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Anthropology

Compilation on Amaravati Sculptures and Conservation and Reorganisation of the Amaravati Gallery in the Government Museum, Chennai / R. Kannan (ed)
Chennai: The Additional Chief Secretary and Commissioner of Museums, Department of Museums, 2014
xxviii, 492p.; ill. 29 cm. pb
New Series - General Section - Vol.19, No.1
1730 gm.
\$ 21.25
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642973>

Tiruppudaimarudur Murals and Wood Carvings: Documentation of the Murals and Wood Carvings in the Narumponathaswami Temple, Tiruppudaimarudur / R. Kannan (ed)
Chennai: The Additional Chief Secretary and Commissioner of Museums, Department of Museums, 2014
xxvii, 436p.; ill. 28 cm. pb
New Series - General Section - Vol.18, No.1
2090 gm.
\$ 22.50
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642974>

Biography

Lessons Life Taught Me Unknowingly: An Autobiography / Anupam Kher

New Delhi: Hay House Publishers (India) Pvt Ltd., 2019

432p.; 24 cm. hb

Includes Index.

9789388302043

730 gm.

\$ 19.75

An extraordinary, riveting and no-holds-barred saga studded with fascinating behind-the-scenes revelations, anecdotes and rare nuggets of lessons Anupam Kher's life story is nothing short of a grand masala box office hit. It has drama, comedy, romance and even action! Who knew that a small-town Shimla boy would one day become one of the most recognized actors in the world and go on to win various national and international awards for his contribution in the field of cinema and arts?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642956>

Cookbook

Classic Malabar Recipes / Faiza Moosa

Kottayam: D C Books, 2018

129p.; ill. 27 cm. hb

9788126436569

750 gm.

\$ 40.00

Featuring over 70 recipes and illustrated with 100 colour photographs, Classic Malabar Recipes offers the reader a fascinating glimpse into the history and influences that have shaped the cuisine of north Kerala (Malabar). It brings together dishes ranging from the humble country-Style fish curry to lavish banquet fare such as roasted leg of lamb and whole stuffed chicken. Simple or elaborate, all recipes are completely authentic.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642971>

Economics

The Reluctant Billionaire: How Dilip Shanghvi Became the Richest Self-Made Indian / Soma Das

Gurgaon: Penguin Books India (P) Ltd, 2019

xviii, 500p.; 25 cm. hb

9780670088577

850 gm.

\$ 19.75

The Book reveals the fiercely intense personality that lies beneath his calm demeanour. Based on interviews with over 150 Friends, family members, rivals, former aides and Shanghvi himself, it traces his transformation from a quiet, curious child working in his father's small shop to an astute strategist, who built India's largest pharma company, Sun Pharma, despite being untrained in Science.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642947>

The Third Pillar: How Markets and the State Leave the Community Behind / Raghuram G. Rajan

Uttar Pradesh: HarperCollins Publishers, 2019

xxviii; 434p.;24 cm. hb

Includes Index.

9789353028398

750 gm.

\$ 20.00

Raghuram G. Rajan has an unparalleled vantage point on the socio-economic consequences of globalization and their ultimate effect on politics. In The Third Pillar, he offers a big-picture framework for understanding how these three forces – the state, markets and communities – interact, why things begin to break down, and how we can find our way back to a more secure and stable plane.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642945>

The Tata Group: From Torchbearers to Trailblazers / Shashank Shah
Gurgaon: Penguin Books India (P) Ltd, 2018
xiv, 393p.; 25 cm. hb
9780670090679
720 gm.
\$ 17.50

With over 100 companies offering products and services across 150 countries, 700,000 employees contributing a revenue of US \$ 100 - billion, the Tata Group is India's largest and most globalized business conglomerate. The Tata name is known for salt, software, cars, communications, housing and hospitality. How did they come so far? How did they groom leadership, delight customers and drive business excellence? How did they maintain a brand and corporate values that are considered gold standard?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642943>

Energizing India: Fuelling a Billion Lives / Shreerupa Mitra
New Delhi: Rupa Publications India Pvt, Ltd., 2019
xiv, 280p.; 23 cm. hb
9789353333898
560 gm.
\$ 17.50

Energizing India: fuelling a billion lives brings together top global energy experts, academics and policy makers, contributing an insightful and engaging compilation of essays on the various facets of energy-related issues in India and the world. Edited by shreerupa Mitra, this book comes at a time when global energy consumption is seeing unprecedented growth while new sources of Energy are gaining currency and old ones are threatened by geopolitical upheavals.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642928>

