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Biography / Memoirs

Being Hindu In Bangladesh: An Untold Story / Deep Halder, Avishek Biswas
Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2023
xx, 179p.; ill. 22 cm.
Includes Index.
9789356995802
\$ 10.00 / pb
300gm.

For those who carry the scars of Partition, more than seven decades after arbitrary lines scarred the subcontinent, home is still on the other side of the Padma river. They pine for those who were left behind as a great mass of humanity moved from the east to the west of Bengal to settle in Hindu-majority India. Where are they today in the land that was then east Bengal, which became East Pakistan in 1947, and then Bangladesh in 1971? According to an estimate from the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, there were 17 million Hindus in Bangladesh in 2015, though the population is steadily dwindling.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860262>

The Colours of Nationalism: A Memoir of Dreams, Hopes and Betrayals / Nandita Haksar
New Delhi: Speaking Tiger Publishing Pvt. Ltd., 2024
399p.; ill. 22 cm.
Includes Index.
9789354477768
\$ 15.00 / pb
450gm.

The second in the series of Nandita Haksar's introspective memoirs, *The Colours of Nationalism* is the story of an Indian human rights lawyer's journey to discover India. Born to a privileged upper-caste and upper-class family, her human rights work takes her to the remote corners of the country, and in the process, she discovers how her fellow citizens, across religions, ethnicities, classes and castes, experience India. She meets and works with Nagas under virtual army rule, minorities living in fear of violence, Adivasis in mineral-rich lands living in destitution, skilled and patriotic public sector workers demonized for inefficiency, women—urban, rural, rich and poor—crushed by patriarchy.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874216>

Being Muslim In Hindu India: A Critical View / Ziya Us Salam
Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2023
xxx, 313p.; 22 cm.
9789356995840
\$ 15.00 / pb
400gm.

Being Muslim in Hindu India is an impassioned cry for attention, an attempt to highlight just what has gone wrong with our polity and society in recent years. Painstakingly researched, the book talks of the constant 'othering' of Muslims, using tactics of both peace and violence. Starting from a denial of tickets to Muslim candidates by political parties or missing names from electoral rolls, the book goes on to talk of attempts to wipe out complete passages of the history of medieval India, as if the period from 1206 to 1857 existed in a vacuum.

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Fatal Accidents Of Birth: Stories Of Oppression and Struggle / Harsh Mander
New Delhi: Speaking Tiger Publishing Pvt. Ltd., 2024
xv, 250p.; 22 cm.
9789354478765
\$ 12.50 / pb
250gm.

This volume collects twenty-one stories of women and men who, simply because they were born poor, or a particular gender, or into a certain caste or religion, fell prey to the many atrocities and indignities endemic to contemporary India. Some resisted, survived, and soldier on. Some did not. Lachmi Kaur, who lost nearly all male members of her family in the anti-Sikh riots of 1984, overcame despair to singlehandedly bring up her children and grandchildren with fierce love and pride. With great courage of conviction, Krishan Gopal, a Dalit man from Nimoda in Rajasthan, built his own shrine to Hanuman when forbidden from the village temple by his upper-caste neighbours.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874221>

The Scrapper's Way: Making It Big In An Unequal World / Damodar Padhi
Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2024
xviii, 237 p.; 22 cm.
Includes Index.
9789356999930
\$ 12.50 / pb
300gm.

You could not afford to go to a great college? You were not privileged enough to secure your dream job? Like it or not, but we live in an unequal world; life here does not promise fair treatment to every individual. If you were born lucky and could afford it all, this book can at best intrigue you a bit, but it is not really meant for you. If not, this is exactly the book you need. Welcome to the Scrapper's club. The only two things you need to be here are a dream to succeed and an urge to face life as it appears before you without whining. This book does not promise you the moon (and neither will it deliver any). For more than three decades, Damodar Padhi has used this time-tested and all weather resistant (read resilient) approach with great success. If you are someone who equates success to only money and power, keep the book back on the shelf and browse on. But if you are looking for success that includes financial freedom, happiness, and purpose, we are ON. The Scrapper's Way will take you through life's many crossroads and teach you the art of making sensible personal choices both at work and in personal life, and above all purpose to enrich every aspect of it. One part in every story as a

behind-the-scenes memoir, the other part as the fuel to make you think; this book will lay out your own path to success in an unequal world.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874532>

Snakes, Drugs and Rock 'N' Roll / Romulus Whitaker with Janaki Lenin

Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2024

xv, 383p.; ill. 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789356997127

\$ 17.50 / pb

550 gm.

