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The Stupidest Angel (v2.0) - Christopher Moore 2009-10-13

Now in a special holiday edition, the hilariously deranged tale of Santa, fruitcakes, angels, and Kung fu. . . . "Christopher Moore writes novels that are not only hilarious, but fun to read as well. He is an author at the top of his craft.—Nicholas Sparks 'Twas the night before Christmas . . . and all through Pine Cove, Florida, the creatures were stirring in this wonderfully funny tale that gives the spirit of Christmas a whole new meaning.

The Last Song (Songbook) - Hal Leonard Corp. 2010-09-01

(Piano/Vocal/Guitar Songbook). 14 songs from the hit movie adapted from Nicholas Sparks' bestselling book and starring Miley Cyrus. Artists including One Republic, Maroon 5, Edwin McCain, The Raveonettes and Cyrus herself contribute these tunes: Bring On the Comets * Broke Down Hearted Wonderland * Brooklyn Blurs * Can You Tell * A Different Side of Me * Heart of Stone * I Hope You Find It * New Morning * No Matter What * Setting Sun * She Will Be Loved * Steve's Theme * Tyrant * When I Look at You.

The Hand That First Held Mine - Maggie O'Farrell 2010-04-29

Winner of the 2010 Costa Novel Award and a Sunday Times bestseller, THE HAND THAT FIRST HELD MINE by Maggie O'Farrell is a gorgeously written story of love and motherhood from the author of HAMNET and I AM, I AM, I AM. When the sophisticated Innes Kent turns up on her doorstep, Lexie Sinclair realises she cannot wait any longer for her life to begin, and leaves for London. There, at the heart of the 1950s Soho art scene, she carves out a new life. In the present day, Elina and Ted are reeling from the difficult birth of their first child. Elina struggles to reconcile the demands of motherhood with her sense of herself as an artist, and Ted is disturbed by memories of his own childhood that don't tally with his parents' version of events. As Ted begins to search for answers, an extraordinary portrait of two women is revealed, separated by fifty years, but connected in ways that neither could ever have expected.

The Body Myth - Rhea Mukherjee 2019

"A young teacher living in a fictional Indian city becomes romantically involved with a sick woman and her husband"--

Indian Writings in English - Binod Mishra 2006

Since Its Inception In 19Th Century, Indian Writing In English Has Coruscated Worldwide And The English Works Of Indian Authors Have Been Highly Appreciated Even By The People Of English-Speaking Nations. Not Remaining Confined To The Restricted Gamut Of Themes And Style Of Olden Days, Indian Writing In English Has Made Its Dent In Myriad Human Concerns At The Hands Of Great Number Of Indian Writers. In The Present Anthology, A Sincere Attempt Has Been Made To Provide An In-Depth Study Of The Works Of Reputed Indian Authors Like Bhabani Bhattacharya, Amitabh Ghosh, Shashi Tharoor, Raj Kamal Jha, Arundhati Roy, Jhumpa Lahiri, Shobha De, Manju Kapur, Anita Nair To Name But A Few. Aiming At Encouraging Variegated Opinions Without Conforming To Fixed And Rigorous Critical Canons, The Anthology Not Only Focuses On Novels But Also On The Other Forms Of Literature That Are Brilliant Evocation Of Historical, Philosophical And Social Issues Of Great Importance. It Also Traverses Through Psychological And Subliminal Issues. Contributors To The Present Anthology Have Explored The Varied Aspects Of Literary Works Of The Noted And Award-Winning Writers, Besides Analysing Critically And Impartially The Question Of Equal Rights For Women Raised By The Eminent Indian Writers In Their Works. It Is Hoped That Indian Writings In English Would Prove Indispensable For The Students Of English Literature And Would Even Appeal To Those Interested In The English Works Of Indian Writers. It Will Undoubtedly Enkindle In Readers An Avid Interest Towards Their Works And Also Help Them Sharpen Their Critical Understanding With Its Ample Food For Thought.

