rituals of India* is, on the one hand, an accessible, engrossing read for the curious reader and, on the other, a diving board for students of anthropology, sociology and human geography. Combining both the essential and the exotic, this volume book can be a great source of ideas for writers, journalists and performing artists, and a handy reference for those working in governance.



# World Geography

by Paromita Roy

*GEOGRAPHY PRIMER FOR EVERYBODY, EVERY DAY!*



April, 2025

## Did You Know?

The term 'meanders', which are loops in a river's path, comes from the Büyük Menderes River in Türkiye.

The tropical belt experiences the highest levels of temperature, rainfall and humidity on Earth. Despite that, approximately 40 per cent of the world's population is concentrated here.

Florida, home to Universal Studios and Disney World, is also the fishing capital of the world, with its rich variety of fish and technical prowess.

Explore the world through the eyes of a geographer. This compact yet comprehensive reference takes you through the essentials of physical and human geography, offering a deep understanding of our planet, its dynamic systems and human–environment relationships.

From the towering peaks of the Himalayas to the sprawling urban landscapes, this book presents a balanced overview of the world's diverse environments, cultures and regions. Perfect for students, teachers, travellers, geography enthusiasts and any curious minds, *World Geography* provides everything you need in order to navigate the world's physical features, climatic zones and population trends ' an all-in-one geography starter.



## **Chambers Essential Guide to Indian Culture**

*The essential guide to India's cultural past and present.*



**October, 2025**

*Chambers Essential Guide to Indian Culture* outlines the nation's deep and diverse aesthetic, intellectual, athletic, and societal heritage. The scope of this comprehensive volume is not restricted to various forms of arts, festivals, and rituals alone, but it gathers within one cover indigenous sports, science, and astrology too. The book also offers a holistic overview of India's languages and strong literary traditions.

This essential guide to our cultural past and present, including today's mainstream and the lesser-known, is a must-read for all Indians and curious foreigners, school- or college-goers, and general readers alike. This handy reference will also be immensely useful to those working in the administration and development sector.

## **Quick & Concise Series**

### ***Quick and Concise: Political Philosophers* by Deboshruti**

**Roychowdhury**

Travel through the Hellenistic period, the Enlightenment and beyond to see how philosophy responded to empire, revolution, inequality and the struggle for rights. Whether you are a student, a curious citizen, or simply tired of shouting matches on the internet, this is your thoughtful guide to the big questions of politics, from then and now.

### ***Quick and Concise: Buddhist Philosophy and Culture* by Amar**

**Bandyopadhyay**

*Quick and Concise: Buddhist Philosophy and Culture* explores the life of the Buddha, the essence of his sermons and the core principles that shaped one of the world's most enduring spiritual traditions. While explaining the history and philosophy of his teachings, it also brings out their contemporary relevance.

### ***Quick and Concise: Philosophy* by Shamik Chakravarty**

Whether you're new to philosophy or a seasoned thinker, this primer offers engaging discussions, accessible explanations and compelling arguments from multiple perspectives. Rather than simply telling you what to believe, it invites you to question, challenge and refine your own views.

## **Quick & Concise Biographies**

### ***Quick and Concise Biographies: Gukesh Dommaraju* by Swayam**

**Ganguly**

*Gukesh Dommaraju* is a well-researched biography of the Indian chess prodigy who became the youngest world champion in 2024, beating the record of the legendary chess player Garry Kasparov. This inspirational account of the life, training and struggles of a world champion at eighteen highlights his dedication and mental strength, the contributions of his mentors and the sacrifices of his parents.

### ***Quick and Concise Biographies: Ratan Tata* by Neha Chander**

*Ratan Tata* is an exploration into the life of a businessman who earned more respect than money.

The book captures India's evolving technology and a man's stewardship role in it in a crisp, matter-of-fact way. Ratan Tata's biography is a lesson in unassuming philanthropy that emerges as a saga of compassion and strong business ethics. This essential page-turner packed with facts is a must-have test preparation resource as well as a go-to guide in times of professional crises.

Young Adult

## Bee-Witched

by Aruna Sankaranarayanan and Brinda S. Narayan

*Neel is about to learn that some words are easier to spell than to live by, and he must figure out what really matters, before he gets BEE-WITCHED for good.*



May, 2025

NEEL UNNIKRISHNAN has a real shot at winning the National Spelling Bee. This young Indian-American can crush tricky words like CHIAROSCURIST and AUTOCHTHONOUS, but life as a teenager is far more challenging. His mother expects nothing less than perfection and his father has his own secret bets riding on Neel's success. Neel is laser-focused, but then enters MEHER KHAN —brilliant, unpredictable and impossible to ignore.

Meher is Neel's BIGGEST RIVAL, but also the one person who truly understands him. She gets under his skin and keeps him on his toes, yet he can't seem to stay away. As the competition heats up and family tensions rise, Neel's world starts to slip away from his grip.

WINNING should be everything. So why does it suddenly feel like there's more at stake than just a trophy?

# Spotless

by Vibha Batra

*Being fourteen is tough.*

*Being Raga Rachel Mathew? Even tougher.*



**September, 2025**

Once a girl who faced the camera with flair, Raga now finds herself under an unforgiving spotlight. Her skin has changed, and with it, everything else. Her friendships are drifting, and school feels like a minefield. Her parents care. Maybe a little more than she'd like. And the mirror? It reflects someone she no longer recognizes. Right when it all starts to feel too much, life nudges her towards something unexpected.

A chance. A crack of light. And things begin to shift. Slowly. Awkwardly. Surprisingly. Raga is forced to confront herself. Honestly. Gently. Courageously.

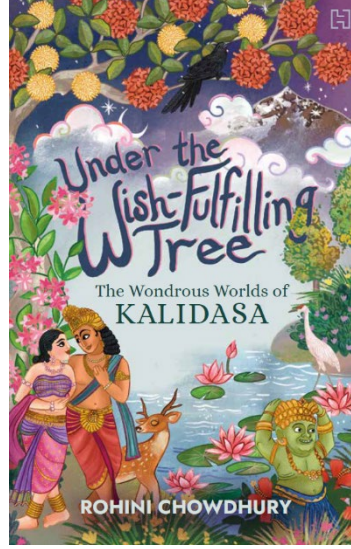
A heartfelt coming of age story, *Spotless* is a moving novel in verse about growing up and letting go. Tender and quietly powerful, it's a journey of finding your voice when you're not sure who you are. After all, even the moon takes time to be whole.

# Under the Wish-Fulfilling Tree

## The Wondrous Worlds of KALIDASA

by Rohini Chowdhury

*Explore the universe of Kalidasa, ancient India's most celebrated poet.*



**October, 2025**

Glittering mountains. Enchanted forests. Celestial love stories.

*Under the Wish-Fulfilling Tree* invites you into shimmering landscapes, where gods, kings and lovers come alive through the masterful imagination of Kalidasa. The vivid summaries of all seven of his known works – from the timeless romance of *Abhijnanashakuntalam* to the cosmic passion of *Meghadutam* and the majestic rhythms of *Raghuvamsham* – are perfect for young adults and curious readers everywhere. Kalidasa's poetry and plays rank among the great literary compositions of all time. This lively volume captures, in English, the power and richness of Kalidasa's Sanskrit originals, his unforgettable storytelling, spirited characters, and luminescent verse. Whether you are encountering Kalidasa for the first time or rediscovering his magic, this book is an essential companion to one of literature's brightest stars.

Children's Fiction

## Starstruck

by Rachna Chhabria

*Stories of Nakshatras in the Sky*



**October, 2025**

Long ago, before clocks ticked and calendars flipped, everyone looked to the stars to tell the time, mark the seasons and find their way. High above, scattered like jewels across the night sky, lie the nakshatras – twenty-seven groups of stars forming unique patterns.

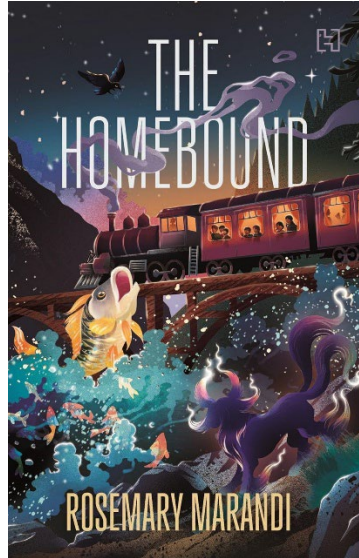
To ancient Indians, these patterns weren't just glimmering dots in the dark. They were daughters of gods, companions of the Moon, and guardians of cosmic secrets – all playing their role on the dramatic stage of heavenly myths.

Each nakshatra is guided by a powerful force – a divine deity. Some ride roaring beasts, others fly with radiant birds. Some earned the grace of gods, others invoked awe and fear. In *Starstruck*, you'll meet popular deities like Indra, Agni and Shiva – and quieter, intriguing ones like Bhaga, Mitra and the Nagas. Learn about their special symbols, superpowers and some of the most amazing myths ever told. Get ready for blessings and curses, battles and quests, secrets and surprises – all waiting in the great night sky for thousands of years to be discovered by you!

## Homebound

by Rosemary Marandi

*How do you choose, when the same route can lead to ruin – and refuge?*



September, 2025

Animal-whisperer Aria and beast-soother Zayd flee into an unknown wilderness as their lives are upended by monstrous forces in snow-clad Kashmir. Their only chance of survival: the intriguing, magical train – *The Homebound*.

This is no simple escape, though. Onboard, they meet five other runaways, each carrying their own scars and urgent hopes: the three Channi brothers, searching for belonging; Mehera, escaping a forced marriage; and Aarushi, desperately seeking her lost parents. As the train's mysterious driver, Aurasen, reveals that their journey to the mystical Manidvipa is no accident, a terrifying truth begins to emerge.

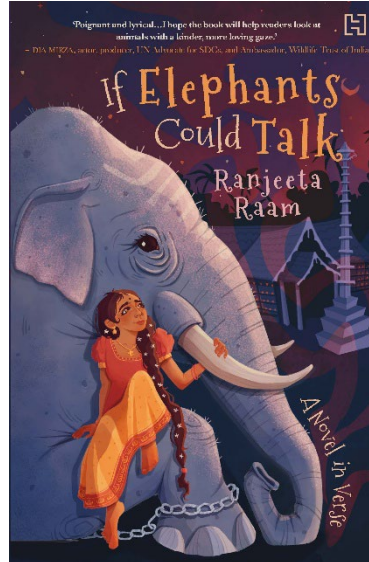
Thrust into a universe teeming with ancient magic and perilous secrets, these seven unlikely allies must confront not only the darkness threatening their world but also their own deepest wounds. In the end, their extraordinary quest will decide the fate of everything they cherish – and utterly redefine where and what home truly is.



