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*Sita's Curse* Bloomsbury Publishing  
 WITHOUT THE DARKNESS, LIGHT HAS NO  
 PURPOSE. WITHOUT THE VILLAIN, WHAT  
 WOULD THE GODS DO? INDIA, 3400 BCE.  
 A land in tumult, poverty and chaos. Most  
 people suffer quietly. A few rebel. Some  
 fight for a better world. Some for  
 themselves. Some don't give a damn.  
 Raavan. Fathered by one of the most  
 illustrious sages of the time. Blessed by  
 the Gods with talents beyond all. Cursed  
 by fate to be tested to the extremes. A  
 formidable teenage pirate, he is filled with  
 equal parts courage, cruelty and fearsome  
 resolve. A resolve to be a giant among

men, to conquer, plunder, and seize the  
 greatness that he thinks is his right. A man  
 of contrasts, of brutal violence and  
 scholarly knowledge. A man who will love  
 without reward and kill without remorse.  
 This exhilarating third book of the Ram  
 Chandra series sheds light on Ravaan, the  
 king of Lanka. And the light shines on  
 darkness of the darkest kind. Is he the  
 greatest villain in history or just a man in a  
 dark place, all the time? Read the epic tale  
 of one of the most complex, violent,  
 passionate and accomplished men of all  
 time.

*Kabir The Weaver-Poet* St. Martin's Griffin  
 Marriage. It's the obvious path for every  
 girl in India. It's supposed to define us,  
 shape us and give meaning to our life. But  
 does it, really? Figures show that nearly

74.1 million women in India are either  
 divorced, separated, widowed or have  
 never been married. And the number is on  
 the rise. In what promises to be a path-  
 breaking work on female identity,  
 Sreemoyee Piu Kundu, a proud-to-be-  
 single woman herself, spills the beans on  
 what it is like being over 30 and  
 unattached in India, through her own  
 compelling story and the chequered lives  
 and journeys of nearly 3,000 urban single  
 Indian women from all walks of life.  
 Women, whether single by choice or  
 circumstance, are under scathing societal  
 pressure, invasive scrutiny and pervasive  
 criticism. Be it the difficulty in renting an  
 apartment, being character-assassinated  
 by your gynaecologist, or being slut-  
 shamed as having slept your way to the

top, even when you're successful professionally, a single woman's life choices are the easiest to dissect. From one of the most powerful voices in contemporary Indian writing, comes a passionate narrative of grit and gumption, anger and loneliness and the daily struggle of being single in a country where the highest validation of your gender remains marriage and motherhood.

Fiercely honest and painfully vulnerable, *Status Single* is a book that every woman and man—single or otherwise—must read.

**Boys without Names** Walker

Birds have significant roles in the Ramayana. The epic progresses because of birds at crucial moments, such as the abduction of Sita by Ravana. Jatayu, Sampati and Garuda are vital for our receiving the Ramayana as it is now available to us. Were the two vulture-brothers, Sampati and Jatayu indeed vultures? Or, were they a superior race of warriors who had vultures as their totems? Krauncha, the crane in distress at the death of its beloved companion, provides the reason for the Ramayana being written. What is regarded as the first Ramayana is the rendition of the Ramayana by Kakabhushundi the sage-crow. The natural history of these five birds, Kakabhushundi, Krauncha, Jatayu, Sampati and Garuda is enlarged by their presence and roles within the Ramayana. Discover their stories anew with this collection of essays about the Birds of the Ramayan

*Valmiki's Ramayana Sita's Curse* The Language of Desire

The empire that was Aryavarta fades under the shadow of doom. As the bitter struggle to gain control of the divided kingdom ensues, both Krishna Dwaipayana Vyasa of the Firstborn and the Secret Keeper of the Firewrights can only watch as their own blood, their kin, savage and kill on the fields of Kurukshetra. Restraint and reason have deserted the rulers who once protected the land and they manipulate, scheme and kill with abandon - for victory is all that matters. At the heart of the storm stands Govinda Shauri, driven by fickle allies and failed kings, to the very brink of darkness. He may well be the greatest danger Aryavarta has faced yet, for he is determined to change things forever. Reforging the forsaken realm in the fire of his apocalyptic wrath, Govinda prepares to destroy everything he loves and make the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of one last hope: that humanity will rise. There will be revolution.

