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This exciting new undergraduate textbook introduces the reader to the broad and complex relationship between sport, culture and society, and critically examines the key assumptions that we hold with regard to the nature of sport.

A tribute to the finest writers on the game of cricket and an acknowledgement that the

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great days of cricket literature are behind us. There was a time when major English writers - P. G. Wodehouse, Arthur Conan Doyle, Alec Waugh - took time off to write about cricket, whereas the cricket book market today is dominated by ghosted autobiographies and statistical compendiums. The Picador Book of Cricket celebrates the best writing on the game and includes many pieces that have been out of

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*print, or difficult to
get hold of, for years.
Including Neville
Cardus, C. L. R. James,
John Arlott, V. S.
Naipaul, and C. B. Fry,
this anthology is a must
for any cricket follower
or anyone interested in
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*Pertain To People And
Places And Literature
And Life—Includes Essays
On Gandhi, Nehru,
Rajaji, B.P. Koirala And
Many Others.*

*As it enters its
sixtieth year of
independence, India
stands on the threshold
of superpower status.
Yet India is strikingly
different from all other
global colossi. While it
is the world's most
populous democracy and
enjoys the benefits of
its internationally
competitive high-tech*

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and software industries, India also contends with extremes of poverty, inequality, and political and religious violence. This accessible and vividly written book presents a new interpretation of India's history, focusing particular attention on the impact of British imperialism on Independent India. Maria Misra begins with the rebellion against the British in 1857 and tracks the country's advance to the present

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day. India's extremes persist, the author argues, because its politics rest upon a peculiar foundation in which traditional ideas of hierarchy, difference, and privilege coexist to a remarkable degree with modern notions of equality and democracy. The challenge of India's leaders today, as in the last sixty years, is to weave together the disparate threads of the nation's ancient culture, colonial

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*The Unquiet Woods
India's Journey to
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*The Battle Between
Government And The
Marketplace*

*The Past and Future of
the Indian Left*

***Ramachandra Guha's India
after Gandhi is a magisterial
account of the pains,
struggles, humiliations and
glories of the world's largest***

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and least likely democracy. A riveting chronicle of the often brutal conflicts that have rocked a giant nation, and of the extraordinary individuals and institutions who held it together, it established itself as a classic when it was first published in 2007. In the last decade, India has witnessed, among other things, two general elections; the fall of the Congress and the rise of Narendra Modi; a major anti-corruption movement; more violence against women, Dalits, and religious minorities; a wave of prosperity for some but the

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persistence of poverty for others; comparative peace in Nagaland but greater discontent in Kashmir than ever before. This tenth anniversary edition, updated and expanded, brings the narrative up to the present. Published to coincide with seventy years of the country's independence, this definitive history of modern India is the work of one of the world's finest scholars at the height of his powers.

'Nobody has done more harm to me . . . than Jawaharlal Nehru,' wrote Subhas Chandra Bose in 1939. Had

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relations between the two great nationalist leaders soured to the extent that Bose had begun to view Nehru as his enemy? But then, why did he name one of the regiments of the Indian National Army after Jawaharlal? And what prompted Nehru to weep when he heard of Bose's untimely death in 1945, and to recount soon after, 'I used to treat him as my younger brother'? Rudrangshu Mukherjee's fascinating book traces the contours of a friendship that did not quite blossom as political ideologies diverged, and delineates the shadow

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that fell between them—for, Gandhi saw Nehru as his chosen heir and Bose as a prodigal son.

Ramachandra Guha was born and brought up in a broad-minded Hindu family. He has always believed that one could be Hindu while still respecting the faith of others—something he learnt from Mahatma Gandhi. However, he started to doubt the sanctity of his religion when he witnessed a village of Muslim weavers destroyed by a mob of Hindu fanatics. While we once again question the times we live in, trying to find the difference

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between Hindutva and Hinduism, read on as Guha talks about his correspondence with individuals who send him mails filled with hatred and insults to have a deeper understanding of the 'Internet Hindus', as he calls them. Bharat, Gandhi Ke Bad is the Hindi translated edition of India After Gandhi, which documents the important events and happenings that occurred after India attained independence from British rule in 1947. Generally most the history textbooks on India cover events that from pre-