A legend in the arena of wildlife conservation and affectionately hailed as the 'Snakeman of India', Romulus Whitaker has had a lifelong love affair with the 'fierce creatures' that share our planet. This first volume of his fascinating memoir brings the India of the 1950s and the US of the 1960s to life. When his mother married and moved to Mumbai, Whitaker was transplanted from a conventional childhood in the US to what was for him the exciting world of India. At boarding school in Kodai, he kept a pet python under his bed and realized that all he really wanted to do was work with snakes. Sent to the US for college, Whitaker preferred snakes to lecture halls and left to work in a snake farm. The adventures that ensue are hair-raising and often hilarious. Snakes, Drugs and Rock 'n' Roll tells the story of a boy who would become one of the greatest conservationists of his generation, discovering the wonders of India's extraordinary natural world.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874533>

A.M. Naik: The Man Who Built Tomorrow / Priya Kumar; Jairam N. Menon

Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2024

xix, 225p.; ill. 23 cm.

9789356997479

\$ 17.50 / hb

550gm.

Despite almost botching up his final interview, Naik was hired. 'I've sacked thirty-eight engineers-don't be number thirty-nine' is what Naik's boss T. Baker told him on his first day at work. Thus began an era of relentless hard work, infectious zeal and remarkable achievements, which not only elevated Naik in the L&T hierarchy, but also helped transform the company into a multinational conglomerate with presence in more than fifty countries.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874536>

The Naipauls of Nepaul Street / Savi Naipaul Akul

New Delhi: Speaking Tiger Book LLP., 2024

207 p.; ill. 23 cm.

9789354478406

\$ 12.50 / pb

450 gm.

This is a moving story of a Trinidadian-Indian family's beginnings, growth and its inevitable dispersal. Savi Naipaul Akal's memoir pays tribute to extraordinary parents: Her father Seepersad Naipaul, virtual orphan in a dirt-poor rural Indian family, one generation away from indentured migration, who through self-education became a remarkable journalist and writer. And her mother Dropatie, who displayed remarkable diplomatic skills in sustaining a relationship with the large, prosperous and inward-looking Capildeo clan, of which she was the seventh daughter, whilst loyally supporting her husband's insistence on independence and

engagement with Trinidadian life. After Seepersad's tragically early death, Dropatie held the family together, so that all seven children achieved university education.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874541>

The Day I Became A Runner: A Women's History of India Through The Lens of Sport / Sohini Chattopadhyay

Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2023

349 p.; 23 cm.

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\$ 15.00 / hb

550gm.

The Day I Became a Runner starts from a striking premise—that, since running is a solitary activity conducted in the public sphere, women who take up this sport pose a more direct challenge to patriarchy than those who play sports such as badminton, cricket and tennis. To support this thesis, award-winning journalist Sohini Chattopadhyay presents the compelling stories of eight athletes spanning the entire history of independent India and involving women from a wide range of social and geographical backgrounds. Whether it is Ila Mitra, who could have been the first Indian-origin woman at the 1940 Olympics, or Mary D'Souza, who ran and played hockey for India through the 1950s; Kamaljit Sandhu, a star hockey player who made history for India in Bangkok, 1970, or P.T. Usha, who redefined the 1980s and the decades that followed for women in sport across the country, each of the women in this book will inspire and encourage the women reading it to break barriers and chase their dreams. Written with remarkable insight and poignancy, The Day I Became a Runner is an alternative account of the Indian republic chronicled through the lens of its women athletes. In that sense, it is a women's history of India.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860260>

Adman Madman: Unapologetically Prahlad / Prahlad Kakar with Rupangi Sharma

Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2023

xiii, 511p.; ill. 23 cm.

9789356998322

\$ 20.00 / hb

800 gm.

