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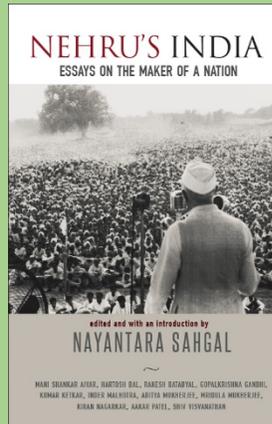
We bring to you the works of some of the best writers in the country: Ruskin Bond, Mahesh Bhatt, Omair Ahmad, Jerry Pinto, Harsh Mander, Nazes Afroz, Nayantara Sahgal, Wendy Doniger, Anubha Bhonsle and many more.

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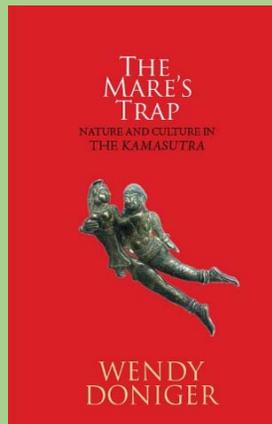
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## Books of the MONTH



### **Nehru's India—Essays on the Maker of a Nation**

Edited and with an Introduction by  
Nayantara Sahgal  
ISBN: 9789385288265  
Price: ₹ 399



### **The Mare's Trap—Nature and Culture in the *Kamasutra***

Wendy Doniger  
ISBN: 9789385288067  
Price: ₹ 399



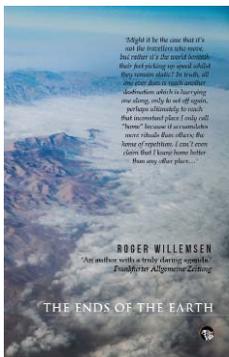
Insightful and thought-provoking essays by some of our foremost writers and thinkers that examine Nehru's legacy and its continuing relevance in 21st century India. Contributors include: Mani Shankar Aiyar, Kumar Ketkar, Inder Malhotra, Aditya and Mrinalini Mukherjee, Shiv Visvanathan, Rakesh Batabyal, Gopalkrishna Gandhi, Hartosh Bal, Aakar Patel, Kiran Nagarkar.

'Most people think the *Kamasutra* is a book about the positions (often improbable) in sexual intercourse... [but] the *real Kamasutra* is a book about the art of living—about finding a partner, maintaining power in a marriage, committing adultery, living as or with a courtesan, using drugs as stimulants—and also about the positions in sexual intercourse.'

—Wendy Doniger

In this scholarly and superbly readable book, one of the world's foremost authorities on ancient Indian texts seeks to restore the *Kamasutra* to its proper place in the Sanskrit canon, as a landmark of India's secular literature.

## NEW TITLES



### **The Ends of the Earth**

Roger Willemssen

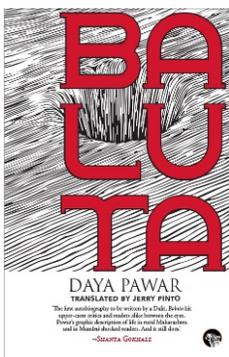
ISBN:

9789385288500

Price: ₹ 450

A lifelong traveller with an admitted 'predilection for unlovely things', Roger Willemssen has tramped over five continents in search of the ends of the earth. Some are literally that—geographical and topographical extremities like the Cape of Good Hope, the Himalaya, the volcanoes of Kamchatka, and the North Pole.

A brilliantly conceived and utterly original travelogue, *The Ends of the Earth* is as much an exploration of landscapes and geographies as it is of the psyche. This volume is perfect for every kind of traveller.



### **BALUTA**

Daya Pawar

ISBN:

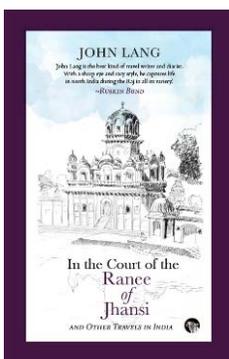
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Price: ₹ 350

The first Dalit autobiography to be published, *Baluta* caused a sensation when it first appeared, in Marathi, in 1978. It quickly acquired the status of a classic of modern Indian literature and was also a bestseller in Hindi and other major languages. This is the first time that it has been translated into English.