# If Elephants Could Talk

by Ranjeeta Raam

*A heartwarming and uplifting story of friendship, hope and healing.*



**April, 2025**

If elephants could talk,  
they would narrate tales of

pain,

suffering,

bondage.

But they can't,

so I must.

Twelve-year-old Meenakshi hasn't spoken a word since her Amma passed away about six months ago.

Teased and troubled at school, she finds her safe place in dance, where she can escape from her reality for a few hours. One day, she meets the temple elephant, Ganeshan, and an unusual friendship forms between them. But when the gentle Ganeshan is ill-treated, Meenakshi decides to speak up to save other elephants from a similar fate.

Will Meenakshi find her voice again to help the elephants?



# Once Upon a Beginning: Incredible Origin Tales from India

by Nalini Ramachandran

*Sometimes great things have even greater beginnings!*



February, 2025

## **IN THE BEGINNING, THERE WAS . . . NOTHING!**

Then, the earth met the sky. The sun married the moon. Birds were gifted the night. Beasts prowled the forests. And people? Well, they just burst out of their dark underground dwelling and came to live on land. They cooked for the gods and ate with the tiger. They fought shape-shifting ogres and honoured the first sorcerer. And oh, they conjured up a trove of astounding tales . . . of the extraordinary origins of the world, its wonders and its vivacious beings. Treasured and passed down through generations by indigenous communities from different parts of India, these rare and untold creation myths piece together the mysteries of life and evolution.

Get ready to be spirited away, for it's time to go back to the beginning!

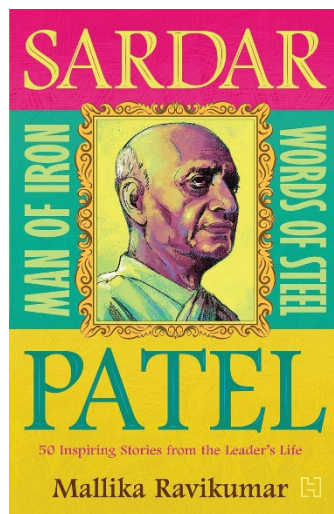
Children's Non-Fiction

**Sardar Patel**

**Man of Iron, Words of Steel**

*by* **Mallika Ravikumar**

*Be inspired by life lessons from the Iron Man of India, told through stories and comics.*



**August, 2025**

Follow the extraordinary journey of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel – one of India's greatest leaders – from his humble beginnings and fearless youth to his pivotal role in shaping a nation. Fifty chapters bring alive his steadfast values and vision, served with a chuckle or two. Each story shares a powerful message drawn from Patel's life – on courage, leadership, overcoming biases and facing challenges.

In this heartfelt mix of vivid storytelling and vibrant comics, readers of all ages will find inspiration in the trials and triumphs of Patel's life. Whether you are meeting Sardar for the first time or rediscovering his legacy, this volume offers lasting insights on living with resolve, integrity and purpose.

## From Root to Rain

## From Sea to Sky

by Sneha Verghese

*Gear up for an exhilarating adventure of discovery!*



**May, 2025**

Plants that look like stones. The cell and its self-destructing zones.

Clocks in our bodies that tick without pause. Seeds that catch on like claws.

Dung beetles that are very choosy about. . .poop.

Bacteria with team spirit, working in a group.

Birds that behave like bats.

ARE THESE REALLY FACTS?

Trees with 'ears'. Mosquitoes that are saviours.

Octopuses that operate tools and hoard rubble.

A bird that pretends its way out of trouble. Butterflies that leave ants in a daze.

A creature that can survive nuking, toxins and even outer space.

Birds obsessed with blue.

IS ALL THIS REALLY TRUE?

Find out about all these and more in this thrilling collection of 25 captivating stories that takes you up in the sky, under the sea, over hills, through jungles and across the world in a way you never thought possible. Introducing keen young readers to fascinating science in the environment around them, these tales simplify complex concepts into easy-to-follow ideas, while answering questions, explaining scientific phenomena and sparking curiosity to explore the secret world of Nature.

Picture Books

## **Pushpa and the Pushpak Vimana**

*by* Ishan Trivedi



June, 2025

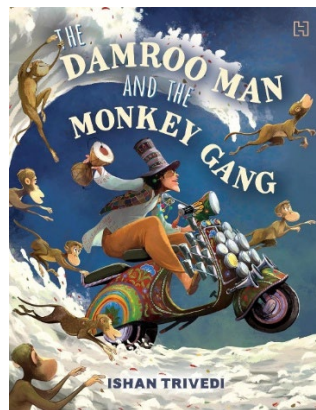
The city of Ayodhya was buzzing with excitement for Lord Rama's return. But wait... where's the sparkle... the shimmer... the shine? Why is the city so dark at this time?

How will Lord Rama's golden chariot land?

Can Pushpa light up the night and make everything right? Let's find out!

## **The Damroo Man and the Monkey Gang**

*by* Ishan Trivedi



June, 2025

Monkeys jump! Monkeys grab! People run – what a mess!

The city of Varanasi has a BIG monkey problem, and no one knows what to do.

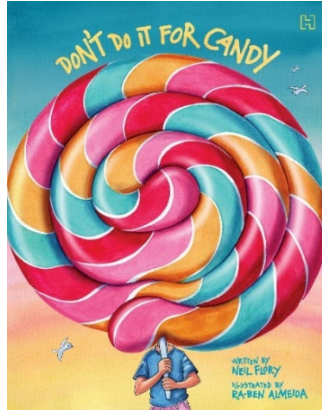
Then *Dum-dum-a-dum-dum!* The damroo man comes up with a clever idea.

He has a special trick... and a special treat. For the monkeys and for you too!

## **Don't Do It For Candy**

*by Neil Flory, illustrated by Ra-ben Almeida*

*This book hides an amazing SECRET. The SECRET to getting everything you want.*



**January, 2025**

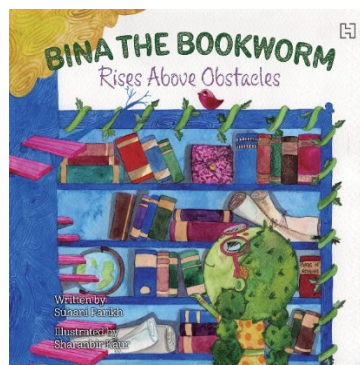
A visit to the park? Done. An inflatable shark? Double done. Pecan pie, you say? No problem at all. Everyone will say yes to these things once you know the SECRET. Enjoy the magical drawings and the wonderful colours...and learn life's most important SECRET too. How good is that?

REMEMBER! Don't jump straight to the end to find out the SECRET, or it won't work.

## **Bina the Bookworm**

*by Suhani Parikh, illustrated by Sharanbir Kaur*

*Join Bina on her first reading adventure with this special picture book that celebrates the power of words and stories.*



**January, 2025**

Unlike most bookworms, Bina doesn't want to eat books – she wants to read them! But her brothers keep eating her books before she gets a chance to read them. Now Bina must find a way to convince her brothers to leave her precious books alone. Hungry for more?

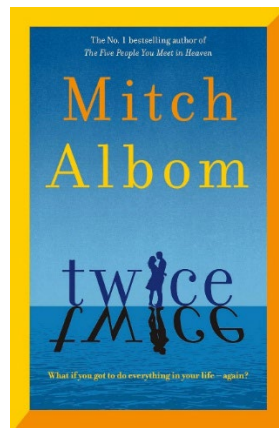
## International Titles

Fiction

### Twice

by Mitch Albom

*A stunning and emotional new novel from the author of Tuesdays with Morrie and The Five People You Meet in Heaven.*



**October, 2025**

When he is eight years old, Alfie Logan discovers the magical ability to get a second chance at everything. He can undo any moment and live it again. The one catch: he must accept the consequences of his second try - for better or worse.

He grows up correcting his mistakes and saving himself from adolescent embarrassments. He even takes foolishly dangerous risks, just to see what it's like to come close to death, before tapping back to safety. Eventually, Alfie turns his gift to his love life, studying his crushes and going back to make himself more appealing. In time, he falls deeply in love with Gianna, the woman he believes is the one. He seems to find contentment. But as the years pass, Alfie's eye begins to wander. Which is when he learns a lone caveat to his power: once he undoes a love, that person can never fall in love with him again. Knowing if he gives into temptation, he will risk losing what he has with Gianna, Alfie makes a choice that changes his life forever.

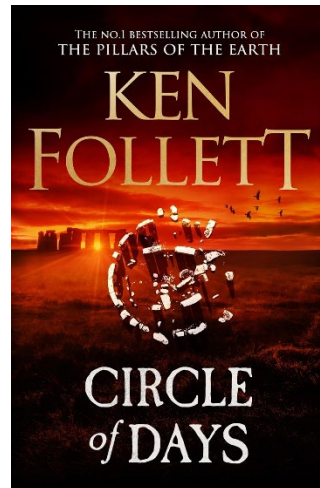
The book begins many years later, after an ailing Alfie is arrested for allegedly cheating and winning millions at a casino roulette wheel. As a curious detective interrogates him, he slowly uncovers Alfie's incredible story, and its most unlikely conclusion. In *Twice*, America's favourite storyteller, Mitch Albom, is at the top of his powers. A love story that is enchanting, probing, and clairvoyant in matters of the heart, *Twice* will make you think, weep, and overflow with love from beginning to end.



## Circle of Days

*by* Ken Follett

*From the master of epic fiction comes the deeply human story of one of the world's greatest mysteries: the building of Stonehenge.*



September, 2025

### **A FLINT MINER WITH A GIFT:**

Seft, a talented flint miner, walks the Great Plain in the high summer heat, to witness the rituals that signal the start of a new year. He is there to trade his stone at the Midsummer Fair, and to find Neen, the girl he loves. Her family live in prosperity and offer Seft an escape from his brutish father and brothers, within their herder community.

### **A PRIESTESS WHO BELIEVES THE IMPOSSIBLE**

Joia, Neen's sister, is a priestess with a vision and an unmatched ability to lead. As a child, she watches the Midsummer ceremony, enthralled, and dreams of a miraculous new monument, raised from the biggest stones in the world. But trouble is brewing among the hills and woodlands of the Great Plain.

### **A MONUMENT THAT WILL DEFINE A CIVILIZATION**

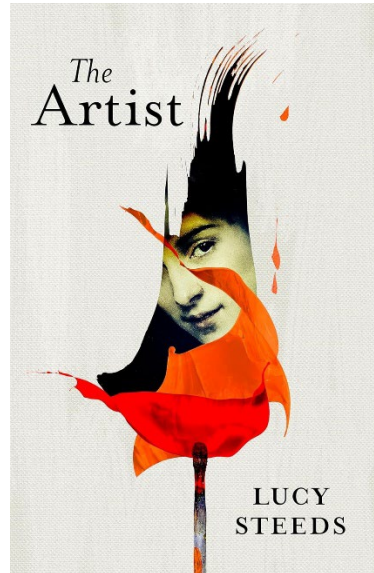
Joia's vision of a great stone circle, assembled by the divided tribes of the Plain, will inspire Seft and become their life's work. But as drought ravages the earth, mistrust grows between the herders, farmers and woodlanders – and an act of savage violence leads to open warfare . . .