The Tatas: How a Family Built a Business and a Nation / Girish Kuber
Uttar Pradesh: HarperCollins Publishers, 2019
Xii, 263p.; 24 cm. hb
Includes Index.
9789352779376
510 gm.
\$ 17.75

The Tatas is the story of one of India's leading business families. It starts in the nineteenth century with Nusserwanji Tata – a middle-class Parsi priest from the

village of Navsari in Gujarat, and widely regarded as the Father of Indian Industry – and ends with Ratan Tata – chairman of the Tata Group until 2012. But it is more than just a history of the industrial house; it is an inspiring account of India in the making. It chronicles how each generation of the family invested not only in the expansion of its own business interests but also in nation building. For instance, few know that the first hydel project in the world was conceived and built by the Tatas in India. Nor that some radical labour concepts such as eight-hour work shifts were born in India, at the Tata mill in Nagpur.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642953>

Chanakya's View: Understanding India in Transition / Pavan K. Varma

Chennai: Westland Publications Ltd, 2019

Xviii, 324p.; 25 cm. hb

9789388689526

610 gm.

\$ 17.75

A collection of articles by the best-selling author of *Adi Shankaracharya: Hinduism's Greatest Thinker*, Pavan K Varma, this book is a bold and brilliant effort at highlighting the beauty and the sad underbelly of India, which he concedes is one of the greatest civilizations of the world and a vibrant democracy.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642951>

The Diamond Trail: How India Rose to Global Domination / Shantanu Guha Ray

Uttar Pradesh: HarperCollins Publishers, 2019

231p.; 20 cm. Pb

9789353026790

240 gm.

\$ 9.75 If you visit Antwerp, the diamond market of the world, you will see for yourself how Indians have taken over the sleepy Belgian town, where bells in the biggest Hindu temple attract thousands of visitors every evening. Global diamond trade is now on a new chapter, and India is playing an important role in that. In *The Diamond Trail*, veteran journalist Shantanu Guha Ray charts the course of India's rise to domination in the diamond industry.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642950>

History

A Restatement of Religion: Swami Vivekananda and the Making of Hindu Nationalism / Jyotirmaya Sharma

Chennai: Westland Publications Ltd, 2019

xvi; 238p.; 22 cm. pb

Includes Index.

9789388689441

280 gm.

\$ 10.00

The truth is rarely simple. The common consensus is that Swami Vivekananda, as Sri Ramakrishna's chosen disciple, spread his master's message across the world. The fact, though, is that after Ramakrishna's death in 1886, Vivekananda not only shifted the devotional emphasis of the new monastic order from Kali to Shiva but also embraced a world far removed from Ramakrishna's—a world that was rational, scientific, masculine, orthodox and nationalistic.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642913>

The Courtesan, The Mahatma and The Italian Brahmin / Manu S. Pillai

Chennai: Westland Publications Ltd, 2019

384p.; 23 cm. hb

9789388689786

570 gm.

\$ 15.00

"From a Maratha prince who parodied caste to a Muslim deity in a Hindu temple; from a courtesan who became a warrior princess to another who sang for the gramophone; from a woman with no breasts to a goddess with three; and from an Englishman who venerated sacred Sanskrit to imperious Victoria Maharani—the essays in this collection open a window into India's past, and to a world of such astonishing richness that it is surprising how much of it has been forgotten or expunged.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642922>

Defining India: Through Their Eyes / Sonia Singh
Gurgaon: Penguin Books India (P) Ltd, 2019
xiii; 216p.; 23 cm. hb
9780670091935
420 gm.
\$ 15.00

At the age of eleven, Amartya Sen saw a man bleed to death on his lap as a result of communal violence. At fifteen, Kailash Satyarthi became an outcast in his own family. After a series of super hits, Aamir Khan Decided to turn his attention to bettering society. How did these personal incidents ultimately influence the history of a nation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642920>

The Women Who Ruled India: Leaders, Warriors, Icons / Archana Garodia Gupta
Gurgaon: Hachette Book Publishing India Pvt. Ltd, 2019
x, 299p.; 20 cm. pb
9789351951520
290 gm.
\$ 12.50

The history of India, more often than not, is a history of the men who were in charge. Largely forgotten are the women who, even centuries earlier, shaped the fates of entire kingdoms. In the Women Who Ruled India, writer and researcher Archana Garodia Gupta revives 20 such powerful figures from the archives, offering us a glimpse of their fascinating lives.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642917>

The Camel Merchant of Philadelphia: Stories from the Court of Maharaja Ranjit Singh / Sarbpreet Singh
Chennai: Westland Publications Ltd, 2019
x, 242p.; 24 cm. hb
9789388689472
510 gm.
\$ 17.50

