

## Press Release

### HEARTSTOPPER VOLUME 5



**By Alice Oseman**

December, 2023 | Rs. 699

GRAPHIC NOVELS & COMICS

*The bestselling LGBTQ+ graphic novel about life, love, and everything that happens in between: this is the fifth volume of the beloved HEARTSTOPPER series.*

## About The Book:

**INSTANT NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER \* NEW YORK TIMES AND SUNDAY TIMES  
BESTSELLING AUTHOR \* FASTEST EVER SELLING GRAPHIC NOVEL.**

Nick and Charlie are very much in love. They've finally said those three little words, and Charlie has almost persuaded his mum to let him sleep over at Nick's house ...

But with Nick going off to university next year, is everything about to change?

By Alice Oseman, winner of the YA Book Prize, *Heartstopper* encompasses all the small moments of Nick and Charlie's lives that together make up something larger, which speaks to all of us..

## About the author:

*Alice Oseman* is an award-winning author, illustrator, and screenwriter. Alice is the creator of LGBTQ+ YA romance comic *HEARTSTOPPER*, and the writer, creator, and executive producer for the *Emmy Award*-winning television adaptation for Netflix, produced by *See-Saw*. Alice is the author of several YA contemporary novels about teenage disasters: *SOLITAIRE* (published when she was 19), *RADIO SILENCE*, *I WAS BORN FOR THIS*, and *LOVELESS* (a *New York Times* bestseller). Alice's books have won, been shortlisted or nominated for a number of awards, including the *YA Book Prize*, the *Inky Awards*, the *Carnegie Medal*, and the *Goodreads Choice Awards*.

Alice was named the *Attitude* Person of the Year 2023, and *The British Book Awards* Illustrator of the Year.

## Press Release

### **DALLERGUT DREAM DEPARTMENT STORE:**

### ***The Dream You Ordered Is Sold Out***



**By Miye Lee**

November, 2023 | Rs. 599

GENERAL & LITERARY FICTION

*The first book of Miye Lee's whimsical and moving duology, translated from the Korean language by Sandy Joosun Lee.*

## About the Book:

In a mysterious town that lies hidden in our collective subconscious, there's a quaint little store where all kinds of dreams are sold ...

Day and night, visitors both human and animal from all over the world shuffle in sleepily in their pyjamas, lining up to purchase their latest adventure. Each floor in the department store sells a special kind of dream, including nostalgic dreams about your childhood, trips you've taken, and delicious food you've eaten, as well as nightmares and more mysterious dreams.

In *DallerGut Dream Department Store*, we meet Penny an enthusiastic new hire; DallerGut, the flamboyant owner of the department store; Mrs. Weather, Penny's reliable confidante; Vigo Myers, an employee in the mystery department as well as a cast of curious, funny and strange clientele who regularly visit the store.

When one of the most coveted and expensive forms of dream payment gets stolen during Penny's first week, we follow along with her as she tries to uncover the workings of this wonderfully whimsical world.

**A captivating story that will leave a lingering magical feeling in readers' minds, this is the first book in a bestselling duology for anyone exhausted from the reality of their daily life.**

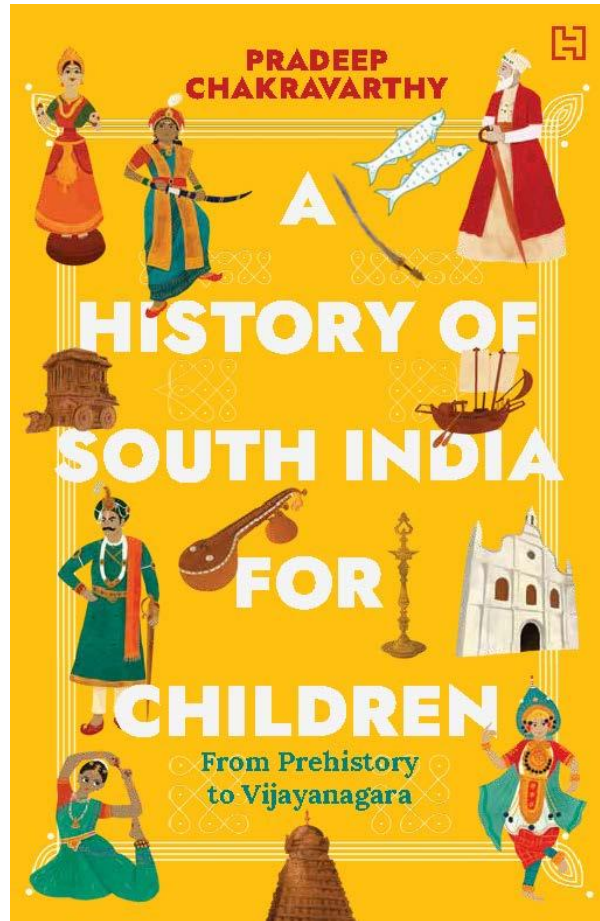
## About the Author:

