

The Courtesan, Her Lover and I

Tarana Husain Khan

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SELLING POINTS

- Resurrects **Munni Bai Hijab from the margins of history**, giving her a voice and presence, while asking **urgent questions about how women artists are silenced and erased**.
- Shifting between **19th-century Calcutta and contemporary Rampur**, *The Courtesan, Her Lover and I* draws **subtle parallels between two women separated by time** but united by their yearning to be seen and understood.
- With **original English translations of Munni Bai Hijab and Dagh Dehlvi's letters, their ghazals and the former's diaries**, Tarana Husain Khan's world is rich in detail, context and old-school romance.
- Beyond poetry and passion, this is **also a story of inheritance – what mothers pass on, and what daughters carry in silence**, musing on how abandonment, fear and love ripple through families in unexpected ways.
- **Readers of Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni and Aanchal Malhotra's stories** will take well to the writing and plot, while those keen on **Manu S. Pillai's historical non-fiction works** will love the context in which Munni Bai Hijab's story is set.

ABOUT THE BOOK

In 19th-century Calcutta, Munni Bai Hijab, a courtesan and poet, burns brightly in the verses of renowned Urdu court poet Dagh Dehlvi, who immortalized her in verse while inadvertently eclipsing her own. More than a century later, in Rampur, Rukmini, a restless writer and an outsider twice over – a Hindu married into a Muslim household and a Dubai-returnee adrift in a conservative princely town – stumbles upon Dagh's letters to Munni and is drawn to Munni's fierce, fleeting presence.

As Rukmini plunges into archives and guarded histories, her own life begins to unravel. Her husband dreams up another fragile venture, her daughter abandons medical school, while Rukmini herself embarks on the journey to become the writer she always wanted to be. When an unexpected friendship with Daniyal, a royal custodian of Rampur's heritage, evolves into something more, she finds passion but also the unsettling echo of her greatest fear: becoming her mother – the woman who once abandoned her.

A grand, sweeping story set across eras, *The Courtesan, Her Lover and I* is a haunting novel about women who write, love and long to be remembered.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR (or Editor/Illustrator/Translator)

Dr Tarana Husain Khan is the author of critically acclaimed, bestselling historical fiction, *The Begum and the Dastan*, which won the prestigious Kalinga Literary Award for fiction, was shortlisted for the Women Writer's Award by She The People, and longlisted for the Auther Award. Her book on Rampur cuisine, *Deh to Dastarkhwan: Qissas and Recipes from Rampur* has been published by Penguin Random house India. She has co-edited and contributed to an upcoming anthology of food writings, *Forgotten Foods: Memories and Recipes from Muslim South Asia*, which is under publication with Pan Macmillan. Her research article 'Narrating Rampur Cuisine: Cookbooks, Forgotten Foods and Culinary Memories' was recently published in Global Food History Journal. She has also curated and contributed to a highly popular series 'Forgotten Foods' in *Scroll.in* and wrote a monthly column on Rampur cuisine, 'Food Fables', in *DailyO*. She is currently working on a Research Fellowship at the University of Sheffield for an Arts and Humanities Research Council funded project, 'Forgotten Food: Culinary Memory, Local Heritage and Lost Agricultural Varieties in India'. Her ongoing research promises to shed light on gender, food and memory.

1001 Favourite Poems

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SELLING POINTS

- Features romantic sonnets of Shakespeare and the stirring stanzas of Keats and Byron to the playful rhymes of Enid Blyton.
- Also includes well-known as well as traditional nursery rhymes for children.
- An essential read for both new and experienced poetry readers.
- Poems that touch on universal themes – love, loss, joy, nature, identity – that connect with readers on a deep emotional level.

ABOUT THE BOOK

The most remembered poems, by the best poets ever!

From the romantic sonnets of Shakespeare and the stirring stanzas of Keats and Byron to the playful rhythms of Enid Blyton, *1001 Favourite Poems* brings together the best of poetic brilliance across centuries.