AIDS Sutra - Nagar Akhavi 2008-10-14

In this groundbreaking anthology, sixteen renowned writers tell the hidden story of the AIDS crisis, illuminating the complex nature of one of the major problems facing the developing world. India is home to almost 3 million HIV cases, but AIDS is still stigmatized and shrouded in denial. Discrimination against HIV-affected individuals in hospitals, schools, and even among families is common, just as discussion about HIV and participation in prevention or treatment programs are not. In this riveting book, sixteen of India's most well-known writers go on the road to uncover the reality of AIDS in India and tell the human stories behind the epidemic. Kiran Desai travels to the coast of Andhra Pradesh, where the sex workers are considered the most desirable; Salman Rushdie meets members of Mumbai's transgender community; William Dalrymple encounters the devadasis, women who have been "married" to a temple goddess and thus are deemed acceptable for transactional sex. Eye-opening, hard-hitting, and moving, AIDS Sutra presents a side of India rarely seen before.

A Flight of Pigeons - Ruskin Bond 2002

Set in Shahjahanpur during the revolt of 1857. A flight of pigeons is riskin Bond's classic novella about the twists of fate, history and the human heart. When Ruth Labadoor's father is killed in a attack by sepoys, her family seeks refuge with their trusted companion, Lala Ranjimal, from where they hope to escape to bareilly. Based on true events, the book is a haunting story, rich in detail and drama. Filmed as Junoon.

The Power of Purity - Mohanji 2021-04-19

Who am I? Where have I come from? Why am I here? What is my purpose? Why do people suffer? What is karma? What is reincarnation? Such burning existential questions have intrigued many since time immemorial. It is not for the faint of heart to pore over abstruse and often cryptic scriptures, or perform intense spiritual practices to get a glimpse of the truth. A panacea for seekers, The Power of Purity is a compilation of Mohanji's spontaneous answers to questions posed during various satsangs (spiritual discourses) and interactions across the world. With razor-sharp clarity and wit, Mohanji provides the reader with deep, subtle, yet easy-to-understand insights into the varied aspects of human existence, uniting the seemingly contrasting goals of spiritual mastery and worldly success. Many can use this book as a guide to finding solutions to life's myriad problems by randomly turning to one of its pages. In Mohanji's words, 'This book has been compiled to aid you to find your SELF and stay with your own soul. Those who are not eligible to read this book will not get to see it. Those who are casual readers will not understand this book. Those who were awaiting this message will take the cue and the next step . . . Nothing is accidental.'

Tokyo Cancelled - Rana Dasgupta 2007-12-01

Thirteen passengers are stranded at an airport. Tokyo, their destination, is covered in snow and all flights are cancelled. To pass the night they form a huddle by the silent baggage carousels and tell one another stories. Thus begins Rana Dasgupta's Canterbury Tales for our times. In the spirit of Borges and Calvino, Dasgupta's writing combines an energetically modern landscape with a timeless, beguiling fairy-tale ethos, while bringing to life a cast of extraordinary individuals—some lost, some confused, some happy-in a world that remains ineffable, inexplicable, and wonderful. A Ukrainian merchant is led by a wingless bird back to a lost lover; Robert De Niro's son masters the transubstantiation of matter and turns it against his enemies; a man who manipulates other people's memories has to confront his own past; a Japanese entrepreneur risks losing everything in his obsession with a doll; a mute Turkish girl is left alone in the house of a German man who is mapping the world. Told by people on a journey, these are stories about lives in transit, stories that grow into an epic cycle about the hopes and dreams and disappointments that connect people everywhere.

