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An independent Indian trade publisher, publishing primarily in English, Speaking Tiger will build a diverse and inclusive list, with no fixed agenda other than to bring to readers quality fiction and non-fiction across genres.

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.

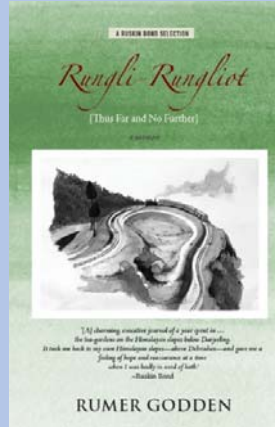
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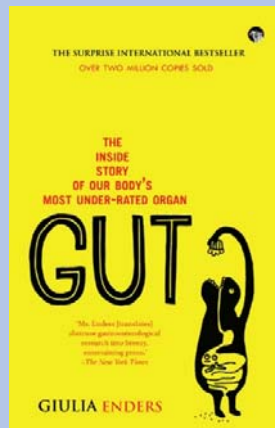
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The Speaking Tiger Team

## Books of the MONTH

## August 2015



**Rungli-Rungliot {Thus Far and No Further}: A Memoir**  
Rumer Godden  
ISBN: 9789385288395  
Price: ₹299



**GUT: The Inside Story of Our Body's Most Under-Rated Organ**  
Giulia Enders  
ISBN: 9789385288616  
Price: ₹350



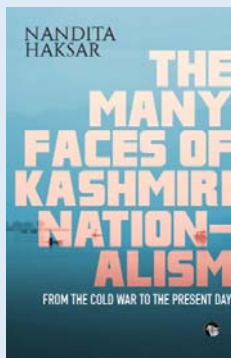
In the 1940s, as the Second World War raged elsewhere, author Rumer Godden lived for a year in Rungli-Rungliot—an isolated tea estate three thousand feet down the mountain from Darjeeling—with her two daughters, their nanny Giovanna, and four Pekinese.

*Rungli-Rungliot*, which means ‘Thus Far and No Further’, is a memory of the time Godden spent there. Lyrical, and suffused with gentle melancholy, *Rungli-Rungliot* evokes a precise sense of place. This book is perfect for lovers of the mountains and the quiet, meditative life.

Our gut is almost as important to us as our brain or our heart, yet we know very little about how it works. In *Gut*, Giulia Enders shows that rather than the utilitarian and—let’s be honest—somewhat embarrassing body part we imagine it to be, it is one of the most complex, important, and even miraculous parts of our anatomy.

In this charming book, young scientist Giulia Enders takes us on a fascinating tour of our insides. Her message is simple—if we treat our gut well, it will treat us well in return. But how do we do that? And why do we need to? Find out in this surprising, and surprisingly funny, exploration of the least understood of our organs.

# NEW TITLES



**The Many Faces of Kashmiri Nationalism**  
Nandita Haksar  
ISBN:  
9789385288180  
Price: ₹350

Nandita Haksar's magnum opus traces the tortured history of Kashmiri nationalism through the lives of two men: Sampat Prakash, a Kashmiri Pandit and Communist trade union leader who became active in politics during the Cold War years, and Mohammad Afzal Guru, a Kashmiri Muslim who became active in the early days of the Kashmir insurgency.

This nuanced, multi-layered book combines personal and public narratives, political analysis and the rare insights of an activist who led the campaign to save Mohammad Afzal Guru from the gallows. Singular in scope and focus, and spanning a period of over eight decades, from the 1930s until 2015, this is an unprecedented examination of the history of modern Kashmir.



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

*The Edge of Another World* is the story of three women living in different times and spaces, whose lives enmesh and interconnect in strange and unforeseen ways.

Shaken by her mother's death, **Sophie**, a contemporary English woman, accepts the offer of a holiday in Portugal's Alentejo region, at a hotel that was once a convent. Satishan Nambiar, a historian from Malabar in Kerala, tells her about the frescoes in the convent's church and the great megalithic standing stones. Before they part, Satishan invites her to Malabar...

Born to an unknown mother during the throes of an earthquake in sixteenth-century Portugal, **Inês** yearns to know her origins. Although taken into a noble family's household, her life changes when Leonor, the family's younger daughter, enters a convent, taking Inês as her servant. When Lucas van Domburg, the painter commissioned to create the frescoes in the church, sees Inês, he declares her to be 'his' Virgin. A tragic turn of events leaves Ines alone in Malabar but it is here that she finally discovers her true identity.

In Malabar, **Thattakutty**, a Namboodiri Brahmin girl, lives an enclosed and orthodox life in an illam 'a long time ago'. Irked by her intelligence, her guru schemes to destroy her. Simultaneously, rumours of her elder sister, Arya-edathi's illicit relationship with a Nambiar man lead to Arya-edathi taking her life. As Thattakutty runs to her, she sees that the great doors of the illam are open. She flees out, supported by her Goddess—uniting with her, rushing to meet her own fate.

