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Looking Back To Think Ahead Maps And Quantifies The Extent Of Damage To India S Environment And Natural Resource Base That Accompanied Economic Growth During The First 50 Years After India S Independence (1947-97). Guided By A Distinguished Team Of Advisors, The Study Report-Both In Detailed And Abridged Versions-Advocates For A Paradigm Shifts So As To Create Positive Impacts On The Environment While Realizing Healthy Economic Growth Rates. This Looking Back `Provided The Foundation Of The Think Ahead `Component Of The Study (Disha (Directions, Innovations, And Strategies For Harnessing Action). The Publication-Disha For Sustainable Development-Presents Business-As-Usual `And `Alternative `Policy Scenarios For The

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Period 1997-2047, And Offers Quantitative Projections For The State Of India S Natural Resources And The Environment Under The Influence Of Such Policies.

The Moon wants to kill you. Whether it's being unable to pay your per diem for your allotted food, water, and air, or you just get caught up in a fight between the Moon's ruling corporations, the Five Dragons. You must fight for every inch you want to gain in the Moon's near feudal society. And that is just what Adriana Corta did. As the leader of the Moon's newest "dragon," Adriana has wrested control of the Moon's Helium-3 industry from the Mackenzie Metal corporation and fought to earn her family's new status. Now, at the twilight of her life, Adriana finds her corporation, Corta Helio, surrounded by the many enemies she made during her meteoric rise. If the Corta family is to survive,

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Adriana's five children must defend their mother's empire from her many enemies... and each other.

The National Institution for Transforming India, also called NITI Aayog, is the premier policy 'Think Tank' of the Government of India, providing both directional and policy inputs. Niti Aayog has an initiative known as the Young Professionals (YPs) program.

Some YPs join Niti Aayog immediately after completing higher education others have a few years of experience and come from a diverse and varied background (in terms of region, ethnicity, gender, caste and religion). 20 YPs were invited to write brief essays on what they would like India to be like in 2047, focusing on what interested them personally and individually.

In The Menace from Farside, Ian McDonald returns to his elegantly wound solar system of the twenty-second century, full of political

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intrigue and complicated families. Remember: Lady Luna knows a thousand ways to kill you, but family is what you know. Family is what works. Cariad Corcoran has a new sister who is everything she is not: tall, beautiful, confident. They're unlikely allies and even unlikelier sisters, but they're determined to find the moon's first footprint, even if the lunar frontier is doing its best to kill them before they get there. Praise for Ian McDonald's Luna series

"McDonald's never written a bad novel, but Luna: New Moon is a great one."—Cory Doctorow "With an action narrative driving this political commentary, Luna is actually a fantastically fun read as well as an important one. "

—Los Angeles Review of Books At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Breaking the Rules of Revenge

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Portrait of a Dead Civilization

The India-Pakistan Conundrum

Planesrunner

A Novel

Kirinya

In the Los Angeles ghetto of Necroville, the yearly celebration of the Night of the Dead - where the dead are resurrected through the miracle of nanotechnology and live their second lives as non-citizens - becomes a journey of discovery and revelation for five individuals on the run from their pasts. With his customary flair for making the bizarre both credible and fascinating, McDonald tosses aside the line of demarcation between living and dead in a

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story that confronts the central quandary of human existence: the essence of non-being.

Cyberabad Days returns to the India of 2047 as featured in Ian McDonald's acclaimed novel River of Gods. A new, muscular superpower of two billion people in an age of new nations, artificial intelligences, climate-change induced drought, water wars, strange new genders, genetically improved children that age at half the rate of baseline humanity, and a population where males outnumber females four to one. Cyberabad Days is a cycle of seven stories, three Hugo nominees and one Hugo winner among them, as well as an original thirty-one-thousand-word novella. Welcome back to the fierce,

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dazzling, thrilling world of River of Gods. Featuring: Sanjeev and Robotwallah (selected for both The Year's Best Science Fiction: Twenty-Fifth Annual Collection and Year's Best SF 13): A boy-soldier roboteer from the War of Separation learns that war may be hell, but peace is harder. Kyle meets the River: A young American in Varanasi learns the true meaning of "nation building" in the early days of a new country. The Dust Assassin: In the time of water-wars, the daughter of a powerful water-rajah learns that revenge revenge is a slow and subtle art. An Eligible Boy: Love and marriage is never easy when there four men for every women. But it should be easy with an Artificial Intelligence matchmaker.

