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"A new novel from the author of *Oleander Girl*, a novel in stories, built around crucial moments in the lives of 3 generations of women in an Indian/Indian-American Family"-- Vijay Tendulkar has been in the vanguard of Indian theatre for almost 40 years. This play, translated from the original Marathi, is one of his most gripping, socially relevant ones.

Explores the contemporary nature and the diverse narratives, rituals, and performances of the Navaratri festival. *Nine Nights of the Goddess* explores the festival of Navaratri—alternatively called Navatra, Mahanavami, Durga Puja, Dasara, and/or Dassain—which lasts for nine nights and ends with a celebration called Vijayadashami, or “the tenth (day) of victory.” Celebrated in both massive public venues and in small, private domestic spaces, Navaratri is one of the most important and ubiquitous festivals in South Asia and wherever South Asians have settled. These festivals share many elements, including the goddess, royal power, the killing of demons, and the worship of young girls and married women, but their interpretation and performance vary widely. This interdisciplinary collection of essays investigates Navaratri in its many manifestations and across historical periods, including celebrations in West Bengal, Odisha, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and Nepal. Collectively, the essays consider the role of the festival’s contextual specificity and continental ubiquity as a central component for understanding South Asian religious life, as well as how it shapes and is shaped by political patronage, economic development, and social status. “This is a unique collection of marvelously diverse perspectives on one of the most prominent contemporary Hindu festivals. Even those who know much about Durga Puja should prepare to be fascinated by the work of these scholars.” — Patricia Dold, Memorial University

The award-winning author Amit Chaudhuri has been widely praised for the beauty and subtle power of his writing and for the ways in which he makes “place” as complex a character as his men and women. Now he brings these gifts to a spellbinding amalgam of memoir, reportage, and history in this intimate, luminous portrait of Calcutta. Chaudhuri guides us through the city where he was born, the home he

loved as a child, the setting of his acclaimed novels—a place he now finds captivating for all the ways it has, and, perhaps more powerfully, has not, changed. He shows us a city relatively untouched by the currents of globalization but possessed of a “self-renewing way of seeing, of inhabiting space, of apprehending life.” He takes us along vibrant avenues and derelict alleyways; introduces us to intellectuals, Marxists, members of the declining haute bourgeoisie, street vendors, domestic workers; brings to life the city’s sounds and smells, its architecture, its traditional shops and restaurants, new malls and hotels. And, using the historic elections of 2011 as a fulcrum, Chaudhuri looks back to the nineteenth century, when the city burst with a new vitality, and toward the politics of the present, finding a city “still not recovered from history” yet possessed of a singular modernity. Chaudhuri observes and writes about Calcutta with rare candor and clarity, making graspable the complex, ultimately ineluctable reasons for his passionate attachment to the place and its people.

Varivasy?-rahasya and its commentary Prak??a

Two Years in the City

Discourses of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba

The Vachan?mrut

Gyan Ganga - English

Amma, Tell Me about Ramayana!

The name Chandi comes from the word "chand" which in Sanskrit means to tear apart. The spiritual meaning of Chandi is "She Who Tears Apart Thought." The recitation of the Chandi Path is designed to guide the reader's awareness into the presence of Chandi - the Divine Mother Herself - so that all conflict of mind may return to Peace.

A Shiva lingam is an aniconic representation of Lord Shiva. Hindus worship Lord Shiva mostly in the form of a Shiva lingam, but its meaning has been one of the most debated topics. There are mainly two groups; one believes it is a sexual organ and others believe it is not. They both give many different arguments in the support of their perspective. With the advent of science and technology, one more group has emerged which strongly believes that there is some sort of science behind the concept of Shiva Lingam. But what are the reasons behind this confusion? 1. There are some stories in the Hindu scriptures that depict it as a sexual organ while some stories say it is a column of fire. 2. Many different meanings of the words linga and yoni. 3. Ancient pillar/phallus worship. 4. Different practices of different Hindu sects. 5. The shape of a Shiva lingam. In February 2010, the encyclopedia Britannica removed a sentence about Shiva lingam from its article. "In temples and private shrines, Shiva is ... worshipped in the form of the lingam, or phallus, often embedded in the yoni, the symbol of the female sexual organ." It is believed that it did so because of the pressure of

Netizens, but I doubt that a website like Britannica would do so unless there is some valid reason behind it. When we talk about religion, the scriptures are of utmost importance. Therefore, in this book, I have sought refuge mainly in scriptures to determine what exactly a Shiva Lingam is, but I have also considered other things like archaeological evidence, logic, history, science, etc. I am sure that this book would not only answer what a Shiva lingam really is but also you would learn many new things about Hinduism.

