

# Bringing the Cheetah Back to India

How Diplomacy Made Conservation's Big Mission Possible

Prashant Agrawal

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## SELLING POINTS

- The behind-the-scenes account of how Operation Cheetah was actually run by someone who made it happen – the author was India's High Commissioner to Namibia and organised the first lot of cheetahs to be transported to Kuno National Park.
- Endorsed by PMO and with praise quotes from External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and leading conservationists like MK Ranjitsinh.
- A thrilling, blow-by-blow account that tells us as much about big cat conservation as it does about the intricacies of diplomacy in a multipolar world.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

For seventy years, India mourned the absence of the cheetah, which had been hunted to extinction and erased from its grasslands. But bringing the world's fastest land animal back to the country would require more than science or conservation programmes. It would demand a hidden world of diplomatic manoeuvring, alliances and high-stakes negotiations across continents.

In this book for the first time, Prashant Agrawal, India's former High Commissioner to Namibia, discloses the extraordinary human drama behind one of conservation's most ambitious experiments. From presidential palaces in Namibia to bureaucratic labyrinths in New Delhi, *Bringing the Cheetah Back to India* tells the untold story of how nations, egos and ideals collided in a race against time to resurrect a ghost, restore an ecosystem and rewrite the rules of rewilding itself.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Prashant Agrawal** is a career diplomat with over two decades of experience navigating the complexities of international relations. As India's High Commissioner to Namibia, he played a pivotal role in the groundbreaking negotiations that brought the cheetah back to India after seven decades of extinction. His postings have spanned three continents, from Paris to Bangkok, Port Louis to Hong Kong, where he served as Deputy Chief of Mission and India's Deputy Permanent Representative to UNESCAP. He has also served as India's ambassador to Laos. This is his first book.

# Existential Ants

Siddharth Nair

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## SELLING POINTS

- A visually **striking comic** that employs Japanese sumi-e ink painting technique, blending **essentialist minimalism with absurdist humour** – perfect for design lovers, philosophy dabblers and readers of off-beat literary graphics.
- **Strips down life to its barest questions:** *Why are we here? Who decided? Why must one 'corporate'? When does one get off the wheel?*
- **Gift it to a colleague** who has a draft resignation email saved. **Buy it for a friend** recovering from a near-tearful Hinge date. Keep it on your desk for tricky, sticky days.
- In the quietly emotional tradition of **Big Panda & Little Dragon**, **The Cat Who Taught Zen** and **The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse**.
- Tender, philosophical and deceptively simple, *Existential Ants* is the **perfect present for high schoolers, new adults** entering the workforce, and anybody who needs cheering-up!

## ABOUT THE BOOK

### FOR ANYONE WHO'S EVER HAD A 3 A.M. THOUGHT IN A 2 P.M. MEETING

Gorgeous sumi-e ink washes bleed into stark white space in *Existential Ants*, a comic book where animals wrestle with all the things that make us human. Beneath delicate brushstrokes and biting wit lies a current of existential unease – ants obsess over purpose, cats interrogate destiny with skepticism, penguins barter intimacy against the void and crows dismantle romanticism with inconvenient, razor-sharp truths.

Beautiful enough to frame and honest enough to sting, this graphic novel offers the quiet companionship of creatures who suspect that meaning is fragile, constructed and perhaps still worth the trouble.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Siddharth Nair** is a Bali-based writer and artist. Raised in India, Singapore and China, he once spent 18 years as a corporate lawyer, and taught at law schools, before leaving practice to pursue art full time. In his spare time, he falls out of headstands, loses at racket sports and tortures an acoustic guitar.