## The Artist

by Lucy Steeds

*All Joseph wants is to be let into Tartuffe's world. All Ettie wants is to escape it.*



January, 2025

The year is 1920. The place is a remote farmhouse in Provence, home to the reclusive painter Edouard Tartuffe and his niece, Ettie. Into this strange, silent house walks Joseph: a young journalist hoping to write an article about Tartuffe. But the more he entangles himself in the peculiar household, the more Joseph's curiosity grows . . .

Ettie cooks and cleans for her uncle. She prepares his studio, scrubs his paintbrushes, and creates the perfect environment for him to work. She has never gone further than the local village. She is sharp-eyed and watchful. But beneath her cool exterior, Joseph senses something simmering. Ettie, Joseph and Tartuffe circle each other throughout the hot, crackling summer, until finally they collide.

*The Artist* is about two people grabbing the other by the hand and pulling each other into life.

# Saraswati

by Gurnaik Johal

*A holy river returns, seven lives change course.*



June, 2025

Centuries ago, the holy river Saraswati flowed through what is now Punjab.

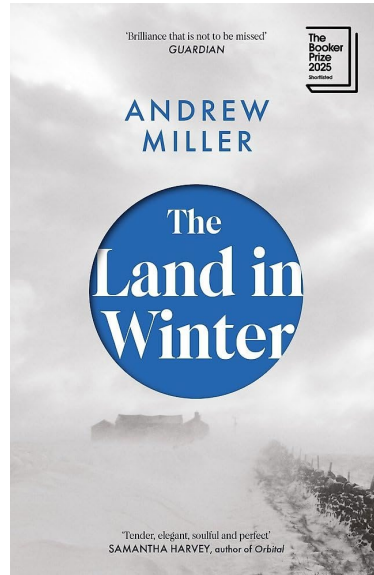
Many dismiss this as myth, but when Satnam arrives in his ancestral village for his grandmother's funeral, he finds water in the dried-up well behind her house. The discovery sets in motion a contentious scheme to unearth the lost river as an act of Hindu nationalist pride.

The river changes the course of Satnam's life, and those of six others. As legends and histories resurface, the distant relatives - from a Canadian eco-saboteur to a Mauritian pest exterminator to a Bollywood stunt double - are brought together in a rapidly changing India. Ambitious, moving and brimming with folklore, *Saraswati* is a tour de force from one of Britain's most feted young writers.

# The Land in Winter

by Andrew Miller

*Shortlisted for the Booker Prize 2025*



September, 2025

**DECEMBER 1962, THE WEST COUNTRY.**

Local doctor Eric Parry, mulling secrets, sets out on his rounds, while his pregnant wife sleeps on in the warmth of their cottage. Across the field, funny, troubled Rita Simmons is also asleep, her head full of images of a past life her husband prefers to ignore. He's been up for hours, tending to the needs of the small dairy farm where he hoped to create a new version of himself, a project that's already faltering.

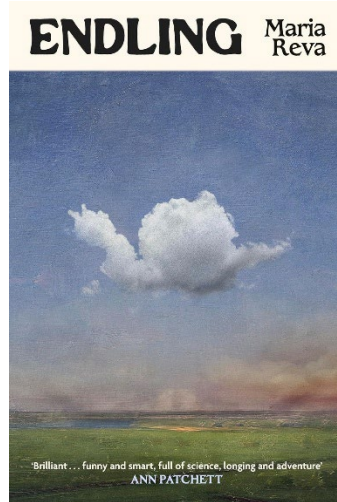
But when the ordinary cold of an English December gives way to violent blizzards, the two couples find their lives beginning to unravel.

Where do you hide when you can't leave home? And where, in a frozen world, can you run to?

# Endling

by Maria Reva

*Longlisted for the Booker Prize 2025*



**June, 2025**

Ukraine, 2022. Yeva is a maverick scientist who scours the country's forests and valleys, trying and failing to breed rare snails while her relatives urge her to settle down and start a family of her own. What they don't know: Yeva already dates plenty of men-not for love, but to fund her work-entertaining Westerners who come to Ukraine on guided romance tours believing they'll find docile brides untainted by feminism.

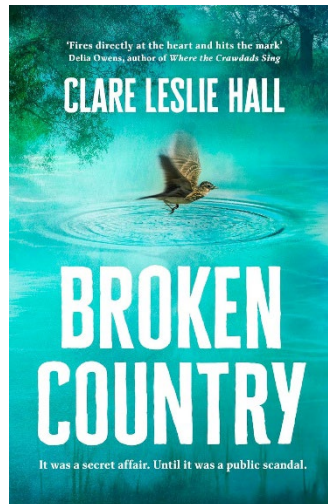
Nastia and her sister, Solomiya, are also entangled in the booming marriage industry, posing as a hopeful bride and her translator while secretly searching for their missing mother, who vanished after years of fierce activism against the romance tours.

So begins a journey of a lifetime across a country on the brink of war: three angry women, a truckful of kidnapped bachelors, and Lefty, a last-of-his-kind snail with one final shot at perpetuating his species.

## **Broken Country**

*by* Clare Leslie Hall

*A love story with the pulse of a thriller, Broken Country is a heart-pounding novel of impossible choices and devastating consequences.*



**March, 2025**

Everyone in the village said nothing good would come of Gabriel's return. And as Beth looks at the man she loves on trial for murder, she can't help thinking they were right.

Beth was seventeen when she first met Gabriel. Over that heady, intense summer, he made her think and feel and see differently. She thought it was the start of her great love story. When Gabriel left to become the person his mother expected him to be, she was broken.

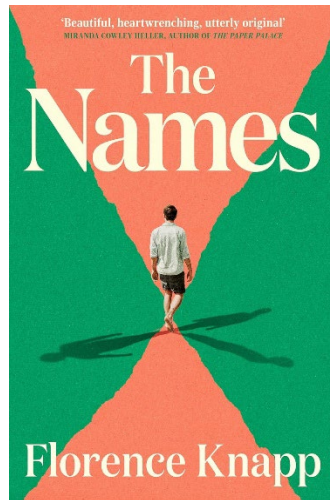
It was Frank who picked up the pieces and together they built a home very different from the one she'd imagined with Gabriel. Watching her husband and son, she remembered feeling so sure that, after everything, this was the life she was supposed to be leading.

But when Gabriel comes back, all Beth's certainty about who she is and what she wants crumbles. Even after ten years, their connection is instant. She knows it's wrong and she knows people could get hurt. But how can she resist a second chance at first love?

# The Names

by Florence Knapp

*Tomorrow - if morning comes, if the storm stops raging - Cora will register the name of her son. Or perhaps, and this is her real concern, she'll formalise who he will become.*



May, 2025

It is 1987, and in the aftermath of a great storm, Cora sets out with her nine-year-old daughter to register the birth of her son. Her husband intends for her to follow a long-standing family tradition and call the baby after him. But when faced with the decision, Cora hesitates. Going against his wishes is a risk that will have consequences, but is it right for her child to inherit his name from generations of domineering men? The choice she makes in this moment will shape the course of their lives.

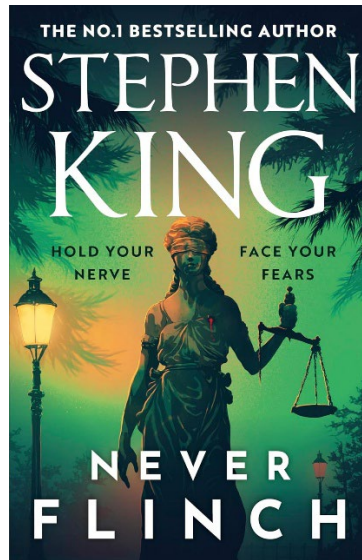
Seven years later, her son is Bear, a name chosen by his sister, and one that will prove as cataclysmic as the storm from which it emerges. Or he is Julian, the name his mother set her heart on, believing it will enable him to become his own person. Or he is Gordon, named after his father and raised in his cruel image - but is there still a chance to break the mould?

Powerfully moving and full of hope, this is the story of three names, three versions of a life, and the infinite possibilities that a single decision can spark. It is the story of one family and love's endless capacity to endure, no matter what fate has in store.

## Never Flinch

by Stephen King

*An extraordinary new novel with intertwining storylines - one about a killer on a diabolical revenge mission, and another about a vigilante targeting a feminist celebrity speaker.*



May, 2025

When the Buckeye City Police Department receives a disturbing letter from a person threatening to 'kill thirteen innocents and one guilty' in 'an act of atonement for the needless death of an innocent man', Detective Izzy Jaynes has no idea what to think. Are fourteen citizens about to be slaughtered in an unhinged act of retribution? As the investigation unfolds, Izzy realises that the letter writer is deadly serious, and she turns to her friend Holly Gibney for help. Meanwhile, controversial and outspoken women's rights activist Kate McKay is embarking on a multi-state lecture tour, drawing packed venues of both fans and detractors. Someone who vehemently opposes Kate's message of female empowerment is targeting her and disrupting her events. At first, no one is hurt, but the stalker is growing bolder, and Holly is hired to be Kate's bodyguard - a challenging task with a headstrong employer and a determined adversary driven by wrath and his belief in his own righteousness.

Featuring a riveting cast of characters both old and new, including world-famous gospel singer Sista Bessie and an unforgettable villain addicted to murder, these twinned narratives converge in a chilling and spectacular conclusion - a feat of storytelling only Stephen King could pull off.

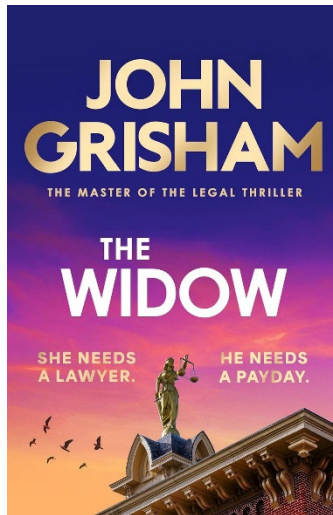
**Thrilling, wildly fun and outrageously engrossing, *Never Flinch* is one of King's richest and most propulsive novels.**



# The Widow

by John Grisham

*John Grisham is back with his first-ever whodunit, even more suspenseful than his courtroom dramas, as a small-time lawyer accused of murder races to find the real killer to clear his name.*



**October, 2025**

Simon Latch is a lawyer in rural Virginia, making just enough to pay his bills while his marriage slowly falls apart. Then into his office walks Eleanor Barnett, an elderly widow in need of a new will. Apparently, her husband left her a small fortune, and no one knows about it.

