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Global Reading: India

DB107286 The Kabuliwallah and Other Stories by Rabindranath Tagor

A collection of short stories about human yearning and longing. The collection begins with "The Kabuliwallah," a story about the relationship between a father and daughter. In "The Postmaster," a young man from Calcutta finds himself adjusting to life in a remote village, and "The Hungry Stones" recounts an unlikely encounter at a railway station. Unrated. 1892. (1913 Nobel Prize)

DB50087 Interpreter Of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri (literature)

Nine tales of brief encounters with lasting effects, set in India and America. Each emphasizes cultural transition and loss. In the title piece, while American-born Mr. and Mrs. Das and their three young children are tourists in India, Mrs. Das confides a disquieting secret to their guide. Pulitzer Prize. Bestseller. 1999.

DB44608 The God Of Small Things by Arundhati Roy (historical fiction)

A story of class struggle, family crisis, and coming of age in Kerala, India. Born to prosperity, twins Estha and Rahel are isolated from the squalor and political unrest around them. The events of a single day in 1969 alter their lives and relationships forever. Descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1997.

DB47434 Hullabaloo In The Guava Orchard by Kiran Desai (contemporary fiction)

A twenty-year-old fired postal worker in India opts for a simpler way of life and takes up residence in a tree. Sampath is followed by his family, who refuse to abandon him, and by villagers who flock to him for wisdom, which they do not realize he has gained from reading their mail. Soon he is even joined by a band of monkeys, and the orchard is no longer a quiet retreat. 1998.

DB68395 Sea Of Poppies; Ibis Trilogy 01 by Amitav Ghosh (historical fiction)

1838. With the opium trade as a backdrop, the ship Ibis leaves British India bound for Mauritius and carrying a diverse crew and passengers, including a Bengali widow, a French orphan, a deposed raja, and an American freedman. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 2008.

DB113515 The Bangalore Detectives Club by Harini Nagendra (mystery)

The first in a charming, joyful cozy crime series set in 1920s Bangalore, featuring sari-wearing detective Kaveri and her husband, Ramu. Perfect for fans of Alexander McCall Smith's The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency. When clever, headstrong Kaveri moves to Bangalore to marry handsome young doctor Ramu, she's resigned herself to a quiet life. But that all changes the night of the party at the Century Club, where she escapes to the garden for some peace and quiet—and instead spots an uninvited guest in the shadows. Half an hour later, the party turns into a murder scene. When a vulnerable woman is connected to the crime, Kaveri becomes determined to save her and launches a private investigation to find the killer, tracing his steps from an illustrious brothel to an Englishman's mansion. She soon finds that sleuthing in a sari isn't as hard as it seems when you have a talent for mathematics, a head for logic, and a doctor for a husband ... And she's going to need them all as the case leads her deeper into a hotbed of danger, sedition, and intrigue in Bangalore's darkest alleyways. 2022.

DB48746 An Equal Music by Vikram Seth (contemporary romance)

Violinist Michael Holme, age thirty-seven, is dedicated to his chamber quartet and teaching when he finds the lost love of his youth, pianist Julia McNicholl, now married and a mother. While renewing their relationship, they explore the changes of ten years apart, including Julia's growing deafness. 1999.

DB74363 Miss New India by Bharati Mukherjee (contemporary fiction)

With the help of her American teacher, Anjali Bose flees her catastrophic arranged marriage in northern India. In the teeming city of Bangalore, Anjali meets a diverse group of people and struggles to find a job at a call center. 2011.

DB47315 Mother Teresa: A Complete Authorized Biography by Kathryn Spink

The life of the nun who was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Macedonia, in 1910. Mother Teresa's work in Calcutta--helping the poor, those with leprosy and other illnesses, and abandoned and orphaned children--earned her the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 and worldwide recognition long before her death in 1997.

DB95557 The Bhagavad Gita: The Song Of God Retold In Simplified English

Portion of the epic Mahabharata (DB 84189) that imparts key ideas of Hindu philosophy through dialogue between Prince Arjuna and Lord Krishna. Includes a character list, glossary, and backstory. Unrated.