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Shouldn't it? The Little Goddess (Hugo nominee for best novella of 2006): In Kathmandu, a child-goddess discovers what lies on the other side of godhood and what divinity really means. The Djinn's Wife (Hugo for best novelette and BSFA short-fiction winner of 2007): A minor Delhi celebrity falls in love with an artificial intelligence, but is it a marriage of heaven and hell? Vishnu at the Cat Circus: A genetically improved "Brahmin" child finds himself left behind as he grows through the final generation of humanity. Praise for Cyberabad Days: "The sheer number of ideas and plotlines can sometimes make McDonald's novels seem dense, but the stories here are sharp, focused and witty." —BBCFocus "McDonald's India

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engulfs you with an overwhelming, perfumed, stinky embrace. A hugely impressive collection. Seven nifty, witty stories.” —SFX “McDonald excels at conveying, in a gorgeous melange of sensory impressions, an India transformed by AIs, nanotech, robots and cybernetics: the subcontinent is chaotic and lurid, shot through with devotion to eternal Hindu gods and divided by internecine conflict. McDonald gives a refreshing take on the future from a non-western viewpoint.” —The Guardian

A “stellar series opener about a boy who travels to parallel universes . . . Shining imagination, pulsing suspense and sparkling writing make this one stand out” (Kirkus Reviews, starred review). When Everett

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Singh's scientist father is kidnapped from the streets of London, he leaves young Everett a mysterious app on his computer: the Infundibulum, the map of all the parallel earths, the most valuable object in the multiverse. There are dark forces in the Plenitude of Known Worlds who will stop at nothing to get it. They have power, authority, and the might of ten planets—some more technologically advanced than our Earth—at their fingertips. Meanwhile, all Everett has are his wits and a knack for Indian cooking. Everett must trick his way through the Heisenberg Gate that his dad helped build and go on the run in a parallel Earth. But to rescue his dad from the sinister Order, this Planesrunner's going to need friends.

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Good thing he meets Cpt. Anastasia Sixsmyth, her adopted daughter, Sen, and the crew of the airship Everness. “McDonald writes with scientific and literary sophistication, as well as a wicked sense of humor. Add nonstop action, eccentric characters, and expert universe building, and this first volume of the Everness series is a winner.” —Publishers Weekly (starred review)

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The Best Bad Things

The Menace from Farside

The Best of Ian McDonald

The Secret History of Jane Eyre: How Charlotte
Brontë Wrote Her Masterpiece

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12 Rules for Life

The Dervish House

This updated second edition of the Catechism of the Catholic Church incorporates all the final modifications made in the complete, official Latin text, accompanied by line-by-line explanations of orthodox Catholicism, summaries of each section, a detailed index, extensive cross-references, and helpful footnotes.

A collection of science fiction stories and novelettes by the Hugo and Philip K. Dick Award-winning author of *Desolation Road* and *Luna: New Moon*. Published in conjunction with his *Locus*

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Award-winning debut novel, *Desolation Road*, *Empire Dreams* collects some of Ian McDonald's finest early short fiction, including a several stories that first appeared in Asimov's Science Fiction magazine. In "Vivaldi," an astrophysicist contemplates the death of the universe as he hurtles through space to investigate a black hole. A beach bum in Morocco encounters a woman who is curiously full of life in "Radio Marrakech." An Irish scientist prepares to make contact with aliens as his daughter dreams of fairies in "King of Morning, Queen of Day." And in the title novelette, a boy is given an experimental treatment that allows him to

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fight his cancer via virtual reality gameplaying. As Asimov's Science Fiction declared, Ian McDonald is "the Frank Herbert, William Gibson, or arguably even Thomas Pynchon of the early 21st century."

Hinduism has two major roots. The more familiar is the religion brought to South Asia in the second millennium BCE by speakers of Aryan or Indo-Iranian languages, a branch of the Indo-European language family. Another, more enigmatic, root is the Indus civilization of the third millennium BCE, which left behind exquisitely carved seals and thousands of short inscriptions in a long-forgotten pictographic script. Discovered in the valley of the Indus River in

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the early 1920s, the Indus civilization had a population estimated at one million people, in more than 1000 settlements, several of which were cities of some 50,000 inhabitants. With an area of nearly a million square kilometers, the Indus civilization was more extensive than the contemporaneous urban cultures of Mesopotamia and Egypt. Yet, after almost a century of excavation and research the Indus civilization remains little understood. How might we decipher the Indus inscriptions? What language did the Indus people speak? What deities did they worship? Asko Parpola has spent fifty years researching the roots of Hinduism to answer these

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fundamental questions, which have been debated with increasing animosity since the rise of Hindu nationalist politics in the 1980s. In this pioneering book, he traces the archaeological route of the Indo-Iranian languages from the Aryan homeland north of the Black Sea to Central, West, and South Asia. His new ideas on the formation of the Vedic literature and rites and the great Hindu epics hinge on the profound impact that the invention of the horse-drawn chariot had on Indo-Aryan religion. Parpola's comprehensive assessment of the Indus language and religion is based on all available textual, linguistic and archaeological evidence, including

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West Asian sources and the Indus script. The results affirm cultural and religious continuity to the present day and, among many other things, shed new light on the prehistory of the key Hindu goddess Durga and her Tantric cult.