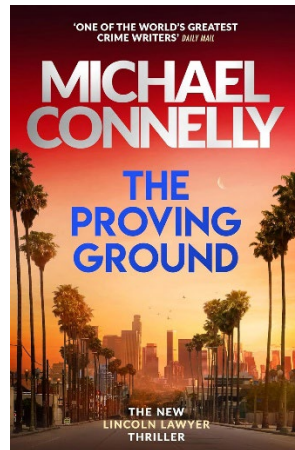
Once he hooks the richest client of his career, Simon works quietly to keep her wealth under the radar. But soon her story begins to crack. When she is hospitalized after a car accident, Simon realizes that nothing is as it seems, and he finds himself on trial for a crime he swears he didn't commit: murder.

Simon knows he's innocent. But he also knows the circumstantial evidence is against him, and he could spend the rest of his life behind bars. To save himself, he must find the real killer...

## Proving Ground

by Michael Connelly

*The Lincoln Lawyer is back with a case against an AI company whose product may have been responsible for the murder of a young girl.*



**October, 2025**

Following his “resurrection walk” and need for a new direction, Mickey Haller turns to public interest litigation, filing a civil lawsuit against an artificial intelligence company whose chatbot told a sixteen-year-old boy that it was okay for him to kill his ex-girlfriend for her disloyalty.

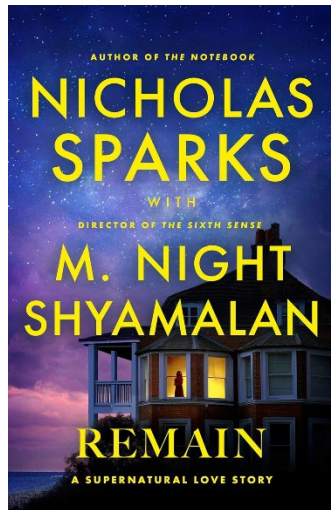
Representing the victim’s family, Mickey’s case explores the mostly unregulated and exploding AI business and the lack of training guardrails. Along the way he joins up with a journalist named Jack McEvoy, who wants to be a fly on the wall during the trial in order to write a book about it. But Mickey puts him to work going through the mountain of printed discovery materials in the case. McEvoy’s digging ultimate delivers the key witness, a whistleblower who has been too afraid to speak up. The case is fraught with danger because billions are at stake.

It is said that machines became smarter than humans on the day in 1997 that IBM’s Deep Blue defeated chess master Garry Kasparov with a gambit called “the knight’s sacrifice.” Haller will take a similar gambit in court to defeat the mega forces of the AI industry lined up against him and his clients.

## Remain

by Nicholas Sparks and M. Night Shyamalan

*An unprecedented collaboration between the globally bestselling author of love stories like **The Notebook** and the renowned writer and director of blockbuster thrillers like **The Sixth Sense**.*



October, 2025

When New York architect Tate Donovan arrives in Cape Cod to design his best friend's summer home, he is hoping to make a fresh start. Recently discharged from an upscale psychiatric facility where he was treated for acute depression, he is still wrestling with the pain of losing his beloved sister. Sylvia's deathbed revelation - that she can see spirits who are still tethered to the living world, a gift that runs in their family - sits uneasily with Tate, who struggles to believe in more than what reason can explain. But when he takes up residence at a historic bed-and-breakfast on the Cape, he encounters a beautiful young woman named Wren who will challenge every assumption he has about his logical and controlled world.

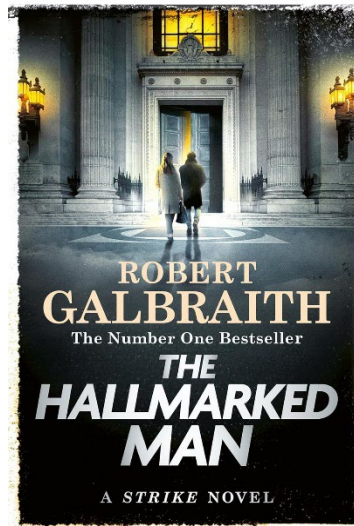
Tate and Wren find themselves forging an immediate connection, one that neither has ever experienced before. But Tate gradually discovers that below the surface of Wren's idyllic small-town life, hatred, jealousy and greed are festering, threatening their fragile relationship just as it begins to blossom. Tate realizes that in order to free Wren from an increasingly desperate fate, he will need to unearth the truth about her past before time runs out . . . a quest that will make him doubt whether we can ever believe the stories we tell about ourselves, and the laws that govern our existence. Love - while transformative - can sometimes be frightening.

A story about the power of transcendent emotion, *Remain* asks us all: Can love set us free not only from our greatest sorrows, but even from the boundaries of life and death?

# The Hallmarked Man

by Robert Galbraith

*A gripping, wonderfully complex novel which takes Strike and Robin's story to a new level, The Hallmarked Man is an unmissable read for any fan of this unique series.*



September, 2025

A dismembered corpse is discovered in the vault of a silver shop. The police initially believe it to be that of a convicted armed robber - but not everyone agrees with that theory. One of them is Decima Mullins, who calls on the help of private detective Cormoran Strike as she's certain the body in the silver vault was that of her boyfriend - the father of her newborn baby - who suddenly and mysteriously disappeared.

The more Strike and his business partner Robin Ellacott delve into the case, the more labyrinthine it gets. The silver shop is no ordinary one: it's located beside Freemasons' Hall and specialises in Masonic silverware. And in addition to the armed robber and Decima's boyfriend, it becomes clear that there are other missing men who could fit the profile of the body in the vault.

As the case becomes ever more complicated and dangerous, Strike faces another quandary. Robin seems increasingly committed to her boyfriend, policeman Ryan Murphy, but the impulse to declare his own feelings for her is becoming stronger than ever.

# Invisible Helix

by Keigo Higashino

*Detective Galileo, Keigo Higashino's best loved character from The Devotion of Suspect X, returns in a case where hidden history, and impossible crime, are linked by nearly invisible threads in surprising ways.*



January, 2025

The body of a young man is found floating in Tokyo Bay. But his death was no accident- Ryota Uetsuji was shot. He'd been reported missing the week before by his live-in girlfriend Sonoka Shimauchi, but when detectives from the Homicide Squad go to interview her, she is nowhere to be found. She's taken time off from work, clothes and effects are missing from the apartment she shared. And when the detectives learn that she was the victim of domestic abuse, they presume that she was the killer. But her alibi is airtight-she was hours away in Kyoto when Ryota disappeared, forcing Detectives Kusanagi and Utsumi to restart their investigation.

But if Sonoko didn't kill her abusive lover, then who did? A thin thread of association leads them to their old consultant, brilliant physicist Manabu Yukawa, known in the department as "Detective Galileo." With Sonoko still missing, the detectives investigate other threads of association-an eccentric artist, who was Sonoko's mother figure after her own single mother passed; and an older woman who is the owner of a hostess club. And how is Sonoko continuing to stay one step ahead of the police searching for her?

It's up to Galileo to find the nearly hidden threads of history and coincidence that connect the people around the bloody murder - which, surprisingly, connect to his own traumatic past unravel not merely the facts of the crime but the helix that ties them all together.

# Onyx Storm

by Rebecca Yarros

*Get ready for the breathtaking follow-up to global phenomenons Fourth Wing and Iron Flame from the No. 1 Sunday Times and New York Times bestselling author Rebecca Yarros.*



January, 2025

## **ARE YOU READY TO BRAVE THE DARK?**

After nearly eighteen months at Basgiath War College, Violet Sorrengail knows there's no more time for lessons. No more time for uncertainty. Because the battle has truly begun, and with enemies closing in from outside their walls and within their ranks, it's impossible to know who to trust. Now Violet must journey beyond the failing Aretian wards to seek allies from unfamiliar lands to stand with Navarre.

The trip will test every bit of her wit, luck, and strength, but she will do anything to save what she loves - her dragons, her family, her home, and him. Even if it means keeping a secret so big, it could destroy everything. They need an army. They need power. They need magic. And they need the one thing only Violet can find - the truth. But a storm is coming... and not everyone can survive its wrath.

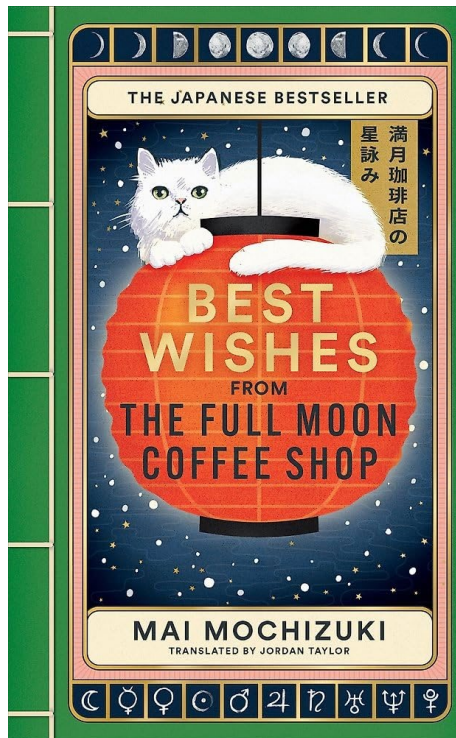


# Best Wishes from the Full Moon Coffee Shop

by Mai Mochizuki, *trans.* Jordan Taylor

*Welcome back to the Full Moon Coffee Shop.*

*What do you really want this Christmas?*



**October, 2025**

The Full Moon Coffee Shop normally appears on the night of the full moon - with one exception every year. On Christmas Eve, the sagacious cats open their doors once more to those in need.

Satomi catches wind of her boyfriend's plan to propose on Christmas Eve, finding herself torn between him and her career in Tokyo. Her listless intern, Koyuki, has her own reasons for dreading the day ever since her father died in a tragic car accident. And Satomi's sister-in-law, estranged from home for the past two decades, receives some unexpected news about her elderly father.

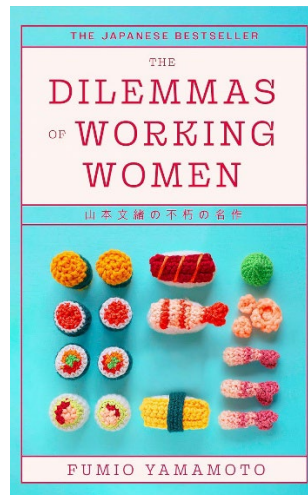
This Christmas, the customers of the Full Moon Coffee Shop stand at a wintry crossroads in their lives - but with the help of some feline divinations, each will finally find the courage to follow their stars into the new year.



# The Dilemmas of Working Women

by Fumio Yamamoto, *trans.* Brian Bergstrom

*The classic Japanese bestseller published in English for the very first time –  
a darkly funny and relatable book portraying the lives of five women*



**July, 2025**

Izumi needs to get a job.

Haruka needs to stop talking about how she once had cancer.