*Stories of Dowry Victims* Diamond Pocket Books Pvt Ltd

Fresh perspectives on the classic Indian

epic

**The Liberation of Sita** Penguin UK From the man who coined the term "net neutrality" and who has made significant contributions to our understanding of antitrust policy and wireless communications, comes a call for tighter antitrust enforcement and an end to corporate bigness.

**The Thinnai** Harper Collins

Gandhari, the blindfolded queen-mother of the Kauravas, sees through it all...

Gandhari has one day left to live. As she stares death in the face, her memories travel back to the beginning of her story, to life's unfairness at every point: A fiercely intelligent princess who wilfully blindfolded herself for the sake of her peevish, visually-impaired husband; who underwent a horrible pregnancy to mother one hundred sons, each as unworthy as the other; whose stern tapasya never earned her a place in people's hearts, nor commanded the respect that Draupadi and Kunti attained; who even today is perceived either as an ingratiatingly self-sacrificing wife or a bad mother who was unable to control her sons and was, therefore, partly responsible for the great war of the Mahabharata... In this insightful and sensitive portrayal, Aditi Banerjee rescues Gandhari from being reduced to a mere symbol of her blindfold. She builds her up, as Ved Vyasa did, as an unconventional heroine of great strength and iron will - who, when crossed, embarked upon a complex relationship with Lord Krishna, and became the queen who cursed a God...

*A Novel in Monthly Installments with Recipes, Romances, and Home Remedies* Penguin Random House India Private Limited

An Instant New York Times Bestseller! Contains an extended excerpt from *The Gilded Wolves*. Fate and fortune. Power and passion. What does it take to be the queen of a kingdom when you're only seventeen? Maya is cursed. With a horoscope that promises a marriage of Death and Destruction, she has earned only the scorn and fear of her father's kingdom. Content to follow more scholarly pursuits, her whole world is torn apart when her father, the Raja, arranges a wedding of political convenience to quell outside rebellions. Soon Maya becomes the queen of Akaran and wife of Amar. Neither roles are what she expected: As Akaran's queen, she finds her voice and power. As Amar's wife, she finds something else entirely: Compassion. Protection. Desire... But Akaran has its own secrets -- thousands of locked doors, gardens of glass, and a tree that bears

memories instead of fruit. Soon, Maya suspects her life is in danger. Yet who, besides her husband, can she trust? With the fate of the human and Otherworldly realms hanging in the balance, Maya must unravel an ancient mystery that spans reincarnated lives to save those she loves the most. . .including herself. A lush and vivid story that is steeped in Indian folklore and mythology. *The Star-touched Queen* is a novel that no reader will soon forget.

*Siddhartha* Bloomsbury Publishing

*Sita's Curse* The Language of

*Desire* Bloomsbury Publishing

*Status Single* Hachette India

Sri Lanka's first collection of 16 scorching stories that evoke a world of heady sensuality and offer a veritable smorgasboard of spicy fantasies.

*The Devil Take Love* Tulika Books

Hermann Hesse, the author, has narrated a lot about Siddhartha and his spiritual journey. A lot has been discussed about Siddhartha. He is loved by everyone. He is a source of joy for everybody, but he, Siddhartha, is not a source of joy for himself, he finds no delight in himself.

