

Fiction

General Fiction

Aikath-Gyaltzen, Indrani

Cranes' morning

F A2912 1994

In the Indian village of Mohurpukur, Vikran Sen, a noted playwright recently released from a Calcutta prison, enters the life of an eccentric, traditional family.

Baldwin, Shauna Singh

We Are Not In Pakistan

F B182w 2007

A collection of stories that examines the intersection of private lives with political and cultural convulsions.

Chandra, Vikram

Love and longing in Bombay: stories

F C456L 1997

A civil servant narrates six stories to the patrons of a Bombay bar, tales of ghosts and soldiers, love and hate between families, and corruption in present-day India.

Chatterjee, Upamanyu

English, August: an Indian story

F C495e 1988

Young Agastya ('August') Sen, who has joined the Indian Administrative Service and is sent to Madna, famed for being the hottest small town in India. There, the fairly privileged August, who grew up in Delhi speaking English, experiences as much cultural shock as any non-Indian.

Crew, Cheryl Howard

In the face of Jinn

F C9273i 2005

When her sister disappears during a silk-buying trip to India, American importer Christine Shepherd challenges government bureaucracy while disguising herself as an Islamic woman, a quest that is further complicated by a dangerous encounter with the Taliban.

Davidar, David

The solitude of emperors

F D2494s 2007

A young man becomes embroiled in a battle against the forces of fundamentalism.

Desai, Anita

Baumgartner's Bombay

F D441 1988

An outsider in India, where he has fled from Nazi Germany, Hugo Baumgartner finds his painful past dredged up when he offers to help a wild young German hippie.

Desai, Kiran

The Inheritance of loss

F D4415i 2006

In a crumbling house in the remote northeastern Himalayas, an embittered, elderly judge finds his peaceful retirement turned upside down by the arrival of his orphaned granddaughter, Sai, when their world becomes threatened by a Nepalese insurgency.

Duncan, Glen

The bloodstone papers

F D9112b 2007

His dreams of attaining Olympic glory shattered, mixed-heritage Catholic boxer Ross Monroe is exiled from his home in 1940s India and finds himself consumed by an obsession that sets in motion events that impact the investigation of an English writer into his father's past.

Farooki, Roopa*Bitter sweets*

F F237b 2007

Follows the machinations of a Bangladeshi-Pakistani family whose penchant for telling lies shapes the destinies of every member, from Henna, who lies her way into a marriage to a wealthy romantic, to her daughter Shona, who struggles with the superficialities binding her loved ones.

Ghosh, Amitav*Hungry Tide*

F G427h 2005

Presents a novel of life in modern India, chronicling the interwoven journey of an American marine biologist and a Delhi businessman who travel to the remote Sundarban islands.

Hesse, Hermann*Siddhartha*; translated by Hilda Rosner

F H587si 1951

Blends elements of psychoanalysis and Asian religions to probe an Indian aristocrat's efforts to renounce sensual and material pleasures and discover ultimate spiritual truths.

Irving, John*A son of the circus*

F I725so 1994

Grasping for a self identity after a life spent on the move, fifty-nine-year-old Dr. Farrokh Daruwalla visits India, where he meets a variety of colorful circus characters, including dwarf clowns, transvestites, and movie stars.

Jha, Raj Kamal*The Blue Bedspread*

F J592b 2000

A Calcutta man whose sister has just died during childbirth keeps the child overnight awaiting the arrival of her adoptive parents, and as the evening progresses, he scrawls stories of her biological family on a blue bedspread.

Jones, Nalini*What you call winter: stories*

F J788w 2007

A collection of interconnected short stories, set in a Catholic town in India, follows the lives of its multi-generational inhabitants.

Judah, Sophie*Dropped from heaven*

F J922d 2007

A debut anthology of short fiction journeys inside the world of Indian Jews to explore the ways in which the modern world has transformed this ancient community in eighteen short stories that include 'Old Man Moses,' in which a lonely and imperious man finds his life transformed by the visit of his Israeli grandson and his girlfriend.

Lahiri, Jhumpa*Unaccustomed earth*

F L183u 2008

Exploring the secrets and complexities lying at the heart of family life and relationships, a collection of eight stories includes the title work, about a young mother in a new city whose father tends her garden while hiding a secret love affair.