Kato needs to get through a shift at the convenience store without being harassed.

Mito needs to break up with her boyfriend - or marry him.

Sumie just needs somewhere to live.

In this classic Japanese bestseller, published in English twenty-five years after it took Japan by storm, the lives of five ordinary women are depicted with irresistible humour and searing emotional insight.

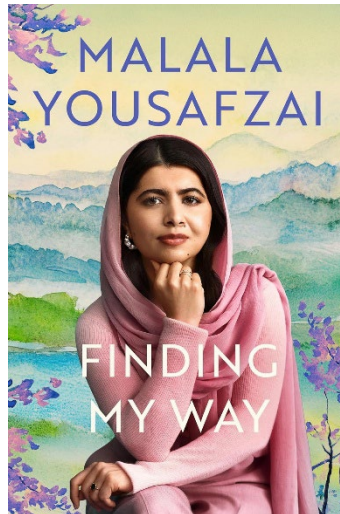
Non-Fiction

## Finding My Way

by Malala Yousafzai

*This is not the story you think you know.*

*It's the one I've been waiting to tell.*



**November, 2025**

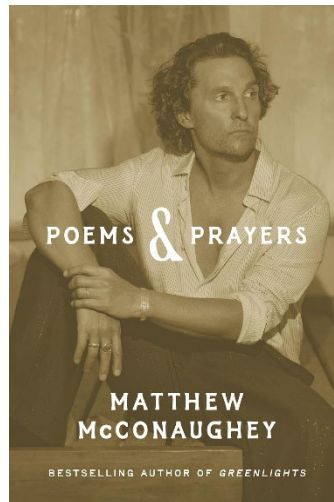
Malala Yousafzai was just fifteen years old when she was shot in the head at point-blank range for daring to speak out against the Taliban and fight for her right to an education. In an instant, she became the most famous teenager in the world. Millions of people knew her name, but in the years that followed her shooting - as she became a Nobel laureate, a bestselling author, an Oxford graduate, a wife - she began to feel less and less sure that she really knew herself.

Buckling under the weight of all her different identities (heroic schoolgirl, reckless college kid, good Pashtun daughter, overachieving academic, global activist icon), Malala realised she needed to figure out who it was she really wanted to be. That journey to self-discovery is the story of this book.

## Poems & Prayers

by Matthew McConaughey

*An inspiring, faith-filled, and often hilarious collection of personal poetry and prayers about navigating the rodeo of life and chasing down the original dream, belief.*



September, 2025

*My prayers are my poems are my prayers.*

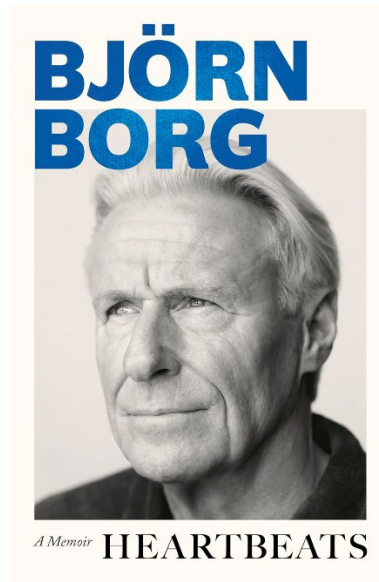
I've always relied on logic to make sense of myself and the world. A prescriptionist at heart, I've always looked to reason to find the rhyme, the practical to get to the mystical, the choreography to find the dance, the proof to get to the truth, and reality to get to the dream. I've been finding that tougher to do lately. It's more than hard to know what to believe in; it's hard to believe.

But I don't want to quit believing, and I don't want to stop believing *in* . . . humanity, you, myself, our potential. I think it's time for us to flip the script on what's historically been our means of making sense, and instead open our aperture to enchantment and look to faith, belief, and dreams for our reality. Let's sing more than we might make sense, believe in more than the world can conclude, get more impressed with the wow instead of the how, let inspiration interrupt our appointments, dream our way to reality, serve some soul food to our hungry heads, put proof on the shelf for a season, and rhyme our way to reason. Forget logic, certainty, owning, or making a start-up company of it; let's go beyond what we can merely imagine, and believe, in the poetry of life.

## Heartbeats

by Björn Borg

*For the first time, readers will get Borg's own account of his career, his choices, and the experiences that shaped him as a person, from his childhood right up to today.*



September, 2025

No one had ever played tennis quite like Björn Borg. With his incredible athleticism, powerful shot-making and distinctive style, he became a sensation after he burst onto the scene aged just 15. As he ascended to the pinnacle of men's tennis, Borg experienced unprecedented stardom and success that changed the game forever.

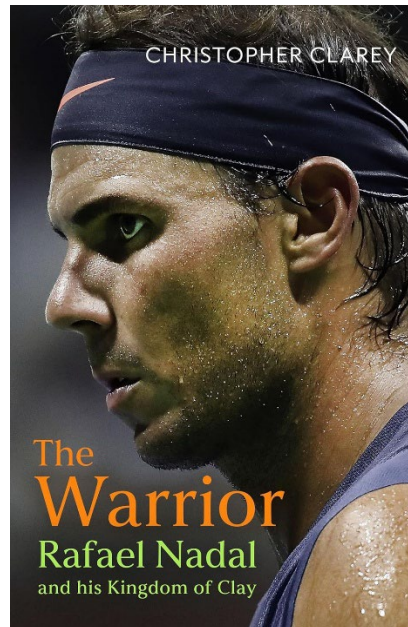
Hailed as one of the most talented players to ever step onto a tennis court, Borg collected the game's highest honours, including eleven Grand Slam titles - with five consecutive Wimbledon titles - establishing himself as one of the greatest of all time. Then he stunned the sporting world by announcing his retirement at the age of 26 and disappeared from tennis.

After all these years of silence, Borg is ready to share everything. In this candid memoir, Borg takes us through all the major moments in his career, shares insights into his rivalry with John McEnroe - considered one of the best in the sport's history - and their legendary 1980 Wimbledon final, and explains his shock retirement. Borg writes candidly about his personal life - for so long kept under wraps - including his childhood, his early stardom and his uncomfortable relationship with fame, alongside all the highs and lows of his unmatched career.

# The Warrior

by Christopher Clarey

*An intimate biography of tennis's living legend Rafael Nadal.*



**May, 2025**

Tennis is not short on history. When Nadal arrived on the scene in 2005, the record for men's singles titles at the French Open stood at six, held by Bjorn Borg. Almost twenty years later, Nadal has more than doubled Borg's total with a mind-boggling fourteen titles. His record will undoubtedly remain his signature achievement - the stat that will define him in memory twenty, fifty, even a hundred years from now. Fourteen certainly looks like the only major tennis record that will never be broken even if Nadal, a modest champion despite his flashy résumé, rejects that kind of definitive thinking.

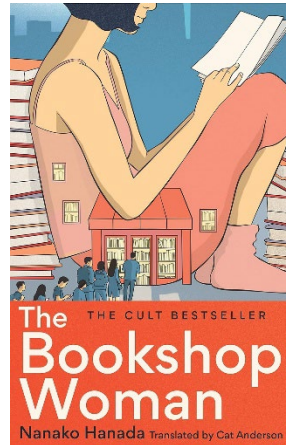
Nadal has won big and won often on any of tennis's surfaces, securing two Wimbledon titles on grass and four U.S. Opens on acrylic hardcourts. But clay, the slowest and grittiest of the game's playgrounds, is where it all comes together best for his explosive movement and warrior mindset. Clay is the canvas on which he has mastered his choreography, underlining the precision, speed, and raw power required to accomplish one of the most impressive sporting achievements of the 21st century - it is the essential stuff of his life and success.

Legendary sports reporter and bestselling author Christopher Clarey has interviewed Nadal and his coaches from his first French Open victory at nineteen, marking his debut as a rising star on the premier clay-court event in the world, to his most recent victory in 2022, closing out an astonishing career as one of the greatest players of all time. Brimming with behind-the-scenes insight into the story of a global sporting icon, *The Warrior* is a must-read account for the loyal sports fan - and anyone interested in the evolution of excellence.

# The Bookshop Woman

by Nanako Hanada, *trans.* Cat Anderson

*THIS IS A LOVE STORY. A LOVE STORY ABOUT BOOKS.*



June, 2025

Nanako Hanada's life has hit rock bottom. She's separated from her husband, living between 4-hour capsule hostels and pokey internet cafés in Tokyo. Work is going no better, and sales at her eccentric bookstore are dwindling.

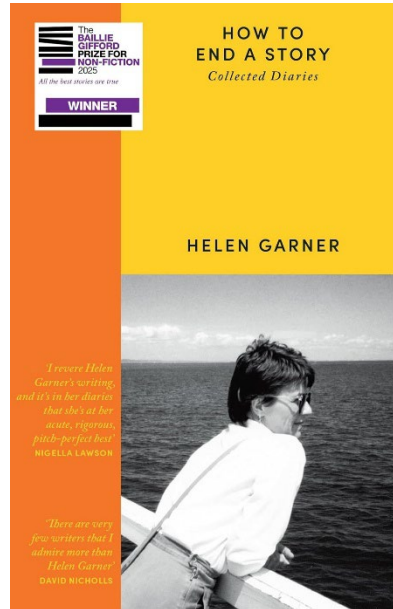
That's when Nanako downloads an app called PerfectStrangers which offers users 30 minutes with someone they'll never see again. Styling herself as 'TheSexyBookseller', she recommends her matches 'the book that will change their life.' In the ensuing year, Nanako meets hundreds of strangers - and some of them want more than just a book...

Swinging open the door to a secret side of Tokyo, *The Bookshop Woman* is a true story about the beauty of diving into a book and resurfacing on the last page, ready to breathe freely.

# How to End a Story: Collected Diaries

by Helen Garner

*Winner of the Bailie Gifford Prize for Non-Fiction 2025*



March, 2025

*Looking out the window at the two big gum trees, as it gets dark, I think: the only way I can go on keeping a diary - the bits about myself, anyway, i.e. most of it - is to conceive of it as a record of soul.*

Helen Garner has kept a diary for most of her adult life. Now she is widely recognised as one of the greatest writers of our age. But, of all her books, it is her diaries that she likes best.

Collected for the first time into one volume, these inimitable diaries show Garner like never before: as a fledging author in bohemian Melbourne, publishing her lightning-rod debut novel while raising a young daughter in the 1970s; in the throes of an all-consuming love affair in the 1980s; and clinging to a disintegrating marriage in the 1990s.