**Miye Lee** was born in Busan in 1990. After graduating from the Busan National University School of Materials Science and Engineering, she worked as a semiconductor engineer at Samsung Electronics. Her debut novel *Dallergut Dream Department Store* published entirely funded through a crowdfunding service in Korea in 2020 and has since drawn many enthusiastic responses and favourable reviews.

**Sandy Joosun** Lee is a translator and interpreter based in Seoul. Her translations include Won-pyung Sohn's *Almond* (HarperVia, 2020). She also works in animation, translating and developing animated content, which includes *The Witcher: Nightmare of the Wolf* (2021) and *Star Wars: Visions* (2023).

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## *A HISTORY OF SOUTH INDIA FOR CHILDREN*



**By Pradeep Chakravarthi**

January, 2024 | Rs. 499

HISTORY

## About The Book:

**The Kohinoor diamond was once the eye of a Kakatiya deity.**

**The Pandyas are counted among the world's longest ruling dynasties.**

**Sanskrit poets spun mesmerizing verse that could be read in reverse too.**

**Tantalizing Malabar spices flavoured the most lavish ancient Roman banquets.**

Make your way across south India, exploring its kaleidoscopic past and dazzling heritage, right from its first inhabitants up to the Vijayanagara Empire. Meet its royalty and courtiers, builders and sculptors, poets and authors, traders and merchants, spiritual leaders and devotees, and all the other people who went to make it a top destination of the time.

Separated from the north by the Vindhya mountains and surrounded on three sides by water, southern India developed its own unique features – with outstanding rulers, incredible literature, spellbinding architecture, stunning dance forms and delicious food.

Written in an easy style, by theme, and peppered with illustrations, photographs and tips for museum or monument visits, this very first history of south India for children (and their families) tells the thrilling and eventful story of the region's proud past.

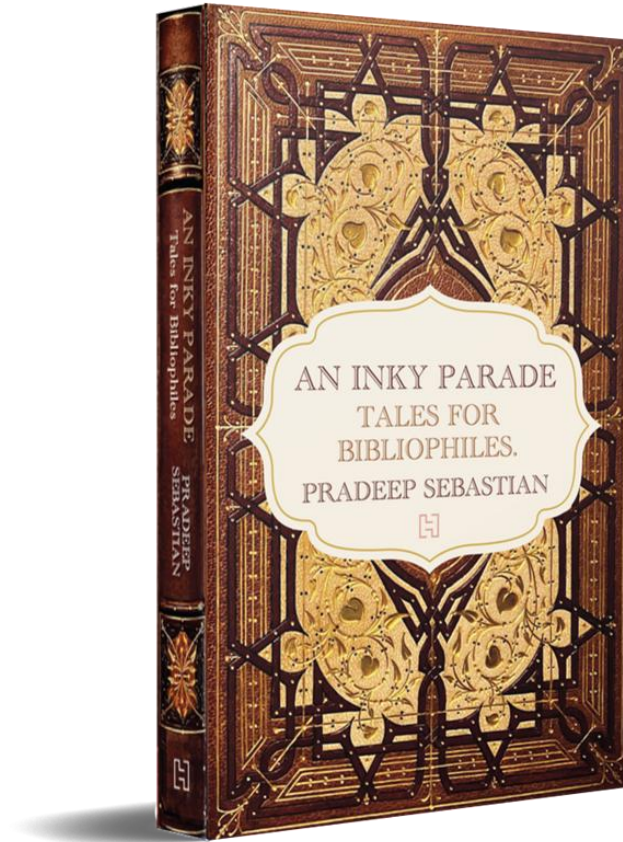
## About the author:

**Dr. Pradeep Chakravarthy** is a graduate of the London School of Economics, UK, and JNU, Delhi. He has a PhD in history. An award-winning student, he has more than two decades of work experience, especially in learning and development. His mission is to help people understand present and future behaviour by understanding the past. Pradeep's corporate experience (TVS, Cognizant, Infosys and McKinsey) aids his consultations on helping individuals and organizations change behaviour, based on history. He has authored nine books with a focus on the culture of Tamil Nadu and how history can help us improve performance at work. He has published more than 200 articles in magazines/newspapers, mostly on history and its relevance to our lives today. He has recently opened 'Anantya in The Village', a heritage hotel in Alwar Tirunagari, Tamil Nadu. He conducts heritage immersion tours here for children.



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## **AN INKY PARADE**



**By Pradeep Sebastian**

January, 2024 | Rs. 799

LITERARY ESSAYS

*From gilded Mughal manuscripts to tips for online book auctions, An Inky Parade is the perfect companion for every booklover.*

## About The Book:

Pradeep Sebastian has been an avid bibliophile and book collector for over a decade. In this collection of essays, he paints in full splendour the picture of a life devoted to the romance of books, blending personal experience, revelatory conversations and bewitching legends from the world of books.

Meet the biryani chef guarding a prized Ottoman manuscript, track the mysterious 'Book Prince' of Kolkata, and visit the cottage in Kodaikanal that lures book collectors with its siren song. Discover how an emperor's defeat brought illuminated manuscripts into sixteenth-century India, how a rare 1865 edition of Alice in Wonderland surfaced in an Indian bazaar, and much more.

***An Inky Parade* is a window into the charming world of antiquarian book trade in India and around the world, as well as an ode to the book as an object of art, sure to delight every reader.**

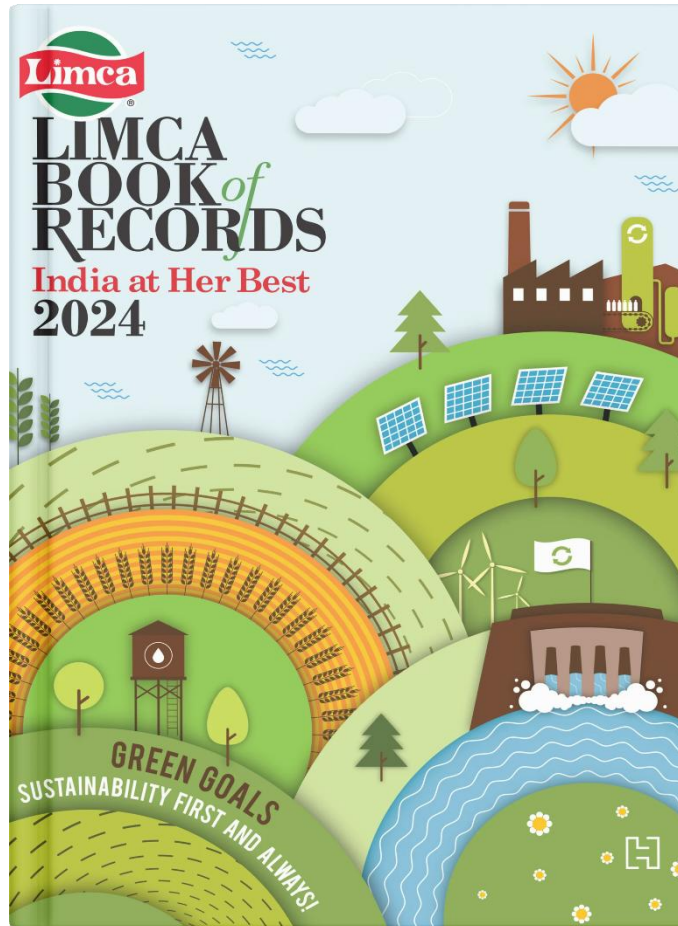
## About the author:

***Pradeep Sebastian*** is the author of *The Book Beautiful*, a collection of fine books not from physical bookshops but from rare book hunting online, *The Groaning Shelf and Other Instances of Book Love*, a collection of his bibliophile essays, and *The Book Hunters of Katpadi*, a bibliographical romance.