Malladi, Amulya*Serving crazy with curry*

F M252s GPB 2004

Pressured to marry and become a traditional Indian wife and confronted by the loss of her job in Silicon Valley, Devi is forced to move back in with her parents after a failed suicide attempt.

Markandaya, Kamala*Nectar in a sieve*

F M345n 1955

Tells the story of India and its people through the experiences of one peasant family.

Mehta, Gita Raj

A River sutra

F M498ri 1993

A collection of interwoven stories, written in the traditional form of Indian storytelling, explores the savagery of human love and illuminates the paradoxes of India.

Merchant, Ameen

The silent raga

F M5544s 2007

Janaki Venkatakrisnan, a musical prodigy, escapes her father's plans for an arranged marriage, fleeing her village home for the bright lights of Bombay, scandalizing her father and the gossip-mongering women of their neighbourhood.

Mistry, Rohinton

A Fine balance

F M6781f 1997

In India during the mid-1970s, after a "State of Internal Emergency" is declared, four very different people--a widowed seamstress, a student, and a man and his nephew who have fled their village's caste violence--find their lives becoming inextricably intertwined.

Mukherjee, Bharati

Desirable daughters

F M953de 2002

Chronicles the journeys of three Brahmin women as they follow divergent paths from their home in Calcutta and a rigid Indian society to seek new lives for themselves on two separate continents.

The tree bride

F M953tr 2004

Struggling to reconcile with her estranged husband, Tara Chatterjee relates the story of an East Bengali ancestor who married a tree at the age of five and who grew up to be a nationalist freedom fighter against the British Raj.

Naipaul, V.S.

Half a life

F N1578ha 2001

The son of a man who, inspired by Gandhi, married below his caste, travels to New York where he struggles to find his identity and forge a career as a writer.

Magic seeds

F N1578ma 2004

A man in his early forties, Willie Chandran joins an underground movement in India, but seven years of revolutionary campaigns convince him to return to England.

Nair, Anita

The better man

F N158b 2000

A middle-aged man returns to the Indian town where he was born, where he is tested and forced to confront his past.

Narayan, R.K

The grandmother's tale and selected stories

F N218gr 1994

A collection of new and selected stories from the respected writer includes a novella about his great-grandmother's search for her betrothed.

Ondaatje, Michael

Anil's ghost

F O583a 2000

After 15 years in the United States, Tissera, a forensic anthropologist, returns to her native Sri Lanka as a member of an international human rights fact-finding mission. She is thrown in with Sarath Diyasena, an archaeologist whose political affiliations are murky. Together they search for the group behind the organized murders on the island, only to discover evidence of a government-sponsored murder.

Ramaya, Shona

Operation monsoon: stories

F R1655o GPB 2003

A collection of modern stories from India introduces readers to a fascinating collection of characters, from the crippled woman who runs a matchmaking agency on the internet to an IT consultant who goes "bodyshopping" in America.

Roy, Arundhati

The god of small things

F R8881g 1997

In 1969 in Kerala, India, Rahel and her twin brother, Estha, struggle to forge a childhood for themselves amid the destruction of their family life, as they discover that the entire world can be transformed in a single moment.

Rushdie, Salman

Ground beneath her feet

F R953gr 1999

Photographer Rai narrates the epic romance between his childhood friend, Ormus Cama, and singer Vina Apsara, Rai's sometime lover, revealing a world of passions, truths, death, and rock 'n' roll.

The satanic verses

F R953sa 1989

Gibreel Farishta, India's legendary movie star, and Saladin Chamcha, the man of a thousand voices, fall earthward from a bombed jet toward the sea, singing rival verses in an eternal wrestling match between good and evil.

Shalimar the clown

F R953sh 2005

In 1991, Ambassador Maximilian Ophuls (ex-ambassador to India, and America's counterterrorism chief) is murdered on the Los Angeles doorstep of his illegitimate daughter's home by his Kashmiri Muslim driver, who calls himself Shalimar the Clown.

Saidullah, Ahmad

Happiness and other disorders: short stories

F S1323h 2008

Discovered in a near impenetrably jerry-rigged box by the fictional 'editor,' M. Saimullah, these ten tales of a Muslim family in hardship-strewn, post-independence northern India are apprehended for publication only after enormous struggle.