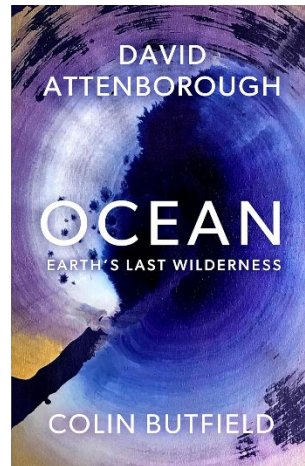
*How to End a Story* reveals the inner life of a woman in love, a mother, a friend and a formidable writer at work. Told with devastating honesty, steel-sharp wit and an ecstatic attention to the details of everyday life, it offers all the satisfactions of a novel alongside the enthralling intimacy of something written in private and just for pleasure.



## Ocean

*by* David Attenborough and Colin Butfield

*A landmark publication by the greatest natural history broadcaster of our times on how to save the ocean - and consequently our planet.*



**May, 2025**

From the icy oceans of our poles to remote coral islands, David Attenborough has filmed in every ocean habitat on planet earth. Now, with long-term collaborator Colin Butfield, he shares the story of our last great, critical wilderness, and the one which shapes the land we live on, regulates our climate and creates the air we breathe.

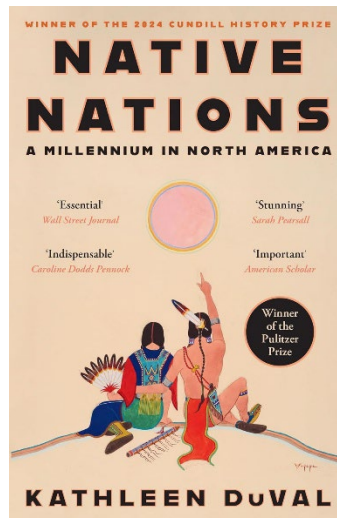
Through one hundred years, eight unique ocean habitats, countless intriguing species - and through personal stories, history and cutting-edge science - *Ocean* uncovers the mystery, the wonder and the frailty of the most unexplored habitat on our planet. And it shows its remarkable resilience: it is the part of our world that can, and in some cases has, recovered the fastest, and in our lifetimes we could see a fully restored marine world, even richer and more spectacular than we could possibly hope, if we act now.

It is a book almost a century in the making, but one that has never been more urgently needed.

# Native Nations

*by* Kathleen DuVal

*WINNER OF THE 2025 PULITZER PRIZE FOR HISTORY*



**May, 2025**

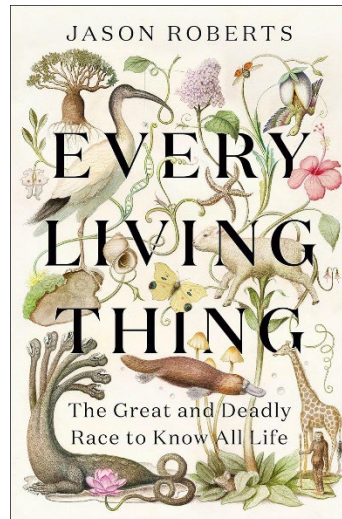
For centuries, Europeans assumed that indigenous Americans lacked the sophistication to build cities and establish hierarchies. For over a millennium, prior to and after the arrival of white colonialists, however, native nations had been adapting to changing climates, founding and abandoning urban centres and forging complex, democratic societies. In this magisterial new history of North America, Kathleen DuVal puts indigenous people back at the heart of the story.

From the splendour of ancient cities like Cahokia and Moundville to the careful diplomacy of native leaders in the face of colonial expansion, *Native Nations* reveals the diversity of indigenous civilisation and shows how a 1,000-year legacy still shapes America today, in struggles over sovereignty, climate and indigenous rights.

# Every Living Thing

by Jason Roberts

*The dramatic, globe-spanning and meticulously-researched story of two scientific rivals and their race to survey all life.*



April, 2025

In the 18th century, two men dedicated their lives to the same daunting task: identifying and describing all life on Earth. Their approaches could not have been more different. Carl Linnaeus, a pious Swedish doctor with a huckster's flair, believed that life belonged in tidy, static categories. Georges-Louis de Buffon, an aristocratic polymath and keeper of France's royal garden, viewed life as a dynamic, ever-changing swirl of complexities. Both began believing their work to be difficult, but not impossible--how could the planet possibly hold more than a few thousand species? Stunned by life's diversity, both fell far short of their goal. But in the process they articulated starkly divergent views on nature, on humanity's role in shaping the fate of our planet, and on humanity itself.

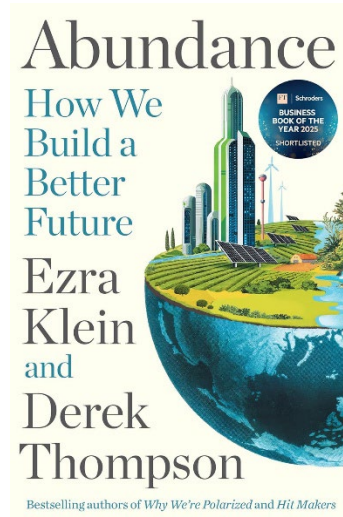
The rivalry between these two unique, driven individuals created reverberations that still echo today. Linnaeus, with the help of acolyte explorers he called "apostles" (only half of whom returned alive), gave the world such concepts as *mammal*, *primate* and *homo sapiens*--but he also denied species change and promulgated racist pseudo-science. Buffon coined the term *reproduction*, formulated early prototypes of evolution and genetics, and argued passionately against prejudice. It was a clash that, during their lifetimes, Buffon seemed to be winning. But their posthumous fates would take a very different turn.

With elegant, propulsive prose grounded in more than a decade of research, bestselling author Jason Roberts tells an unforgettable true-life tale of intertwined lives and enduring legacies, tracing an arc of insight and discovery that extends across three centuries into the present day.

# Abundance

by Ezra Klein and Derek Thompson

*The real threat to liberal democracy isn't just from autocrats - but from a lack of effective action by so-called progressives.*



**March, 2025**

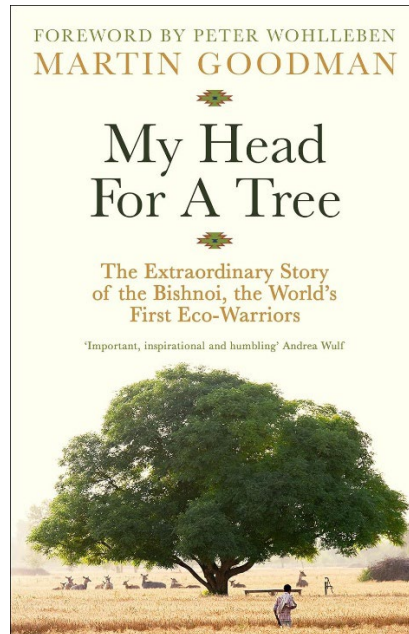
We have the means to build an equitable world without hunger, fuelled by clean energy. Instead, we have a politics driven by scarcity, lives defined by unaffordability and public institutions that no longer deliver on big ideas. It's time for change.

Bestselling authors Ezra Klein and Derek Thompson have spent decades analysing the political, economic and cultural forces that have led us here. In this once in a generation intervention, they unpick the barriers to progress and show how we can, and must, shift the political agenda to one that not only protects and preserves, but also builds. From healthcare to housing, infrastructure to innovation they lay out a path to a future defined not by fear, but by abundance.

# My Head For A Tree

by Martin Goodman

*Meet the Bishnois, the world's oldest sustainable community – with a foreword from Peter Wohlleben, author of The Hidden Life of Trees.*



January, 2025

How much can one love a tree? Rajasthan, in northern India, is home to the Bishnoi, a community renowned for the extreme lengths they go to in order to protect nature: Bishnoi men and women have died to defend trees from loggers and wildlife from poachers.

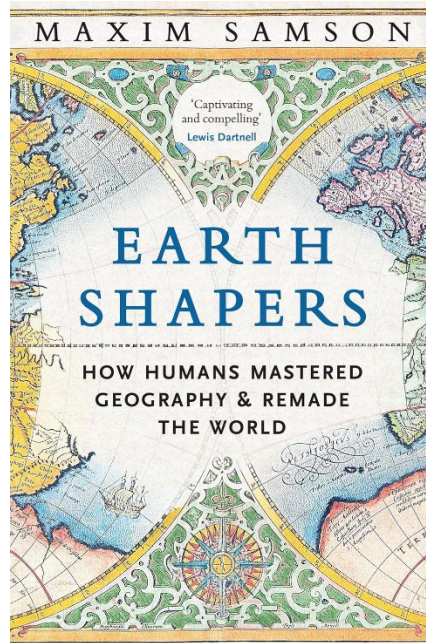
Writer and conservationist Martin Goodman, one of few trusted outsiders, relates the history of the Bishnoi, and asks what a world facing climate change and natural disaster can learn from a 600-year-old sustainable community leading an existence in delicate balance with nature and under threat from rapacious modernity.

*My Head for a Tree* offers a timely reflection on indigenous, community-based activism and how we might adjust our lives to fight for the natural world.

# Earth Shapers

by Maxim Samson

*An immense work of cultural geography touching on ecology, sociology, history and politics.*



**August, 2025**

Mountains, meridians, rivers and borders; these are some of the features that carve up the world on our maps and in our minds. But geography is far less set in stone than we might believe and, over time, we have become experts at reshaping our surroundings.

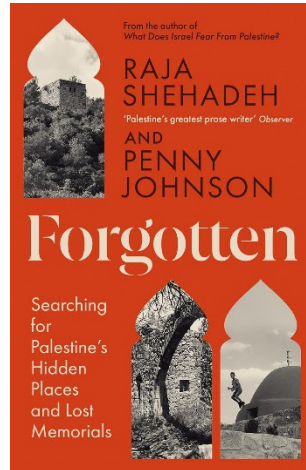
From the Qhapaq Ñan, South America's 'Great Road', and the Panama Canal to Mozambique's railways and Korea's sacred Baekdu-daegan mountain range, Samson explores how we mould the world around us. And how, as we etch our needs onto the natural landscape, we alter the course of history.

*Earth Shapers* argues that, far from being constrained by geography, we are instead its creators.

# **Forgotten**

**by Raja Shehadeh and Penny Johnson**

**Searching for Palestine's hidden places and lost memorials.**



**February, 2025**

*Forgotten* is a search for hidden or neglected memorials and places in historic Palestine - now Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories - and what they might tell us about the land and the people who live on our small slip of earth between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River.

From ancient city ruins to the Nabi 'Ukkasha mosque and tomb, acclaimed writers and researchers Raja Shehadeh and Penny Johnson ask: what has been memorialised, and what lies unseen, abandoned or erased - and why? Whether standing on a high cliff overlooking Lebanon or at the lowest land-based elevation on earth at the Dead Sea, they explore lost connections in a fragmented land.