Siddhartha has started to nurse discontent in himself, he has started to feel that the love of his father and his mother, and love of his friend, will not bring him joy forever and ever, will not nurse him, freed him, satisfy him. Siddhartha has many queries in his mind like as, "Do the sacrifices give a happy fortune?", "What about the Gods?", "Was it really Prajapati who had created the world?" "Was it not the Atman, the singular one?" Siddhartha meets his father and says, "With your permission, my father, I have come to tell you that it is my longing to leave your house tomorrow and go to ascetics. My desire is to become a Samara." His father says-"You will go into the go forest and be a Samara, when you will find blissfulness in the forest, come back and teach me to be blissful." This is just an excerpt, the whole book consists of spiritualistic way of narration, thus becomes interesting one. Once you start reading can't resist to leave the book in the mid.

**The Star-Touched Queen** Harper Collins

"A rose can rest in the casket for a thousand years without fading. An egg can remain there for centuries without going bad. A person could lie there for a hundred years, a thousand years, ten thousand years, completely protected from time." What happens when the world starts to fall apart, and no one will take responsibility for mending it? Sigrun's family, along with everyone else, finds refuge from the crisis in a new technology called TimeBox®, which lets you hibernate until the world's

problems solve themselves. But Sigrun's TimeBox® opens early, and she wakes to a city in chaos, overrun by nature. Sigrun joins a roving band of kids and a wise researcher named Grace, who tells them of the ancient kingdom of Pangea, and the greedy king who wanted to protect his daughter Obsidiana from pain, gloomy days, and growing older by putting her in a silken casket that time could not penetrate. But Obsidiana learns that sabotaging time is a dangerous business, with effects that ripple outward even to the present day. Sigrun realizes it's up to her and her friends to face the crisis, break the curse, and fix the world before it's too late! Winner of The Icelandic Literary Prize for Children and Young People's Books Winner of The Icelandic Booksellers Prize for Best Teenage Book of the Year Nominated for the Nordic Council Children and Young People's Literature Prize Winner of the The West Nordic Literature Prize Winner of the Reykjavik Children's Literature Prize "The story confronts the concept of time and twists old fairy-tale memories with a passionate creativity." —The Nordic Council Children and Young People's Literature Prize Citation "Andri Snær Magnason has created an intimate epic that floats effortlessly between genres as diverse as fairy tale and political commentary, science fiction and social realism. The Casket of Time spans the chasm between 'once upon a time' and 'have you heard the news today' in a way that makes his philosophical fable feel both timely and timeless." —Bjarke Ingels "The largest box of chocolate written in the Icelandic language that I have ever laid my hands on... This is confectionery for the mind!... This is a book for the 3 year old, the 30 year old, the 300 year old." —Audur Haraldsdóttir, Channel 2, National Radio (Iceland) "The power of story animates a tale that communicates—but is not overpowered by—urgent messages." —Kirkus Reviews

The Curse of Gandhari Scholastic UK Rama, Maryada Purushottam, the king of Ayodhya, banished his beloved queen, in whose chastity he had complete faith, simply because his subjects disapproved of his accepting a wife who had spent a year in the house of her abductor. The king submitted to the will of the people though it broke his heart. Was his stand justified? Could Manthara be held solely responsible for the banishment of Rama and the subsequent death of Dasharatha? Was Ahalya an adulteress or a victim of sexual assault? Did the actions of the serial molester Ravana stand legal scrutiny? Was Lakshmana, a prince of

Ayodhya, legally justified in mutilating Surpanakha? Was his elder brother Rama an accomplice in that action? It was said in ancient India, a king who, after having sworn to safeguard his subjects, failed to protect should be executed like a mad dog. Such a provision indicated that sovereignty was based on an implied social contract, and if the king violated the traditional pact, he forfeited his kingship. So, a king had to be just as justice trickled down from the crown. What happens though if the events of yore are retold and characters made to stand trial in today's time? Here is an attempt, unexplored so far, to retell the significant happenings narrated in the Ramayana through the legal prism of the Indian Penal Code. Each chapter comprises a prosecution version, citations of relevant provisions from the IPC, deposition of witnesses and the defence argument. Ramayana Revisited succeeds in bringing in all alternative perspectives, leaving the final judgement to the discretion of the reader.