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historic times till the country gained independence from foreign rule, but this one takes the reader into the reality that lies hidden in the recent times. This was the era that has witnessed laying of the foundation of Indian democracy, where the fledging nation has survived several brutal attacks in the name of religion, caste, class and language. Historian Ramachandra Guha digs out a lot of facts and figures to explain the struggle and pain that the world's largest democracy has suffered after independence. He has also

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mentioned much details about some major protests and conflicts that haunted India after the British administrators left the country. Besides the negative turn of historical events, the book also records many of the accomplishments that the nation has made which does make every Indian proud. Even after having faced numerous terror attacks, conflicts and controversial issues, the republic of India has survived and remains united post-independence. The book presents some famous personalities in a very different light, when

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describing their personal and their political lives. Moreover, Guha also does mentions some lesser-known personalities from among tribals, workers and peasants who have played a major role in making India what it is today. The book is a result of extensive research and the lucid narration makes it an interesting to read that is easy to understand and relate to. Translator Sushant Jha has maintained the original crux of the text in this translated edition and has not attempted to overshadow what the author has actually explained in the

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original English version. India After Gandhi, the English version was picked as the Book of the Year by Outlook and The Economist and it went onto win the 2011 Sahitya Akademi Award. Following the popularity of this book, the author wrote a second volume, which also has a translated called Bharat: Nehru Ke Baad. About the author: Columnist, commentator and writer, Ramachandra Gua, born in 1958, is one of India's best historians who has documented recent history. Born and brought up in Dehradun, Gua, a graduate

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***from Delhi University and IIM
Calcutta has also taught at
Yale, Stanford and University
of California. Among the
famous books that Gua has
written are: India after Gandhi,
The States of Indian Cricket
and This Fissured Land: An
Ecological History of India.
Bharat***

Verdicts on Nehru

***Western Fighters for India's
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***The first prime minister of free
India, Jawaharlal Nehru, has***

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been a widely adored figure across the country. However, as is the case with most public figures, there were some circles where the prime minister was unpopular, and his followers highly reviled. The vast and varied criticisms of Nehru weren't simply a matter of his personality and how he was adored by the women of the country, but rather they play with the fundamental question of whether he was a good enough prime minister for a country that was taking its first steps into existence. In Verdicts on Nehru: The Rise

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and Fall of a Reputation, Ramachandra Guha explains these instances and talks about how one can still find it difficult to be a Nehru supporter in current times. Read on to know more about what made Nehru and how the public received him in a country as wide and varied as India.

Inside Every Thinking Indian There Is A Gandhian And A Marxist Struggling For Supremacy Says The Author In The Opening Sentence Of This Wonderfully Readable Book Of Ideas, Opinions And Reflection. A Substantial

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***Portion Of The Book Expands
On This Salvo: It Analyses
Gandhians And Pseudo-
Gandhians Marxists And Anti-
Marxists, Nehruvians And Anti-
Secularists Democrats And
Stalinists, Scientists And
Historians Among Other
People.***

***Patriots & Partisans Patriots
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An acclaimed historian of the
environment, Ramachandra
Guha in this book draws on
many years of research in
three continents. He details
the major trends, ideas,
campaigns and thinkers within
the environmental movement***

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worldwide. Among the thinkers he profiles are John Muir, Mahatma Gandhi, Rachel Carson, and Octavia Hill; among the movements, the Chipko Andolan and the German Greens.

Environmentalism: A Global History documents the flow of ideas across cultures, the ways in which the environmental movement in one country has been invigorated or transformed by infusions from outside. It interprets the different directions taken by different national traditions, and also explains why in certain

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contexts (such as the former Socialist Bloc) the green movement is marked only by its absence. Massive in scope but pointed in analysis, written with passion and verve, this book presents a comprehensive account of a significant social movement of our times, and will be of wide interest both within and outside the academy. For this new edition, the author has added a fresh prologue linking the book's themes to ongoing debates on climate change and the environmental impacts of global economic development.

Thus Spake Bhisma
India After Gandhi: The History
of the World's Largest
Democracy
Sport, Culture and Society
Rebels Against the Raj
Hindu Rites and Rituals
Democrats and Dissenters

In the Napoleonic period warfare ceased to be a matter for armies alone, but also became an affair of the people. So, at least, runs the usual claim. In Spain, Portugal, Italy, Germany and Russia outraged peasants and townfolk rose against the French armies and fell upon them without mercy. From these insurrections we get the modern

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word 'guerrilla', but did armed civilians really play an important a role in the struggle? In this collection of essays a group of specialists on the Napoleonic epoch tease out the question, and arrive at some startling conclusions.

