

Loka

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SELLING POINTS

- A **thrilling adventure story** with a teenage who **circumnavigates a futuristic Earth**.
- A **coming-of-age** story about love, friendships, growing up, and discovering what human existence means.
- S.B. Divya is the **Hugo and Nebula nominated author** of *Machinehood*, and holds degrees in Computational Neuroscience and Signal Processing.
- **PRAISE FOR LOKA**
“*Loka*’s fascinating speculations about the future of technology, the evolution of consciousness, and the ethics of coexistence blend perfectly with its smart and empathetic coming-of-age *Around the World in Eighty Days* journey of a young woman seeking to forge her own path in a world that may not accept her for who she is.” —Kate Elliott, author of *Unconquerable Sun*

ABOUT THE BOOK

Finding a place to belong becomes a girl’s ambitious quest in a thrilling epic about space, humanity, and self-discovery by S.B. Divya, Hugo and Nebula Award finalist and author of *Meru*.

Akshaya is the hybrid daughter of a human mother and an alloy, a genetically engineered posthuman—and she’s the future of life on the planet Meru. But not if the determined Akshaya can help it. Before choosing where her future lies, she wants to circumnavigate the most historic orb in the universe—the birthplace of humanity: Earth.

Akshaya’s parents reluctantly agree to her anthropological challenge—one with no assistance from alloy devices, transport, or wary alloys themselves who manage humanity and the regions of Earth called Loka. It’s just Akshaya; her equally bold best friend, Somya; and a carefully planned itinerary threading continent by continent across a wondrous terrain of things she’s never seen: blue skies, sunrises, snowcapped mountains, and roiling oceans.

As the adventure unfolds, the travelers discover love and new friendships, but they also learn the risks of a planet that’s not entirely welcoming. On this trek—rapturous, dangerous, and life-changing—Akshaya will discover what human existence really means.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

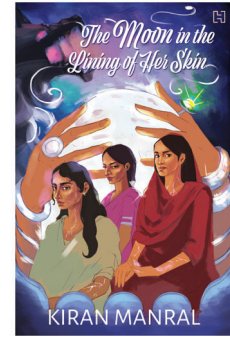
S.B. Divya (she/any) is a lover of science, math, fiction, and the Oxford comma. She is the Hugo and Nebula nominated author of *Meru* (2023), *Machinehood*, *Runtime*, and *Contingency Plans for the Apocalypse and Other Possible Situations*. Her short stories have appeared in numerous magazines and anthologies, and she was the co-editor of *Escape Pod*, the weekly science fiction podcast, from 2017–22.

Divya holds degrees in Computational Neuroscience and Signal Processing, and she worked for twenty years as an electrical engineer before becoming an author. Born in Pondicherry, India, Divya now resides in Southern California. She enjoys subverting expectations and breaking stereotypes whenever she can.

The Moon in the Lining of Her Skin

Kiran Manral

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SELLING POINTS

- A fantasy that takes the readers through the small towns of Punjab to the hills of Himachal and the city of Delhi.
- Beautifully written story of **magic, hells and heavens and every realm in between.**
- Fast-paced and told through the **POV of three characters** – Rani, Noor and Gulab.
- Kiran's book *The Face at the Window* was showcased at the Singapore South Asia Film Festival.

ABOUT THE BOOK

In the shadows of their turbulent pasts, three women made of the light find their destinies intertwined.

Noor, an ageless fallen angel, is condemned to an eternal existence on Earth, forever fleeing from the hounds of hell and creatures of the netherworld. Rani, a once-vain beauty, is now possessed by an invisible lover, an entity that has consumed her body and soul, marking her for itself. Gulab, having murdered her father in cold blood, has escaped a nightmarish home and forges a perilous alliance with Teja, a hitman and collector of souls.

Binding their fates is Bilkis Bi, a mysterious crone whose enigmatic presence and wisdom shine a guiding light on their path to survival. As their paths converge, they must navigate through realms of unimaginable darkness, where terrifying entities – both earthly and beyond – pursue them.