## More images from the book

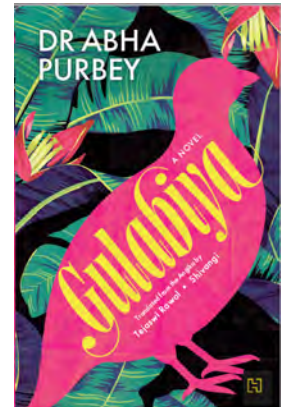


# Gulabiya

Dr Abha Purbey

Translated by Shivangi Pandey and Tejaswi Rawal

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## SELLING POINTS

- Gulabiya meets the growing demand for literature in translation, with the USP of being one of the **first English translations from Angika**.
- The translators are well known in literary circles and the book will feature praise from **Daisy Rockwell, Vaibhav Sharma, Aditya Mani Jha**.
- The translation was shortlisted for the **2024 Armory Square Prize for Translation**, and an excerpt featured in the prestigious **Words Without Borders**.
- This is a **fast-paced, cinematic story** that will lend itself well to **OTT adaptations**.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

**From the heartlands of India, a tale of love and freedom for the ages**

On the hot floodplains of the Kosi river, Gulabiya is a young farmhand in love with Balesar, the fieldhands' manager. When Balesar decides he would rather till his own land, he attracts the wrath of his landlord. Gulabiya is forcibly married off to another man, and Balesar is forced to migrate after his venture fails. The powerful believe they have suppressed yet another attempt at resistance, but they couldn't be more wrong.

What follows is a tale that shocked and scandalized readers when it was first published in 2008, a story that breaks down the realities of farm labour and life in 21st-century India. In this caste-ridden society where love is out of bounds for the downtrodden, Gulabiya and Balesar's romance will shake the very earth they till for others.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR (/Translator)

**Dr Abha Purbey** is a scholar and linguistic activist. She works primarily in Angika and Hindi and teaches Hindi at S.M. College, Bhagalpur. She is an active member of Angika Sansad, an independent publishing house dedicated to promulgating the cause of official recognition for Angika as a language in its own right. She has been creatively active since the early nineties.

**Tejaswi Rawal** is an emerging literary translator and writer working in English and Hindi. She is interested in material culture, print history, and meeting points of the familiar and the figurative.

**Shivangi Pandey** is a literary translator working between English, Hindi, Bhojpuri, Odia, and Angika. She is invested in the politics of language, intimacy, and vernacular memory, with a focus on uncovering lost or underrepresented narratives, particularly by women. She is currently between two translation projects: the *Sarala Mahabharata* and *Mallika: A Woman and Her Press*, a project to recover and translate the complete works of Mallika, Hindi's first woman novelist.

# Travelling Treasures 2.0

75 Incredible Tales of Things India Gave to the World

Mala Kumar

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## SELLING POINTS

- **75 Incredible Stories of India's Gifts to the World:** From chess and shampoo to mangoes, cardamom, coconuts and pyjamas – discover how everyday things began their journey in India and travelled far and wide.
- **Ideas That Shaped Civilizations:** Explore how yoga, the wisdom of the Bhagavad Gita, the Vedas and Buddhism crossed oceans and influenced cultures across continents.
- **Perfect Blend of Facts and Fascinating Trivia:** Packed with surprising details and little-known stories – filled with delightful 'Did you know?' moments for curious minds and future quiz champions
- **Revives Pride in Our Heritage:** Encourages young readers to value India's traditions, creativity and spirit of innovation. Helps children appreciate their roots while understanding India's vital place in the interconnected world.
- **Encourages Global Thinking:** Introduces children to the idea of cultural exchange, ancient trade routes and interconnected civilizations long before modern travel existed.
- **Engaging A-to-Z Exploration:** A structured yet exciting journey – making history accessible, lively and fun.
- **A Fascinating Reference Companion:** A book to read, revisit and return to and gift – perfect for homes, classrooms and libraries.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

### From Pepper to Polo, Mangoes to Mindfulness – Discover What India Gave to the World!

A land of bustling ports, stitched ships, wandering monks and brilliant thinkers, India is where many everyday objects began their journey.

Did you know that the game of chess began as *chaturanga* in ancient India? That shampoo comes from the Hindi word *champo*? That comfy pyjamas, fragrant cardamom, golden ghee and even clever mathematical ideas crossed borders long ago? From the wisdom of the Bhagavad Gita and the Vedas to bindis, buttons, kathak and khaki, treasures from India travelled far and beyond.