By 1905, the fight to get Indians a fair deal in South Africa was still going on, and thus far, it had followed a strictly legalistic route. Letters, petitions, court cases, delegations—these were the means by which Gandhi and his fellows had challenged laws that bore down unfairly on them. However, it seemed as if things were suddenly moving a lot more

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towards protest than petition. Gandhi was moving towards leading his first peaceful protest—in Transvaal: going on hartal until their demands were met. But when had the seeds for such radicalism been sown? Or did Gandhi have it in him all along? In Gandhi's First Hartal, read on as Ramachandra Guha examines the circumstances that led to Mohandas Gandhi, a hitherto lawyer, being at the centre of a mass protest to gain fundamental rights from colonists.

Here is the first volume of a magisterial biography of Mohandas Gandhi that gives us

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the most illuminating portrait we have had of the life, the work and the historical context of one of the most abidingly influential—and controversial—men in modern history. Ramachandra Guha—hailed by Time as “Indian democracy’s preeminent chronicler”—takes us from Gandhi’s birth in 1869 through his upbringing in Gujarat, his two years as a student in London and his two decades as a lawyer and community organizer in South Africa. Guha has uncovered myriad previously untapped documents, including private papers of Gandhi’s contemporaries and co-workers;

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contemporary newspapers and court documents; the writings of Gandhi's children; and secret files kept by British Empire functionaries. Using this wealth of material in an exuberant, brilliantly nuanced and detailed narrative, Guha describes the social, political and personal worlds inside of which Gandhi began the journey that would earn him the honorific Mahatma: "Great Soul." And, more clearly than ever before, he elucidates how Gandhi's work in South Africa—far from being a mere prelude to his accomplishments in India—was profoundly influential in his evolution as a

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family man, political thinker, social reformer and, ultimately, beloved leader. In 1893, when Gandhi set sail for South Africa, he was a twenty-three-year-old lawyer who had failed to establish himself in India. In this remarkable biography, the author makes clear the fundamental ways in which Gandhi's ideas were shaped before his return to India in 1915. It was during his years in England and South Africa, Guha shows us, that Gandhi came to understand the nature of imperialism and racism; and in South Africa that he forged the philosophy and techniques that would undermine

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and eventually overthrow the British Raj. Gandhi Before India gives us equally vivid portraits of the man and the world he lived in: a world of sharp contrasts among the coastal culture of his birthplace, High Victorian London, and colonial South Africa. It explores in abundant detail Gandhi's experiments with dissident cults such as the Tolstoyans; his friendships with radical Jews, heterodox Christians and devout Muslims; his enmities and rivalries; and his often overlooked failures as a husband and father. It tells the dramatic, profoundly moving story of how Gandhi inspired the

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devotion of thousands of followers in South Africa as he mobilized a cross-class and inter-religious coalition, pledged to non-violence in their battle against a brutally racist regime. Researched with unequaled depth and breadth, and written with extraordinary grace and clarity, Gandhi Before India is, on every level, fully commensurate with its subject. It will radically alter our understanding and appreciation of twentieth-century India's greatest man. At midnight on 14 August 1947, Britain's 350-year-old Indian Empire was broken into three pieces. The greatest mass

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migration in history began, as Muslims fled north and Hindus fled south, and Britain's role as an imperial power came to an end. Patrick French's vivid and surprising account of the chaotic final years of colonial rule in India has been acclaimed as the definitive book on this subject. Journeying across India, Bangladesh and Pakistan, he brings to life a cast of characters including spies, idealists, freedom fighters and politicians from Churchill to Gandhi. The Commanding Heights India Since the Great Rebellion Gandhi Ke Baad (Hindi edition) Ecological Change and Peasant

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Resistance in the Himalaya *Makers of Modern Asia* *Spin and Other Turns*

'The rarest of the species, a genuinely independent-minded Indian intellectual' Times of India In this wide-ranging collection of essays, Ramachandra Guha defends the liberal centre against the dogmas of left and right, and does so with style, depth and polemical verve. Among the subjects on which he turns a critical eye are Hindutva, the Communist left, and the dynasty-obsessed Congress party. Whether writing about politics, profiling individuals or analyzing social trends, Guha

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displays a masterly touch, confirming his standing as India's most admired historian and public intellectual.