## Press Release

# LIMCA BOOK OF RECORDS



January, 2024 | Rs. 550

REFERENCE

***India's longest-running record book completing 34 years.***

## About The Book:

**FEATS OF EXTRAORDINARY TENACITY**

**STORIES OF STUNNING PERFORMANCES**

**TRIUMPHS OF NEVER-SAY-DIE ACHIEVERS**

India's **most comprehensive** book of records captures the country's stellar achievements in human endeavour, structures, sports, education, defence, government, science and technology, adventure, business, cinema, environment and sustainability, literature, and the arts.

From the longest, tallest, and fastest to the unique and truly extraordinary, this curation of superlatives presents a remarkable range of **newly set records** and those that have stood steadfast over the years. A recap of the record-breaking show at the **Asian Games 2022** and a focus section on **Indian Parliament** make this edition extra special.

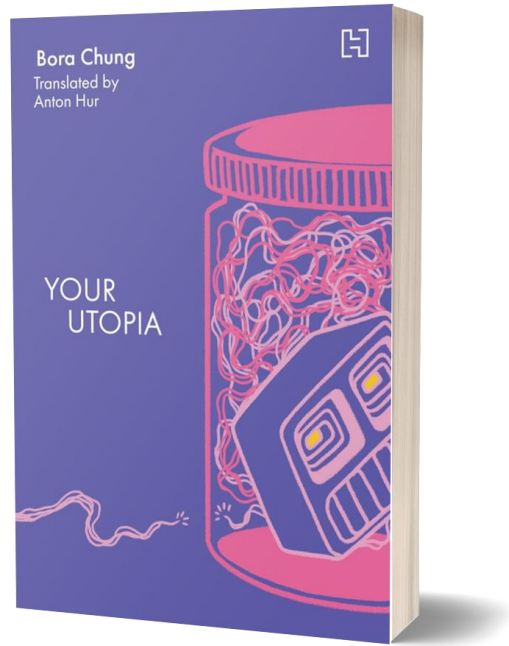
Records in the conservation of the environment and betterment of our communities, among others, are sure to resonate and motivate readers.

This edition of India's number one record-cum-reference book, with over **450 coloured images**, is packed with informative **timelines**, reader-friendly **infographics**, **tables**, and **number trivia**.

***Limca Book of Records 2024 promises to thrill, enrich, and entertain! ... as always!***

## Press Release

# **YOUR UTOPIA**



**By Bora Chung, translated by Anton Hur**

February, 2024 | Rs. 599  
SFF (SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY)

***The thrilling sequel to the International Booker Prize 2022  
shortlisted Cursed Bunny.***

### About the book:

By the internationally acclaimed author of *Cursed Bunny*, in another thrilling translation from the Korean by Anton Hur, *Your Utopia* is full of tales of loss and discovery, idealism and dystopia, death and immortality.

'Nothing concentrates the mind like Chung's terrors, which will shrivel you to a bouillon cube of your most primal instincts' (*Vulture*), yet these stories are suffused with Chung's inimitable wry humour and surprisingly tender moments, too—often between unexpected subjects.

Chung's writing is 'haunting, funny, gross, terrifying—and yet when we reach the end, we just want more' (Alexander Chee).

**If you haven't yet experienced the fruits of this singular imagination, *Your Utopia* is waiting.**

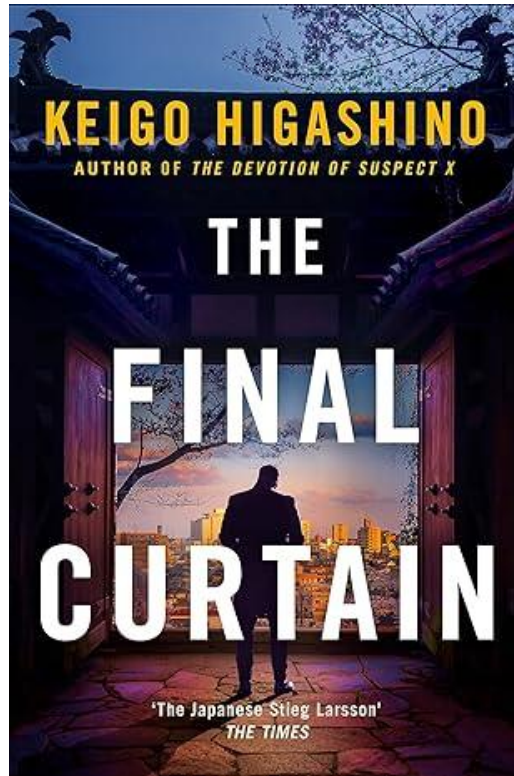
### About the author:

**Bora Chung** has written three novels and four collections of short stories and has translated modern literary works from Russian and Polish into Korean. She has an MA in Russian and East European area studies from Yale University and a PhD in Slavic literature from Indiana University. Her book *Cursed Bunny* was shortlisted for the International Booker Prize in 2022.