Whether you're drawn to the beauty of nature, the depth of human emotion, or the simple joy of rhyme, these timeless works speak to every heart. Perfect for lovers of literature, students of poetry, or anyone seeking inspiration in language that lingers, this treasury of timeless poems and rhymes is a must-have, to read and revisit again and again.

Timeless Tales of India

Fabulous Folktales from Across the Country

Hachette India

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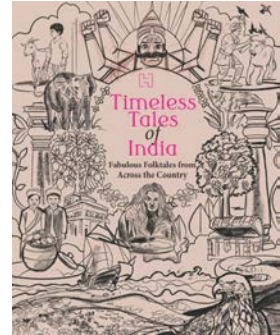
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SELLING POINTS

- A beautifully illustrated and produced hardback collectible anthology, unique in having a story each from every state and union territory of India. There's no other book like this in this format. Most other anthologies have a mix of religious myths and folklore, but this one is a compendium of enduring folktales and serves as a small and valuable archive.
- The folktales have been curated keeping in mind the many different kinds of storylines – funny, strange, fascinating and thought-provoking – along with a variety of regional and local settings, landscapes, characters and values, to offer India's colourful and vast diversity in one must-have book.
- Each story has an additional section with information about that state or union territory.
- This a large-sized full-colour collectible book with varied and lush illustrations makes a perfectly memorable and high-value gift to anyone, young or old.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Set off on a colourful trail of tales – from Kashmir to Kerala, Gujarat to Arunachal, and everywhere in between.

An enchanted chest, a very special guest, a box of doubles, a spate of troubles, gold coins in a cake, a helpful snake, golden pearls on a tree, a rocky ship on sea, tears of gems, mangoes and yams, an undead ghost, an incredible host, a world without night, a strong man's might, a partridge and a jackal, loopy problems to tackle, pots of gold, heroes bold, adamant kings, rivers that sing, a tiger caught by a scaredy-cat – now what do you think of that?!

This one-of-a-kind, must-have book brings you the most fascinating folktales – from each of India's 28 states and 8 union territories – brought to life with vibrant illustrations. Explore the whole country through its timeless stories – all in one magical book!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR (or Editor/Illustrator/Translator)

This Hachette India classic is a unique anthology of enduring Indian folktales in collaboration with AWIC [Association of Children's Writers and Illustrators], Delhi, founded in 1981 by the well-known writer and cartoonist, K. Shankar Pillai. Since then, the members have been endeavouring to promote the development of children's literature in India. AWIC was the Indian Section of the International Board on Books for Young People [IBBY] for over 30 years and won international recognition for many of its projects.

More than 25 leading and loved children's authors, who are members of AWIC, has contributed to this hand-picked collection of folktales, while more than 15 wonderful illustrators have beautified it with their stunning illustrations.

We, The Women of India

Fifteen Voices that Shaped the Constitution

Angellica Aribam & Akash Satyawali

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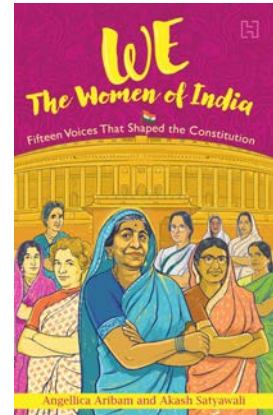
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SELLING POINTS

- **Heroines of History** – Discover the inspiring stories of 15 trailblazing women who shaped India's Constitution.
- **Fresh Perspective** – Most books focus on the Constitution itself – this one celebrates the women behind it.
- **History Beyond Textbooks** – Learn the untold stories your school books often miss.
- **Role Models for Today** – Brave, smart and determined – these women show how one voice can make a difference.
- **Fun and Easy to Read** – Written in a lively style that makes history exciting for children.
- **All-India Adventure** – Meet women from different parts of India, each bringing unique ideas and courage.
- **Perfect for Young Changemakers** – Encourages kids to dream big, speak up and believe in equality.

ABOUT THE BOOK

In 1946, as the nation stood on the brink of independence, 299 people were entrusted to set the rules of new India – a country with freedom, justice and equality. They argued, debated and dreamt aloud as they framed the Constitution of India.