For all the talk these days about education for girls and women empowerment, what Jotirao Phule did for the country almost a century ago still remains unmatched. From starting a school for lower-caste girls to promoting a rationalist outlook honed through education, Phule played a key role in the emancipation of people from the lower castes. His writing not only reflects his drive and determination but also his zeal to bring some real change and

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see India achieve her complete potential. Read on as Ramachandra Guha introduces us to yet another radical who became a building block in the foundation of India's freedom in 'Jotirao Phule: The Agrarian Radical'.

Partha Bhaduri, Rohit Brijnath, Shantanu Guha Ray, Ayaz Memon, Sharda Ugra may never have viciously slashed the ball through the slips or ripped a forehand down the line, but they are among India's finest sports writers. In this absorbing collection, *The Best of Indian Sports Writing*, sixteen of the finest sports stories not only capture some

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great moments but also bring together some outstanding writers. From the methodical Rahul Dravid to the insular Abhinav Bindra, from the 1982 Asian Games hockey final to the inaugural T20 World Cup, many personalities and moments feature in this unique sports anthology.

Chamcha' is a Hindi word synonymous to the English word 'sycophant'. In A Short History of Congress Chamchagiri, it is this word that Ramachandra Guha focuses on when he talks about Congress while mentioning instances he witnessed first-hand, charting the transition of

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the Indian National Congress: From a democratic party into a dynasty. And their followers who have transformed their attitudes: From admirers to slavish devotees. Guha plays with the idea of whether the nation would have been a different place had Indira Gandhi and the rest of the Gandhi family not come into power. Read on as Guha questions whether the Indian democracy has been plagued with the undemocratic ways of the Congress dynasty and their blind 'chamchas' for generations.

Indian Cricket's Coming of Age
A Corner of a Foreign Field

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Patriots & Partisans

An Introduction

Origins and Meanings

Popular Resistance in the
French Wars

An extraordinary history
of resistance and the
fight for Indian

independence—the little-
known story of seven

foreigners to India who
joined the movement

fighting for freedom from
British colonial rule.

Rebels Against the Raj

tells the story of seven
people who chose to

struggle for a country
other than their own:

foreigners to India who

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across the late 19th to late 20th century arrived to join the freedom movement fighting for independence from British colonial rule. Of the seven, four were British, two American, and one Irish. Four men, three women. Before and after being jailed or deported they did remarkable and pioneering work in a variety of fields: journalism, social reform, education, the emancipation of women, environmentalism. This book tells their stories, each renegade motivated by

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idealism and genuine sacrifice; each connected to Gandhi, though some as acolytes where others found endless infuriation in his views; each understanding they would likely face prison sentences for their resistance, and likely live and die in India; each one leaving a profound impact on the region in which they worked, their legacies continuing through the institutions they founded and the generations and individuals they inspired. Through these entwined

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lives, wonderfully told by one of the world's finest historians, we reach deep insights into relations between India and the West, and India's story as a country searching for its identity and liberty beyond British colonial rule.

A short history of the Chipko movement in India, one of the world's most famous examples of a grassroots environmental protest movement. This is a revised and expanded edition of a widely-reviewed book originally published in 1990.

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Why is the tulsi considered sacred? What is the significance of namaste? Why do Hindus light a lamp before performing a ritual? Why is it forbidden to sleep facing the south? Why do Hindus chant 'shanti' three times after performing a rite? Millions of Hindus the world over grow up observing rites, rituals and religious practices that lie at the heart of Hinduism, but which they don't know the significance of. Often the age-old customs, whose

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relevance is lost to modern times, are dismissed as meaningless superstitions. The truth, however, is that these practices reveal the philosophical and scientific approach to life that has characterized Hindu thought since ancient times; it is important to revive their original meanings today. This handy book tells the fascinating stories and explains the science behind the Hindu rites and rituals that we sometimes follow blindly. It is essential reading

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for anyone interested in India's cultural tradition.

A major new collection of essays by Ramachandra Guha, *Democrats and Dissenters* is a work of rigorous scholarship on topics of compelling contemporary interest, written with elegance and wit. The book covers a wide range of themes: from the varying national projects of India's neighbours to political debates within India itself, from the responsibilities of writers to the complex

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relationship between democracy and violence. It has essays critically assessing the work of Amartya Sen and Eric Hobsbawm, commentaries on the tragic predicament of tribals in India--who are, as Guha demonstrates, far worse off than Dalits or Muslims, yet get a fraction of the attention--and on the peculiar absence of a tradition of conservative intellectuals in India. Each essay takes up an important topic or an influential intellectual, as a window to explore

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major political and cultural debates in India and the world. Democrats and Dissenters is a book that is widely read, and even more widely discussed.