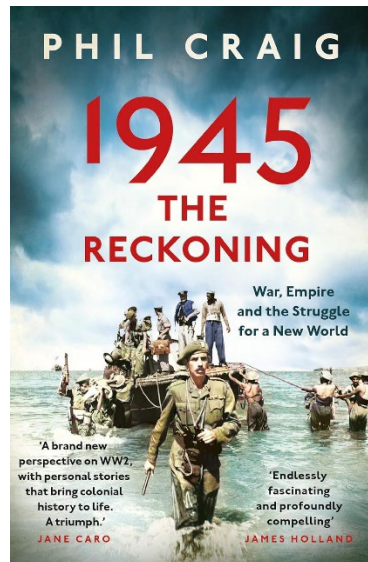
In elegiac, elegant prose, Shehadeh and Johnson grapple not only with questions of Israeli resistance to acknowledging the Nakba - the 1948 catastrophe for Palestinians - but also with the complicated history of Palestinian commemoration today.



# 1945: The Reckoning

by Phil Craig

*War, empire, and the struggle for a new world.*



April, 2025

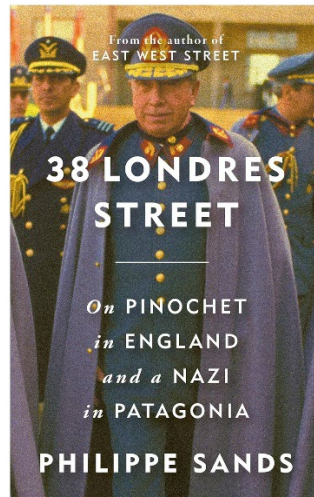
Packed with fresh and surprising stories, *1945: The Reckoning* takes readers on a spectacular journey from the deadly jungles of Burma through hospital ships on Indian rivers and copper mines in Formosa to the 'lost trains' of the Belsen concentration camp. As the fate of the world is decided so too is that of the British Empire and in India millions of men and women struggle to decide whether to support 'the Raj' or fight alongside the Japanese. In Borneo a little known Australian special forces campaign - secretly controlled from London - goes horribly wrong as questions are asked about whether its true purpose is military or imperial.

Clearing away the haze of nostalgia, many uncomfortable truths emerge - but so too does a new and balanced analysis of Empire at this unsurpassed moment of global jeopardy. An Indian military family is bitterly divided. Will it be the brother who stands by the British, or the one who follows Subhas Chandra Bose and his Indian National Army, who goes on to help build a new and free India?

## **38 Londres Street**

*by* **Philippe Sands**

*Philippe Sands blends personal memoir, historical detective work and gripping courtroom drama to probe a secret double story of mass murder, one that reveals a shocking thread that links the horrors of the 1940s with those of our own times.*



**April, 2025**

In the heart of Santiago, the infamous 38 Londres Street becomes the haunting backdrop for a riveting tale that intertwines the arrest of Augusto Pinochet in London, the post-war life of senior SS officer Walther Rauff in Chilean Patagonia and the sinister connections between the two men. Walther Rauff, a key figure responsible for the wartime horrors of mobile gas vans, fled justice and found an unlikely refuge in Chile. Settling in Punta Arenas, he managed a king crab cannery, seemingly far removed from his dark past. But as rumours swirl about Rauff's involvement with Pinochet's secret intelligence services and the disappearances that plagued Chile, a chilling narrative unfolds.

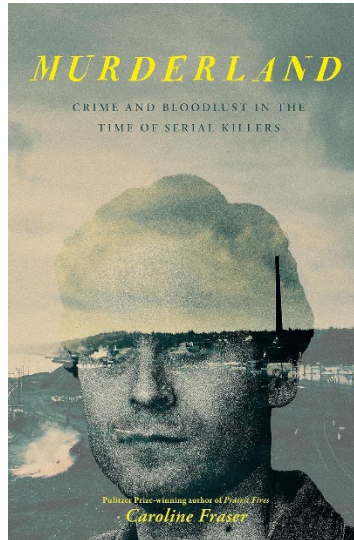
In 1998, as Pinochet faces arrest in London, Philippe Sands, approached to advise the dictator, instead chooses to act as a barrister for Human Rights Watch. This decision leads to an eight-year exploration into Rauff's second life, his ties to Pinochet and his role in the atrocities at the heart of the London proceedings. A unique blend of memoir, detective story, courtroom drama and travelogue, drawing on interviews with key players and extensive research in archives worldwide, Sands unveils a hidden double story of mass murder and a disturbing link between the atrocities of the 1940s and those of our own times.

As the narrative unfolds, we are transported into a world where the echoes of historical crimes reverberate through the corridors of power, exposing the chilling truth behind the lives of two men and their intertwined destinies on 38 Londres Street.

# **Murderland**

*by* **Caroline Fraser**

*A terrifying true-crime history of serial killers in the Pacific Northwest and beyond, from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of **Prairie Fires**.*



**July, 2025**

Caroline Fraser grew up in the shadow of Ted Bundy, the most notorious serial murderer of women in American history, surrounded by his hunting grounds and mountain body dumps, in the brooding landscape of the Pacific Northwest. But in the 1970s and 80s, Bundy was just one perpetrator amid an uncanny explosion of serial rape and murder across the region. Why so many? Why so weirdly and nightmarishly gruesome? Why the senseless rise and then sudden fall of an epidemic of serial killing?

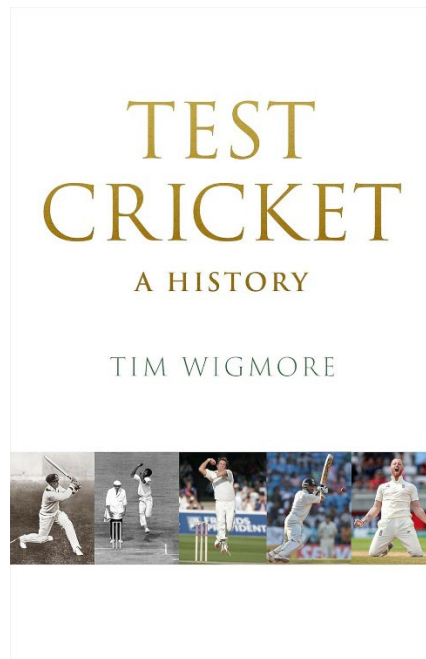
As *Murderland* indelibly maps the lives and careers of Bundy and his infamous peers in mayhem - the Green River Killer, the I-5 Killer, the Night Stalker, the Hillside Strangler, even Charles Manson - Fraser's Northwestern death trip begins to uncover a deeper mystery and an overlapping pattern of environmental destruction. At ground zero in Ted Bundy's Tacoma, stood one of the most poisonous lead, copper, and arsenic smelters in the world, but it was only one among many that dotted the area.

As Fraser's investigation inexorably proceeds, evidence mounts that the plumes of western smelters not only sickened and blighted millions of lives, but also warped young minds, spawning a generation of serial killers. A propulsive non-fiction thriller, *Murderland* transcends true-crime voyeurism and noir mythology, taking readers on a profound quest into the dark heart of the real American berserk.

# Test Cricket

by Tim Wigmore

*From Bodyline to Bazball, the golden age to the rise of West Indies, and Shane Warne to Ian Botham, readers will come to appreciate Test cricket's remarkable history like never before.*



**April, 2025**

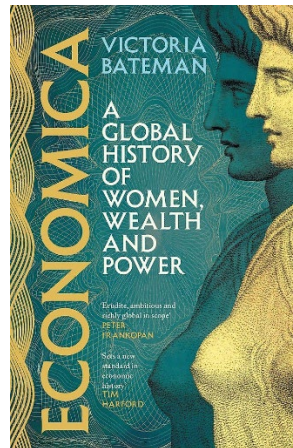
For the first time, *Test Cricket: A History* tells the full, gripping story of the players and stories that have shaped the game's evolution since 1877.

Award-winning author Tim Wigmore brings to life both Test cricket on the pitch and the game's social significance around the world. This captivating tour is illuminated by dozens of exclusive interviews with the game's greatest players, including Sachin Tendulkar, Pat Cummins, Michael Holding, Muthiah Muralidaran, Kevin Pietersen, Ian Chappell, Dale Steyn and Rahul Dravid.

# Economica

by Victoria Bateman

*THE UNTOLD STORY OF HOW WOMEN MADE THE WORLD WEALTHY*



August, 2025

Humanity's journey from poverty to prosperity is filled with men who have become household names. But how many female entrepreneurs, merchants and industrialists can you name?

*Economica* places women at the centre of the story of economic growth. Starting in the Stone Age and continuing to the present day, it takes the reader through the key economic milestones of the past twelve millennia - from the birth of farming to the advent of computing - all told through the experiences of women as well as men.

**Historian Victoria Bateman weaves a thrilling, globe-spanning narrative that proves women weren't 'missing' from economic life, they were merely hidden from view.** We discover the female workers who helped to build the Great Pyramid of Giza, and to plumb the city of ancient Rome; the silk weavers who made a vital contribution to the development of the Silk Road and global trade; the women who dominated London's brewing trade during medieval times; and the brave twentieth-century pioneers who fought to make our economies not just richer but fairer.

***Economica* rewrites our understanding of women's role in the economy, and tells a more accurate economic history of us all.**

# House of Huawei

by Eva Dou

*The untold story of the mysterious family dynasty at the center  
of China's Huawei.*



January, 2025

On December 1, 2018, Meng Wanzhou, daughter of Ren Zhengfei, founder and CEO of China's most powerful company, Huawei Technologies, was detained at the request of U.S. authorities as she prepared to board a flight out of Vancouver, Canada. The detention of Huawei's female scion set the U.S.-China trade skirmish on fire - and, for the first time, revealed the Ren family's prominence in Beijing's power structure.

In *The Listening State*, acclaimed *Washington Post* reporter Eva Dou exposes the untold story of the rise of Ren Zhengfei and the mysterious family dynasty at the center of Huawei, whose connections to state apparatus reveal a deeper truth about China's surveillance web and its global ambitions. Through its technologies, Huawei has helped solidify and enforce China's growing police state, in which outspoken entrepreneurs like Jack Ma have been silenced, tycoons have disappeared, and executives must put patriotism above profit.

Based on over a decade of on-the-ground reporting and an astonishing trove of confidential documents never published in English, *The Listening State* paints an epic story of familial and political intrigue that shines a clarifying light on how business and government work together in an authoritarian state, and how companies fit into China's international ambitions under Xi Jinping.

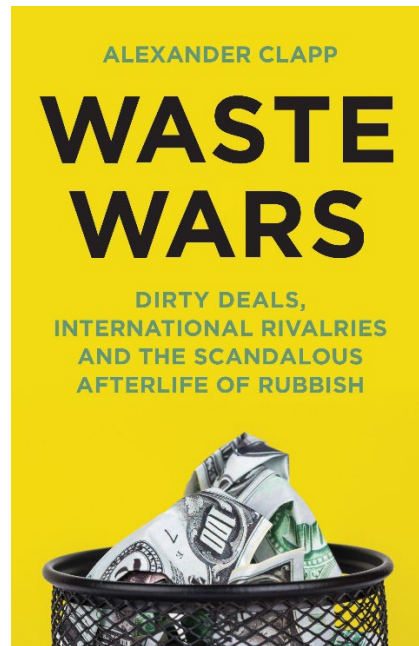
The story of Ren Zhengfei and Huawei exposes the human face of China's modern security state and gets to the heart of the central questions of the U.S.-China trade war: How did these turbocharged Chinese companies emerge? Who really controls them? And what does China's growing surveillance web mean for the Chinese people - and for the rest of the world?