Among them were fifteen extraordinary women. They came from villages and cities, from royal households and humble homes. Teachers, doctors, lawyers, social workers, and even rebels – they carried into the Assembly the voices of women and the hope of generations to come. Ammu Swaminathan fought for the rights of widows. Begum Aizaz Rasul defended the rights of the powerless. Dakshayani Velayudhan spoke up for marginalized communities. Hansa Mehta ensured the world would speak of 'all human beings' and not just men.

We, the Women of India celebrates these remarkable women – their life stories, their struggles and their fierce belief in equality. Their legacy is not history alone; it is the voice that still pushes India to become the nation they once dreamed of.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR (or Editor/Illustrator/Translator)

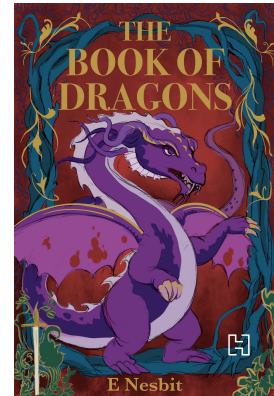
Named one of Forbes India's 30 Under 30 in 2017, **Angellica Aribam** is a political activist who has been working on issues of gender, anti-racism, and the democratization of politics for over a decade. Her work has been featured widely by both national and international media. She regularly writes for various newspapers including *Indian Express* and *Times of India*. She is committed to amplifying women's leadership in Indian politics.

Akash Satyawali is a public policy professional and national coordinator with the Research Department of the Indian National Congress. He regularly writes for various publications including *Deccan Herald*, *The Wire*, and *The Hindu* on law, economy, and public policy.

The Book of Dragons

E. Nesbit

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SELLING POINTS

- **Perfect for Holiday Gifting** – A hardback edition designed to delight children and adults alike, making it an ideal festive present.
- **Classic Author, Timeless Fun** – Written by **E. Nesbit**, one of the very first – and funniest – fantasy writers who inspired authors like **C. S. Lewis** and **J. K. Rowling**. Celebrate the work of a cherished children's author and rediscover the stories which have captivated generations.
- **Ideal for Shared Family Reading** – Stories that invite reading aloud, bringing joy to both children and parents alike.
- **Nostalgic and Magical** – Evokes the wonder of childhood while introducing new readers to timeless fantasy.
- **Eight Wildly Different Tales** – Each story is a fresh adventure: some dragons are dangerous, some silly and some surprisingly kind!

ABOUT THE BOOK

Step right up, brave reader! What kind of dragon would you like to meet today? A purple one who schemes with wicked uncles? A fiery red beast who munches on football players? Or perhaps a glittering ice-blue dragon frozen at the North Pole?

Inside this book you will meet all these and some more. These dragons don't just roar and burn. They spin kingdoms like tops, demand birthday presents, swallow entire towns, or even shrink small enough to fit inside a bottle (but not for long)!

In *The Book of Dragons*, the legendary storyteller E. Nesbit, unleashes eight rollicking tales packed with adventure, curious children, bumbling magicians, topsy-turvy kingdoms and, of course, dragon invasions. This deluxe edition celebrates one of the most beloved pioneers of children's fantasy, whose magical dragons have been delighting young readers for over a hundred years. Wait no longer, turn each page carefully – because once a dragon slips out, there's no telling what it might do!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR (or Editor/Illustrator/Translator)

E. Nesbit was a British children's author, novelist and poet. Among her other best-known books are *The Story of the Treasure Seekers* (1899), *The Wouldbegoods* (1901), *The Revolt of the Toys*, and *What Comes of Quarrelling* (1902), *Five Children and It* (1902), and *The Railway Children* (1906).