Business Maharajas - Gita Piramal 2000-10-14

The inside track to India's most powerful tycoons The eight business maharajas profiled here are among Asia's most powerful industrial tycoons, Their combined turnover runs into billions of rupees, and between them they employ some 650,000 people, while indirectly affecting the lives of millions more. Sip a cup of tea, drive to work, listen to music, build a house and the chances are that in these and a myriad other ways you are using products that they manufacture or market. By any yardstick, the achievements of these men would rank among the great business stories of our time. How did these men build their enormous empires? What are their management secrets? How did they thrive and prosper even as others failed? What is their vision for the future? Top business writer and industry insider Gita Piramal draws on exhaustive interviews and in-depth research to discover the answers to these and related questions in her profiles of the men who will lead the country's push to become an industrial superpower in the 21st century.

Babyji - Abha Dawesar 2007-12-18

Sexy, surprising, and subversively wise, Babyji is the story of Anamika Sharma, a spirited student growing up in Delhi. At school she is an ace at quantum physics. At home she sneaks off to her parents' scooter garage to read the Kamasutra. Before long she has seduced an elegant older divorcée and the family servant, and has caught the eye of a classmate coveted by all the boys. With the world of adulthood dancing before her, Anamika confronts questions that would test someone twice her age. Ebullient, unfettered, and introducing one of the most charming heroines in contemporary fiction, Babyji is irresistible.

The Last Song of Dusk - Pavan K Varma 2005-04

A Tale Of Exquisite Friendships, Immense Sacrifices And Dangerous Desires Pirouetting Between Laughter And Tears, Siddharth Dhanvant Shanghvi S Technicolour Debut Tells The Story Of Four Extraordinary Lives. Of Anuradha Gandharva, Gifted With Astonishing Beauty And Magical Songs; Of Her Husband, Vardhmaan, Struggling With Secret Losses; Of Nandini, A Deviously Alluring Artist, With A Penchant For Panthers And Walking On Water; And Of Shloka, The Gandharvas Delicate, Disturbingly Silent Child. As Their Fates Unravel In An Old Villa In 1920S India, They Learn To Navigate The Ever-Changing Landscape Of Love, And In Doing So Encounter A Host Of Eccentrics: Mr. Bunkusdaas, The Father Of Bollywood Cinema; Stella Dimm, England S First Ever Tit Girl ; Libya Dass, Rarely Seen Out Of Her Porcelain Bathtub; And Percival Worthington, The Aristocratically Limp Son Of The Governor Of Bombay, On Whom Nandini Rashly Sets Her Sights. Told With Tenderness And With Dazzling Wit, The Last Song Of Dusk Will Haunt You Long After You Have Turned The Final Page.

Love not for sale - Anurag Garg 2015-07-10

Love can happen anywhere, with anyone... Kabir Thapar is the spoilt son of a rich capitalist in Mumbai. His mother's sudden death scars him for life, leaving him at loggerheads with his father who finds himself a new wife in no time. As Kabir embarks on a downward spiral of alcohol and drugs, he, on one ill-fated day, finds himself embroiled in a hit-and-run case. Making a quick escape, Kabir ends up in a red-light area, where he meets Sehar, a sex worker. As he falls head over heels for her, he must own up to the one emotion he has been running away from all his life—love. From the bestselling author of A Half-baked Love Story comes a story that perfectly weaves together the explosive passion between Kabir and Sehar, the contradictions of 'modern' India, and the inevitable tragedy that befalls its lovers.

Dusk - F. Sionil José 2013-03-20

With Dusk (originally published in the Philippines as Po-on), F. Sionil Jose begins his five-novel Rosales Saga, which the poet and critic Ricaredo Demetillo called "the first great Filipino novels written in English." Set in the 1880s, Dusk records the exile of a tenant family from its village and the new life it attempts to make in the small town of Rosales. Here commences the epic tale of a family unwillingly thrown into the turmoil of history. But this is more than a historical novel; it is also the eternal story of man's tortured search for true faith and the larger meaning of existence. Jose has achieved a fiction of extraordinary scope and passion, a book as meaningful to Philippine literature as One Hundred Years of Solitude is to Latin American literature. "The foremost Filipino novelist in English, his novels deserve a much wider readership than the Philippines can offer."--Ian Buruma, New York Review of Books "Tolstoy himself, not to mention Italo Svevo, would envy the author of this story."--Chicago Tribune