Prahlad Kakar is L'enfant terrible who never grew up and his memoir, Adman Madman: Unapologetically Prahlad, is a testament to that. As the book professes, he was always in the right place at the wrong time and proceeded to ricochet from one crisis to another—it's the perfect recipe for disaster. His constant companion was the lurking Murphy, who struck indiscriminately. In the competition, the honours were even, and they both survived to tell the tale.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874548>

Dalithan: An Autobiography / K.K. Kochu; Translated by Radhika P. Menon

New Delhi: Speaking Tiger Books LLP., 2024

339p.; 22 cm.

9789354478529

\$ 15.00 / pb

350gm.

The life and work of K.K. Kochu, one of the foremost Dalit thinkers in Kerala, challenges dominant narratives—of the Congress as well as the Communists—that exclude the Dalit experience. Among his most significant works, his autobiography is not merely a gritty story of

the life of an individual, but also a thought-provoking history of modern Kerala, from a subaltern perspective.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874550>

Cinema Studies

The Age of Heroes: The Incredible World Of Telugu Cinema / Mukesh Manjunath
Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2024
193p.; 22 cm.
9789390327300
\$ 10.00 / pb
300gm.

Socio-economic problems are solved with sermonizing monologues. You can rest assured that good shall prevail-since the protagonist can change the world at will. We are in the presence of the Telugu hero: a character that spills over from myth onto the screen. The celluloid hero speaks like you and me and looks like us, but can perform superhuman feats. The Age of Heroes looks at the historical-cultural factors that have produced cult heroes like N.T. Rama Rao, Chiranjeevi and Pawan Kalyan-and Vijayashanti, who embodies the concept of the female hero. With the growing popularity of Telugu films across the world, especially blockbusters like Bahubali and RRR, Mukesh Manjunath's book-which won the inaugural HarperCollins-MAMI contest for writing on cinema-is a timely and fascinating study of Telugu cinema, which entertains an audience close to 10 crore globally.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874545>

Cooking

Dalit Kitchens Of Marathwada: Anna He Apoorna Brahma / Shahu Patole; Translated by Bhushan Korgaonkar
Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2024
xxiii, 357 p.; 22 cm.
9789356295834
\$ 15.00 / pb
450 gm.

'This is the food my parents ate and their parents ate ... It is an acquired taste, especially one acquired through centuries of discrimination.' A landmark publication in Marathi, Shahu Patole's book Anna He Apoorna Brahma was the first ever to document Dalit food history through the culinary practices of two Maharashtrian communities--Mahar and Mang. Fashioned as a memoir with recipes, it explores the politics of maintaining social divisions through food along with a commentary on caste-based discrimination--what food is sattvic (pure) or rajasic (fit for a king), what is tamasic (sinful) and why.

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Ecology / Environment

Trees of South India: Native Trees and Shrubs Of The South Indian Plains and Hillocks / Paul Blanchflower, Marie Demont
Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2024
239p.; ill. 23 cm.

978935699213
\$ 20.00 / pb
650 gm.

Trees of South India is a result of over fifty years of dedicated work of restoring and researching the forests and native trees of the Coromandel Coast of South India, all the way to the lower reaches of the Western Ghats, and on to the hillocks of the Eastern Ghats-a contiguous woodland until a few thousand years ago. Geographically, this range covers the states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and, to some extent, Odisha. Within this vast span there are a number of distinct forest types adapted to variations in rainfall, soil type, altitude and fauna.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874534>

Economics

Viksit Bharat@2047: Developed India / Niranjan Sahoo, Joseph Kujur
New Delhi: New Century Publications, 2024
9788177085686
\$ 44.50 / hb
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874982>

Capital Market and Innovative Financial Instruments / Meena Fakira Patil
New Delhi: New Century Publications, 2024
9788177085594
\$ 30.00 / hb
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874983>

Banking, Robotic Process Automation (RPA) and Cyber Security / V. Vimala
New Delhi: New Century Publications, 2024
9788177085600
\$ 29.25 / hb
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874984>

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India: Problems and... / Gazala A. Khan, Riya Nathani
New Delhi: New Century Publications, 2024
9788177085679
\$ 29.00 / hb
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874985>

Urban Planning and Development, Smart Cities and Ease of Living in India / Kiran Jalem, S. Chaudhary
New Delhi: New Century Publications, 2024
9788177085693
\$ 31.00 / hb
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874986>

Coronavirus: Resetter of Global Economy / Shrinivas Tripathi
New Delhi: New Century Publications, 2024
9788177085709

\$ 67.00 / hb

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874987>

History

Immortal India: Young Country, Timeless Civilization / Amish

Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2024

xxv, 252p.; 22 cm.