Packed with tales as tangy as amla and as sweet as sugarcane, this A-to-Z expedition brings you 75 fascinating stories of how things, tastes, games and life lessons journeyed from undivided India to the rest of the world.

Take a deep breath. Turn the page.

Your voyage begins now. Shubhyatra!

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Mala Kumar** is a freelance writer, editor and author of over 40 books for children. A former editor with the not-for-profit multilingual publisher Pratham Books, she has conducted many storytelling sessions and workshops on recreational mathematics in schools. Her books include *Travelling Treasures: 100 Incredible Tales of How Things Came to India*, *Up the Mountains of India*, *The Missing Rocks of Hampi*, *Crazy Mazy's Maths Puzzles*, *Miss Laya's Fantastic Motorbike*, *Paper Play*, the Happy Maths series, Rupaiya Paisa series and a biography of Sir M. Visvesvaraya. She writes mostly about education, culture, environment, lifestyle, people, gardening and the social sector.

# Football 500

The Ultimate Companion to 9 Decades of the World Cup

Joy Bhattacharjya & Aniket Mishra

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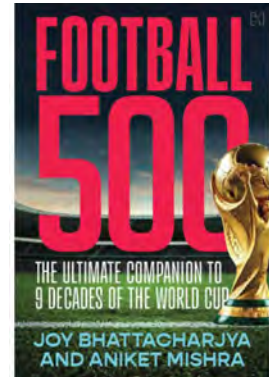
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## SELLING POINTS

- It's the season – FIFA is just round the corner, and this comes to refresh one's knowledge about all the FIFA World Cups in the past.
- Renowned quizmasters putting together puzzles and quizzes with subject expertise.
- The research is impeccable. The facts covered here are not easily found on the internet, setting it apart from the other books about football!
- **Complete Companion** – Covers legendary players and their iconic stories along with historic rivalries in one structured, easy-to-navigate volume.
- **Fact-Rich and Research-Driven** – Packed with verified records, iconic statistics and fascinating sports nuggets for serious credibility.
- **Interactive Reading Experience** – Integrated QR codes connect readers directly to unforgettable matches and milestones.
- **Legends Across Eras** – The book covers the Football World Cup from its inception to its most recently completed season and spans generations of greatness.
- **Ideal for Fans, Students and Quiz Enthusiasts** – A ready reference for sports lovers, competitive exam aspirants and trivia buffs alike.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

The Football FIFA World Cup is not just a tournament but an emotion. The journey from its inception in 1930 to its 23rd edition this year has a gallery full of enthralling stories of victories, losses, celebrations and so much more that bring together people all over the world.

These stories come with a hint of nostalgia and lots of trivia about the star players, the key matches, iconic moves and goals and the coveted trophy itself. With over 500 stories, fun games and puzzles, thoughtful crosswords, anagrams and quizzes, the book is sure to entertain all sports enthusiasts.

Legendary quiz master, Joy Bhattacharjya, and leading quizzier, Aniket Mishra are here to take you on this journey with them coaching you alongside with the magic of their writing and the brilliance of their quizzes, all in one book! So, kick off this football season with 500 reasons to indulge in this sport a little more.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Joy Bhattacharjya** is an Indian quizzier, orator, writer and CEO of Pro Volleyball League. Nearly 20 years of his life were spent in the world of Indian sports and media. He has helped produced live international cricket and has also contributed towards creating programmes like ESPN School Quiz and Super Selector. Apart from this, he also writes quiz columns as well as magazine articles intermittently.

**Aniket Mishra** works with FIFA and has been closely associated with three editions of the FIFA World Cup for men and one edition of FIFA Women's World Cup. An MPhil from Delhi University, Aniket is an ardent quizzier and runner too. He established the Barefoot Quiz Festival in 2012, which has since seen over 14 editions in different Indian cities. His earlier books are a testament to his passion and love for quizzing and sports.