Greg Egan's Perihelion Summer is a story of people struggling to adapt to a suddenly alien environment, and the friendships and alliances they forge as they try to find their way in a world where the old maps have lost their meaning. Taraxippus is coming: a black hole one tenth the mass of the sun is about to enter the solar system. Matt and his friends are taking no chances. They board a mobile aquaculture

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rig, the Mandjet, self-sustaining in food, power and fresh water, and decide to sit out the encounter off-shore. As Taraxippus draws nearer, new observations throw the original predictions for its trajectory into doubt, and by the time it leaves the solar system, the conditions of life across the globe will be changed forever. Praise for Perihelion Summer "Egan here doubles down on climate change with his typically rigorous exploration of a cosmic accident's effect on Earth and all its people. His characters are sharp and funny and their courageous response to the massive challenge they face works as a spur to cause us to think—why

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couldn't we do as well with our own great challenge? This is what the best science fiction can do that no other genre can, and we need it now more than ever. Bravo!" — Kim Stanley Robinson At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

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Out on Blue Six

The Wars of Gods and Men

Necroville

Shooting for a Century

How Brain, Body, and Environment Collaborate to
Make Us Who We Are

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The airship Everness makes a Heisenberg Jump to an alternate Earth unlike any her crew has ever seen. Everett, Sen, and the crew find themselves above a plain that goes on forever in every direction without any horizon. They've arrived on an Alderson Disc, an astronomical megastructure of incredibly strong material reaching from the orbit of Mercury to the orbit of Jupiter. Who could have built such a thing? The Jiju, the dominant species on a plane where the dinosaurs didn't die out. They evolved,

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diversified, and have a twenty-five million year technology head-start on humanity. If they ever get off their plane, and into the worlds of the Plenitude... Everness has jumped right into the midst of a faction fight between rival nations, but can anyone be safe among the warring Jiju, and what is the price of their help? The crew of the Everness is divided in a very alien world, a world fast approaching the point of apocalypse. And back in the Plenitude of Known Worlds, Charlotte Villiers gathers

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allies and works her way deep into the corridors of power. Praise for Empress of the Sun "YA or not, the Everness series may be the most enjoyable ongoing series that SF currently has to offer." –Locus "The marvelous Everness series takes readers to a world with highly evolved dinosaurs in this third voyage through parallel universes... McDonald lets his imagination run rampant without abandoning credibility, tackling real scientific concepts such as confirmation bias, a feature lacking in far too much science

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fiction... Endlessly fascinating and fun.”
–Kirkus (Starred Review) “With strong
characters covering all ages and genders,
fine action sequences, and enough cool SF
concepts that could fill a volume twice
its size, *EMPRESS OF THE SUN* is an
excellent entry in one of my favorite SF
series.” –SF Signal

*Mallory Jones is tired of being the girl
who stays home and practices French horn
while her identical twin, Blake, is
crowned homecoming queen. So when she has
the opportunity to pretend to be Blake,*

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she takes it. At Camp Pine Ridge, she will spread her wings and emerge a butterfly. Or at least someone who finally gets kissed by a cute guy. That is, until bad boy Ben Iron Cloud shows up, ready to get revenge on Blake—aka Mallory. If it weren't for that infuriating girl, Ben wouldn't even be at camp. Luckily, he now has six weeks to soak up some rays and get even with his nemesis. But the more time he spends with Blake, the more he realizes she's nothing like the girl he thought she was—she's kind and innocent and suddenly

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way too tempting. And soon enough, revenge is the last thing on his mind.

Unfortunately, the girl he's falling for is keeping a major secret... Disclaimer: This book contains a super-hot bad boy out for revenge, all sorts of camp hijinks, and a girl who realized she's been a butterfly all along.

This book traces the history of India's progress since its independence in 1947 and advances strategies for continuing economic growth. Insiders and outsiders that have criticized India for slow

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economic growth fail to recognize all it has achieved in the last seven decades, including handling the migration of over 8 million people from Pakistan, integrating over 600 princely states into the union, managing a multi-language population into one nation and resolving the food problem. The end result is a democratic country with a strong institutional foundation. Following the growth strategies outlined in the book and with a strong leadership, India has the potential to stand out as the third largest economy in the world in

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the next 25 to 30 years. Subhash Jain and Ben Kedia delve into India's development and emergence as an economic power, one of the three countries that can make its own supercomputers, one of the six countries that can launch satellites and that has the second largest small car market in the world. They discuss its need for innovative initiatives and top leadership to pursue an agenda of economic growth, and monitored policies to encourage entrepreneurship at all levels. With an emphasis on the new leadership of Prime

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Minister Modi, the book identifies policies that need to be adopted to make India's future bright and prosperous. This book is a critical resource for students and scholars interested in India and invested in its progress, as well as policymakers, government officials and corporations considering India as a place to expand and do business.

A superpower of two billion people, a dozen new nations from Kerela to the Himalayas, artificial intelligences, climate-change induced drought, water

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wars, strange new genders, genetically improved children that age at half the rate of baseline humanity, and a population where males outnumber females four to one. This is India in 2047, one hundred years after its birth. In the new nation of Bharat, in the face of the failure of the monsoon, nine lives are swept together – a gangster, a cop, his wife, a politician, a stand-up comic, a set designer, a journalist, a scientist, and a dropout – to decide the future of Mother India. River of Gods teems with the

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life of a country choked with peoples and cultures – one and a half billion people, twelve semi-independent nations, nine million gods. A war is fought, a love is betrayed, a mystery from a different world decoded, as the great river Ganges flows on. Praise for River of Gods: “[A] bold, brave look at India on the eve of its centennial, 41 years from now...McDonald takes his readers from India's darkest depths to its most opulent heights, from rioting mobs and the devastated poor to high-level politicians and lavish parties.