**Anton Hur** was a finalist for the International Booker Prize and the National Book Award for his translation of Bora Chung's *Cursed Bunny*. He is the co-translator of *Beyond the Story: 10-Year Record of BTS*, which was a #1 *New York Times* Bestseller.

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## **THE FINAL CURTAIN**



**By Keigo Higashino**

February, 2024 | Rs. 699  
THRILLER, CRIME & MYSTERY

***‘Brilliantly twisty... Higashino metes out the plot's surprises slowly, prioritizing Kaga's emotional response to the investigation. This poignant fair-play whodunit is sure to thrill fans of golden age detective fiction.’***

***—Publishers Weekly***

### About the book:

**From Japanese crime writer Keigo Higashino, who has sold over a million copies in Japan, the fourth and final instalment in the Detective Kaga series.**

A decade ago, Tokyo Police Detective Kyoichiro Kaga went to collect the ashes of his recently deceased mother. Years before, she ran away from her husband and son without explanation or any further contact, only to die alone in an apartment far away, leaving her estranged son with many unanswered questions.

Now in Tokyo, Michiko Oshitani is found dead many miles from home. Strangled to death, left in the bare apartment rented under a false name by a man who has disappeared without a trace. Oshitani lived far away in Sendai, with no known connection to Tokyo - and neither her family nor friends have any idea why she would have gone there.

Hers is the second strangulation death in that approximate area of Tokyo - the other was a homeless man, killed and his body burned in a tent by the river. As the police search through Oshitani's past for any clue that might shed some light, one of the detectives reaches out to Detective Kaga for advice. As the case unfolds, an unexpected connective emerges between the murder (or murders) now and the long-ago case of Detective Kaga's missing mother.

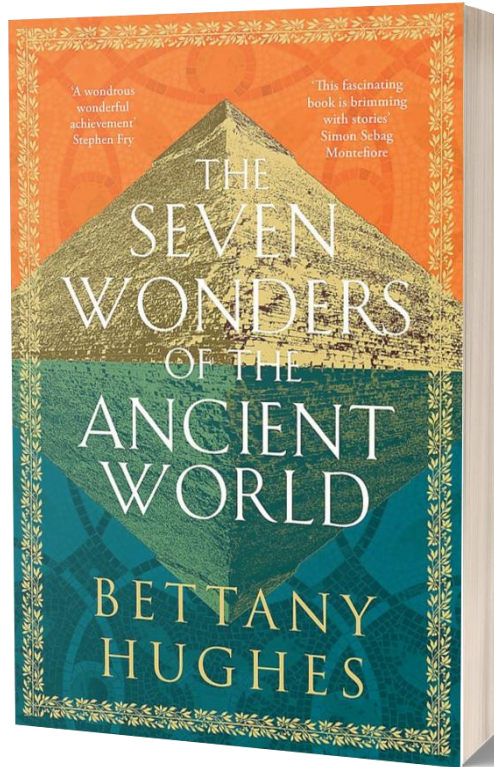
### About the author:

**Keigo Higashino** is the single bestselling, best-known novelist in Japan and around Asia, with numerous television and film adaptations of his work appearing in several languages. He's the author of *The Devotion of Suspect X* (now a major motion picture on Netflix, *Jaane Jaan*), which was the finalist for the *Edgar Award* for best novel, and *Malice*, among many others. He lives in Tokyo, Japan.



## Press Release

# **THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD**



**By Bettany Hughes**

February, 2024 | Rs. 899

HISTORY

*'A wondrous wonderful achievement' –Stephen Fry*

*'Fascinating' –Observer*

*'Thrilling' –Guardian*

**FROM THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR BETTANY HUGHES.**

### About the book:

Their names still echo down the ages: The Great Pyramid at Giza. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon. The Temple of Artemis. The statue of Zeus at Olympia. The mausoleum of Halikarnassos. The Colossus at Rhodes. The Lighthouse of Alexandria. The Seven Wonders of the World were staggeringly audacious impositions on our planet. They were also brilliant adventures of the mind, test cases for the reaches of human imagination. Now only the great pyramid remains fully standing, yet the scale and majesty of these seven wonders still enthrall us today.