Selvadurai, Shyam

Story-wallah! : a celebration of South Asian fiction

SC S8882s 2004

Featuring the best of short fiction from South Asian writers, this unique collection includes contributions from Michael Ondaatje, Jhumpa Lahiri, Salman Rushdie, Bharati Mukherjee, Monica Ali, and others.

Seth, Vikram

A Suitable Boy

F S4953 1993

While a widowed mother agonizes over her daughter's future, the newly independent India of the early 1950s struggles through a time of great crisis when its varied cultures clash.

Shamsie, Kamila

Broken verses

F S5289b 2005

Years following the murder of her renowned Pakistani poet father and the disappearance of her activist mother, Aasmaani, an employee at Pakistan's first independent television station, begins to receive a series of letters written in her mother's private code.

Shankar, S.

No end to the journey

F S52834n 2005

Reluctantly returning to the southern Indian village of Paavalampatti, retired civil servant Gopalakrishnan is faced with an aging mother who wants him to care for her and an

unhappy wife, but it is the visit of their son Suresh that brings to light the fragmentation that exists beneath the family facade.

Sharma, Akhil

An Obedient Father

F S5315o 2000

Ram Karan works for the New Delhi school system but supports his widowed daughter and granddaughter by taking bribes for a small time Congress party boss, until his involvement in a terrifying political campaign could cost him his life.

Sidhwa, Bapsi

The crow eaters

F S5684cr 1992

Moving from their ancestral village to the bustling city of Lahore, Faredoon Jungewalla and his family must learn how to thrive under British rule while keeping peace with his Hindu and Muslim neighbors.

Singh, Jacquelin

Seventeen tomatoes: tales from Kashmir

F S6177s GPB 2004

A collection of stories about soldiers and war set in Kashmir that retain a beautifully spiritual and poetic edge.

Sinha, Indra

Animal's people

F S6176a 2007

Ever since he can remember, Animal has gone on all fours, the catastrophic result of what happened when the Apocalypse visited his slum. Now twenty, he leads a hand-to-mouth existence with his dog Jara and a crazy old nun called Ma Franci, and spends his nights fantasizing about Nisha, the daughter of a local musician.

Suri, Manil

The age of Shiva

F S961a 2008

Marrying in order to escape an overbearing father, Meera is further victimized by her physically demanding husband and lustful brother-in-law, a circumstance from which she finds fleeting escape through her relationships with her sister-in-law and young son.

Tharoor, Shashi

The Great Indian Novel

F T367 1989

Ved Vyas, India's oldest surviving politician from the days of Raj, reveals behind-the-scenes atrocities in India's struggle for independence.

Theroux, Paul

The Elephanta suite

F T412e 2007

A trio of interlinked novellas chronicles the lives of Westerners who have been forever changed by their experiences with the people and places of India.

Umrigar, Thrity N.

The space between us

F U52s 2005

Captures the delicate balance of class and gender in contemporary India as witnessed through the lives of two women: Sera Dubash, an upper middle-class housewife, and Bhima, an illiterate domestic hardened by a life of loss and despair.

Vakil, Ardashir

Beach Boy

F V134b 1997

Tells the story of an eight-year-old boy caught between his childhood innocence and the responsibilities of adulthood that arrive all too soon.

Vassanji, M.G.

The assassin's song

F V337as 2007

Destined to assume lordship of the thirteenth-century Sufi shrine of Pirbaag in western India after his father, Karsan Dargawalla instead heads off to Harvard, becomes a professor, marries and becomes a father, and leads a suburban life in British Columbia, until dual tragedies send him back to India after a thirty-year absence to come to terms with his heritage.

Immigrant Experience

Ali, Monica

Brick Lane

F A398b 2003

Carrying into her adult years a sense of fatalism instilled during her hardscrabble birth, Nazneen finds herself married off to a man twice her age and moved to London, where she begins to take charge of her own destiny.

Badami, Anita Rau

Can you hear the nightbird call?