An introduction to the Ram bhakti tradition and a fascinating account of its practice among a group of Central Indian Untouchables.

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Rapt in the Name

Ritual Worship of the Great Goddess

The Universal Mother

Kularnava Tantra

Yearly Horoscope 2021

Beyond the Dream Girl

The final piece of the Derrick Storm trilogy from #1 New York Times bestselling author Richard Castle, available exclusively as an eBook short. Derrick Storm is back—this time, with a crack team of ghost CIA operatives. These former agents have all faked their own deaths and now work for the CIA on a strictly secret basis, taking on dangerous and illegal jobs the agency may not officially carry out. They're headed to the Molguzar mountains to look for sixty-billion dollars worth of gold hidden by the KGB before the collapse of the Soviet Union, and taking a perilous detour to rescue FBI agent April Showers from a sociopath torturer. But Storm's loyalties are put to the test as the mission begins to unravel into a bloody mountaintop showdown, and he and Showers must find out the hard way that their assignment may not be what they thought it was...

'Just as heat is inherent in fire, so is our desire to become better.' Why are personal growth and life transformation so difficult? Does Creation wish that we fail? Of course not! The purpose behind the Universe's grand design is to make us succeed. Our own unawareness of the laws of the Universe creates the impediment. Just as physical phenomena are regulated by laws, there are spiritual principles governing the journey of life as well. Knowledge of them helps us understand why success comes so easily to some but remains a struggle for others; why some are still putting on their shoes, while others have finished the race. The beauty is that, like the physical laws of nature, the divine principles governing happiness and fulfilment in life are also eternally valid. In this book, Swami Mukundananda explains the 7 divine laws in an easily graspable manner. With knowledge of the Vedic scriptures and witty anecdotes that everyone can relate to, this book will empower you to become the best version of yourself.

The story of Rama, the righteous prince, written ages ago by the poet Valmiki. This is Ramayana - an ancient, epic poem, as told by Amma to Klaka and Kiki.

A guide to the Baha'i faith covers learning to know, love and trust God; the purpose of life; the importance of prayer and meditation; developing faith and certitude; learning to cope with adversities with patience and confidence; and the importance of service to humanity. Original.

History, Religion and Culture of India

India's Most Haunted

58th Annual Report

THE PATH OF REALIZING GOD WITHIN

The Divine Art of Living

A Bloody Storm

There are places where the past lingers, making shapes in the moonlight and blowing in the curtains even as the air goes suddenly still. K. Hari Kumar, bestselling author of spine-chilling horror fiction, brings you the terrifying tales of some of India's most haunted places -- including Bhangarh Fort, Malabar Hill's Tower of Silence and Jammu and Kashmir's notorious Khooni Nala. Whether you read them at night or in daylight, these stories will remain with you long after you've turned the last page.

Hymn to Tripurasundar? (Hindu deity).

Commentary on 'The Bhagavad Geeta' by Swami Mukundananda

On the origin and development of the concept of mother-goddesses in theology.

Amma Tell Me about Durga Puja!

7 Divine Laws to Awaken Your Best Self

Hinduism

Bhagavad Geeta

Intangible Networks of Western India and Beyond

The Navaratri Festival in South Asia

This volume examines Western India's contributions to the spread of ideas, beliefs and other intangible ties across the Indian Ocean world. The region, particularly Gujarat and Bombay, is well-established in the Indian imaginary and in scholarship as a mercantile hub. These essays move beyond this identity to examine the region as a dynamic place of learning and a host of knowledge, tracing the flow of knowledge, aesthetic sensibilities, values, memories and genetic programs.

Contributors traverse the fields of history, anthropology, agriculture, botany, medicine, sociology and more to offer path-breaking perspectives on Western India's deep socio-cultural impact across the centuries.

Western India emerges as a pivotal region in the maritime world as a transmitter of knowledge.

Treatise deals with the secret Śākta-Tantric worship.