In a thrilling, colourful narrative enriched with the latest archaeological discoveries, bestselling historian Bettany Hughes walks through the landscapes of both ancient and modern time. This is a journey whose purpose is to ask why we wonder, why we create, why we choose to remember the wonder of others. She explores traces of the Wonders themselves, and the traces they have left in history. A magisterial work of historical storytelling, *The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World* reinforces the exciting and nourishing notion that humans can make the impossible happen.

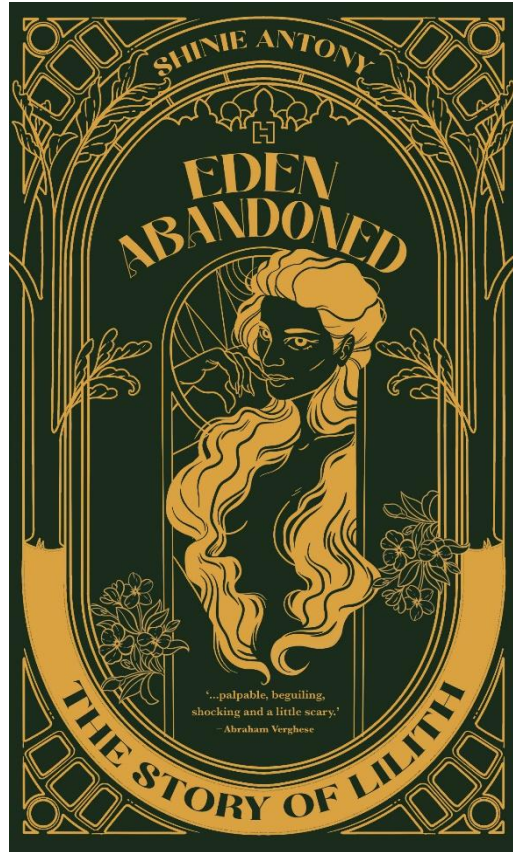
### About the author:

**Bettany Hughes** is an award-winning historian, author and broadcaster. Her previous books include *Venus and Aphrodite: History of a Goddess* (shortlisted for the Runciman Award), *Istanbul: A Tale of Three Cities* (a Sunday Times bestseller and shortlisted for the Runciman Award), *The Hemlock Cup: Socrates, Athens And The Search For The Good Life* (a New York Times bestseller and shortlisted for the Writers Guild award) and *Helen Of Troy: Goddess, Princess, Whore, and*. All her books have been translated into multiple languages. She has made many documentaries for the BBC, Channel 4, PBS, National Geographic, ABC and the Discovery and History channels. Bettany has been a Professor at the New College of Humanities and Research Fellow at King's College London. She has been honoured with numerous awards including the Medicott Medal for services to history, Europe's Cultural Heritage Prize and an OBE for services to History.

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**EDEN ABANDONED**

**The Story of Lilith**



**By Shinie Antony**

February, 2024 | Rs. 499  
GENERAL & LITERARY FICTION

***An unforgettable and fierce recharacterization of the world's first woman, wife, and divorcée.***

### About the book:

**‘Women are born in survival mode. Their job, they are told, is to love. But what is this love they neither know nor see – this illiquid, no-return-on-investment, invisible land they must buy with all their soul money?’**

Lilith. Wild, untameable Lilith. She is the love of Adam’s life – the only woman for the only man on Earth. Until Adam replaces her with Eve. Biddable, meek, subservient Eve. ‘Lilith is demanding, short-tempered and unnatural in her sexual desires,’ Adam complains to God. Cast out of Eden, Lilith roams the Earth, masters the dark arts and fights the system: dissent is delicious. She is now the Lilith – night monster, seductress of demons. And child-killer. Lilith, from whom the word lullaby comes – ‘Lilith, begone,’ sing mothers to protect their sleeping babies. Lilith, the irresistible temptress. Eden’s controversial once-occupant goes on a rampage to discover all that she is and all that she could be. Beyond Adam. Beyond Eden. Beyond God.