F B132c 2006

Set against the tumultuous backdrop of a fragmenting Punjab and moving between Canada and India, the novel charts the interweaving stories of three Indian women, Bibi-ji, Leela and Nimmo, each in search of a resting place amid rapidly changing personal and political landscapes.

The Hero's Walk

F B132h 2000

In a small town in India, Sripathi Rao, a headstrong man and disenchanted copywriter, lives in his crumbling ancestral home, uncomfortably aware of the encroaching modern world. Then, one morning, Sripathi is awakened by a call from Canada: his long-estranged daughter and her husband have been killed in a car accident. Their surviving seven-year-old child, Nandana, is about to become his ward.

Tamarind Mem

F B132t GPB 1996

Set in India's railway colonies, this is the story of Kamini and her mother Saroja, nicknamed Tamarind Mem due to her sour tongue. While in Canada beginning her graduate studies, Kamini receives a postcard from her mother saying she has sold their home and is traveling through India. Both are forced into the past to confront their dreams and losses and to explore the love that binds mothers and daughters everywhere.

Biswas, Tina

Dancing with the two-headed tigress

F B6235d 2006

Set in England, India and Ireland, this is a comic tale of fish out of water. When her boorish father dies, fat, unsophisticated Mousumi is sent from India to her cosmopolitan relations in London and must adjust to the glamour of the western world. On arrival, she is met by the Majumdar family, an offbeat household.

Desai, Anita

Fasting, Feasting

F D441fa 1999

Hailed as 'unsparing, yet tender and funny', the novel exposes an intricate, delicate web of family conflict. Uma is the plain older daughter of an Indian family, tied to the household of her childhood and tending to her parents' every extravagant demand, and of her younger brother, Arun, across the world in Massachusetts, bewildered by his new life in college and the suburbs.

Divakaruni, Chitra*Sister of my heart*

F D618s 1999

Two girls, one the daughter of an upper-caste Calcutta family, the other the daughter of the black sheep of that same family, form a sisterly bond that shatters when one of the girls discovers a dark family secret.

Followed by *The vine of desire* (F D618v 2002)

D'Souza, Tony*The Konkans*

F D811k 2008

Francisco D'Sai, the son of a Konkani father, Lawrence, and an American mother, Denise, grows up surrounded by the colorful tales of India and Konkani history, stories that give him a profound sense of his heritage and its meaning in his life.

Ganesan, Indira*The journey*

F G196j GPB 1990

Returning to their native Pi, an island off the coast of India, after growing up in suburban America, two sisters, Renu and Manx Krishnan, fall under the spell of the traditional, mystical and superstitious culture of their family and the island.

Gunasekera, Romesh*The sandglass*

F G9751s 1998

Set in London, the story of two feuding families whose lives are linked by the changing fortunes of postcolonial Sri Lanka, brings to life Prins Ducal and his search for his family's past, his father's rise to wealth, rivalries, and a suspicious death.

Lahiri, Jhumpa*Interpreter of maladies: stories*

F L183i GPB 1999

A collection of short stories blends elements of Indian tradition with the complexities of American culture.

The namesake

F L183n 2003

A portrait of the immigrant experience follows the Ganguli family from their traditional life in India through their arrival in Massachusetts in the late 1960s and their difficult melding into an American way of life.

Mukherjee, Bharati*Jasmine*

F M953j 1989

Jasmine, a young widow in India, moves to the United States to begin a new life.

Pradhan Monica*The Hindi-Bindi Club*

F P8962h 2007

Three families of Indian-American women find themselves dealing with whole new world that blends the traditions of the past with high-tech, fast-paced, modern American life, until the estranged daughter of one of the women returns to request that a marriage be arranged for her, forcing them all to deal with the experience of living between cultures.

Umrigar, Thrity*If today be sweet*

F U52i 2007

A middle-aged widow tries to decide whether to live in her native India or immigrate to suburban Ohio, where she struggles with her cultural identity and need to bring happiness into her family.

Historical Fiction

Baldwin, Shauna Singh

Tiger Claw

F B182t 2004

A suspense-filled historical novel about Noor Inayat Khan, a quiet woman who transmitted messages on behalf of the French Resistance and was executed by the Germans in Dachau in 1944. Much of the book consists of journal entries addressed to the child Noor never had.