In 1801, the young scion of a petty fiefdom in the Punjab was invested with the title of Maharaja of Punjab. The young man, whose name was Ranjit Singh went on to carve out a kingdom for himself that stretched from the borders of Afghanistan in the west to the boundaries of the British Raj in the east. It included the lush hills and valleys of Kashmir, the barren mountains of Ladakh

and the fertile plains of his native Punjab. The British valued him as an ally who would keep their western frontier safe and while they coveted his kingdom, they did not dare to engage in military adventures in Punjab during his lifetime.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642915>

The Rise of Goliath: Twelve Disruptions that Changed India / A.K. Bhattacharya
Gurgaon: Penguin Books India (P) Ltd, 2019

viii, 350p.; 23 cm. hb

Includes Bibliography.

9780670091805

660 gm.

\$ 17.75

There is one common factor that defines that journey-disruptions. With unfailing regularity, almost every decade of India's history since Independence has been marked by major disruptions. Indeed, India became independent through an act of disruption-the Partition that killed millions in communal violence and turned many more into refugees in what was once their own land. The turn towards a model of state-led economic development delivered as big a shock to the economy as did the food crisis or the spiking of crude oil price or the nationalization of half a dozen industries.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642929>

M.S. Golwalkar, The RSS and India / Jyotirmaya Sharma

Chennai: Westland Publications Ltd, 2019

xliv, 94p.; 22 cm. pb

Includes Index.

9789388689489

200 gm.

\$ 7.75

Madhav Sadashiv Golwalkar was the second sarsanghchhalak or supreme guide of the Hindu nationalist Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), a position he held for thirty-three years. Though he was not its founder, he cast the organization in his own image, and remains to this day the most influential ideologue not only of the RSS but also of all the organizations 'inspired' by it-including the BJP, which led the country's ruling coalition from 1999 to 2004.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642942>

Kings and Queens of India: Famous rulers and dynasties that shaped the country
/ Anu Kumar

Gurgaon: Hachette Book Publishing India Pvt. Ltd, 2019

vii, 295p.; 22 cm. pb

9789350099476

290 gm.

\$ 10.00

They ruled vast and influential kingdoms across our country. They laid down laws and systems of administration. They fought wars that had far-reaching impact, and negotiated peaceful times that nurtured the arts and the sciences. They made decisions that, whether right or wrong, shaped events and moulded our culture.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642944>

Histories Unbounded: Selected Papers of Third Kerala History Congress / T.
Muhammedali

Trissur: Current Books, 2019

752p.; 22 cm. pb

9789352827473

780 gm.

\$ 25.00

'Histories Unbounded' brings forth a collection of research articles which offers a semblance of what is happening in the frontiers of historical writing particularly on Kerala. An outcome of the third session of Kerala History Congress held at Farook College in December 2017, this volume constitutes the papers of the renowned historians, promising scholars and research students.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642946>

On Present (in/g) Histories (Selected Papers from Second Kerala History Congress)
/ Sebastian Joseph

Trissur: Current Books, 2017

910p.; 23 cm. pb

9789352821242

1000 gm.

\$ 22.50

On Present (in/g) Histories, a collection of research papers from leading historians, emerging historians and students of history provide insightful

perspectives on different areas of historical research in which they are presently engaged. Being a textualised intellectual outcome of the academic discourses from the second annual session of the Kerala History Congress held at Union Christian College, Aluva, in December 2016, this book is a sign post indicating perspectival inheritance and shifts occurring in critical historical scholarship from kerala and beyond.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642948>

Reimagining Histories: Selected Papers from Kerala History Congress / N.

Gopakumaran Nair

Trissur: Current Books, 2017

560p.; 22 cm. pb

9789352827398

590 gm.

\$ 21.25

'Reimagining Histories, 'a compendium of research papers written by historians of eminence, emerging historians and young researchers seeks to encapsulate the various historical probings they are presently engaged in. This volume which addresses both the limits and the possibilities of the textualisation of history, is an off shoot of the first annual Session of kerala History Congress held in January 2016 at Thiruvananthapuram.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642949>

Literature

The Gods of Time / Aarthy Sundaram

Calcutta: Writers Workshop, 2016

306p.; 22 cm. hb

9789350451298

550 gm.

\$ 15.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642970>

Babu Bangladesh! / Numair Atif Choudhury

New Delhi: Fourth Estate, 2019

402p.; 23 cm. hb

9789353570576

550 gm.