9789356996984

\$ 10.00 / pb

350gm.

India: a land that witnessed the dawn of civilization, the only pre-Bronze Age culture that is still alive. It has been celebrated and attacked, admired and vilified. But across millennia, through many great upheavals in history, it has stood strong. Now, after a few centuries of decline, it is driving a new dawn once again. Ajanaabhavarsh. Bharat. Hindustan. India. The names may be varied, but the soul of this great land remains immortal. In this expanded edition of his much-acclaimed book *Immortal India: Young Country, Timeless Civilization*, Amish helps you appreciate India like never before through a fresh series of sharp articles, nuanced speeches and intelligent debates. With his deep understanding of a range of subjects, from religion, mythology and tradition to history, contemporary societal norms, governance and ethics, Amish provides insight into the vast landscape of an ancient culture with a fascinatingly modern outlook.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874215>

Hindi Imperialism / Aladi Aruna; Translated by R Vijaya Sankar

New Delhi: Speaking Tiger Publishing Pvt. Ltd., 2024

308p.; 22 cm.

9789354477102

\$ 12.50 / pb

450gm.

The massive and uncompromising opposition to the repeated attempts to impose one language—Hindi—on the country has a long tradition in Tamil Nadu. Recent, aggressive attempts by the Hindutva regime to force Hindi upon all the people of the Indian Union have brought the Tamil resistance into particular focus. But this resistance has a long history. This book by the prominent Tamil politician and leader of the anti-Hindi agitation—first written in 1966, revised in 1993, and updated posthumously in 2023-24—traces the history of the movement; its origins and its impact on Tamil politics and India's federal structure.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874218>

Ways of Being Indian: Essays on Religion, Gender and Culture / Manoj Kumar Jena (ed)

New Delhi: Speaking Tiger Publishing Pvt. Ltd., 2024

317 p.; 22 cm.

9789354478369

\$ 12.50 / pb

350gm.

Identity formation in non-western societies involves paradox, as doctrines are frequently overridden by actual practices. The essays in this volume discuss different ways in which identities are constructed in unique 'Indian' contexts. The emergence of deras in Punjab reflects how continuing caste inequality and divergence over spiritual leadership has affected the egalitarian spirit of Sikhism, contradicting a basic feature of the faith—the tradition of common

worship. In the matrilineal Khasi community, men—looking to gain equal inheritance rights—use arguments of ethnic purity and indigenous rights to downsize women’s autonomy and undermine the commanding socio-economic position that their own tradition gives them.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874222>

Liberty The Indian Story / John Harriss
Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2024
194p.; 22 cm.
9789354477393
\$ 10.00 / pb
250 gm.

Few societies in the 19th and early 20th centuries remained untouched by the radical new idea of liberty, which implied both individual freedom and freedom from despotic rule. The leaders of India’s anti-colonial struggle, in making the concept their own, expanded its purview. But this definition of freedom, understood as socio-economic justice, was found to be fundamentally at odds with its narrower meaning during the debates in the Constituent Assembly.

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Circles Of Freedom: Friendship, Love and Loyalty In The Indian National Struggle / T.C.A. Raghavan
New Delhi: Juggernaut Books, 2024
viii, 398p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
9789353457952
\$ 20.00 / pb
550gm.

The Indian national movement was never a monolith. Millions participated in it; there were many important streams and personalities that shaped it. Most accounts are dominated by Gandhi, Nehru, Patel and Ambedkar, and a standard set of events – the Government of India acts, the Round Tables and the mass agitations. But what becomes invisible in these retellings are actual people whose lives were indelibly changed by this great struggle and who left their stamp on it in their own ways. This brilliant book, by the critically acclaimed historian T.C.A. Raghavan, is an ambitious attempt to tell the story of the freedom movement through five such characters.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874540>

Nehru's First Recruits: The Diplomats Who Built Independent India's Foreign Policy / Kallol Bhattacharjee
Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2024
xviii, 348p.; ill. 22 cm.
Includes Index.
9789356997516
\$ 17.50 / hb
550gm.