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He handles his complex plot with flair and confidence and deftly shows how technological advances and social changes have subtly changed lives. RIVER OF GODS is a major achievement from a writer who is becoming one of the best sf novelists of our time.” –Washington Post “[P]erhaps his most accomplished novel to date... reminiscent of William Gibson in full-throttle cultural-immersion mode, packed with technical jargon, religious and sociological observation and allusions to art both high and low... RIVER OF GODS

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amply rewards careful consideration and more than delivers its share of straight-ahead entertainment. Already a multiple-award nominee following its British publication, McDonald's latest ranks as one of the best science fiction novels published in the United States this year."

—San Francisco Chronicle "A staggering achievement, brilliantly imagined and endlessly surprising ... A brave, brilliant and wonderful novel."

*—Christopher Priest, The Guardian
Luna: Moon Rising*

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Perihelion Summer

Brasyl

A Field Guide

Tirumantiram - A Tamil Scriptural Classic

The Biological Mind

"This splendid work of scholarship . . . sums up with economy and power all that the written record so far deciphered has to tell about the ancient and complementary civilizations of Babylon and Assyria."—Edward B. Garside, New York Times Book Review Ancient Mesopotamia—the area now called Iraq—has

received less attention than ancient Egypt and other long-extinct and more spectacular civilizations. But numerous small clay tablets buried in the desert soil for thousands of years make it possible for us to know more about the people of ancient Mesopotamia than any other land in the early Near East. Professor Oppenheim, who studied these tablets for more than thirty years, used his intimate knowledge of long-dead languages to put together a distinctively personal picture of the Mesopotamians of some three thousand

years ago. Following Oppenheim's death, Erica Reiner used the author's outline to complete the revisions he had begun. "To any serious student of Mesopotamian civilization, this is one of the most valuable books ever written."—Leonard Cottrell, Book Week "Leo Oppenheim has made a bold, brave, pioneering attempt to present a synthesis of the vast mass of philological and archaeological data that have accumulated over the past hundred years in the field of Assyriological research."—Samuel Noah Kramer,

Archaeology A. Leo Oppenheim, one of the most distinguished Assyriologists of our time, was editor in charge of the Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute and John A. Wilson Professor of Oriental Studies at the University of Chicago.

In the CHAGA novels Ian McDonald brought an Africa in the grip of a bizarre alien invasion to life, in RIVER OF GODS he painted a rich portrait of India in 2047, in BRASYL he looked at different Brazils, past present and future. Ian McDonald has found renown at the cutting edge of a movement

to take SF away from its British and American white roots and out into the rich cultures of the world. THE DERVISH HOUSE continues that journey and centres on Istanbul in 2025. Turkey is part of Europe but sited on the edge, it is an Islamic country that looks to the West. THE DERVISH HOUSE is the story of the families that live in and around its titular house, it is at once a rich mosaic of Islamic life in the new century and a telling novel of future possibilities. Here are the complete prophecies of

Nostradamus. Nostradamus is the best known and most accurate mystic and seer of all times. There are those who say that he predicted Napoleon and even the attack on the World Trade Center. Read the prophecies and judge for yourself. From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Anathem, Reamde, and Cryptonomicon comes an exciting and thought-provoking science fiction epic—a grand story of annihilation and survival spanning five thousand years. What would happen if the world were ending? A

catastrophic event renders the earth a ticking time bomb. In a feverish race against the inevitable, nations around the globe band together to devise an ambitious plan to ensure the survival of humanity far beyond our atmosphere, in outer space. But the complexities and unpredictability of human nature coupled with unforeseen challenges and dangers threaten the intrepid pioneers, until only a handful of survivors remain . . . Five thousand years later, their progeny—seven distinct races now three billion strong—embark on yet another

audacious journey into the unknown . . . to an alien world utterly transformed by cataclysm and time: Earth. A writer of dazzling genius and imaginative vision, Neal Stephenson combines science, philosophy, technology, psychology, and literature in a magnificent work of speculative fiction that offers a portrait of a future that is both extraordinary and eerily recognizable. As he did in Anathem, Cryptonomicon, the Baroque Cycle, and Reamde, Stephenson explores some of our biggest ideas and perplexing challenges in a breathtaking

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***saga that is daring, engrossing, and
altogether brilliant.***

An Antidote to Chaos

***The Complete Prophecies of Nostradamus
Reshaping India in the New Global Context***

Desolation Road

Luna: New Moon

Empire Dreams

"A brazen, brawny, sexy standout of a
historical thrill ride, The Best Bad Things
is full of unforgettable characters and
insatiable appetites. I was riveted.
Painstakingly researched and pulsing with