Set in Mumbai and rural Maharashtra of the 1940s and '50s, it describes in shocking detail the practice of untouchability and caste violence. But it also speaks of the pride and courage of the Dalit community that often fought back for dignity.

Most unusually, *Baluta* is also a frank account of the author's own failings and contradictions—his passions, prejudices and betrayals—as also those of some leading lights of the Dalit movement. In addition, it is a rare record of life in Maharashtra's villages and in the slums, chawls and gambling dens of Mumbai.



### **In the Court of the Rancee of Jhansi and Other Travels in India**

John Lang

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9789385288227

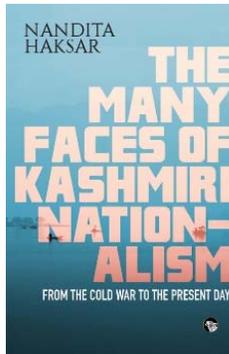
Price: ₹ 250

Novelist, intrepid traveller, barrister-at-law, newspaper editor and uninhibited gossip, John Lang lived for a number of years in pre- and post-Mutiny British India, and his writings constitute some of the most vivid records of the time.

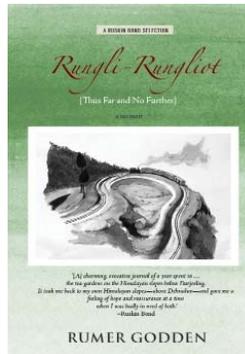
Lang describes his meeting with the Rancee of Jhansi—soon to become the focal point of the rebellion—as well as his counsel to her; he also chronicles the wondrous and tragic life of 'Black and Blue', a boy of mixed British and Indian parentage, and his claims to a peerage in England. And, narrating a march in the Upper Provinces, Lang provides an eyewitness account of eight thousand monkeys, gathered in Deobund for a clan meeting.

Written with a historian's sense of detail, a raconteur's delight in the unexpected, and a keen sense of the absurd, John Lang's travel diary is a riveting read.

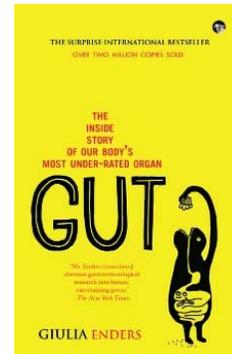
# COMING SOON



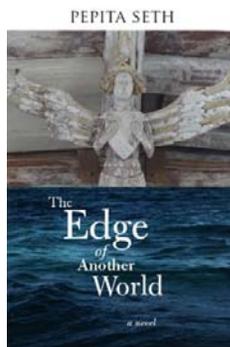
**The Many Faces of Kashmiri Nationalism: From the Cold War to the Present Day**  
Nandita Haksar  
ISBN: 9789385288180  
Price: ₹ 350



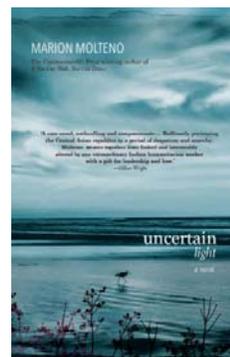
**Rungli Rungliot {Thus Far and No Further}: A Memoir**  
Rumer Godden  
ISBN: 9789385288395  
Price: ₹ 350