What the body remembers

F B182w 1999

In a novel set in 1937 India, the second younger wife of a Sikh landowner enters her marriage thinking the first wife – who was never able to bear children – will treat her kindly, but their relationship quickly grows complicated.

Basu, Kunal

The miniaturist

F B3272m 2003

In 16th-century India, the brilliant son of the Mughal emperor's chief artist becomes enmeshed in court intrigues of ambition and love.

Chopra, Deepak

Buddha: a story of enlightenment

F C5495b 2007

An account of the life of the Buddha, written for western readers, traces his spiritual journey while explaining how his experiences and teachings have changed the world and continue to influence every facet of life.

De Kretser, Michelle

The Hamilton case

F D329h GPB 2003

His career guided by British culture and his Oxford education, Ceylon lawyer Sam Obeyesekere tackles a scandal-ridden murder trial, mistakenly convinced that his reputation will shield him from the social unrest that the case has exposed.

Divakaruni, Chitra Lekha Banerjee

The palace of illusions

F D618p 2008

Panchaali, wife of the five legendary Pandavas brothers, offers her own version of the ancient Indian epic, The Mahabharat, as she chronicles the story of her magical birth, the problems of dealing with five husbands who have been cheated out of their birthright, the trials she endures, her friendship with Krishna, and her attraction to her husband's enemy.

Forster, E. M.

A Passage to India

F F733p PB 1978

In a scathing indictment of British imperialism, Forster's once controversial novel portrays two Englishwomen who experience misunderstanding and cultural conflict after they travel to India.

Holeman, Linda

Moonlit cage

F H729m 2005

Set in 1850s Afghanistan, and moving from there to India and London, this story is about one woman's escape from persecution, and search for a better life. Darya is a beautiful fugitive escaping a vicious husband. When she stumbles across a mysterious young stranger in the mountains, she is captivated, and falls in love. But David, the young man she meets, is not perhaps the answer she seeks.

Jhabvala, Ruth Praver

Heat and dust

F J59he 1975

In a narrative intermingling past and present, a young English woman journeys to India to reconstruct the behavior of her grandfather's first wife, Olivia, who left husband and friends in 1923 out of love for an Indian prince.

Kakar, Sudhir

The seeker

F K132s 2004

With India's independence movement in disarray and with the country wracked by factionalism and unrest, Mahatma Gandhi withdraws from society to an ashram, but his quest for peace and enlightenment is interrupted by the arrival of Madeline Slade, the daughter of a British admiral, who aims to become his greatest disciple.

Kingman, Peg

Not yet drown'd

F K547n 2007

Receiving a gift from her assumed dead twin brother in 1822, Catherine MacDonald travels to India with her stepdaughter and maids in search of answers, a quest that takes her along an obscure trail of tea, opium, and artistic works.

Mallinson, Allan

Honorable company: a novel of India before the raj

F M254h 2000

A representative of the East India Company, Captain Matthew Hervey discovers peril and adventure during his mission to Chintalpoore, an embattled Indian city.

Masters, John

Bhowani junction

F M4233b 1954

As conflicts rage between British soldiers and Indian nationalists, a young Anglo-Indian woman strives to clarify her own ethnic identity.

Mistry, Rohinton

Such a Long Journey

F M6781 1991

With his personal life unraveling, Gustad Noble, a Bombay bank clerk, agrees to help the Indian intelligence service, and is quickly caught up in a political scandal.

Moore, Susanna

One last look

F M8245o 2003

Arriving at the English settlement in Calcutta in 1836, Lady Eleanor, sister to the colony's Governor-general, and her sister, Harriet, anticipate an unpleasant experience but instead find the region an area of seductive and exotic culture.

Roberts, Karen

The flower boy: a novel

F R6452f 2000

When Chandi and Rose-Lizzie, two children from different social classes, forge a friendship in 1930s Ceylon, their parents will conspire to end the relationship.

Selvadurai, Shyam

Cinnamon gardens

F S4691c 1998

A tale set in the repressive and complex world of 1920s Ceylon follows the interwoven stories of Annalukshmi, a young teacher whose family is intent on arranging a proper marriage for her, and her uncle, Balendran, a man who must suppress his secret desires.