One of the most enduring divas of Hindi cinema, a producer and director for films and television, dancer and choreographer par excellence, magazine editor, an active member of Parliament and now a singer, Hema Malini wears many hats with admirable ease. No other industry name

comes close to matching the breadth of her achievements. In an industry where the male star has traditionally driven the commercial success of films, Hema was an exception, with her name alone sufficing to ensure a film's box-office glory. She was, arguably, India's first female superstar. Apart from starring in mainstream super-hits like Johny Mera Naam, Jugnu, Andaz, Seeta Aur Geeta, Sholay and, more recently, Baghban, she received critical acclaim for her performances in Lal Patthar, Khushboo, Kinara, Meera, Ek Chadar Maili Si and Razia Sultan. But there is much more to her than just her Bollywood journey. From her efforts at reviving and sustaining classical dance to her graceful handling of her personal life and the controversies that have plagued her in her political avatar, from her relationships to her religious beliefs and her recent tryst with singing, Hema Malini: Beyond the Dream Girl covers it all. With detailed interviews and exclusive anecdotes from her family, friends and co-actors, this is an inside look at the remarkable life of one of our greatest cinema icons, someone who has truly lived life on her own terms.

Origin of the Durga Puja Lal Kitab Pustak Mahal

Awakening Inner Guru

Origin of the Durga Puja

A Novel

A Derrick Storm Short

Music and Fine Arts in the Devotional Traditions of India

A Summary Study of Śrīla Vyāsadeva's Srimad-Bhāgavatam, Tenth Canto. Volume One

The Kularnava is perhaps the foremost Tantra of the Kaula School and is constantly cited as an authority in Tantric literature. It is worthy of close study by those who would understand the tenets and practice of the tradition of which it is a Sastra. The Introduction by Arthur Avalon gives a concise outline of the work. Sri M.P. Pandit who is a keen student of the Tantras and Vedas has rendered the work in English in eleven chapters. The readings are free translations, with annotations where necessary, omitting technical details but preserving the spirit and essential import of the original in his characteristically lucid style. The Kularnava prescribes the modes of preparation for the high quest; it draws upon ethics, religion, philosophy, yoga to elevate human life gradually to the level of godly life. It comprehends the multiple personality of man and provides for the healthy growth of his mental faculties, purification of his physical faculties through ritual, japa, mantra and upasana. Who is fit for the path of Tantra? Who is competent to guide the novice on the double - edged razor path? What is the responsibility of a Guru to a disciple? These and other relevant questions are raised and answered in a satisfying manner.

Durga Puja is here! What does it mean to a child? Step into this book and watch the festival come alive! This book is part of the series 'From The Toddler Diaries' and celebrates Durga Puja as experienced by 3 year old Riya. This artfully portrayed '5 Days

of Pujo' appeals to young and old alike. Shashti, Saptami, Ashtami, Navami and Bijoya Dashami - the cultural colors have a pronounced Bengali connection, but are universal to Durga Puja celebrations across several communities. With 5 star reviews, this book is easy to read and is enthusiastically endorsed by kids and their parents alike! From The Toddler Diaries is a series of illustrated books which celebrates the spectrum of Indian festivals as experienced by a toddler. Presented in poetry and color, 'From The Toddler Diaries' is designed to drape parents and children in vivid hues of India's cultural fabric. The inspiration behind this collection comes from an appreciation of a child's clarity in perception, which becomes magical because of its simplicity. Also, check out 'Celebrate Holi With Me!', which is part of this series. A charming and informative book. A great way to introduce children to the culture. ~ Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, Award winning author of 'The Mistress of Spices' and 'Before We Visit the Goddess' When I read Shoumi Sen's Celebrate Durga Puja With Me, brilliantly illustrated by Abira Das, I must admit that I want to witness at least one Durga Pujo in my life? ~ TokaBox

The Lal Kitab, a rare book in urdu, was popular in north-west India, Pakistan, Iran and many other countries. This English version has added new dimensions to make it more lucid and easier to understand.

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Saundaryalahari

Selections from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, the Báb and 'Abdu'l-Bahá