**Gut: The Inside Story of Our Body's Most Under-Rated Organ**  
Giulia Enders  
ISBN: 9789385288616  
Price: ₹ 299

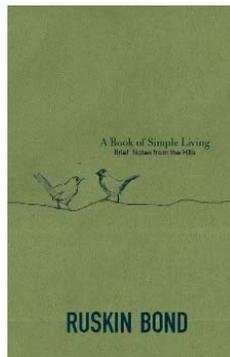


**The Edge of Another World**  
Pepita Seth  
ISBN: 9789385288371  
Price: ₹ 399

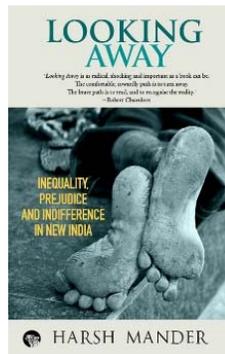


**Uncertain Light**  
Marion Molteno  
ISBN: 9789385288432  
Price: ₹ 399

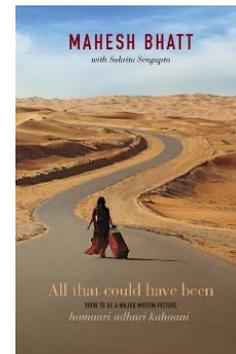
# BACKLIST



**A Book of Simple Living: Brief Notes from the Hills**  
Ruskin Bond  
ISBN: 9788193071007  
Price: ₹ 350



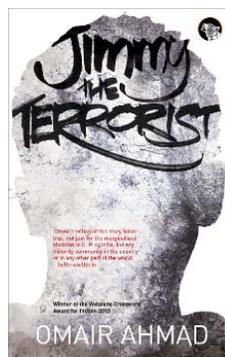
**Looking Away: Inequality, Prejudice and Indifference in New India**  
Harsh Mander  
ISBN: 9789385288005  
Price: ₹ 495



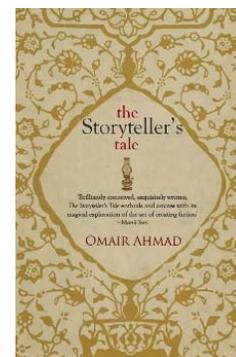
**All That Could Have Been**  
Mahesh Bhatt  
ISBN: 9788193071014  
Price: ₹ 195



**In a Land Far From Home: A Bengali in Afghanistan {Deshe Bideshe}**  
Syed Mujtaba Ali  
ISBN: 9789385288029  
Price: ₹ 350



**Jimmy the Terrorist**  
Omair Ahmad  
ISBN: 9789385288043  
Price: ₹ 250



**The Storyteller's Tale**  
Omair Ahmad  
ISBN: 9788193071021  
Price: ₹ 295

## FROM OUR DIARIES

- Mumbai's popular literary festival—Literature Live!— in association with Speaking Tiger launched Mahesh Bhatt's debut novel *All that could have been* on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2015.
- Harsh Mander's book, *Looking Away, Inequality, Prejudice and Indifference in New India*, has been published to critical acclaim. In the month of May, the book was No. 1 in Amazon India's Social Welfare and Social Services section.
- India's much-loved author, Ruskin Bond, turned 81 on 19th May, 2015. Our team travelled to Mussoorie to celebrate his birthday and launched his book, *A Book of Simple Living*, at the Cambridge Book Depot. Read a report published in Tribune [here](#).
- Translator, Nazes Afroz, unveiled *In a Land Far from Home: A Bengali in Afghanistan*, a translation of classic Bengali memoir, *Deshe Bideshe*, in Delhi, Kolkata and Dhaka. It received good reviews in the media, including those by [Open Magazine](#), [The Financial Express](#), [The Asian Age](#), [the Wire](#) among others.
- *All that could have been*, Mahesh Bhatt's debut novel, is now a major motion picture, *Hamari Adhuri Kahani*. It released worldwide on 12th June, 2015.
- On 15th February, Speaking Tiger Books celebrated its launch with friends and well-wishers from the industry. Take a look at the photographs [here](#).

## LISTEN IN

 [A panel discussion on \*Looking Away—Inequality, Prejudice and Indifference in New India\*.](#)

Panellists: Harsh Mander, Zoya Hasan, Siddharth Varadarajan and Mark Tully.  
Moderator: Urvashi Butalia.

 [Ruskin Bond on writing and other adventures](#) at the Jaipur Literature Festival 2011.

 A [song](#) written by Daya Pawar sung by Anand Patwardhan.

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