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adrenaline, Carrasco's debut will leave you thirsty for more." –Lyndsay Faye, author of The Gods of Gotham A vivid, sexy barn burner of a historical crime novel, The Best Bad Things introduces readers to the fiery Alma Rosales—detective, smuggler, spy It is 1887, and Alma Rosales is on the hunt for stolen opium. Trained in espionage by the Pinkerton Detective Agency—but dismissed for bad behavior and a penchant for going undercover as a man—Alma now works for Delphine Beaumont, the seductive mastermind of a West Coast smuggling ring. When product goes missing at their Washington Territory

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outpost, Alma is tasked with tracking the thief and recovering the drugs. In disguise as the scrappy dockworker Jack Camp, this should be easy—once she muscles her way into the local organization, wins the trust of the magnetic local boss and his boys, discovers the turncoat, and keeps them all from uncovering her secrets. All this, while sending coded dispatches to the circling Pinkerton agents to keep them from closing in. Alma's enjoying her dangerous game of shifting identities and double crosses as she fights for a promotion and an invitation back into Delphine's bed. But it's getting harder

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and harder to keep her cover stories straight and to know whom to trust. One wrong move and she could be unmasked: as a woman, as a traitor, or as a spy. A propulsive, sensual tour de force, *The Best Bad Things* introduces Katrina Carrasco, a bold new voice in crime fiction.

Tirumantiram is the seminal text of Saiva-Siddhanta which has produced a galaxy of saints and has powerfully influenced the day-to-day life of millions in South Indiageneration after generation. Its author Tirumular was according to legend a yogi who took compassion on a herd of cattle that had

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lost their shepherd and entering the body of the shepherd by his yogic power continued to look after the flock. So when we find in this great classic such splendid gems as “Anbe Sivam- God is Love – we realize that the great yogi preached only what he lived. His fervent message that the ultimate Reality is One and all of us belong to the same family has special relevance to us moderns who have lost our moorings of faith and are wandering between two worlds one dead the other powerless to be born. Apart from the literary merits Tirumantiram blazes a number of spiritual trails any of which the aspirant

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can follow with the full confidence that the Goal Supreme is within the reach.

In the Retro Hugo Award-nominated novel that inspired the Syfy miniseries, alien invaders bring peace to Earth—at a grave price: “A first-rate tour de force” (The New York Times). In the near future, enormous silver spaceships appear without warning over mankind’s largest cities. They belong to the Overlords, an alien race far superior to humanity in technological development. Their purpose is to dominate Earth. Their demands, however, are surprisingly benevolent: end war, poverty, and cruelty. Their presence,

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rather than signaling the end of humanity, ushers in a golden age . . . or so it seems. Without conflict, human culture and progress stagnate. As the years pass, it becomes clear that the Overlords have a hidden agenda for the evolution of the human race that may not be as benevolent as it seems. "Frighteningly logical, believable, and grimly prophetic . . . Clarke is a master." -Los Angeles Times

A thrilling early work from the author of the critically-acclaimed New Moon trilogy "For ten years, I've been singing the praises of OUT ON BLUE SIX, Ian McDonald's 1989 science fiction novel that defies description and

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beggars the imagination... this book is one of those once-in-a-generation, brain-melting flashes of brilliance that makes you fall in love with a writer's work forever." —Cory Doctorow

Hundreds of years from now, the world is perfect. The Compassionate Society guarantees happiness, peace and total personal fulfillment to its citizens, and those less than satisfied are guilty of Paincrime. Among them, count cartoonist Courtney Hall, who runs afoul of the Ministry of Pain when one of her cartoons hits a little too close to home. Pursued by the relentless Love Police, she drops down a

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rabbit hole into a counterworld of rebels, artists and enhanced raccoons. Out on Blue Six is a fast, funny, bizarre story of an almost-Utopia-and almost-Utopias make the best dystopias.

The Kingdom of Infinite Number
Sevенеves

Luna: Wolf Moon

Empress of the Sun

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The Early Aryans and the Indus Civilization

Winner of the Philip K Dick Award “Filled with wondrous language, marvelous events.” —Science Fiction

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Chronicle In Ireland, three generations of young women fight to control the powers coursing through their blood: the power to bring the mystical Otherworld into our world, and change it. Emily, Jessica and Enye must each face their dark side of human mythoconsciousness—and their own personal histories. But the forces of faerie are ever treacherous... Filled with vivid, passionate characters you will never forget, King of Morning, Queen of Day is a spellbinding fantasy of the real Ireland. “McDonald’s power as a storyteller lies in his stylistic versatility and intensity of language as well as in his capacity to create vivid and memorable characters. Highly recommended.” —Library Journal “A brilliant book.” —Charles de Lint