From the ethereal heavens to the infernal depths of hell and every realm in between, *The Moon in the Lining of Her Skin* weaves a spellbinding tale of mystery, mayhem and magic where love and loyalty are tested amidst the eternal struggle between light and dark.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kiran Manral is an Indian author, podcaster, columnist and mentor. She has published books across genres in both fiction and non-fiction. She lives in Mumbai.

Big Fiction

How Conglomeration Changed the Publishing Industry and American Literature

Dan Sinykin

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SELLING POINTS

- An incisive, original study of the **inner workings of the publishing industry** that's sure to delight, educate and engross book enthusiasts.
- **Authors, editors and agents**—and the flurry of books they have shaped over the decades—take centre stage in Sinykin's analysis of one of the most complex creative industries of today.
- Meticulously dwells into **how books become sensations, authors become brands**, and the unsung heroes behind the making of a bestseller.
- Features the readings of novelists such as **Stephen King, Joan Didion, Cormac McCarthy, Chuck Palahniuk, Danielle Steel, and Patrick O'Brian**.

ABOUT THE BOOK

In the late 1950s, Random House editor Jason Epstein would talk jazz with Ralph Ellison or chat with Andy Warhol while pouring drinks in his office. By the 1970s, editors were poring over profit-and-loss statements. The electronics company RCA bought Random House in 1965, and then other large corporations purchased other formerly independent publishers. As multinational conglomerates consolidated the industry, the business of literature—and literature itself—transformed.

Dan Sinykin explores how changes in the publishing industry have affected fiction, literary form, and what it means to be an author. Giving an inside look at the industry's daily routines, personal dramas, and institutional crises, he reveals how conglomeration has shaped what kinds of books and writers are published. Sinykin examines four different sectors of the publishing industry: mass-market books by brand-name authors like Danielle Steel; trade publishers that encouraged genre elements in literary fiction; nonprofits such as Graywolf that aspired to protect literature from market pressures; and the distinctive niche of employee-owned W. W. Norton. He emphasizes how women and people of color navigated shifts in publishing, arguing that writers such as Toni Morrison allegorized their experiences in their fiction. Written in gripping and lively prose, *Big Fiction* recasts the past six decades of American fiction and features dazzling readings of a vast range of novelists—including Stephen King, Joan Didion, Cormac McCarthy and Chuck Palahniuk.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dan Sinykin is an assistant professor of English at Emory University with a courtesy appointment in quantitative theory and methods. He is the author of *American Literature and the Long Downturn: Neoliberal Apocalypse* (2020). His writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *The Rumpus*, *Dissent*, and other publications.

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The Dramatic Story of the Making of India

Mallika Ravikumar

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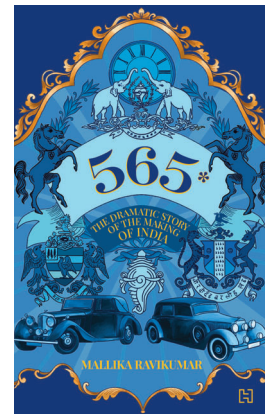
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SELLING POINTS

- **Fictionalized Retelling Inspired by Real Events:** An unusual and compelling fictionalized and dramatized version of events that forged India into a nation in 1947. An essential read for young readers and anyone else about an ignored part of our history.
- **Unique Book Throwing Light upon a Transformative Period in Indian History:** India was a jigsaw of more than 500 princely states when the British rulers exited. These kingdoms, each with their own priorities and challenges, had to be drawn into a single political entity. This book tells the thrill-a-minute story of the history-making events.
- **Stupendous Storytelling:** The immersive and emotional stories of the integration of Indian princely states into a Union are told through the events that unfolded in 13 states representative of the issues surrounding the accession to the Union: Baroda and Nawanagar, Bhopal, Bikaner, Gwalior, Jodhpur, Junagadh, Hyderabad, Indore, Jammu and Kashmir, Patiala, Rampur, Travancore and Tripura.
- **Tall Leaders and Their Amazing Feat:** Elaborating on the personalities of the four major personalities involved in the seemingly impossible mission – Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Jawaharlal Nehru, Viceroy Louis Mountbatten and V.P. Menon.
- **Deep Research and Texture:** Meticulously researched, the stories are inspired by real events and are presented with detailed layers and ambient colour, bringing alive the tumultuous times of both immense tragedy and overarching triumphs.
- **Peopled with Illustrations:** Black-and-white illustrations in every chapter bring alive the times and the events.
- **PRAISE:**