The Picador Book of
Cricket

(Penguin Petit)

Vishnu's Crowded Temple
A Global History

Jotirao Phule

The Best of Indian Sports
Writing

*Includes a short
biographical introduction to
each person, followed by
excerpts from their writings.
"Described by his*

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contemporaries as a cross between Albert Schweitzer and Paul Gauguin, Elwin was a man of contradictions, at times taking on the role of evangelist, social worker, political activist, poet, government worker, and more. Intensely political, the Oxford-trained scholar tirelessly defended the rights of the indigenous and despite the deep religious influences of St.

A Corner of a Foreign Field seamlessly interweaves biography with history, the lives of famous or forgotten cricketers with wider

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processes of social change. C. K. Nayudu and Sachin Tendulkar naturally figure in this book but so, too, in unexpected ways, do B. R. Ambedkar, Mahatma Gandhi, and M. A. Jinnah. The Indian careers of those great British cricketers, Lord Harris and D. R. Jardine, provide a window into the operations of Empire. The remarkable life of India's first great slow bowler, Palwankar Baloo, provides an arresting new perspective on the struggle against caste discrimination. Later chapters explore the

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competition between Hindu and Muslim cricketers in colonial India and the destructive passions now provoked when India plays Pakistan. For this new edition, Ramachandra Guha has added a fresh introduction as well as a long new chapter, bringing the story up to date to cover, among other things, the advent of the Indian Premier League and the Indian team's victory in the World Cup of 2011, these linked to social and economic transformations in contemporary India. A

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pioneering work, essential for anyone interested in either of those vast themes, cricket and India, A Corner of a Foreign Field is also a beautifully written meditation on the ramifications of sport in society at large.

Opening in July 1914, as Mohandas Gandhi leaves South Africa to return to India, Gandhi: The Years That Changed the World, 1914-1918 traces the Mahatma's life over the three decades preceding his assassination. Drawing on new archival materials,

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*acclaimed historian
Ramachandra Guha follows
Gandhi's struggle to deliver
India from British rule, to
forge harmonious relations
between India's Hindus and
Muslims, to end the
pernicious practice of
untouchability, and to
nurture India's economic
and moral self-reliance. He
shows how in each of these
campaigns, Gandhi adapted
methods of nonviolence that
successfully challenged
British authority and would
influence revolutionary
movements throughout the
world. A revelatory look at*

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*the complexity of Gandhi's
thinking and motives, the
book is a luminous portrait
of not only the man himself,
but also those closest to
him—family, friends, and
political and social leaders.
A Lifelong Love Affair with
the Most Subtle and
Sophisticated Game Known
to Humankind*

*An Anthropologist Among
the Marxists and Other
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Learning*

*A Treasury of Indian
Wisdom*

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*India Since Independence:
Making Sense Of Indian
Politics*

***The twenty-first century has
been dubbed the Asian
Century. Highlighting diverse
thinker-politicians rather than
billionaire businessmen,
Makers of Modern Asia
presents eleven leaders who
theorized and organized
anticolonial movements,
strategized and directed
military campaigns, and
designed and implemented
political systems.
In 2008, Bhutan triumphantly
took the stage as the world's
youngest democracy. But
despite its growing***

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prominence—and rising scholarly interest in the country—Bhutan remains one of the least studied, and least well-known places on the planet. Karma Phuntsho's The History of Bhutan is the first book to offer a comprehensive history of Bhutan in English. Along with a detailed social and political analysis, it offers substantive discussions of Bhutan's geography and culture; the result is the clearest, richest account of this nation and its history ever published for general readers. A 2015 Choice Magazine Outstanding Academic Title Award Winner

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Ancient and contemporary lessons for a spiritual awakening Tracing the metaphysical literary heritage of the Indian Subcontinent, A Treasury of Indian Wisdom brings us a wealth of enlightenment from the last 5000 years of Indian teachings. Beginning with the Vedic hymns, the anthology leads us into the heart of Vedantic philosophy through the Upanishads, further exploring the fundamental truths offered by Buddhist and Jain monks. Presenting the beauty and devotion in the verses of the Bhakti, Sufi and Sikh gurus as well, it culminates with

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contemporary ideologies of modern teachers like Sri Aurobindo, Jawaharlal Nehru and Osho. Dr Karan Singh's selection draws from the wide-ranging wisdom of saints and scholars, thinkers and reformers, poets and leaders, and comes as an inspiration for a generation seeking its place in the world.