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The surprising hidden history behind Charlotte Brontë's Jane Eyre. Why did Charlotte Brontë go to such great lengths on the publication of her acclaimed, best-selling novel, Jane Eyre, to conceal its authorship from her family, close friends, and the press? In The Secret History of Jane Eyre, John Pfordresher tells the enthralling story of Brontë's compulsion to write her masterpiece and why she then turned around and vehemently disavowed it. Few people know how quickly Brontë composed Jane Eyre. Nor do many know that she wrote it during a devastating and anxious period in her life. Thwarted in her passionate, secret, and forbidden love for a married man, she found herself living in a home

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suddenly imperiled by the fact that her father, a minister, the sole support of the family, was on the brink of blindness. After his hasty operation, as she nursed him in an isolated apartment kept dark to help him heal his eyes, Brontë began writing Jane Eyre, an invigorating romance that, despite her own fears and sorrows, gives voice to a powerfully rebellious and ultimately optimistic woman's spirit. The Secret History of Jane Eyre expands our understanding of both Jane Eyre and the inner life of its notoriously private author. Pfordresher connects the people Brontë knew and the events she lived to the characters and story in the novel, and he explores how her fecund imagination used her inner life to shape one of

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the world's most popular novels. By aligning his insights into Brontë's life with the timeless characters, harrowing plot, and forbidden romance of Jane Eyre, Pfordresher reveals the remarkable parallels between one of literature's most beloved heroines and her passionate creator, and arrives at a new understanding of Brontë's brilliant, immersive genius.

India'S First Ever Sff (Science Fiction/Fantasy) Genre Novel In English The Simoqin Prophecies Marks The Debut Of An Assured New Voice. Written With Consummate Ease And Brimming With Wit And Allusion, It Is At Once Classic Sff And Subtle Spoof, Featuring Scantly Clad Centaureesses, Flying Carpets, Pink Trolls,

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Belly Dancers And Homicidal Rabbits. Monty Python Meets The Ramayana, Alice In Wonderland Meets The Lord Of The Rings And Robin Hood Meets The Arabian Nights In This Novel A Breathtaking Ride Through A World Peopled By Different Races And Cultures From Mythology And History. The Prophecies Foretell The Reawakening Of The Terrible Rakshas, Danh-Gem, And The Arrival Of A Hero To Face Him. But Heroes Do Not Appear Magically Out Of Nowhere; They Have To Be Found And Trained. And Sometimes The Makers Of Prophecies Don'T Know Everything They Need To Know... As The Day Of Danh-Gem'S Rising Draws Closer And The Chosen Hero Is Sent On A Quest, Another

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Young Man Learns Of Terrible Things He Must Do In Secret And The Difficult Choices He Must Make In Order To Save The World From The Rakshas. Drawn From A Variety Of Sources Ranging From Greek And Indian Epics To Spy Novels, Fairy Tales To Superhero Comics, The Simoqin Prophecies Is A Compelling Tale, Marked By Meticulous Plotting And Artful Storytelling A Page-Turner Sure To Grip You From Start To Finish.

It all began thirty years ago on Mars, with a greenperson. But by the time it all finished, the town of Desolation Road had experienced every conceivable abnormality; from Adam Black's Wonderful Travelling Chautauqua and Educational 'Stravaganza (complete with its very own

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captive angel), to the Astounding Tatterdemalion Air Bazaar. Its inhabitants ranged from Dr. Alimantando, the town's founder and resident genius, to the Babooshka, a barren grandmother who just wants her own child – grown in a fruit jar; from Rajendra Das, mechanical hobo who has a mystical way with machines to the Gallacelli brothers, identical triplets who fell in love with – and married – the same woman. REVIEWS “Ian McDonald’s Desolation Road is one of my most personally influential novels. It’s an epic tale of the terraforming of Mars, whose sweep captures the birth and death of mythologies, economics, art, revolution, politics... Desolation Road pays homage to David Byrne’s

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Catherine Wheel, to Ray Bradbury's entire canon and to Jack Vance, blending all these disparate creators in a way that surprises, delights, then surprises and delights again." – Cory Doctorow (Boing Boing) "McDonald's first novel, it absolutely bowled me over when it came out, and while I have read everything he's published since, and admire all of it and like most of it, this remains my favourite... some of the most beautiful prose imaginable... If you ever want to demonstrate how different science fiction can be, what an incredible range and sweep of things are published with a little spaceship on the spine, Desolation Road is a shining datapoint, because it isn't like anything else and yet it is coming from a knowledge

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of what the genre can do and can be and making something new out of it.” – Jo Walton (Tor.com) “This is the kind of novel I long to find yet seldom do. Desolation Road is a rara avis... Extraordinary and more than that!” – Philip José Farmer

King of Morning, Queen of Day

With Modifications from the Editio Typica

Nationalism in Hindu Culture

Ancient Mesopotamia

Childhood's End

First published in 1933, "The Shape of Things to

Come'' is science fiction novel written by H. G. Wells. Within it, world events between 1933 and 2106 are speculated with a single superstate representing the solution to all humanity's problems. A classic example of Wellsian prophesy, this volume is highly recommended for fans of his work and of the science fiction genre. Herbert George Wells (1866 - 1946) was a prolific English writer who wrote in a variety of genres, including the novel, politics, history, and social commentary. Today, he is perhaps best remembered for his contributions to the science fiction genre thanks to such novels as "The Time Machine" (1895),

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"The Invisible Man" (1897), and "The War of the Worlds" (1898). Many vintage books such as this are becoming increasingly scarce and expensive. We are republishing this book now in an affordable, modern, high-quality edition complete with a specially commissioned new biography of the author.