A compelling narrative that unravels the intricate negotiations, strategic manoeuvres and powerful personalities involved in integrating over 500 princely states into the Indian Union, post-independence. A well researched book, with vivid storytelling, interesting snippets and a note on sources called 'Did it Really Happen This Way', provides insights into a pivotal yet overlooked chapter of Indian history. – **RANA SAFVI**

ABOUT THE BOOK

Only two months to freedom. A jigsaw of over 565 states. At the stroke of midnight on 15 August 1947, India could emerge as a united nation. Or disintegrate into several pieces.

On 3 June 1947, Lord Mountbatten, the last Viceroy of India, makes a historic announcement. After two centuries of being a colony, India would finally be independent! Yet there is no India as we know it today, only a patchwork of territories and kingdoms ruled by maharajas and nawabs who had pledged their allegiance to the British Crown. The rulers are given three choices: accede to India, join Pakistan, or remain free. More than 565 rulers; some uncertain and jittery, others, eccentric and crafty. A few wait to strike a bargain, while others nurse lofty ambitions. As the sun is poised to set over the British Empire, the future of India hangs in the balance. What unfolds in those nerve-racking last days of the Raj? In a stirring and gripping dramatized account, highlighting the most important events and personalities, this thoroughly researched book tells young readers how a great nation was forged.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Winner of the Atta Galatta Bangalore Literature Festival Award for Best Children's Fiction 2023, and the Binod Kanoria Children's Book Award, 2023, Mallika is a lawyer-turned-writer, published by Penguin, Speaking Tiger and Karadi Tales, amongst others. An MA in Ancient Indian History and Culture, her study of the accession of princely states, began when she was the curator and chief content-writer for the Government of India's National Virtual Library of India portal on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's life and legacy.

The Forestborns

Vardhini Amin

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SELLING POINTS

- **Unique World-Building: Talking trees, secret stories and a hidden world.** The book paints a picture of the forest that is so vivid and enchanting that readers can almost smell the moss, feel the breeze, and hear the rustling leaves. **It's a truly immersive sensory experience.**
- **Compelling characters: Follow courageous protagonists – a young girl and a tree soul –** through a journey of self-discovery, hidden truths and miraculous adventures.
- **Heartfelt story: Explore themes of love, loss, loyalty, danger, friendships, lasting connections and, most importantly, sisterhood.**
- **Epic Adventures:** Experience the wonders of nature, a forest filled with challenges, mysteries and the **most epic soul barter between a human and a tree soul.**
- **Environmental education:** Subtly teaches **valuable life lessons** through the experiences of the plant characters, **weaving in eco-activism**, promoting awareness and the importance of protecting nature and dangers of deforestation.
- **Visual appeal:** Includes stunning lush black and white illustrations.
- A story that will appeal to a broad audience – **fans of Avatar, The Lord of the Rings and the Harry Potter series.**

ABOUT THE BOOK

The magical world of Vriksha is unknown to humans.

Each night in soft moonlight, from towering trees to the tiniest shrubs, lively plant souls roam free.

But they must not travel too far, or they may perish forever.

On Earth is a hidden realm where the whispers of the trees hold ancient secrets. When sandalwood smugglers threaten to destroy the forest, Siah, a fiery young tree soul, must embark on a perilous journey to save her kind. In the winding paths of the woods, she encounters Avni, a young girl who often visits the sandalwood grove for solace. Siah and Avni must follow their own quests to preserve the harmony of their worlds.