# Waste Wars

by Alexander Clapp

*A riveting investigation into the dark underbelly of the global trash trade - a dirty, multi-billion-dollar industry that almost no one knows exists.*



**February, 2025**

The total mass of the world's manmade materials has recently come to equal the entire biomass of the earth. This means we are living in a world where man's ability to create garbage, or eventual garbage, has surpassed the earth's ability to create life.

Dumps and landfills around the world are overflowing, and disputes about what to do with the tons of garbage generated every day have given rise to waste wars waged in just about every country on earth. Some are border skirmishes, fought to move trash out of one place and dump it into another. Others are waged across thousands of miles.

*Waste Wars* tells the stories of five trash conflicts being waged in different corners of the world right now. They are representative but rich strands in the story of our planet's runaway garbage pandemic. In each theater, a different commodity is being smuggled or imported or bartered. Sometimes there is a winner; sometimes there is a loser. And in each theater a different political dilemma - from global inequality to the pitfalls of green politics - is presenting itself through the seemingly pedestrian medium of trash.

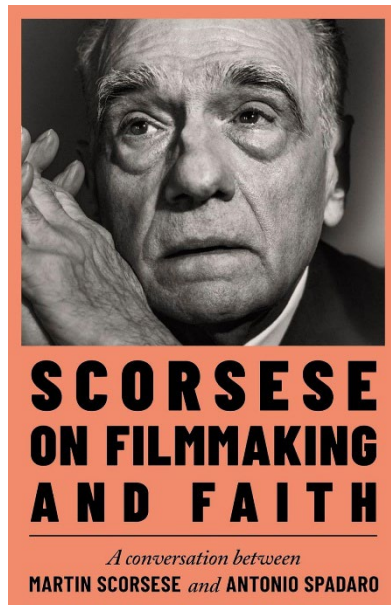
A globetrotting work of relentless investigative reporting, *Waste Wars* exposes the multi-billion dollar global garbage trade in which almost everyone in the world unknowingly engages and asks: If the handling of its trash reveals deeper truths about a particular society, what does the global business of trash say about our world today?



## Scorsese on Filmmaking and Faith

by Martin Scorsese and Antonio Spadaro

*Reflecting on grace and violence, fear and hope, passion and belief, these rich and intimate conversations offer a remarkable insight into the director's life and work.*



October, 2025

*'Have I succeeded, in my own life? I don't know. I don't think so. I'm in my eighties now and I just don't know. But then, maybe "success" is the wrong way of framing it. You just try, and when you fail, you keep trying.'*

Over the course of eight years, Martin Scorsese and Jesuit theologian Antonio Spadaro discussed filmmaking and faith.

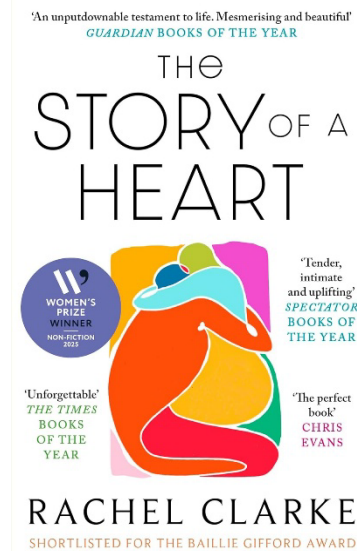
From his Catholic upbringing amidst the brutality of 1950s New York to the heights of Hollywood, Scorsese sketches a unique self-portrait. And from *Mean Streets* to *Killers of the Flower Moon* - and especially the spiritual reckonings of *The Last Temptation of Christ* and *Silence* - he grants readers a new understanding of his films.

# The Story of a Heart

by Rachel Clarke

*'Profoundly moving and at the same time wildly inspiring'*

*—Rob Delaney*

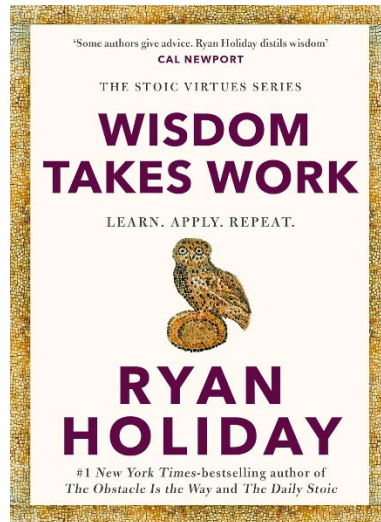


This is the unforgettable story of how one family's grief transformed into a lifesaving gift. With tremendous compassion and clarity, Dr Rachel Clarke relates the urgent journey of a young girl's heart and explores a history of remarkable medical innovations, stretching back over a century and involving the knowledge and dedication not just of surgeons but of countless physicians, immunologists, nurses and scientists.

# Wisdom Takes Work

by Ryan Holiday

*Foster curiosity, discernment and life-changing wisdom: book 4 in the New York Times-bestselling Stoic Virtues series.*



September, 2025

Wisdom is central to a meaningful life. It gives us perspective, reveals knowledge and guides our path. Without it, our best qualities become our worst: courage turns to foolhardiness, self-discipline to cruelty, justice to empty moralising. We all aspire to be wise - but wisdom is earned.

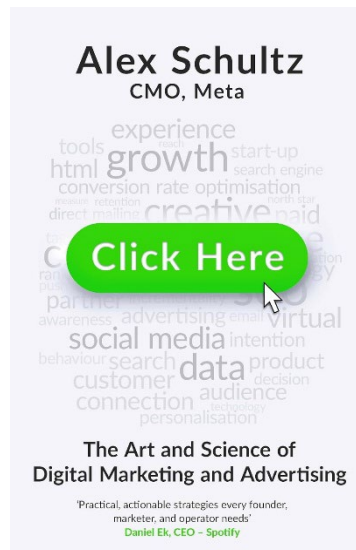
In this fourth and final instalment of his bestselling Stoic Virtues series, Ryan Holiday uncovers tried and true methods for cultivating wisdom. Drawing on lessons from heroes across history, including Marcus Aurelius, Abraham Lincoln, Maya Angelou and Joan Didion, he shows how to keep an open mind in times of division and disruption; to listen more than we talk; to think with nuance and ruthlessly question our own beliefs. Through cautionary figures like Elon Musk, he shows how dangerous intelligence can be without wisdom - and how we can all escape today's traps of tribalism, certainty and self-righteousness.

**Are you open to listening? Are you willing to question? Are you here to learn? Wisdom is work. But it's worth it.**

## **Click Here**

*by* Alex Schultz

*Growth is good. But how do you achieve growth for your business in the digital age? The answers are right here, thanks to Alex Schultz, the chief marketing officer of META.*



**October, 2025**

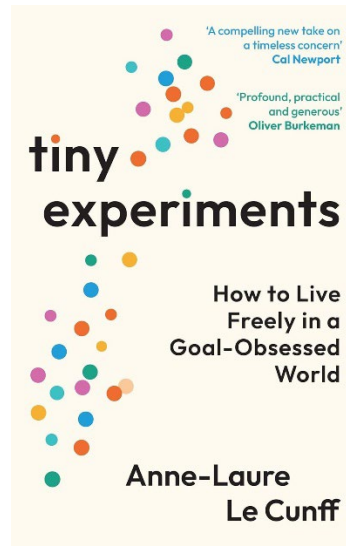
Now, more than ever, there are a myriad of ways to achieve growth by marketing your business, large or small, using the tools available on the internet. There are any number of different channels and platforms, and a vast array of mechanisms to advertise to your potential customers. How do you decide which is the best for your product or service?

Alex Schultz's unparalleled expertise and experience is crystalised in this essential bible for digital marketing. He guides readers through the key principles for maximising the impact of your marketing budget - whether you are working for a global corporation or running your own start-up. From understanding channels, to testing creative, to measuring incremental gains - *CLICK HERE* is the book you need to read if you want to grow your business.

# Tiny Experiments

by Anne Laure-Le Cunff

*A transformative guide to rethinking our approach to goals, creativity and life itself from a neuroscientist and entrepreneur.*



March, 2025

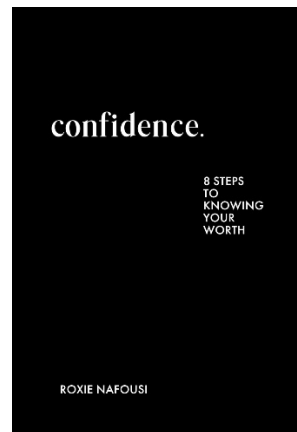
We're told productivity is all about single-minded focus, hard grind and big goals. Deviating from the linear path means failure. The problem: it's not true.

In this transformative book, neuroscientist and entrepreneur Anne-Laure Le Cunff reveals the easier, proven method to achieve our ambitions: an experimental mindset. Ditching out-dated notions of chasing success, she demonstrates the joyful power of 'tiny experiments' in which goals are discovered, pursued and adapted on your own terms. Rooted in science and real-world success stories, *Tiny Experiments* is packed with tools to help you break free from limiting beliefs, harness the power of imperfection and apply your curiosity - to create a meaningful, productive life in an ever-changing world.

# Confidence

.by Roxie Nafousi

*DISCOVER THE TRANSFORMATIVE NEW BOOK FROM THE  
SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF MANIFEST, WITH  
OVER 1 MILLION COPIES SOLD WORLDWIDE.*



**April, 2025**

Confidence is at the foundation of everything we do. It's the invisible power that propels you to dream bigger, take bold risks, and create a life you truly love. But for too many of us, it feels out of reach - reserved for those who seem to have it all together.

In this brand-new guide, globally acclaimed self-development coach Roxie Nafousi teaches us that confidence isn't something you're born with - it's a skill you can build. With her trademark warmth, wisdom and research-backed insights, Roxie will teach you how to transform your mindset and step into your most empowered self.

In *Confidence*, you'll learn how to:

1. MASTER YOUR THOUGHTS
2. ACT WITH INTENTION
3. STOP TRYING TO BE LIKED BY EVERYBODY
4. BREAK FREE FROM COMPARISON
5. CELEBRATE YOURSELF
6. DO HARD THINGS
7. BE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS
8. SHOW UP AS YOUR BEST SELF

Confidence isn't just a feeling - it's a way of being. Whether you're struggling with self-doubt, navigating tough times or simply ready to unleash your potential, *Confidence* is your roadmap to knowing your worth and living as your boldest, **most authentic self.**