Shanghvi, Siddharth Dhanvant

The last song of dusk

F S52833L 2004

Anuradha Patwardhan, a legendary beauty in 1920s India, marries handsome doctor Vardhmaan, but their married years are challenged by the death of their child and the arrival of a mysterious girl.

Shors, John

Beneath a marble sky

F S5594b 2004

In seventeenth-century Hindustan, the reigning emperor, grieving over the death of his beloved wife, commissions the construction of the Taj Mahal as a monument to their lasting relationship, in an account narrated by Princess Jahanara, the couple's daughter, who embarks on a love affair with the architect of the landmark.

Sidhwa, Bapsi

Cracking India

F S5684c 1991

Follows the experiences of eight-year-old Lenny, the daughter of an affluent Parsee family, during India's breakup.

Water

F S5684w 2006

Set in 1938 colonial India against the backdrop of Mahatma Gandhi's rise to power, *Water* follows the life of eight-year-old Chuyia, a child-bride who is abandoned at a widows' ashram after the death of her 50-year-old husband. Unwilling to accept her fate, Chuyia disrupts daily life in the ashram and becomes a catalyst for change in the lives of the widows.

Sundaresan, Indu

The twentieth wife

F S957t 2002

A novel set against the exotic backdrop of the Mughal dynasty of sixteenth-century India chronicles the life and times of Mehrunnisa, an intelligent, ambitious, and beautiful woman who became one of India's legendary heroines.

Viswanathan, Padma

The toss of a lemon

F V834t 2008

By eighteen, the child bride Sivakami is a widow with two young children. According to the dictates of her caste, her head is shaved and she must don the widows white sari. From dawn to dusk, she is not allowed to contaminate herself with human touch, not even to comfort her small children. Her son, Vairum, fatherless in childhood, childless as an adult, rejects the caste identity that is his mother's mainstay, twisting their fates in fascinating and unbearable ways.

Ward, Andrew

The blood seed: a novel of India

F W256 1985

In nineteenth-century India Balbeer Rao searches through the country to solve the mystery of his father's identity.

Mystery/Suspense

Bahal, Aniruddha

Bunker 13

F B151b 2003

A cynical, pleasure-loving journalist working for an Indian newsweekly, MM draws on his political and military connections to secretly investigate the sale of arms and drugs to insurgents involved in the guerrilla war on India's frontier with Kashmir.

Benard, Cheryl

Moghul buffet

M B456m 1998

Set in Peshawar, a border town in Pakistan, a darkly comic murder mystery about a missing American businessman offers a glimpse at the situation of women in the Muslim world, from Afghan refugees to maverick women politicians.

Bodman Karna Small

Checkmate

F B6683c 2007

When Dr. Cameron Talbot invents a breakthrough technology to defend against cruise missiles, she needs funding from a reluctant Congress and help from the White House to

develop her project. Lt. Col. Hunt Daniels, detailed from the Pentagon to the White House National Security Council, sees the potential of this incredible invention. But disaster is brewing overseas as militants steal several missiles and launch the first one against India.

Chandra, Vikram

Sacred games

F C456s 2007

Receiving an anonymous tip that could lead to the capture of a powerful criminal overlord, Bombay police officer Sartaj Singh is nearing his goal when he realizes that his imminent confrontation with the crime lord is part of a more sinister agenda.

Cleverly, Barbara

The Last Kashmiri rose

M C635L PB 2001

Five years after the wife of an officer in the Bengal Grays in India has died violently, Scotland Yard detective Joe Sandilands is ordered to investigate, and soon discovers that there have been other mysterious deaths, hearkening sinister ties to the present case.

Keating, H.R.F..

Asking questions: an Inspector Ghote mystery

M K25a 1996

After checking on charges that someone at a medical center is smuggling out a dangerous drug made from snake venom, Ghote settles on the snake handler as his prime suspect, but when that man turns up dead, the Inspector has to look in more dangerous places to find answers.

King, Laurie R

The game: a Mary Russell novel

M K53ga 2004

Traveling incognito, Mary Russell and her famed spouse, Sherlock Holmes, head for India to search for a missing spy, the famous orphan who inspired Rudyard Kipling's Kim, and find themselves caught up in a dangerous, high-level game of intrigue and political machinations.