Until, in a twist of fate, a remarkable connection blooms between the two and the forest witnesses a miracle in the face of danger – *and life finds a way.*

The Forestborns is a heart-wrenching story of resilience, a shared past and the undeniable bond between humans and nature, reminding us that magic lives within all of us.

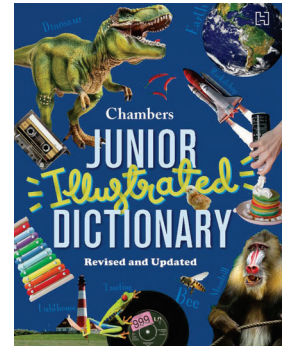
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Vardhini Amin is a leading baby, family and lifestyle photographer with over a decade of experience. However, she believes storytelling has always been her true calling. She finds solace in her indoor plants, a peaceful retreat amidst the playful chaos created by her two sons and two adopted cats. Vardhini's debut novel is a whimsical journey into a world where trees come alive, intertwining her passion for greenery with a deep respect for nature. Through her storytelling, she not only wants to entertain but also instill a sense of wonder and environmental consciousness in young minds, inspiring them to sow the seeds of a greener tomorrow.

Chambers Junior Illustrated Dictionary

Hachette India

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SELLING POINTS

- **Revamped, redesigned, revised and updated.**
- **Graphic, visual and reader-friendly.**
- **Vocabulary and spell checks** make it an information reckoner.
- The lively, **easy to use design** will help children find words and meanings of all the words they need, without the help of adults. Meanings clearly explained using **simple, straightforward language**, and added features like **vocabulary, special illustrated displays, parts of speech, abbreviations, homophones, opposites, example sentences** and more.
- **Illustrated** with fun, colourful pictures and illustrations that bring the words to life.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Authoritative, accessible and exciting, the *Chambers Junior Illustrated Dictionary* is the ultimate reference book to serve young readers. Ideal for children aged 9 and above and with over **1,000 words** and **600 illustrations**, the dictionary is a comprehensive resource book. It includes **pronunciation guides** and examples of **correct usage** along with detailed and labelled illustrations, all carefully selected and annotated to extend and enhance the text. Special **in-depth feature panels** and **vocabulary lists** on key subjects also add to this ready reckoner. The book also features many word games and activities.

Chambers Book of Football Facts

Over 1,000 essential facts

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SELLING POINTS

- Quick yet detailed facts with context, swiftly flowing through sub-themes covering everything from the beginnings to how it evolved to its current status – providing comprehensive coverage of the sport.
- A must-have book for football lovers, sports aficionados, and any football novice who needs to know the legacy that football carries globally and what the sport currently entails.
- Result of meticulous research that is presented with engaging storytelling gives a detailed account of football's global reach.
- Infographics and visuals celebrating the firsts of the sport, victory statistics and the legends of the sport, including the veterans and the current ones.
- Holistic coverage of football – origins of the game throughout the world, evolution as a formal sport, World Cup wonders, and a careful curation of the unforgettable moments of the game.
- Separate section on African and Indian marvels in football.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Did you Know?

- Pelé is the only footballer in the world to win FIFA World Cup three times as a player, in 1958, 1962 and 1970.
- West Indian cricketer Sir Viv Richards is the only man to have participated in both cricket and football World Cups. He was part of Antigua's squad in the 1974 World Cup.
- Dr Ottorino Barassi, the Italian vice-president of FIFA, was determined not to let the FIFA World Cup trophy be seized by the Nazi troops during World War II. He hid it under his bed throughout the period, producing it again only before the 1950 World Cup.

The football edition of the **Chambers Facts** series gives you essential information and all the legendary tales, epic rivalries, astonishing trivia and penalties that are there to the sport. This book is a ticket to the exhilarating world of football, an ultimate guide, companion, trivia book that will resonate with football fans, sports aficionados and novices alike. Experience the kick stemming from jaw-dropping anecdotes, know the GOATs that have graced the football pitch and stories of all the goals that were against the run of play. As you traverse through these pages, gain an all-access pass to the drama, passion and glory of the beautiful game!

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