# Chambers Book of Tennis Facts

## Swayam Ganguly

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### SELLING POINTS

- **Complete Tennis Companion** – Covers rules, formats, Grand Slams, legendary players, and historic rivalries in one structured, easy-to-navigate volume.
- **Fact-Rich and Research-Driven** – Packed with verified records, iconic statistics, and fascinating sports nuggets for serious credibility.
- **Interactive Reading Experience** – Integrated QR codes connect readers directly to unforgettable rallies, matches, and milestones.
- **Legends Across Eras** – From Margaret Court and Steffi Graf to the Federer–Nadal–Djokovic era, the book spans generations of greatness.
- **Ideal for Fans, Students and Quiz Enthusiasts** – A ready reference for sports lovers, competitive exam aspirants, and trivia buffs alike.

### ABOUT THE BOOK

#### Did You Know?

- Margaret Court holds the all-time record for the most Grand Slam titles across all categories with 64 titles – 24 Singles, 19 Doubles, and 21 Mixed.

- The longest tennis match in history lasted 11 hours and 5 minutes, played over three days at Wimbledon 2010 between John Isner and Nicolas Mahut.

- Steffi Graf remains the only player in history to achieve the Golden Slam – winning all four Grand Slam titles and the Olympic gold medal in the same calendar year (1988).

Smash your way into the thrilling universe of lawn tennis with this jam-packed fact book! From the grace of Steffi Graf to the grit of Serena Williams, from Borg and McEnroe's fiery showdowns to the golden era of the Federer–Nadal–Djokovic rivalry – this book brings it all. Learn how the game is played, master the rules, and discover the legends who made Wimbledon, Roland Garros, the US Open, and the Australian Open iconic.

With crisp facts, iconic stats, and QR codes that take you straight to unforgettable rallies and record-breaking moments, this isn't just a book – it's your Grand Slam pass to the game!

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Swayam Ganguly** was born and brought up in Jamshedpur, and he currently resides in Kolkata. He wears many hats, including that of a published author, director of corporate films, and editorial consultant for various publishers.

# Quick and Concise: Economics

## The Common-Sense Primer

Kumar Anand & Akash Kumar

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### SELLING POINTS

- **Accessible and engaging:** Highly accessible and engaging style of writing – difficult concepts are explained even for people who do not have a background in economics
- **Works for both the academic and the trade market:** The book has been written with the high school and undergraduate requirements in mind, yet in a style that is interesting for people who are just curious about economics
- **Zero jargon and almost no graphs:** Jargon-free content that doesn't require a serious understanding of statistics
- **Relatable examples:** Includes lots of examples from everyday life to make the book relatable for non-experts
- **Target audience:** High school and undergraduate students of economics, general readers, policy makers

### PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

'QC: *Economics* brings the timeless principles of economics to life through Indian history, markets, and policy battles – an indispensable guide to understanding how markets and politics shape India's present and future.' Professor Alex Tabarrok, Director, Center for Study of Public Choice, George Mason University

'Every Indian politician and policy maker should read QC: *Economics*.' Sadanand Dhume, Columnist, *The Wall Street Journal*

### ABOUT THE BOOK

What if poverty doesn't need an explanation, and the real mystery is how anyone got rich at all? Kohli earns 4x what Rohit earns. How is that justified if he isn't four times better? Why did a man win the Nobel Prize for stating the obvious – that politicians are as selfish as the rest of us? Congo, Nigeria, Venezuela – they have some of the biggest reserves of oil, diamonds, cobalt. Then why are they among the poorest countries on earth? Why does the Government of India run hotels and sell condoms while five crore cases rot in our courts?

In this disarming and playful guide, Akash Kumar and Kumar Anand strip economics down to its essence. Zero jargon and (almost!) no graphs – and, by the end, you'll never read the news the same way again.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Akash Kumar** grew up in Motihari, Bihar. When he spent a school year in the United States as part of the KL-YES Program of the US Department of State, he could not stop asking why some places stay poor while others get rich. That question never left his mind. He studied at IIT Madras, led academic programs for Students for Liberty across South Asia, and had a short stint working with the Chief Minister's Office of Maharashtra. He has written for *Hindustan Times*, *Deccan Herald*, and *News18* among others. Today, he is co-founder and CEO at Raaz MD, India's first AI-powered digital therapeutics platform for men's health. When not building Raaz or arguing about economic policy, he is usually hunting for a good cup of specialty coffee. Find him on X at @aye\_kaash and at akashkumar.co.