Ultimately, it is the final drama of Thattakutty's life that affects both Sophie and Inês.



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

From the Commonwealth Prize Winning Author of *If You Can Walk You Can Dance*, comes a gripping new novel that brilliantly portrays the Central Asian republics in a period of despotism and anarchy, weaving together lives linked and irrevocably altered by one extraordinary man.

High in the mountains of war-torn Tajikistan, rebels abduct inspirational UN peace negotiator, Rahul Khan. The lives of his closest friends begin to unravel.

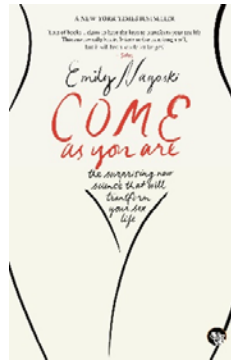
Set in Central Asia following the collapse of the Soviet Union, *Uncertain Light* vividly evokes a sense of place and an almost tangible atmosphere. With an authenticity and attention to detail that perfectly capture the nuanced compromises of relationships, Marion Molteno deftly weaves the strands of these interlocking worlds into a story of intimacy, hard choices, heartache and courage.

# COMING SOON



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Stories**

Hansda Sowvendra Shekhar  
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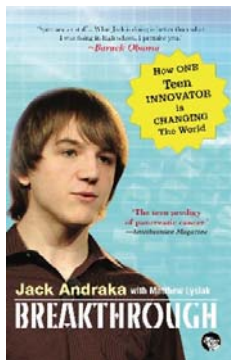
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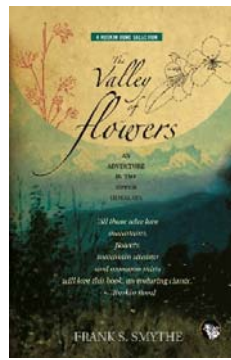
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Sándor Jászberényi  
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Jack Andraka with Matthew Lysiak  
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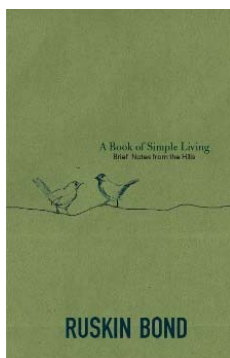
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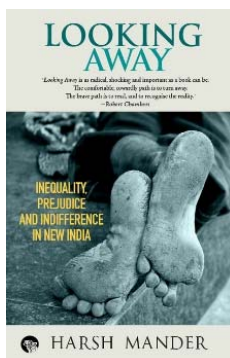