Business Legends - Gita Piramal 2010-12-01

The Golden age of Indian industry, as it now seems in retrospect, lasted from 1951 to '62. and industrialists of the lime were not afraid to think ahead and plan big. Among the entrepreneurs who led this Industrial

resurgence, four were particularly outstanding, G.D. Birla, Walchand Hirachand, Kasturbhai Lalbhai and, J.R.D. Tata. Gita Piramal, author of the acclaimed Business Maharajas, sensitively recreates the Lives and Times of these four titans of industry. She draws upon hitherto untapped sources of information to Sketch her profiles, making this perhaps the closest Look at these legends this fair. Thought provoking and incisive. Business Legends is a compelling Account of ambition and achievement. **The Last Song of Dusk** - Siddharth Dhanvant Shanghvi 2006-06-01 Possessing a legendary beauty and singing voice, Anuradha Patwardhan of 1920s India begins a fairy-tale-like adulthood when she marries handsome and well-to-do doctor Vardhmaan, but their married years are challenged by the death of a first child, a villain's designs on their second child, and the arrival of a mysterious girl. Reader's Guide included. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

Her Honor - LaDoris Hazzard Cordell 2021-10-26

In Her Honor, Judge LaDoris Hazzard Cordell provides a rare and thought-provoking insider account of our legal system, sharing vivid stories of the cases that came through her courtroom and revealing the strengths, flaws, and much-needed changes within our courts. Judge Cordell, the first African American woman to sit on the Superior Court of Northern California, knows firsthand how prejudice has permeated our legal system. And yet, she believes in the system. From ending school segregation to legalizing same-sex marriage, its progress relies on legal professionals and jurors who strive to make the imperfect system as fair as possible. Her Honor is an entertaining and provocative look into the hearts and minds of judges. Cordell takes you into her chambers where she haggles with prosecutors and defense attorneys and into the courtroom during jury selection and sentencing hearings. She uses real cases to highlight how judges make difficult decisions, all the while facing outside pressures from the media, law enforcement, lobbyists, and the friends and families of the people involved. Cordell's candid account of her years on the bench shines light on all areas of the legal system, from juvenile delinquency and the shift from rehabilitation to punishment, along with the racial biases therein, to the thousands of plea bargains that allow our overburdened courts to stay afloat—as long as innocent people are willing to plead guilty. There are tales of marriages and divorces, adoptions, and contested wills—some humorous, others heartwarming, still others deeply troubling. Her Honor is for anyone who's had the good or bad fortune to stand before a judge or sit on a jury. It is for true-crime junkies and people who vote in judicial elections. Most importantly, this is a book for anyone who wants to know what our legal system, for better or worse, means to the everyday lives of all Americans.

No God in Sight - Altaf Tyrewala 2011-03-18

Fast — paced and innovative, No God in Sight captures the seething multiplicity of Bombay through the first — person accounts of an abortionist, a convert, a pregnant refugee, a gangster in hiding, a butcher, and an apathetic CEO, among others. As the reader is hurtled from monologue to short story to anecdote, disparate lives collide in tantalizing ways. A family flees religious persecution in their village to take refuge in an urban slum; women walk the tightrope of free will and dormant violence; a father and son grant each other the relief of estrangement; and young men and women struggle to comprehend the consequences of sexual attraction. Insightful, ironic, and scathingly honest, No God in Sight is a brilliant debut by a talented young writer.