Independent India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and his team faced the colossal task of building the infrastructure for a new state that was rising from the ashes of war, famine and communal strife. One of the first administrative innovations was the formation of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS). In 1958, once its posts were finally filled, it was decided that the names of the extraordinary men and women who were the first to represent Indian on the world stage would be published as the History of Services of Officers of the Indian Foreign Service (Branches

A and B). That slim, 'restricted - for official use only' volume is the inspiration for Nehru's First Recruits.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874543>

India's Historic Battles: Impala-Kohima, 1944 / Hemant Singh Katoch

Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2024

x, 213p.; ill. 22 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789354899126

\$ 10.00 / pb

300gm.

The clash between the British Fourteenth Army and the Japanese Fifteenth Army at Imphal in Manipur and at Kohima in the then-Naga Hills of Assam in 1944 was the turning point in the Burma Campaign of the Second World War. It was at these twin battles that the Japanese invasion of India was stopped, with the Allies subsequently driving them out of Burma in 1945. The Japanese lost some 30,000 men, with another 23,000 injured, in what is considered one of their greatest ever defeats on land.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874544>

The Scam That Shook A Nation: The Nagarwala Scandal / Prakash Patra, Rasheed Kidwai

Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2024

263p.; 22 cm.

Includes Index.

9789356998629

\$ 10.00 / pb

350 gm.

On 24 May 1971, based on a telephone call purportedly from Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her secretary P.N. Haksar, the chief cashier at the Parliament Street branch of the State Bank of India handed over Rs 60 lakh to a stranger posing as the PM's courier. The money was supposedly meant for secret operations in East Pakistan. When the chief cashier approached the PMO for a receipt, he was told that neither Haksar nor the PM had given any such instructions. He had been duped.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874547>

Indology

Decolonizing Indian Studies / Arvind Sharma (ed)

New Delhi: D.K. Printworld (P) Ltd., 2015

viii, 297p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9788124608326

\$ 21.25 / hb

700gm.

The present Indian academic self-understanding of its history and culture is largely Western in origin. This Western intellectual enterprise, however, went hand in hand with a Western political enterprise i.e the colonization of India. This raises the question: To what extent, if any, did the two developments influence each other ? It also raises another question: To what extent did West's cultural presuppositions influence its understanding of Indian civilization ?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=872334>

Dwapar Katha: The Stories Of The Mahabharata / Sudipta Bhawmik
Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2024
xvii, 589p.; ill. 23 cm.
Includes Bibliography.
9789356995697
\$ 15.00 / pb
700gm.

The Mahabharata, one of India's most cherished epics, has fascinated generations. The age-old saga of warring cousins-the valiant Pandavas and the formidable Kauravas-has left an indelible mark on our collective imagination. Yet, beneath the stories of valour and villainy lie complex human emotions that challenge our ideas about 'good' and 'evil'. Can the virtuous always conquer the malevolent? Are the Kauravas truly the embodiment of darkness, while the Pandavas exude righteousness? Does Dharma triumph in the end?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874535>

Law

Yearbook of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization: Vol. XIX, 2022
New Delhi, India: The AALCO Secretariat, 2023
xiv, 369p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
ISSN: 0972-9534
\$ 90.00 / hb
700gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874551>

Linguistics

People's Linguistic Survey of India Volume Fourteen, Part II: The Languages of Karnataka / G.N. Devy (ed)
Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan Private Limited., 2024
xlii, 370p.; 25 cm.
Bibliography Includes Index.
9789354425479
\$ 76.25 / hb
1000gm.

Karnataka has been home to some of the most powerful empires of ancient and medieval India. As a result, this state is a melting pot of people, cultures and languages, and this makes it a unique case study. This volume of the People's Linguistic Survey of India, The Languages of Karnataka (volume fourteen, part two), discusses the Tribal, Scheduled and Non-Scheduled languages spoken in the state, with examples of folktales, folk songs and vocabulary lists for a better understanding of the languages in use. The volume is an excellent resource for students and readers interested in studying the interface of Dravidian and Modern Indo-Aryan languages.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874214>

Literature

Conversations with Aurangzeb: A Novel / Charu Nivedita; Translated from the Tamil by Nandini Krishnan

Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2023

ix, 335 p.; 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

9789356993921

\$ 15.00 / pb

400gm.