\$ 15.00

Bangladesh, 2028. A biographer begins to document the life of an enigmatic and controversial political luminary - Babu, also known as 'Babu Bangladesh'. In unearthing the story of a man whom many thought was the leader of his generation, he begins to uncover the story of a nation itself.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642969>

The Land of Moonlit Snows and Other Real Travel Stories from the Indian Himalaya / Gaurav Punj

Chennai: Westland Publications Ltd, 2018

xv, 203p.; ill. 20 cm. pb

9789387578371

260 gm.

\$ 10.00

When city-dwellers meet the mountains, stories manifest themselves. Of narrow escapes from remote valleys, encounters with the wild, treks across snow-covered passes and flower-filled meadows, blended with the kindness of locals and their food, culture and festivals. The real stories in the book attempt to make just one point — exploration is for everyone.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642968>

Sita Under the Crescent Moon: A Woman's Search for faith in Pakistan / Annie Ali Khan

New Delhi: Simon & Schuster India, 2019

312p.; 23 cm. hb

9789386797483

500 gm.

\$ 15.00

In present-day Pakistan, in the far corners of Lyari in Karachi, or Hingol in Balochistan, or Thatta in Sindh, tightly knit groups of women keep alive the folklore, songs and legends of Sati—their name for Sita in the Ramayana.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642965>

Tawaifnama / Saba Dewan

Chennai: Westland Publications Ltd, 2019

606p.; 24 cm. hb

9789388689816

920 gm.

\$ 22.00

Dharmman Bibi rode into battle during the revolt of 1857 shoulder to shoulder with her patron lover Babu Kunwar Singh. Sadabahar entranced even snakes and spirits with her music, but eventually gave her voice to Baba Court Shaheed. Her foster mothers Bullan and Kallan fought their malevolent brother and an unjust colonial law all the way to the Privy Council-and lost everything. Their great-granddaughter Teema paid for the family's ruination with her childhood and her body. Bindo, Asghari, Phoolmani, Pyaari ... there are so many stories in this family.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642960>

The Miraculous True History of Nomi Ali / Uzma Aslam Khan

Chennai: Westland Publications Ltd, 2019

372p.; 23 cm. hb

9789388689465

560 gm.

\$ 18.00

Nomi and Zee are Local Borns—their father a convict condemned by the British to the Andaman Islands, their mother shipped off with him. The islands are an inhospitable place, despite their surreal beauty. In this unreliable world, the children have their friend Aye, the pet hen Priya and the distracted love of their parents to shore them up from one day to the next. Meanwhile, within the walls of the prison, Prisoner 218 D wages a war on her jailers with only her body and her memory.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642967>

Madam, Give Me My Sex / R. Raj Rao

New Delhi: Bloomsbury Publishing India pvt. ltd, 2019

288p.; 20 cm. pb

9789389000535

310 gm.

\$ 10.00

In a University known as the Oxford of the East, situated in India's cultural capital, Poona, all is not well in the English Department. The department is headed by Professor Tiwari, who has ambitions to make it one of the best departments in the country. But factors beyond his control thwart him. Principal among these is the State's reservation policy which ties his hands. Open Category

faculty cannot be given tenure; although they have foreign PhDs, they are shunted to contractual posts.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642962>

The Long Drive Home / Rishad Saam Mehta

Chennai: Westland Publications Ltd, 2018

162P.; ill. 20 cm. pb

9789387894211

240 gm.

\$ 10.00

The great overland drive from Europe to India was Rashad's dream since his early teens, stemming from a childhood full of family driving holidays. And when offered the chance to do it in the yet-to-be-released Audi Q7, he jumped at it.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642959>

Love without a story / Arundhathi Subramaniam

Chennai: Westland Publications Ltd, 2019

107p.; 21 cm. hb

9789388689458

270 gm.

\$ 12.75

Here are poems that celebrate an expanding kinship: of passion and friendship, mythic quest and modern-day longing, in a world animated by dialogue and dissent, delirium and silence. Circling themes of intimacy and time, they return to the urgency of conversation: that fragile bridge across the frozen attitudes that divide our world.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642957>

Politics

Hindu Rashtra / Ashutosh

Chennai: Westland Publications Ltd, 2019

xviii, 329p.; 23 cm. pb

9789387894822

430 gm.