The Sari Shop - Rupa Bajwa 2005-05-26

Young Ramchand rushes through the dusty streets of Amritsar, once again late for work. Chastised by his boss, he takes his place among the cottons and silks of the sari shop, selling yards of cloth to the wealthy and fashionable women of the town. Offered a glimpse of a more opulent world, Ramchand is seduced by the idea that he might somehow better himself. But making dreams real will come at a price that a poor shop assistant might not be able to pay ... Funny, compelling and unflinchingly honest, The Sari Shop is a heartbreaking story of a young man's struggle to be someone else and a brilliantly clear-sighted debut.

The World in My Pocket - James Hadley Chase 2011-01

This is the job they have all been waiting for. The job that will set them up for life. A million dollars split five ways, who wouldn't be interested? The only catch is that it's the very definition of impossible...or is it? Armed with a brilliant plan, the four men and one woman think they can crack it. But as tensions in the group begin to mount and things start to go wrong, the million dollars feels more out of reach than ever. Even though it is right with them...

The City of Falling Angels - John Berendt 2006-09-26

A #1 New York Times Bestseller! "Funny, insightful, illuminating . . ."

—The Boston Globe Twelve years ago, *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* exploded into a monumental success, residing a record-breaking four years on the New York Times bestseller list (longer than any work of fiction or nonfiction had before) and turning John Berendt into a household name. *The City of Falling Angels* is Berendt's first book since *Midnight*, and it immediately reminds one what all the fuss was about. Turning to the magic, mystery, and decadence of Venice, Berendt gradually reveals the truth behind a sensational fire that in 1996 destroyed the historic Fenice opera house. Encountering a rich cast of characters, Berendt tells a tale full of atmosphere and surprise as the stories build, one after the other, ultimately coming together to portray a world as finely drawn as a still-life painting.

Fanon - Nigel C. Gibson 2017-04-26

Frantz Fanon was a French psychiatrist turned Algerian revolutionary of Martinican origin, and one of the most important and controversial thinkers of the postwar period. A veritable "intellect on fire," Fanon was a radical thinker with original theories on race, revolution, violence, identity and agency. This book is an excellent introduction to the ideas and legacy of Fanon. Gibson explores him as a truly complex character in the context of his time and beyond. He argues that for Fanon, theory has a practical task to help change the world. Thus Fanon's "untidy dialectic," Gibson contends, is a philosophy of liberation that includes cultural and historical issues and visions of a future society. In a profoundly political sense, Gibson asks us to reevaluate Fanon's contribution as a critic of modernity and reassess in a new light notions of consciousness, humanism, and social change. This is a fascinating study that will interest undergraduates and above in postcolonial studies, literary theory, cultural studies, sociology, politics, and social and political theory, as well as general readers.

I Am Charlotte Simmons - Tom Wolfe 2005-08-30

At Dupont University, an innocent college freshman named Charlotte Simmons learns that her intellect alone will not help her survive.

The Collected Short Stories - Jeffrey Archer 2010-06-08

International bestselling author Jeffrey Archer has enthralled readers with his riveting suspense, surprise denouements, and unforgettable storylines. Now Archer's three acclaimed collections of short fiction are brought together in one irresistible volume. *THE COLLECTED SHORT STORIES* A Quiver Full of Arrows takes readers on a journey of encounters that befall an assortment of kindly strangers, wary old friends, and long-lost loves. Sly reflections on human nature are at the center of *A Twist in the Tale* in which blindly adventurous game-players compete for stakes higher than they dreamed. Expect the unexpected and you'll still be surprised in *Twelve Red Herrings*, a dozen tales of betrayal, love, murder and revenge capped with a startling twist. Thirty-six stories in all, each poised to astonish and inspire, revealing "master entertainer" (Time) Jeffrey Archer at his artfully entertaining best.

Loss - Siddharth Dhanvant Shanghvi 2020-11-24

What does it mean to lose someone? To answer this timeless question, bestselling author Siddharth Dhanvant Shanghvi draws on a string of devastating personal losses of his mother, of his father and of a beloved pet to craft a moving memoir of death and grief. With surgical detachment and subtle feeling, Shanghvi charts the landscape of bereavement as he takes the reader down the dark, winding path to healing. Clear-eyed and intimate, *Loss* is the first Volume of non-fiction by one of India's most beloved writer of life experience.