Kunzru, Hari

Transmission

F K9672t 2004

Lonely and insecure, Indian computer programmer Arjun finds his life and security destroyed when he is fired from his job and, in an act of desperation, unleashes a destructive virus that wreaks havoc on computers around the globe.

Liu, Aimee

Flash house

F L783f 2003

When the plane carrying her husband, American journalist Aidan Shaw, goes down in Kashmir in 1949, Joanna Shaw refuses to accept that he is dead and enlists the aid of his best friend, Australian secret service agent Lawrence Malcolm, to accompany her and their translator Kamla, a girl she rescued from an Indian brothel, on a journey across Central Asia in search of the truth.

Mann, Paul

The burning ghats

M M2821b 1996

Anglo-Indian attorney George Sansi is asked to investigate when a devastating chemical spill in the holy Ganges River causes the agonizing deaths of thousands of devout bathers, only to become caught up in a dangerous confrontation with an unscrupulous corporate magnate.

Roberts, Gregory David

Shantaram

F R644s 2003

Following his escape from an Australian maximum security prison, a disillusioned man seeks refuge in the slums of Bombay, where he works for a drug kingpin, smuggles arms for a crime lord, and forges bonds with fellow exiles.

Thomas, Craig

Playing with cobras

F T4552p 1993

British secret agent Philip Cass has been drugged and set up for the gruesome murder of a famous actress, who happened to be his lover, but also happened to be the wife of the Congress Party head and Prime Minister, V. K. Sharmar. Cass is now in deep trouble--deeper than stumbling into a nest of angry cobras.

ChickLit/Romance

Daswani, Kavita

For matrimonial purposes

F D231f 2003

Unable to find a husband despite the efforts of friends, fortune-tellers, and matchmakers, thirty-three year old Anju, confronted by her family's shame, obtains their permission to leave Bombay to look for a husband in the United States.

The village bride of Beverly Hills

F D231v 2004

After an arranged marriage in India, Priya and her husband move to California to live with his parents, where expectations to play the role of the traditional Indian housewife, force her to keep secrets from her husband's disapproving family.

Dawesar, Abha

Babyji

F D269b 2005

Intellectual teenager Anamika Sharma, aware of the heartache she could bring to the people she loves, finds herself torn between her scholarly pursuits and her yearning for a life of pure sensation and sexual adventure.

Divakaruni, Chitra

The Mistress of spices

F D618m 1997 GPB

Tilo, an Indian clairvoyant, becomes queen of the pirates who kidnapped her for her powers, and she gains immortality and the skills of a mistress of spices, which she uses to help mortals before falling in love with Raven.

Eliade, Mircea

Bengal nights; translated by Catherine Spencer.

F E422b 1993

Set in 1930s Calcutta, this intimate, semiautobiographical novel of a young French engineer's fascination with India, his colonial pride, and his tragic love affair with a beautiful Indian poet is an erotic, passionate story told in hindsight, quoting from his disordered diaries.

Ganesan, Indira

Inheritance

F G196i 1998

Fifteen-year-old Sonil joins her grandmother on a paradisiacal island off the coast of India, hoping to mend her health and find out about her mysterious mother, and falls in love with a young American.

Khan, Uzma Aslam

Trespassing

F K453t 2003

His belief systems challenged by his American education, Pakistani student Daanish falls in love with a silk farmer's daughter Dia, whose permissive and modern upbringing compromises the traditional and repressive practices of both of their families.

Nair, Anita*Mistress*

F N158m 2005

Traveling to India to interview a world-famous musician, Christopher Stewart, a handsome, young, American scholar, becomes absorbed into the luxurious orbit of Koman and his niece Radha, a beautiful young woman unhappily married to a materialistic, ambitious husband, and with whom Christopher begins a passionate affair.

Sundaresan, Indu*The splendor of silence*

F S957s 2006

Arriving in the west India state of Rudrakot where he hopes to find his idealistic brother, who went missing after joining the local struggle for independence from the British, wounded World War II army captain Sam Hawthorne finds his search complicated by his love for the daughter of a political agent.

Tearne, Roma*Mosquito*

F T2533m 2007

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