Comprehensively irreverent . . . genre-bending . . . sparkingly witty.' - MANU PILLAI 'Who would have thought Aurangzeb could be so entertaining.' - MANU JOSEPH A writer hopes to get some primary research done for his new book by interviewing the spirit of Shah Jahan. But the endeavour turns into an obstacle course, with his translator arguing about how to start a novel, a fellow writer giving him unsolicited feedback, and a friend plaguing him with phone calls. Worst of all, Shah Jahan is elbowed out by Aurangzeb, who hijacks the novel.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874542>

Official Publications

Indian Pharmacopoeia 2022: Addendum 2024

Ghaziabad, India: Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, 2024

lxix, 27 cm.

Includes Index.

978819536080

1000 gm.

\$ 175.00 / hb

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874138>

Performing Arts

H-POP: The Secretive World Of Hindutva Pop Stars / Kunal Purohit

Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2023

xx, 283 p.; 22 cm.

9789356995826

\$ 12.50 / pb

350 gm.

Can a song trigger a murder? Can a poem spark a riot? Can a book divide a people? Away from the gaze of mainstream urban media, across India's dusty, sleepy towns, a brand of popular culture is quietly seizing the imagination of millions, on the internet and off it. From catchy songs with acerbic lyrics to poetry recited in kavi sammelans to social media influencers shaping opinions with their brand of 'breaking news' to books rescripting historical events, 'Hindutva Pop' or H-Pop is steadily creating societal acceptability for Hindutva's core beliefs. By cleverly inserting Hindutva into popular culture, H-Pop normalizes Islamophobia, demonizes minorities and vilifies its critics each day, without ever making headlines.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860263>

Politics

The Future Is Ours: The Political Promise of India's Youth / Sudhanshu Kaushik
Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2023
223p.; 22 cm.
9789356995888
\$ 10.00 / pb
300gm.

We know the numbers and we have heard the speeches about how India's young are its future. Yet, what is the country doing to ensure that young Indians are prepared to participate in creating their own future? This book is part explanation and part a call to action to ensure more young people understand and participate in politics.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874219>

In Defence Of The Republic: Upholding The Values at The Heart Of India's Democracy / Deb Mukharji, Meena Gupta, Amitabha Pande & Sundar Burra
New Delhi: Speaking Tiger Publishing Pvt. Ltd., 2024
xvii, 437p.; 22 cm.
9789354477638
\$ 15.00 / pb
550gm.

'We have no affiliation with any political party and are, instead, committed to the values enshrined in the Constitution and the judicial process that is protected by it.' Almost 25 years into the 21st century, as India, the world's largest democracy, heads into its 18th general election, the country's political and social landscape is darkened by the looming shadow of authoritarianism and illiberalism. Standing against this dark tide is the Indian Constitution, with its pledge of equal citizenship to people of every faith, caste, class, gender, language and ethnicity. It is this pledge that the Constitutional Conduct Group (CCG)—a collective of retired civil servants with decades of experience in public service—has been trying to uphold since 2017.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874220>

Aadhaar: A Biometric History of India's 12-Digit Revolution / Shankkar Aiyar (ed)
Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2024
xxix, 231p.; 22 cm.
9789356993143
\$ 12.50 / pb
350gm.

Aadhaar was born in July 2009, yoking modern technology and management expertise to political will. The biometric-based unique identification system, built by tech czar Nandan Nilekani and his team of innovators, was designed to enable subsidies and social spends reach their true destination, plug institutional corruption and save trillions of tax-rupees. In July 2017, Aadhaar is 1.15 billion identities and growing.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=874223>

ULFA: The Mirage Of Dawn / Rajeev Bhattacharyya
Haryana, India: HarperCollins Publishers, 2023
xx, 409p.; ill. 22 cm.
9789356993082
\$ 15.00 / pb
450 gm.

This is the untold story of the outlawed separatist outfit, the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), from its inception in the early 1980s in the backdrop of the historic Assam Movement, to the present when a peace process is on between a faction led by its chairman Arabinda Rajkhowa and the government. The account delves into all major episodes, delineates their causes and effects and debunks interpretations about the movement that have gained currency over the years.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860343>

How We Vote: The Factors That Influence Voters / Surjit S. Bhalla with Abhinav Motheram

New Delhi: Juggernaut Books, 2024

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