House Of Blue Mangoes - David Davidar 2002-12

It Is The Last Year Of The Nineteenth Century In The Village Of Chevathar In Southern India. Solomon Dorai, The Headman, Is Desperately Trying To Hold Together The Fraying Ends Of Village Life At A Time Of Huge Social And Political Unease. When Violence Finally Erupts, It Takes Solomon And The Traditional Structure Of The Village With It. Three Generations Of Dorais Come And Go In The Village By The Sea, Winning And Losing The Battle For Chevathar. There Are Solomon S Sons: The Dazzling, Athletic Aaron And The Studious Daniel, Both Exiled By Their Father S Death But, In Different Ways, Both Determined To Make Their Mark On The World. And There Is Daniel S Son, Kannan, Faced With A Set Of Challenges That Could Break Him If He Isn T Strong Enough.

The Lost Flamingoes of Bombay - Siddharth Dhanvant Shanghvi 2010-10-12

When photographer Karan Seth comes to Bombay intent on immortalizing a city charged by celebrity and sensation, he is instantly drawn in by its allure and cruelty. Along the way, he discovers unlikely allies: Samar, an eccentric pianist; Zaira, the reclusive queen of Bollywood; and Rhea, a married woman who seduces Karan into a tender

but twisted affair. But when an unexpected tragedy strikes, the four lives are irreparably torn apart. Flung into a Fitzgeraldian world of sex, crime and collusion, Karan learns that what the heart sees the mind's eye may never behold. Siddharth Dhanvant Shanghvi's *The Lost Flamingoes of Bombay* is a razor sharp chronicle of four friends caught in modern India's tidal wave of uneven prosperity and political failure. It's also a profoundly moving meditation on love's betrayal and the redemptive powers of friendship.

A Fine Balance - Rohinton Mistry 2010-10-29

A Fine Balance, Rohinton Mistry's stunning internationally acclaimed bestseller, is set in mid-1970s India. It tells the story of four unlikely people whose lives come together during a time of political turmoil soon after the government declares a "State of Internal Emergency." Through days of bleakness and hope, their circumstances - and their fates - become inextricably linked in ways no one could have foreseen. Mistry's prose is alive with enduring images and a cast of unforgettable characters. Written with compassion, humour, and insight, *A Fine Balance* is a vivid, richly textured, and powerful novel written by one of the most gifted writers of our time.

The Death of Vishnu - Manil Suri 2012-05-07

Vishnu, the odd-job man in a Bombay apartment block, lies dying on the staircase landing. Around him the lives of the apartment dwellers unfold - the warring housewives on the first floor, the lovesick teenagers on the second, and the widower, alone and quietly grieving at the top of the building. In a fevered state Vishnu looks back on his love affair with the seductive Padmini and comedy becomes tragedy as his life draws to a close.

The Rapids of a Great River - 2009-06-08

The Rapids of a Great River begins with selections from the earliest known Tamil poetry dating from the second century CE. The writings of the Sangam period laid the foundation for the Tamil poetic tradition, and they continue to underlie and inform the works of Tamil poets even today. The first part of this anthology traverses the Sangam and bhakti periods and closes with pre-modern poems from the nineteenth century. The second part, a compilation of modern and contemporary poetry, opens with the work of the revolutionary poet Subramania Bharati. Breaking free from prescriptions, the new voices—which include Sri Lankan Tamils, women and dalits, among others—address the contemporary reader; the poems, underscored by a sharp rhetorical edge, grapple with the complexities of the modern political and social world. The selection is wide-ranging and the translations admirably echo the music, pace and resonance of the poems. This anthology links the old with the new, cementing the continuity of a richly textured tradition. There is something in the collection for every reader and each will make his or her own connections—at times startling, at other times familiar.