The end of the universe happened at around ten o'clock at night on 22 December, 2032. It's just that humanity hasn't realized it yet. And the Chaga, the strange flora deposited from the stars, is still busy terraforming the tropics into someone else's terra.

Gaby McAslan was once a hungry news reporter who

**compromised her relationship with UNECTA
researcher Dr. Shepard for the sake of her story... but
Gaby is no longer a journalist and she doesn't want to
be a full-time mother, even though her child Serena is
her last link with Shepard. Gaby's fire has gone out;
she's gone soft. But the massive political and military
upheavals rocking the world are about to drag her
back into the action. REVIEWS "This is a huge and
ambitious novel, the work of a supremely talented
writer approaching the top of his game." – SFX "So
outstanding a writer that he deserves reading beyond
the science-fantasy market ... He has such marvellous**

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talent, so vivid an imagination. His prose sings and zings – simultaneously." – The Times

"Examines the antagonistic relationship between India and Pakistan and the territorial and identity issues that have divided them for sixty-five years, and possibly the next thirty-five, and offers ways the tension between the two might be ameliorated if not solved, including a more active role for the United States"--Provided by publisher.

Think Bladerunner in the tropics... Be seduced, amazed, and shocked by one of the world's greatest and strangest nations. Past, present, and future Brazil,

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with all its color, passion, and shifting realities, come together in a novel that is part SF, part history, part mystery, and entirely enthralling. Three separate stories follow three main characters: Edson is a self-made talent impresario one step up from the slums in a near future São Paulo of astonishing riches and poverty. A chance encounter draws Edson into the dangerous world of illegal quantum computing, but where can you run in a total surveillance society where every move, face, and centavo is constantly tracked? Marcelina is an ambitious Rio TV producer looking for that big reality TV hit to make her name. When

her hot idea leads her on the track of a disgraced World Cup soccer goalkeeper, she becomes enmeshed in an ancient conspiracy that threatens not just her life, but her very soul. Father Luis is a Jesuit missionary sent into the maelstrom of 18th-century Brazil to locate and punish a rogue priest who has strayed beyond the articles of his faith and set up a vast empire in the hinterland. In the company of a French geographer and spy, what he finds in the backwaters of the Amazon tries both his faith and the nature of reality itself to the breaking point. Three characters, three stories, three Brazils, all linked

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**together across time, space, and reality in a hugely
ambitious story that will challenge the way you think
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Cyberabad Days

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FICTION The continuing saga of the Five

Dragons, Ian McDonald's fast-paced, intricately

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plotted space opera pitched as Game of Thrones meets The Expanse A hundred years in the future, a war wages between the Five Dragons—five families that control the Moon ' s leading industrial companies. Each clan does everything in their power to claw their way to the top of the food chain—marriages of convenience, corporate espionage, kidnapping, and mass assassinations. Through ingenious political manipulation and sheer force of will, Lucas Cortas rises from the ashes of corporate defeat and seizes control of the Moon. The only

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person who can stop him is a brilliant lunar lawyer, his sister, Ariel. Witness the Dragons' final battle for absolute sovereignty in Ian McDonald's heart-stopping finale to the Luna trilogy. Luna 1. Luna: New Moon 2. Luna: Wolf Moon 3. Luna: Moon Rising At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. A Dragon is dead. Corta Helio, one of the five family corporations that rule the Moon, has fallen. Its riches are divided up among its many enemies, its survivors scattered. Eighteen

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months have passed . The remaining Helio children, Lucasinho and Luna, are under the protection of the powerful Asamoahs, while Robson, still reeling from witnessing his parent ' s violent deaths, is now a ward--virtually a hostage-- of Mackenzie Metals. And the last appointed heir, Lucas, has vanished of the surface of the moon. Only Lady Sun, dowager of Taiyang, suspects that Lucas Corta is not dead, and more to the point—that he is still a major player in the game. After all, Lucas always was the Schemer, and even in

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death, he would go to any lengths to take back everything and build a new Corta Helio, more powerful than before. But Corta Helio needs allies, and to find them, the fleeing son undertakes an audacious, impossible journey--to Earth. In an unstable lunar environment, the shifting loyalties and political machinations of each family reach the zenith of their most fertile plots as outright war erupts.