Life and Teachings of Sri Ramakrishna

Himadri Bhattacharya

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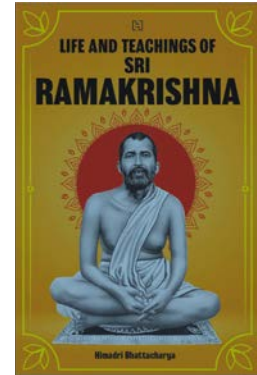
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SELLING POINTS

- **Authoritative source:** Based on *Kathamrita*, the authentic Bengali record of Sri Ramakrishna's conversations and teachings.
- **Firsthand wisdom:** Captures his parables, spiritual insights, and down-to-earth guidance as spoken to disciples.
- **Engaging narrative:** Blends his life story with his profound philosophy in a way that's accessible to modern readers.
- **Songs and devotion:** Includes the bhajans and devotional songs that shaped his spiritual practice and community.
- **Timeless relevance:** Highlights his central message: the unity of all religions and paths to the divine.
- **Spiritual inspiration:** Shows how a 19th-century mystic transformed the religious and cultural landscape of India.
- **Global appeal:** Brings Indian spirituality to a wider audience through a faithful yet fluent English translation.
- **Rich context:** Provides glimpses of 19th-century Bengal's social and cultural life alongside Ramakrishna's teachings.
- **Practical guidance:** Offers simple parables and everyday analogies that resonate with seekers today.
- **Devotee-friendly edition:** An inspiring resource for followers, spiritual practitioners, and anyone curious about India's mystics.

ABOUT THE BOOK

A mystic who spoke in parables, sang with devotion and lived in the presence of the Divine.

Sri Ramakrishna remains one of India's most beloved spiritual teachers, a figure whose simplicity and depth continue to inspire seekers across the world. His words, recorded faithfully in Bengali in the *Kathamrita*, capture not just lofty philosophy but also the warmth of his storytelling, the clarity of his parables and the joy of his songs.

Life and Teachings of Sri Ramakrishna brings those treasures to life for a new generation of readers. Moving between his life story, his teachings and the devotional songs he loved, it offers both a portrait of the saint and a glimpse into the vibrant spiritual culture of 19th-century Bengal. Intimate and universal, this book is a reminder that wisdom can be found in the most ordinary of moments, and that the search for truth belongs to all.

The Ultimate Superhero Companion and Quiz Book

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SELLING POINTS

- Conveys the **history of the genre**, its **development** and the entities involved.
- **Simple, straightforward and accessible language.**
- Quotable **trivia bits and images** add to the essence of the book.
- Special sections on **costumes, cinematic universes, iconography, origin stories** and more.
- Perfect quiz mate for hosting house parties, office get-togethers **and birthday parties.**

ABOUT THE BOOK

Is it a bird? Is it a plane?

How did the superheroes get their name?

Did you know that the man who invented the polygraph test also created Wonder Woman and her lasso of truth?

Learn all the trivia from how the first superhero came about, how this genre developed and the massive impact it has had on pop culture today – from big movie series to TV shows to endless collections of books and collectibles. Revisit your favorite heroes, learn about their costumes, the silver, bronze and golden age of comic books up to the modern age. Learn about the great writers and publishers who all came together to bring these wonderful fictional worlds and characters to us. A must-have for all comic book fans, the book is an essential guide and comes with over 1,000 quiz questions to test your knowledge!

Chambers Book of World History Facts

Rashmi Sacher

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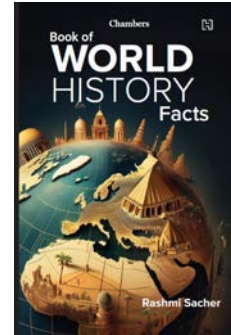
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SELLING POINTS

- **Fact-packed format:** Every page brims with quick, memorable nuggets of history, perfect for dipping in and out.
- **Wide coverage:** Spans the full arc of human history from ancient civilizations to the modern world.
- **Accessible style:** Concise notes, fun trivia, and bite-sized explanations make even complex events easy to grasp.
- **Educational yet entertaining:** Ideal for students, quiz enthusiasts, and casual readers alike.
- **Chronological + thematic flow:** Moves seamlessly from early cultures, empires, and revolutions to contemporary global events.
- **Perfect reference book:** A handy companion for assignments, competitive exams, and general knowledge.
- **Family bookshelf essential:** Appeals to young learners and adults with equal ease.
- **Keeps history lively:** Designed not as a heavy textbook, but as a fast-moving, fact-filled journey through time.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Did you know?