From Aphra Behn to Fun Home - Carey Purcell 2019-12-15

Theatre has long been considered a feminine interest for which women consistently purchase the majority of tickets, while the shows they are seeing typically are written and brought to the stage by men. Furthermore, the stories these productions tell are often about men, and the complex leading roles in these shows are written for and performed by male actors. Despite this imbalance, the feminist voice presses to be heard and has done so with more success than ever before. In *From Aphra Behn to Fun Home: A Cultural History of Feminist Theatre*, Carey Purcell traces the evolution of these important artists and productions over several centuries. After examining the roots of feminist theatre in early Greek plays and looking at occasional works produced before the twentieth century, Purcell then identifies the key players and productions that have emerged over the last several decades. This book covers the heyday of the second wave feminist movement—which saw the growth of female-centric theatre groups—and highlights the work of playwrights such as Caryl Churchill, Pam Gems, and Wendy Wasserstein. Other prominent artists discussed here include playwrights Paula Vogel Lynn and Tony-award winning directors Garry Hynes and Julie Taymor. The volume also examines diversity in contemporary feminist theatre—with discussions of such playwrights as Young Jean Lee and Lynn Nottage—and a look toward the future. Purcell explores the very nature of feminist theater—does it qualify if a play is written by a woman or does it just need to feature strong female characters?—as well as how notable activist work for feminism has played a pivotal role in theatre. An engaging survey of female artists on stage and behind the scenes, *From Aphra Behn to Fun Home* will be of interest to theatregoers and anyone interested in the invaluable contributions of women in the performing arts.

The Inscrutable Americans - Anurag Mathur 1997

This quirky novel - a bestseller in India - chronicles an Indian student's year abroad at an American university. Gopal's hilarious misadventures with the American language, his flamboyant landlady, the ubiquitous hamburger, and, most of all, American women form the basis for this wonderfully truthful story. Faced with the relentless sexuality of his fellow college students, the quintessentially decent Gopal reacts with a mixture of disbelief, sly amusement, and hormonal overload. Throughout his battles with racism, his own insecurity, and his family's warning that he will be severely judged should he dabble in America's temptations, Gopal retains a dignity and surprising shrewdness, rejecting the worst of what America offers even as he recognizes the best. Following reluctantly behind the outrageous leadership of his American friend Randy, the naive but observant Gopal reacts with a wit that far transcends his linguistic limitations.

Nocturnes - Kazuo Ishiguro 2009-09-22

From the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature and author of the Booker Prize-winning novel *The Remains of the Day* comes an inspired sequence of stories as affecting as it is beautiful. With the clarity and precision that have become his trademarks, Kazuo Ishiguro interlocks five short pieces of fiction to create a world that resonates with emotion, heartbreak, and humor. Here is a fragile, once famous singer, turning his back on the one thing he loves; a music junky with little else to offer his friends but opinion; a songwriter who inadvertently breaks up a marriage; a jazz musician who thinks the answer to his career lies in changing his physical appearance; and a young cellist whose tutor has devised a remarkable way to foster his talent. For each, music is a central part of their lives and, in one way or another, delivers them to an epiphany.

Aids Sutra - 2009-09-15

India is home to almost three million HIV cases. But AIDS is still a disease stigmatized and shrouded in denial. It is stigma that prevents people from openly discussing the facts around HIV, and keeps them from getting treatment. Stigma leads to discrimination against HIV positive people in hospitals, schools and even among families. In this ground-breaking anthology, sixteen of India's well-known writers go on the road to tell the human story behind the epidemic. William Dalrymple meets the devadasis ('temple women'), many of whom have become victims of HIV; Kiran Desai travels to the coast of Andhra where the sex workers are considered the most desirable and Salman Rushdie spends a day with Mumbai's transgenders. These writers travel the country to talk to housewives, vigilantes, homosexuals, police and sex-workers and together they create a complex and gripping picture of AIDS in India: who it is affecting, how and why. Eye-opening, hard-hitting and moving, *AIDS Sutra* will show you a side to India rarely seen before. This anthology was produced in collaboration with Avahan, the India AIDS Initiative of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Proceeds will be used to support programs for children affected by HIV in India.