**Nine: Poems**  
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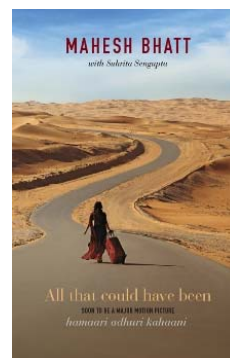
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Ruskin Bond  
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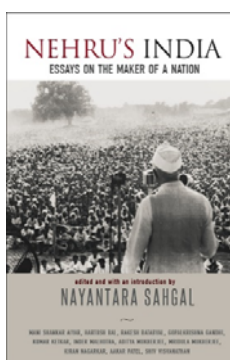
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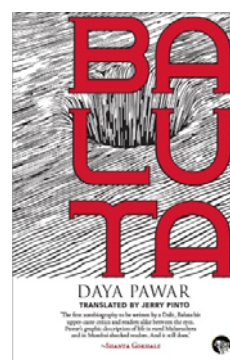
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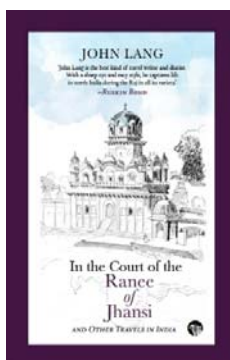
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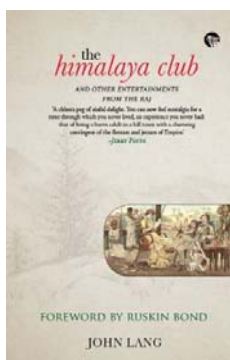
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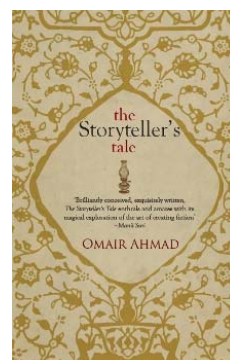
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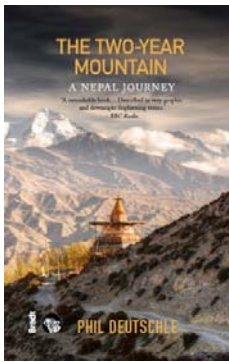
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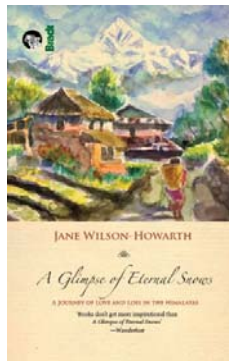
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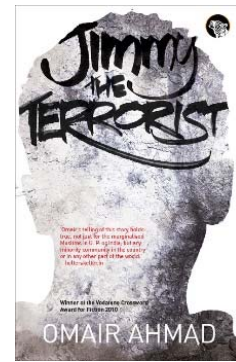
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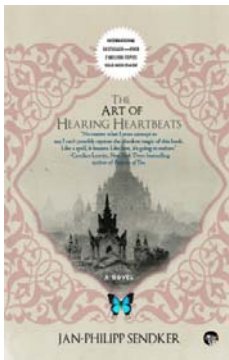
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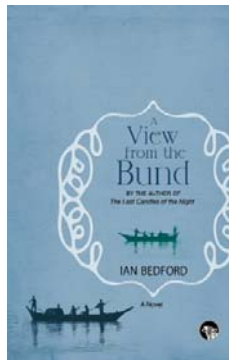
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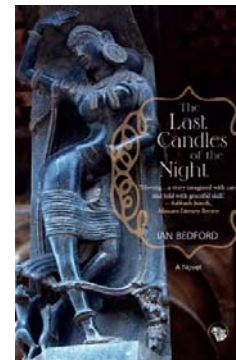
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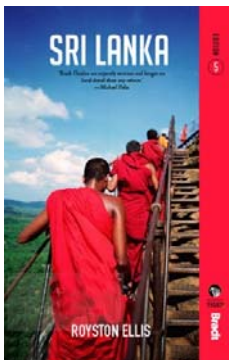
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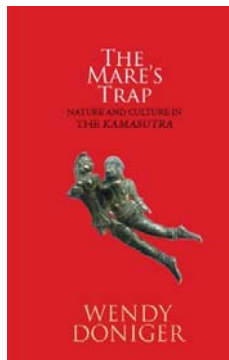
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**The Mare's Trap: Nature and Culture in the Kamasutra**  
Wendy Doniger  
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**The Ends of the Earth**  
Roger Willemssen  
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## FROM OUR DIARIES

1. Book Reading session of '*Looking Away: Inequality, Prejudice, and Indifference in New India*' was held on July 4, 2015 with the author Harsh Mander. S K Das was in conversation with Harsh Mander on the topic: 'Inequality, Prejudice, and Indifference in New India' at WIC India, Dehradun. [Click here to see the photographs.](#)
2. On 5 August 2015, '*Nehru's India: Essays on the Maker of a Nation*' by Nayantara Sahgal was launched at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library. Nayantara Sahgal was in conversation with Swapan Dasgupta, Senior Journalist. The discussion was moderated by Karan Thapar, President of Infotainment Television and anchor of India Today Television's "To The Point". [Click here to see the photographs.](#)
3. On 22 August 2015, Pepita Seth's '*The Edge of Another World*' was launched at Oxford Bookstore, Connaught Place, New Delhi. The author was in conversation with Rizio Yohannan Raj, Founder and Executive director, LILA (Luminous Idea of Life Appreciation). [Click here to see the photographs.](#)
4. Wendy Doniger's '*The Mare's Trap: Nature and Culture in the Kamasutra*' received excellent reviews in the media, including those by [BBC News](#), [Hindustan Times](#), [Financial Express](#), [Scroll.in](#), [India Today](#) among others.

## VIDEOS

1. Nayantara Sahgal was in conversation with Swapan Dasgupta, Senior Journalist, following the launch of '*Nehru's India: Essays on the Maker of a Nation*'. The discussion moderated by Karan Thapar, President of Infotainment Television and anchor of India Today Television's "To The Point" was aired on India Today Television's "Nothing But The Truth". [Click here to watch the video.](#)
2. Harsh Mander, human rights activist, spoke at Manthan, Hyderabad on 'Inequality, Prejudice and Indifference in New India'. His latest book '*Looking Away: Inequality, Prejudice and Indifference in New India*', was No. 1 in Amazon India's Social Welfare and Social Services section. [Click here to watch the video.](#)
3. Giulia Enders had been working on her Ph.D in Gastroenterology when a presentation on the gut won her the Science Slam prize in her native Germany. Her cheeky treatise on the gut went viral and resulted in her best-selling book '*Gut: The Inside Story of Our Body's Most Underrated Organ*.' [Click here to watch the video.](#)

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