

# Reader's Roadmap

Helping you navigate the world of books



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Book of the Month  
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Reader's Roadmaps enable readers to pursue threads of interest inspired by a book they've just read.

## Secret Daughter F G722s

On the eve of the monsoons, in a remote Indian village, Kavita gives birth to a baby girl. But in a culture that favors sons, the only way for Kavita to save her newborn daughter's life is to give her away. It is a decision that will haunt her and her husband for the rest of their lives, even after the arrival of their cherished son.

Halfway around the globe, Somer, an American doctor, decides to adopt a child after making the wrenching discovery that she will never have one of her own. When she and her husband, Krishnan, see a photo of the baby with the gold-flecked eyes from a Mumbai orphanage, they are overwhelmed with emotion. Somer knows life will change with the adoption but is convinced that the love they already feel will overcome all obstacles.

Interweaving the stories of Kavita, Somer, and the child that binds both of their destinies, *Secret Daughter* poignantly explores the emotional terrain of motherhood, loss, identity, and love, as witnessed through the lives of two families—one Indian, one American—and the child that indelibly connects them.

"This is the unforgettable story of two families ... movingly conveyed without a shred of sentimentality. This is a rattling good yarn taken to another notch entirely by writing that has intensity and depth, and a great cast of characters. Provocative and wonderfully real, this is the perfect book for reading clubs."

## Shilpi Somaya Gowda

Shilpi Somaya Gowda was born and raised in Toronto to parents who migrated there from Mumbai. She holds an MBA from Stanford University, and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She spent a summer in college as a volunteer in an Indian orphanage, which seeded the idea for her first novel, *Secret Daughter*. A native of Canada, she has lived in New York, North Carolina and California. She now makes her home in Dallas with her husband and children.



## East Indian Fiction

The age of Shiva: a novel by Manil Suri

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Sister of my heart by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

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A suitable boy by Vikram Seth

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The god of small things by Arundhati Roy

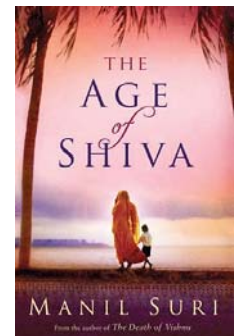
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A fine balance by Rohinton Mistry

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The hungry tide by Amitav Ghosh

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## **Fiction set in Bombay**

The death of Mr. Love by Indra Sinha  
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The death of Vishnu by Manil Suri  
F S961d

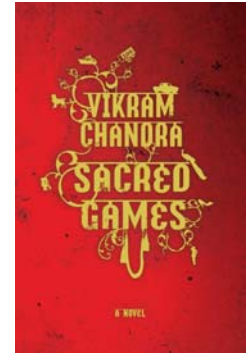
The immortals by Amit Chaudhuri  
F C496i

Q & A by Vikas Swarup  
F S9733q

Sacred games by Vikram Chandra  
F C456s

Dahanu Road by Anosh Irani  
F I652d

Family matters by Rohinton Mistry  
F M6781fa



## **East Indians in North America**

The vine of desire: a novel by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni  
F D618v

Desirable daughters: a novel by Bharati Mukherjee  
F M953de

The namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri  
F L183n

Serving crazy with curry by Amulya Malladi  
F M252s

The immigrant by Manju Kapur  
F K179hi

Vishnu dreams by Ven Begamudré F B416v

Lucky everyday by Bapsy Jain  
F J254L

For matrimonial purposes by Kavita Daswani  
F D231f

Under the lemon trees by Bhira Backhaus  
F B126u

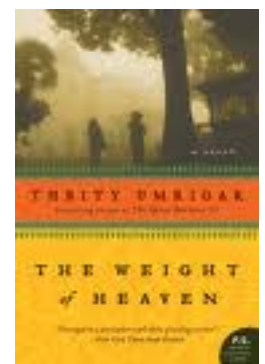
## **Adoption in Fiction**

China run by David W. Ball  
F B1872c

The weight of heaven by Thrity N. Umrigar  
F U52w

The English American by Alison Larkin  
F L324e

Digging to America by Anne Tyler  
F T981d



## **About India**

The elephant, the tiger, and the cell phone: reflections on India, the emerging 21st-century power  
by Shashi Tharoor  
954.053 T367

The rise of India: its transformation from poverty to prosperity by Niranjan Rajadhyaksha,  
330.954 R161

An area of darkness by V.S. Naipaul,  
915.4 N157a

A place within: rediscovering India by V.S. Naipaul  
915.4 V337

Hindoo holiday: an Indian journal by J.R. Ackerley

915.4 A182

Snakes and ladders: glimpses of India by Gita Mehta

915.4 M498

The story of India [DVD].

DVD 954 S887

## **About Bombay**

Maximum city: Bombay lost and found by Suketu Mehta

954.79205 M498



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