Luna: Wolf Moon continues Ian McDonald's saga of the Five Dragons. Luna 1. Luna: New Moon 2. Luna: Wolf Moon 3. Luna: Moon Rising

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Jacqueline Sheehan made serious waves with her much beloved runaway bestseller, *Lost and Found*. Now she treats readers to a sequel, *Picture This*—a story of rebirth and personal redemption that is as moving, funny, and heart-soaring as its predecessor. Peaks Island, Maine vibrates with its own special magic, a unique flow to life that knits together the small community that calls it home. The people, the

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animals, and even the houses have a charm and personality all their own. Just ask Rocky Pelligrino. Devastated by her husband Bob ' s sudden death, she found hope thanks to a relentlessly loyal black Lab named Cooper. Warm friends and a new job—as the island ' s Animal Control Warden—have helped Rocky chart a course toward a promising future. She ' s even ready to try at love again with Hill, the gentle and patient archery instructor. And there is an old house haunted by lost love and forgotten secrets that speaks to her soul. But a

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phone call from a troubled young woman looking for her biological father shakes Rocky ' s newfound joy. Could this young girl hold a tendril of the man who was the love of her life? Or could the girl ' s appearance throw Rocky ' s world into chaos . . . and shatter her heart again?

A pioneering neuroscientist argues that we are more than our brains To many, the brain is the seat of personal identity and autonomy. But the way we talk about the brain is often rooted more in mystical conceptions of the soul than in

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scientific fact. This blinds us to the physical realities of mental function. We ignore bodily influences on our psychology, from chemicals in the blood to bacteria in the gut, and overlook the ways that the environment affects our behavior, via factors varying from subconscious sights and sounds to the weather. As a result, we alternately overestimate our capacity for free will or equate brains to inorganic machines like computers. But a brain is neither a soul nor an electrical network: it is a bodily organ, and it cannot be separated from its surroundings. Our

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selves aren't just inside our heads--they're spread throughout our bodies and beyond. Only once we come to terms with this can we grasp the true nature of our humanity.

Picture This

River of Gods

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Earth Chronicles series, in six volumes, deals with the history and prehistory of Earth and humankind. Each book in the series, based upon information written on clay tablets by the ancient

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civilizations of the Near East, records the fantastic and real battles that occurred between the original creator gods over control of planet Earth. Asserting the premise that mythology is not fanciful but the repository of ancient memories, The Earth Chronicles series suggests that the Bible ought to be read literally as a historic/scientific document, and that ancient civilizations--older and greater than assumed--were the product of knowledge brought to Earth by the Anunnaki, "Those Who from Heaven to Earth

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Came." The 12th Planet, the first book of the series, presents ancient evidence for the existence of an additional planet in the Solar System: the home planet of the Anunnaki. In confirmation of this evidence, recent data from unmanned spacecraft has led astronomers to actively search for what is being called "Planet X." The subsequent volume, The Stairway to Heaven, traces man's unending search for immortality to a spaceport in the Sinai Peninsula and to the Giza pyramids, which had served as landing beacons for

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it--refuting the notion that these pyramids were built by human pharaohs. Recently, records by an eye-witness to a forgery of an inscription by the pharaoh Khufu inside the Great Pyramid corroborated the book's conclusions. In *The Wars of Gods and Men*, the third volume of his series, Zacharia Sitchin recounts events closer to our times, concluding that the Sinai spaceport was destroyed 4,000 years ago with nuclear weapons. Photographs of Earth from space clearly show evidence of such an explosion. The

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Wars of Gods and Men additionally embraces Canaanite, Hittite, and Hindu sources to include in these investigations the incidents of The Great Flood, the Tower of Babel, and the upheaval of Sodom and Gomorrah. Sitchin's unique reexamination of ancient mysteries explains these past cataclysmic events in the history of humanity, opening insights into our future.

"What does everyone in the modern world need to know? [The author's] answer to this most difficult of questions uniquely

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combines the hard-won truths of ancient tradition with the stunning revelations of cutting-edge scientific research. [The author discusses] discussing discipline, freedom, adventure and responsibility, distilling the world's wisdom into 12 practical and profound rules for life"-- Treats mathematics as if it were a biological kingdom as it introduces the various kinds of numbers, from the natural numbers used in counting to infinite numbers, and explains how mathematicians use them in sets and proofs.

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"Ian McDonald, the author of such landmark novels as *Desolation Road*, *Chaga*, *River of Gods*, and *The Dervish House*, has long been regarded as one of Britain's finest SF writers. Just like those full-length works, his shorter fiction has commanded much admiration, and now, in this massive retrospective volume, the best McDonald tales are assembled in glittering array. Represented here are all the phases of McDonald's career: the poetic early retrovisions that in the late Eighties signalled the arrival of a marvellously

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fluent new stylistic voice; the virtuoso Nineties riffs on themes such as the Irish Troubles, nanotechnology, alternate history, and alien sexuality; the bold post-millennial ventures into the futuristic politics of Third World countries such as Kenya, India, and Brazil, as well as far afield to alien solar systems; and recent, dazzlingly conceived variations on the Arab Spring, the nature of superheroes, and Mars as pulp SF writers once fondly imagined it to be. The treasures are abundant, each

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presented in McDonald's addictive,
immersive prose--language at once
elegantly timeless and edgily
contemporary."--Publisher's statement.