The Lies That Build A Marriage - Christine Lim Suchen 2011-09-01

With this collection of short stories, Lim delves beneath Singapore's prosperity and coded decorum to reveal genuine people facing difficult issues that are normally strictly taboo in Asia, such as the mother who discovers her son is gay; the daughter who learns her two mothers are lesbians; and the niece who finds her dead uncle dressed in his wife's clothes.

The Great Indian Novel - Shashi Tharoor 2011-09-01

In this award-winning novel, Tharoor has masterfully recast the two-thousand-year-old epic, *The Mahabharata*, with fictional but highly recognizable events and characters from twentieth-century Indian politics. Nothing is sacred in this deliciously irreverent, witty, and deeply intelligent retelling of modern Indian history and the ancient Indian epic *The Mahabharata*. Alternately outrageous and instructive, hilarious and moving, it is a dazzling tapestry of prose and verse that satirically, but also poignantly, chronicles the struggle for Indian freedom and independence.

The Young and the Restless - Gurmehar Kaur 2019-05-20

The 2014 Lok Sabha elections saw the involvement of India's youth like never before. They were debating inside classrooms, sitting for dharnas on the street, having conversations in offices and on social media. The election in 2014 saw 150 million young voters--and the highest number of first-time voters in India. And yet, the average age of our parliamentarians is sixty-three. Our leaders are almost four decades older than the average twenty-five-year-old. In *The Young and the Restless*, Gurmehar Kaur, student activist and author of *Small Acts of Freedom*, follows the journeys of eight youth leaders, their aspirations for the country's youth, their aspirations for themselves and, most importantly, their aspirations for the nation. She explores whether their politics only mimics that of the older party leaders or if they have the ideas, passion and motivation of the demographic they represent.

Sacred Games - Vikram Chandra 2011-03-03

An enormously satisfying, exciting and enriching book, Vikram Chandra's novel draws the reader deep into the lives of detective Sartaj Singh and Ganesh Gaitonde, the most wanted gangster in India. Sartaj, the only Sikh inspector in the whole of Mumbai, is used to being identified by his turban, beard and the sharp cut of his trousers. But 'the silky Sikh' is now past forty, his marriage is over and his career prospects are on the slide. When Sartaj gets an anonymous tip off as to the secret hideout of the legendary boss of the G-company, he's determined that he'll be the one to collect the prize. This is a sprawling, epic novel of friendships and betrayals, of terrible violence, of an astonishing modern city and its underworld. Drawing on the best of Victorian fiction, mystery novels, Bollywood movies and Vikram Chandra's years of first hand research on the streets of Mumbai, this novel reads like a potboiling page-turner but resonates with the intelligence and emotional depth of the best of literature.

The Village by the Sea - Anita Desai 2012

Brahmakamal - Lalsa Verma 2021-04-07

Can a devadasi fall in love? Yes. But is she allowed to do so? A devadasi is an ever-auspicious one, presiding over the temple rituals, entertaining the king and brought up to respect and follow traditions mindlessly. Nitya does all that unquestioningly until she meets Prabhas. Prabhas, the young rebel who grew up in a devadasi household, finally mellows to become an excellent musician. But just as he readies for a duty-bound life ahead, he encounters Nitya. As Kaveri, Nitya's mother, and the town's dashing chief Yugendra personify the social hierarchy, rigid customs and hypocrisy of the day to tear them apart, do Nitya and Prabhas stand a chance? What survives? Love that knows no bounds or traditions that were the very essence of their existence?