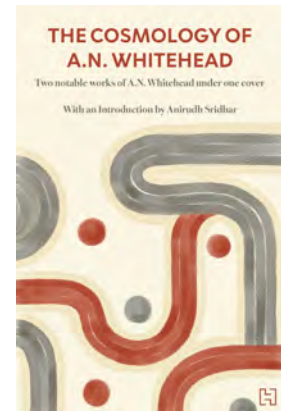
**Kumar Anand** grew up in Saharsa, Bihar. It might explain why two people from small-town Bihar ended up writing a book about why prosperity is so unevenly distributed. Kumar is an economist and public policy professional with over fifteen years of experience working on questions of Indian economic growth, economic history, and public policy at organizations including Asianomics Limited, the National Institute of Public Finance & Policy, Free a Billion and the Centre for Civil Society. He has written for publications including *The Hindu*, *Rajasthan Patrika*, and the French weekly, *Le Point*, among others. He studied economics at the University of Delhi and the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune. Find him on X at @kumaranand and at kumaranand.com.

# The Cosmology of A.N. Whitehead

## With an introduction by Dr Anirudh Sridhar

A.N. Whitehead

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### SELLING POINTS

- **Two once-popular works of A.N. Whitehead under one cover:** Two books under one cover at an affordable price
- **Comes with an original introduction by a contemporary academician:** The book includes an exclusive introduction by Dr Anirudh Sridhar
- **New approach to understanding science and existence:** The book captures once-widely-debated approach to the understanding of science and existence by the exponent of **process philosophy**
- **Target audience:** People with serious academic interest in both science and thought history, students of philosophy and the evolution of science

### ABOUT THE BOOK

At a time when scientific thought had come to dominate perceptions of reality, Whitehead argued that our bodily understanding of nature, registered in poetry, art, religion, and ethics form equally valid pictures of reality. He draws our attention to the dynamic, interconnected network of *processes* that make up individual experience. *Adventures of Ideas* offers a detailed history of humanity's endeavors to understand the nature of things. In essence, Whitehead explores how ideas shape civilization. In *Science and the Modern World* he investigates one such idea, that of 'scientific materialism' and how it has come to organize our modern understanding of the world. Whitehead scrutinizes the authority of science in the world because he believed philosophy is 'the architect of the buildings of the spirit' reasoning that the two must be kept in conversation in order to develop a holistic 'philosophy of organism'.

These two works reflect A.N. Whitehead's vision of ideas and processes that work together to make up our lived reality, reminding us that everything affects everything.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Alfred North Whitehead** (1861–1947) began his career writing primarily on mathematics and logic. His book *Principia Mathematica* (with Bertrand Russell) is widely considered one of the most important texts in mathematical logic of the twentieth century. Later turning to the philosophy of science and metaphysics, he pioneered process philosophy, which looks at reality as a constantly evolving, interconnected web of events and processes rather than a collection of fixed substances. *Adventures of Ideas* and *Science and the Modern World* reflect on the power of general ideas – about humanity, God and the universe – to shape the course of civilization, the latter book focusing particularly on the influence of science.

### ABOUT THE VOLUME EDITOR/INTRODUCTION WRITER

**Dr Anirudh Sridhar** is the Dean of Thought Leadership, Department of Language and Literature, Alliance University. He received a D.Phil. from the University of Oxford in 2020. His Ph.D. thesis at the University of Oxford received the highest honours reserved for the thesis in the humanities and recommended for publication with the Oxford University Press. He holds a Master of Arts from University of Freiburg, Germany, and Bachelor of Science from State University of New York ESF, USA.

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