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY San Francisco Chronicle • Newsweek/The Daily Beast • The Seattle Times • The Economist • Kansas City Star • BookPage On February 14, 1989, Valentine's Day, Salman Rushdie was telephoned by a

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BBC journalist and told that he had been “sentenced to death” by the Ayatollah Khomeini. For the first time he heard the word fatwa. His crime? To have written a novel called The Satanic Verses, which was accused of being “against Islam, the Prophet and the Quran.” So begins the extraordinary story of how a writer was forced underground, moving from house to house, with the constant presence of an armed police protection team. He was asked to choose an alias that the police could call him by. He thought of writers he loved and combinations of their

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names; then it came to him: Conrad and Chekhov—Joseph Anton. How do a writer and his family live with the threat of murder for more than nine years? How does he go on working? How does he fall in and out of love? How does despair shape his thoughts and actions, how and why does he stumble, how does he learn to fight back? In this remarkable memoir Rushdie tells that story for the first time; the story of one of the crucial battles, in our time, for freedom of speech. He talks about the sometimes grim, sometimes comic realities of living with armed policemen,

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and of the close bonds he formed with his protectors; of his struggle for support and understanding from governments, intelligence chiefs, publishers, journalists, and fellow writers; and of how he regained his freedom. It is a book of exceptional frankness and honesty, compelling, provocative, moving, and of vital importance. Because what happened to Salman Rushdie was the first act of a drama that is still unfolding somewhere in the world every day. Praise for Joseph Anton "A harrowing, deeply felt and revealing document: an autobiographical mirror of the

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big, philosophical preoccupations that have animated Mr. Rushdie's work throughout his career.—Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times* “***A splendid book, the finest . . . memoir to cross my desk in many a year.***”—Jonathan Yardley, *The Washington Post* “***Thoughtful and astute . . . an important book.***”—USA Today “***Compelling, affecting . . . demonstrates Mr. Rushdie's ability as a stylist and storyteller. . . . [He] reacted with great bravery and even heroism.***”—*The Wall Street Journal* “***Gripping, moving and entertaining . . . nothing like it***

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has ever been written.”—The Independent (UK) “A thriller, an epic, a political essay, a love story, an ode to liberty.”—Le Point (France) “Action-packed . . . in a literary class by itself . . . Like Isherwood, Rushdie’s eye is a camera lens —firmly placed in one perspective and never out of focus.”—Los Angeles Review of Books “Unflinchingly honest . . . an engrossing, exciting, revealing and often shocking book.”—de Volkskrant (The Netherlands) “One of the best memoirs you may ever read.”—DNA (India) “Extraordinary . . . Joseph Anton beautifully modulates between . . . moments of

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accidental hilarity, and the higher purpose Rushdie saw in opposing—at all costs—any curtailment on a writer's freedom.”—The Boston Globe
Liberty or Death
Makers of Modern India

Verrier Elwin, His Tribals, and India
Patriots and Partisans
The Last Liberal & Other Essays

The most powerful force in the world economy today is the redefinition of the relationship between state and marketplace - a process that goes by the name of privatization though this term is inadequate to express its far-

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reaching changes. We are moving from an era in which governments sought to seize and control the 'commanding heights' of the economy to an era in which the idea of free markets is capturing the commanding heights of world economic thinking. Basic views of how society ought to be organized are undergoing rapid change, trillions of dollars are changing hands and so is fundamental political power. Great new wealth is being created - as are huge opportunities and huge risks. Taking a worldwide perspective, including Britain, where the process began with Mrs Thatcher, Europe and the former USSR, China, Latin America

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and the US, THE COMMANDING HEIGHTS shows how a revolution in ideas is transforming the world economy - why it is happening, how it can go wrong and what it will mean for the global economy going into the twenty-first century.

In a country plagued by a massive income disparity and widespread corruption, communism is an experiment which cannot lead to worse outcomes than what already exists. It isn't so surprising then that the Marxist ideology and its ideas of equal privilege have attracted a fair amount of traction in India.

However, in 2011, when the Communist Party of India lost in Kerala, it took with it the seed of

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