In this gripping take on female rage and agency, Shinie Antony sculpts a ferocious woman born from the ashes of her former self. Exuberant, unapologetic and unrestrained, Lilith shines, soars and persists – a historic villainess and a modern-day heroine.

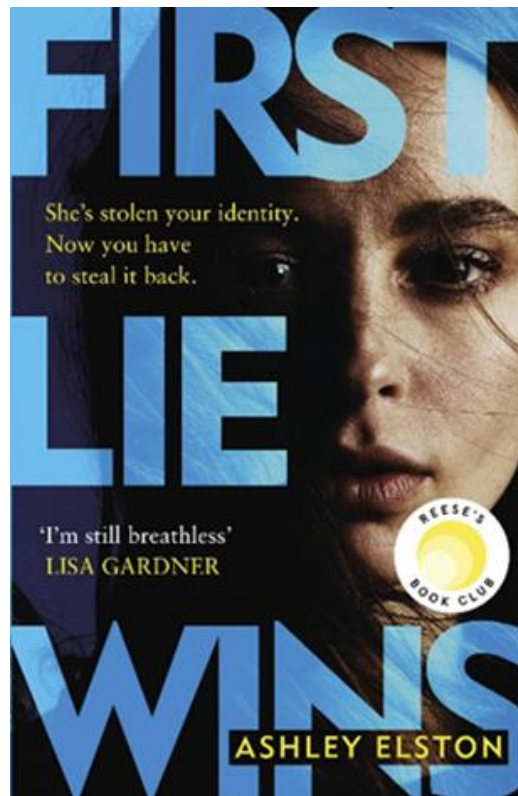
***‘There are as many characterizations of the mythical/historical Lilith as there are religions. But for me Lilith comes alive for the first time in Eden Abandoned. In Shinie Antony’s capable hands, Adam’s putative first wife is palpable, beguiling, shocking and a little scary. A great read.’ – Abraham Verghese***

### About the author:

**Shinie Antony** is a writer and editor based in Bengaluru. Her books include *Can’t, The Girl Who Couldn’t Love* and *Barefoot and Pregnant*. She has compiled the anthologies *Boo*, *Why We Don’t Talk* and *An Unsuitable Woman*. Shinie is the co-founder of the Bangalore Literature Festival and director of the Bengaluru Poetry Festival. Her story ‘A Dog’s Death’ won the Commonwealth Short Story Asia prize in 2002.

## Press Release

### **FIRST LIE WINS**



**By Ashley Elston**

February, 2024 | Rs. 699  
THRILLER, CRIME & MYSTERY

***You'll have your heart in your mouth with this stylish cat-and-mouse thriller that will keep you guessing till the last page. A Reese's Book Club Pick!***

***'This fast-paced read has everything you could want in a thriller: secret identities, a mysterious boss and a cat & mouse game that kept me guessing the whole way through.'***

**—Reese Witherspoon**

## About the book:

**She's stolen your identity.  
Now you have to steal it back.**

Evie Porter has everything a nice, Southern girl could want: a perfect, doting boyfriend, a house with a white picket fence and a garden, a fancy group of friends. The only catch: Evie Porter doesn't exist.

The identity comes first: Evie Porter. Once she's given a name and location by her mysterious boss Mr. Smith, she learns everything there is to know about the town and the people in it. Then the mark: Ryan Sumner. The last piece of the puzzle is the job.

Evie isn't privy to Mr. Smith's real identity, but she knows this job will be different. Ryan has gotten under her skin, and she's starting to envision a different sort of life for herself. But Evie can't make any mistakes--especially after what happened last time.

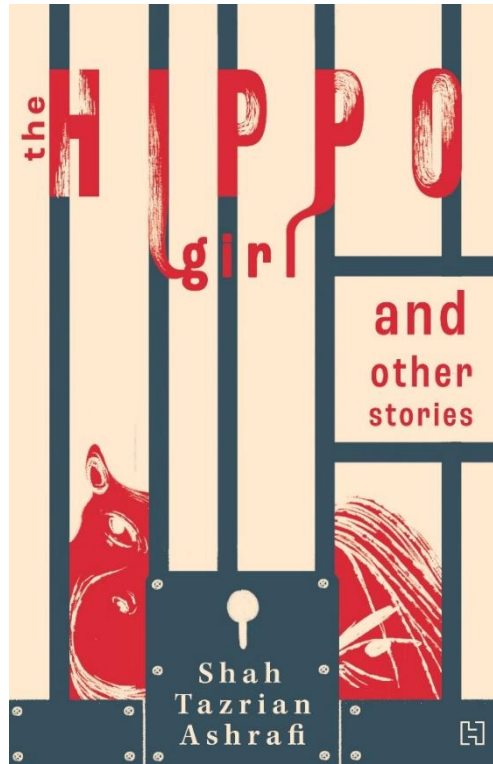
## About the author:

**Ashley Elston** is the author of several novels, including *THE RULES FOR DISAPPEARING* (a finalist in the Best Young Adult Novel category of the *International Thriller Awards*) and *10 BLIND DATES*. Her work has been translated into 23 languages. Ashley lives in Louisiana with her husband and three sons. *FIRST LIE WINS* is her debut adult thriller.



## Press Release

# **THE HIPPO GIRL AND OTHER STORIES**



**By Shah Tazrian Ashrafi**

February, 2024 | Rs. 399

SHORT STORIES

*“Why must love bloom after all is lost?” wonders one of Shah Tazrian Ashrafi’s more fortunate characters, an elderly man whose personal tragedies are rooted in colonial wealth. The Hippo Girl and Other Stories introduces a writer of protean compassion, whose finely etched portraits of lives scarred by violence, injustice, disappointment, and chagrin, will lodge like splinters in your heart.’*

**—Naomi Foyle, author of Stained Light**

### About the book:

**For fans of Petina Gappah's *An Elegy for Easterly* and Jamil Jan Kochai's *The Haunting of Hajji Hotak* comes an illuminating collection about lives in flux...**

An outcast girl's friendship with a bloat of hippos is questioned when it's found that she is pregnant. A half-blind boy is ridiculed and bullied relentlessly, until one day it reaches a breaking point. A disturbed man, haunted by visions of the dead, is convinced he must relocate his mother's grave. A woman takes up a lucrative job in a greedy corporation to fulfil her daughter's dreams, but a ghastly discovery threatens to disrupt the life they've built. A dog's loyalty is tested as a civil war brings out the worst in those around her.

Written in lucid prose and engulfed in intense emotions, *The Hippo Girl and Other Stories* is a searingly honest collection about what it is to be human in a world where rage, violence, grief, and obsession are part of everyday life. Set in Bangladesh, each of these atmospheric stories digs deep and paints a complex and rich picture of people's journey towards happiness.

### About the author:

***Shah Tazrian Ashrafi*** is a writer from Dhaka, Bangladesh. An International Relations major, he is currently working on his first novel.

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**SHAKCHUNNI**



**By Arnab Ray**

February, 2024 | Rs. 499

THRILLER, CRIME & MYSTERY

***This amabassya, the Shakchunni has come home to feast  
on what she truly craves – souls.***

***From the author of Sultan of Delhi, now a drama series on  
Disney + Hotstar, comes a nail-biting thriller.***

### About the book:

***Shakchunni: a demon from Bengali lore, one who possesses married women.***

The Great Famine scours Bengal. The once verdant countryside is now a mass morgue. Yet none of that pain seems to touch the Banerjees, the lords of Shyamlapur. They rule their fiefdom with an iron fist and great pomp and pageantry.

There is the Raibahadur, his wife, and his two young sons – Narayanpratap, the slender poet- intellectual, and Rudrapratap, boisterous and handsome. When Narayanpratap comes back from London, abandoning his education as a barrister and having been heartbroken by an Englishwoman, Raibahadur and his wife marry him off to a poor girl from a distant village, the ethereally beautiful Soudamini.

But on the day of the wedding ceremony, just before a tantrik dies, he sounds an ominous warning.

*'The Shakchunni dances tonight. You shall all fall dead like flies.'*

**Soon it starts.**

**Soon it starts. The terror.**

**And a haunting of dark secrets that refuse to stay buried in the past.**

### About the author:

**Arnab Ray**, also known as Greatbong (<http://greatbong.net>) is one of Indias most widely read bloggers, having won the publicly voted Indibloggies Blog of the Year in 2006 and 2008. He has written for the Washington Post, Outlook and India Times. He graduated from Jadavpur University as a Bachelor in Computer Science and Engineering and went on to finish his PhD in Computer Science from State University of New York at Stony Brook. He is presently employed as a research scientist and resides in the suburbs of Washington DC.