\$ 15.00

"Riding the fabled Modi wave, the BJP and its allies won the 2014 general elections to form the government at the centre with a firmly stated agenda of

development for all. While the supporters of the new government may have hoped for economic reforms and accelerated development, the past four and a half years have been rife with incidents of hate attacks, mob violence and an increasingly hostile attitude towards religious minorities.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642952>

The Anatomy of Hate / Revati Laul
Chennai: Westland Publications Ltd, 2019
223p.; 22 cm. hb
9789387894204
420 gm.
\$ 15.00

What makes a man stand by and watch violence being done to another? What does a woman do after her husband has killed a pregnant stranger? What latent tensions and complexes did the instigators of violence draw upon to unleash the carnage of 28 February 2002?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642954>

Malevolent Republic: A Short History of the New India / K.S. Komireddi
Chennai: Westland Publications Ltd, 2019
228p.; 22 cm. hb
Includes Index.
9789387894969
450 gm.
\$ 15.00

India is an improbable nation.' Under Narendra Modi and the Bharatiya Janata Party, India has undergone the most total transformation since 1991. The 'invisible threads' Nehru said held together an improbable union divided by language, religion and ethnicity have snapped under the burden of Modi's Hindu-supremacist rule. In this blistering critique of post-Independence India from Nehru to Modi, K.S. Komireddi charts the unsound course of Indian nationalism: its cowardly concessions to the Hindu right, convenient distortions of India's past and demeaning bribes to India's minorities.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642955>

Hindutva: Exploring the Idea of Hindu Nationalism / Jyotirmaya Sharma
Chennai: Westland Publications Ltd, 2019
xxv, 190p.; 22 cm. pb
Includes Index.
9789388689427
250 gm.
\$ 10.00

This book goes beyond the existing enquiry into Hindu identity, nationalism and culture, through the writings of thinkers Dayananda Saraswati, Sri Aurobindo, Swami Vivekananda and Vinayak Damodar Savarkar. With Characteristic academic rigour and research, Jyotirmaya Sharma offers us original insights into the intellectual traditions that have nourished political Hindutva.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642958>

China Ascendant: Its Rise and Implications / Harsh V. Pant (ed)
Uttar Pradesh: HarperCollins Publishers, 2019
ix, 360p.; 22 cm. hb
Includes Index.
9789353570637
510 gm.
\$ 17.75

China is on the cusp of becoming a superpower. The transformation of Beijing's regional and global position over the last three and a half decades has received extensive attention from experts and opinion- and decision-makers across the world. The rationale and impact of specific policies of the Chinese state on the world and on its neighbouring regions cannot be addressed without a comprehensive assessment of the intentions and thought processes behind these policies.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642961>

The Shape of Things to Come: An Impassioned View / Markandey Katju
Uttar Pradesh: HarperCollins Publishers, 2019
viii, 258p.; 23 cm. hb
Includes Index.
9789353029470
420 gm.

\$ 17.75

History shows us that Europe went through such a phase between the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, marked by wars, revolutions, social churn and intellectual ferment. It was only after passing through this transitory turbulence that modern society emerged there. Justice Markandey Katju, former judge of the Supreme Court, says that India is going through a similar time in history. It is not yet a modern society as it has not managed to rid itself of the ills of its feudal days, such as casteism, communalism, poverty, malnourishment, joblessness, racial and lingual strife and corrupt and criminal politics.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642963>

Sanity in Sanitation Jajaroo ni Jhumbesh / Jayanti S. Ravi

Gurgaon: Penguin Books India (P) Ltd, 2019

xxxiii, 262p.; 22 cm. pb

9780143447573

320 gm.

\$ 10.00

On Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary in October 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared his vision for an Open-Defecation-Free India. This book talks about the journey of an IAS officer who understood and leveraged the potential of the government, community and citizens through cleanliness. The true meaning of Swachh Bharat was seen as village after village transformed into a cleaner hub. Citizens took ownership to keep their village Open Defecation Free (ODF) through activities such as 'Triggering' and 'Gandhigiri'. The struggles and triumphs in fulfilling the dream of ODF Gujarat are passionately narrated here. The book relates the tale of a renewed satyagraha through Swachhagraha. As we see a mother leading her toddler to squat on the toilet, we are sure the 'luxury' of toilet will become a 'necessity'.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642964>

Pakistan: The Balochistan Conundrum / Tilak Devasher

Uttar Pradesh: HarperCollins Publishers, 2019

xxxi, 359p.; 23 cm. hb

Includes Index.

9789353570705

590 gm.

\$ 22.75

Balochistan, Pakistan's largest province, is a complex region fraught with conflict and hostility, ranging from an enduring insurgency and sectarian violence to terror strikes and appalling human rights violations. In his third book on Pakistan, Tilak Devasher analyses why Balochistan is such a festering sore for Pakistan. With his keen understanding of the region, he traces the roots of the deep-seated Baloch alienation to the princely state of Kalat's forced accession to Pakistan in 1948. This alienation has been further solidified by the state's rampant exploitation of the province, leading to massive socio-economic deprivation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=642966>