Sathya Sai Speaks

You Can Meditate

Flowers on the Grave of Caste

Meditation is like a love affair with your innermost self. At times it can be

*ecstatic and entrancing, other times simple and still—and sometimes you might not even feel its profound effects until later. Now with **Meditation for the Love of It**, Sally Kempton shares practical secrets to help us turn meditation into an unconditional embrace of the fullness of our experience—on and off the meditation cushion. With the gentle wisdom and compassion of one who understands the nuances of practice, she opens us to the joy of exploring the deep and mysterious inner landscape of the heart, mind, and body. Drawing on her 40 years as a teacher and a fellow meditator, Sally teaches us how we can connect to our inner longings and creative “shakti” energy to allow the transformative gifts and blessings of meditation to unfold. With playfulness and devotion—two key attitudes in sustaining a daily practice—she shares indispensable guidance for this voyage of self-discovery, including: How to tune in to your own “meditation channel,” a bandwidth of tranquillity, energy, and joy Why you don’t need a quiet mind to meditate How the force known as Kundalini can fuel your practice Connecting to your ever-present Inner Beloved to let go of conditioned ideas about yourself and make space for the True Self to come forth Ripening your practice beyond technique into the “sweet mysterious expanse of spontaneous meditation” More than 20 practices for bringing the peace and insight of meditation into your daily life “Remember: what you seek in meditation is your own Beloved, your own inner intelligence, your own Awareness, and your own Truth,” teaches Sally. **Meditation for the Love of It** points us back to our own intimate heart of hearts, our own deepest experience, and the bliss of existence itself. Contents Introduction: Awakening to Meditation Chapter One: The Lure of Meditation Chapter Two: How Do We Experience the Inner Self? Chapter Three: Preparing for Practice Chapter Four: Choosing the Right Doorway Chapter Five: Moving Inward: The Practice of Oneness Chapter Six: Working with the Mind, Part I: Navigating the Thought-Stream Chapter Seven: Working with the Mind, Part II: Liberating Your Thoughts Chapter Eight: Letting the Shakti Land Chapter Nine: Where Do You Find Yourself? A Road Map to the Meditation Journey Chapter Ten: Coming Out of Meditation: Contemplation, Recollection, and Journal Writing Chapter Eleven: The Daily Life of a Meditator: Holding Inner Attention Chapter Twelve: The Three-Week Breakthrough Program Chapter Thirteen: The Process of Ripening Epilogue: Let the Inner Dance Unfold Praise “This is the classic wisdom of the East, cast in a very personal and accessible form. It is authoritative and inspiring and will make you want to meditate for the highest reasons and in the most effective ways.” —Andrew Weil, MD, author of *Spontaneous Healing and Meditation for Optimum Health* “A thoughtful, intuitive, and uncommonly well-written book, which can only be welcomed by all who follow the way of meditation.” —Peter Matthiessen, author of *The Snow Leopard* “Sally Kempton is one of the great realized teachers on the meditation path, whose *Integral**

understanding of life merges seamlessly with her mastery of meditation. She is a guide for our time.” —Ken Wilber, author of A Brief History of Everything “Love this book! I’m grateful to Sally for this how-to guide to the soul and am excited to deepen my own experience of meditation through her inspiration and guidance.” —Seane Corne, international yoga teacher and activist, cofounder of Off the Mat, Into the World

There is perhaps no political figure in modern history who did more to secure and protect the Indian nation than Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. But, ironically, seventy years after Patel brought together piece by piece the map of India by fusing the princely states with British India to create a new democratic, independent nation, little is understood or appreciated about Patel's enormous contribution to the making of India. Caricatured in political debate, all the nuances of Patel's difficult life and the daring choices he made are often lost, or worse, used as mere polemic. If Mahatma Gandhi was the spiritual core of India's freedom struggle and Jawaharlal Nehru its romantic idealism, it was Sardar Patel who brought in the vital pragmatism which held together the national movement and the first ideas of independent India. A naturally stoic man, Patel, unlike Gandhi or Nehru, wrote no personal history. He famously argued that it was better to create history than write it. This is why even his deepest misgivings and quarrels have been easily buried. But every warning that Patel left for India - from the dangers of allowing groups to create private militias to his thoughtful criticism on India's approach to Kashmir, Pakistan and China - are all dangerously relevant today. It is impossible to read about Patel, who died in 1950, and not feel that had he lived on, India might have been a different country. It is also impossible to ignore Patel and understand not only what the idea of India is but also what it could have been, and might be in the future. The Man Who Saved India is a sweeping, magisterial retelling of Sardar Patel's story. With fiercely detailed and pugnacious anecdotes, multiple award-winning, best-selling writer Hindol Sengupta brings alive Patel's determined life of struggle and his furious commitment to keep India safe. This book brings alive all the arguments, quarrels and clashes between some of the most determined people in Indian history and their battle to carve out an independent nation. Through ravages of a failing body broken by decades of abuse in and outside prison, Patel stands out in this book as the man who, even on his death bed, worked to save India. Hindol Sengupta's The Man Who Saved India is destined to define Patel's legacy for future generations.