Antitrust in the New Gilded Age Amaryllis - an imprint of Manjul Publishing House A liberated, dynamic and successfully writer, Piya has everything she has ever wanted, until she's revisited by her past... Faraway Music is the story of a young Bengali girl, and her stumbles through the world of love. First as an adolescent in Calcutta, where she grows up in a loving home with her mother and grandparents, then as a gutsy journalist in love with her married boss, who finds herself caught in the nexus between politicians and the media, and finally as the reclusive writer married to an artist in the United States. Sensuous, profound, lyrical and moving, Faraway Music is the story of family, friendship, fame, love, loss...and all that lies in between.

**The Curse of Bigness** Tranquebar Press The Islamic state has spread its tentacles in India, penetrating stealthily into the academia, media and politics. The mastermind is Shamsur Ali, a physicist from Bangladesh. To destabilize India, he wants to create a sort of apocalypse, which the 21-year-old Kubha must prevent at any cost, come what may. In a brazen attempt at legitimizing the demolition of one of the most prominent historical structures in India, someone unbelievably, it could be both Hiranyagarbha Bharata, a radical Hindu outfit and the Islamic state resorts to a big deceit. Afsar Fareedi, a linguistic paleontologist, catches the fraud. In the melee, there are three gruesome murders, including that of her father, perhaps to eliminate all traces of a carpet which, Afsar discovers, has a lot hidden in its mysterious motifs. At the centre of all

this is a verse composed by the maverick mathematician, Aryabhata, some 1,500 years ago.

You've Got the Wrong Girl Westland Publication Limited

At times, life seems more miserable than death. There is a moment at times when a sinner begs and prays for death but the Lord of Death denies the plea.

Kurukshetra Penguin Random House India Private Limited

The bestselling phenomenon and inspiration for the award-winning film. Earthy, magical, and utterly charming, this tale of family life in turn-of-the-century Mexico blends poignant romance and bittersweet wit. This classic love story takes place on the De la Garza ranch, as the tyrannical owner, Mama Elena, chops onions at the kitchen table in her final days of pregnancy. While still in her mother's womb, her daughter to be weeps so violently she causes an early labor, and little Tita slips out amid the spices and fixings for noodle soup. This early encounter with food soon becomes a way of life, and Tita grows up to be a master chef, using cooking to express herself and sharing recipes with readers along the way.

Mandodari Niyogi Books

Somewhere, behind closed doors, in her solitary world; somewhere, under the sheets with an indifferent lover; somewhere, is a woman who will not be denied... Trapped for fifteen years in the stranglehold of a dead marriage and soulless household domesticity, the beautiful, full-bodied and passionate Meera Patel depends on her memories and her flights of fancy to soothe the aches that wrack her body; to quieten an unquenchable need. Until one cataclysmic day in Mumbai, when she finally breaks free... Bold, brazen and defiant, Sita's Curse looks at the hypocrisy of Indian society and tells the compelling story of a middle-class Indian housewife's urgent need for love, respect, acceptance - and sexual fulfilment.

Enemy of Aryavarta Raider Pub International

Under the shadow of imminent death, a great poet reflects on the journey of his life and the choices that have led him to this fateful moment. And so begins the story of Bhartrihari, the greatest Sanskrit poet of love. As a young man, Bhartrihari arrives in the magnificent city of Ujjayini where his astonishing brilliance as a poet is recognized immediately and he flourishes under the patronage of the formidable young king of Avanti. But the journey of his self is not as smooth, caught as he is between sexual passion and erotic

disenchantment. And it is this ceaseless conflict between morality and desire that will push the boundaries of Bhartrihari's own creative genius at great personal

cost.  
The Language of Desire Anchor  
Alisa Perne is the last vampire. Beautiful and brilliant, she hunts alone, living among humans, living off humans. But

someone is stalking her. Someone wants her dead. And Alisa has a choice to make - to keep a long held promise or protect the mortal she seems to be falling for.