Mohenjo-daro was successively destroyed and rebuilt at least seven times. Each time, the new cities were built directly on top of the old ones.

George III had long babbling conversations with oak trees imagining the tree to be the king of Prussia.

During the inflation of 1922–23, a German student paid 5000 marks for his first coffee. By the time he was done and ordered the second, its price went up to 7000 marks.

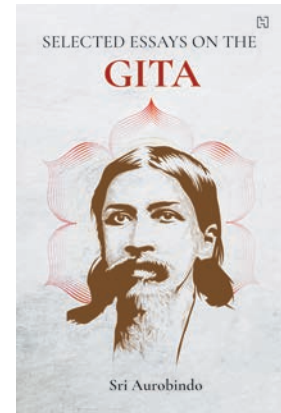
Chambers Book of World History Facts takes you on a whirlwind journey through time. No long lectures, no endless dates to memorize. Instead, you'll find crisp notes, quirky trivia, information boxes and pictures that make history leap off the page. Want to know why the Mongols spared artisans during their raids? Or what the population of the Indus Valley Civilization was at its peak? Or why the Punk Rock Revolution became one of the biggest cultural movements of Cold War era? It's all here, and it is surprising, strange and endlessly fascinating.

Perfect for students, quiz buffs or anyone who likes their history served fast and fun. This is a book you'll dip into again and again. Because when it comes to world history, sometimes the smallest facts tell the biggest story.

Selected Essays on the Gita

Sri Aurobindo

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SELLING POINTS

- **Thoughtfully selected:** This well-thought-out selection of Sri Aurobindo's essays on the Gita offers the essential teachings in his original writing.
- **Abridged and original:** No major changes have been made to the original text of the selected essays apart from taking out certain paragraphs, thus presenting the original text in a more comprehensible and compact manner, keeping in mind the average reading habit of today's readers.
- **Accessible:** Makes the core message more accessible and fast flowing.
- **Essential starter:** This selection has emerged as an essential starter for people interested in Indian philosophy, especially the concepts of yoga, synthetic yoga as well as Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga.
- **Target audience:** Any curious, thoughtful and serious reader with interest in the essential ideas of Indian religious philosophy, Hinduism, spiritualism, the Gita and Sri Aurobindo's teachings, especially those with a fidgety mind that suffers from shorter attention span. Also, provides access to immensely useful yoga courses.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Sri Aurobindo is known for his deep spiritual wisdom and writing prowess. His essays call for bringing together faith, belief, incisiveness, probity, inspiration and logical and critical thinking in a definite yet amorphous and flexible shape to approach divinity in its totality.

The gravity of his subject and his language often make his works seem obscure to many. His interpretation of the Gita, an essential guide to the Hindu sacred text, may also seem overwhelming to a first-time reader. A thought-out selection of his essays, some of which have been further abridged, retains the core message and explanation intact, while making them accessible. The abridgement does not include adding a single new word or expression – only some parts have been removed for the ease of understanding for a starter.

This is an essential guide to the Gita that serves both academic and spiritual purposes. It explains the narrative of what is seemingly Hinduism's most popular and sacred text and the coherent and unmatched philosophical synthesis that forms the fundamentals of Yoga. Sri Aurobindo's interpretation of the Gita also leaves the reader with a clear idea about his own approach to Yoga, which is known as Integral Yoga.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR (or Editor/Illustrator/Translator)

Sri Aurobindo (15 August 1872–5 December 1950), India's prominent revolutionary-turned yogi, was a prolific writer too. From Indian education to nationalism, philosophical speculation to Yoga and Integral Yoga, plays, stories, poetry – his literary and spiritual pursuits have resulted in an immense body of work that undeniably awes, inspires and attracts. But most important, it makes one think, imagine, believe and probe at the same time. *The Life Divine*, *The Essays on the Gita*, *Savitri: A Legend and a Symbol*, *The Ideal of Human Unity* are some of his best-known works.

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