A first-hand description of the Durga Puja, the Hindu celebration of the Great Goddess. During a nine-day period every autumn, Hindus in India and throughout the world worship the Great Goddess, Durga--the formidable deity who is loved like a mother. One of the most dramatic and popular of these celebrations is the Durga Puja, a rite noted for its visual

pageantry, ritual complexity, and communal participation. In this book, Hillary Peter Rodrigues describes the Bengali style of Durga Puja practiced in the sacred city of Banaras from beginning to end. A romanization of the Sanskrit litany is included along with an English translation. In addition to the liturgical description, Rodrigues provides information on the rite's component elements and mythic aspects. There are interpretive sections on puja, the Great Goddess, women's roles in the ritual, and the socio-cultural functions of the ritual. Rodrigues maintains that the Durga Puja is a rite of cosmic rejuvenation, of empowerment at both the personal and social levels, and a rite that orchestrates manifestations of the feminine, both Divine and human. Hillary Peter Rodrigues is Chair of the Department of Anthropology and Associate Professor in the Religious Studies Program at the University of Lethbridge. He is the author of Insight and Religious Mind: An Analysis of Krishnamurti's Thought.

Dating back over three thousand years, Hinduism is a rich religion with more than nine hundred million practitioners worldwide. Unlike most world religions, Hinduism has no single founder or religious text. Instead, Hindus revere a body of texts known as the Veda and share sets of practices and beliefs including nonviolence, reincarnation, and the holidays of Diwali and Holi. Central tenets of Hinduism are covered in this photograph-filled, elementary-level text. Readers will enjoy learning about the history of Hinduism, important deities, and Hinduism's influence on society at large.

The Man Who Saved India

Chandi Path

The Ramnamis, Ramnam, and Untouchable Religion in Central India

Celebrate Durga Puja with Me!

Worship Through Beauty

What Exactly Is A Shiva Lingam

Meditation has been around for thousands of years and has recently been shown by science to have incredible benefits to physical, mental and emotional health. This journey looks at the research, personal experience and client feedback to allow you the possibility of experiencing the benefits of meditation in your own world.

Related with simplicity and sincerity, the anecdotes in this firsthand account detail author Renata Caddy's experiences with Babaji, an eternal being and figure in Indian spirituality. Through personal stories and photographs, Caddy describes her first meeting with Babaji during a stay in India in 1978 as well as the 72 encounters that followed in the next six years, until Babaji gave up his human form in 1984. She then relates the events that occurred during her several pilgrimages to Mount Kailash in Tibet, where she felt Babaji's presence strongly and was even more compelled to follow his teachings of truth,

simplicity, love, and service to humanity. Full of wisdom, this illuminating book contains a message of spiritual development that will resonate with anyone of an open heart and mind, regardless of religion.

The book is about awakening your inner wisdom, inner power, inner beauty and your inner Self. Living a fulfilling life is a skill that requires both practice and understanding. This book provides both. It can be used for inspiration, or as an instruction handbook. It contains several meditation and other practices for self improvement. It is a very comprehensive manual for Self realization. This book is must for any sincere for spiritual development. It can be read countless times for added insight. You may also enjoy reading this book if you really want to explore the full potential of your inner strength. It offers a very down-to-earth approach to understanding, in detail and simple language. For those who are truly interested to attain spiritual freedom and fulfillment in every sphere of life, this book is a practical and personal guidebook.

The city is abuzz with fanfare and fervour, Giant idols under wraps, ready to be unfurled, Colourful pandaals receive finishing touches To host the biggest outdoor festival in the world! Celebrate the homecoming of a loving daughter, Victory of the goddess and a demon's defeat, See how Ma Durga outshone even the mighty gods How a woman achieved an impossible feat!

Lal Kitab

Kanyadaan

Meditation for the Love of It

Hema Malini

The Liturgy of the Durga Puja with Interpretations

Spiritual Discourses of Bhagwan Swaminayan

This book presents a number of independent articles held together by the thematic string of art as part of ritual worship and spiritual striving in traditions of devotional religion in India. Emphasis is laid on music and fine arts in the Vaisnava temples of Vraja, with recurring reference to the art of sanjhi which counts among the unique and nowadays very rare treasures of the Indian cultural heritage.

Enjoying Your Own Deepest Experience

Knowledge and the Indian Ocean

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Calcutta

Master of the Himalayas