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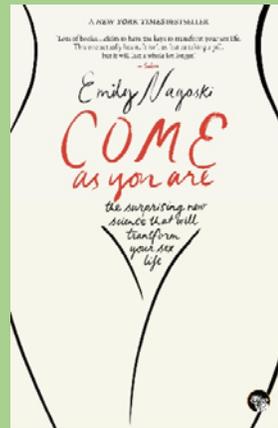
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## Books of the MONTH

## September 2015



### **Come as You Are: The Surprising New Science That Will Transform Your Sex Life**

Emily Nagoski  
ISBN: 9789385288739  
Price: ₹450



**An essential exploration of women's sexuality that will radically transform your sex life into one filled with confidence and joy.**

After all the books that have been written about sex, all the blogs and TV shows and radio Q&As, how can it be that we all still have so many questions? The frustrating reality is that we've been lied to—not deliberately, it's no one's fault, but still. We were told the wrong story.

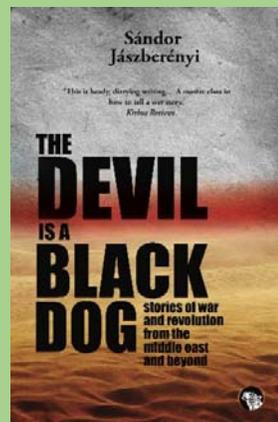
*Come as You Are* reveals the true story behind female sexuality, uncovering the little-known science of what makes us tick and, more importantly, how and why. Sex educator Dr Emily Nagoski debunks the common sexual myths that are making women (and some men!) feel inadequate between the sheets.

Underlying almost all of the questions we still have about sex is the common worry: 'Am I normal?' This book answers with a resounding Yes! We are all different, but we are all normal—and once we learn this, we can create for ourselves better sex and more profound pleasure than we ever thought possible.

***'I don't regret anything, really. I never wanted to live a sensible life. . . I didn't want a sensible death either.'***

War-torn Africa, a Middle East in crisis and post-Soviet Eastern Europe form the backdrop to the stories told in *The Devil Is a Black Dog*—stories based on the extraordinary experiences of acclaimed photojournalist Sándor Jászberényi. From Cairo to the Gaza Strip, from Benghazi to Budapest, his characters contemplate the meaning of home, love, family and friendship in the face of brutality.

Immersed in the societies he reports on and heedless in the face of war and revolution, Jászberényi observes mothers, martyrs, soldiers, and lovers who must confront the extremes of contemporary experience. In spare, evocative prose, he combines fact and fiction to create a profoundly true portrait of the humanity behind the headlines.

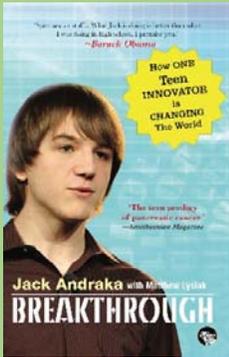


### **The Devil is a Black Dog: Stories of War and Revolution from the Middle East and Beyond**

Sándor Jászberényi  
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# NEW TITLES



## **Breakthrough: How One Teen Innovator Is Changing the World**

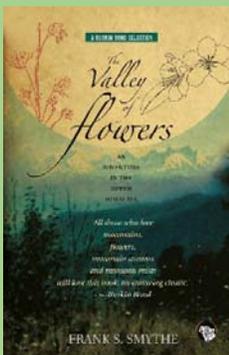
Jack Andraka  
with Matthew  
Lysiak

ISBN:  
9789385288685  
Price: ₹350

**An inspiring teenage memoir from globally renowned young scientist Jack Andraka.**

When Jack Andraka was thirteen, he had a whole pile of problems. An outsider at school, he knew he didn't fit in and a close family friend was dying of cancer. But instead of giving in to the bullying and the despair, he decided to try to create a better method of cancer detection. After conducting two years of research and asking hundreds of universities and companies for help, to no avail, Jack was finally able to secure the lab space necessary to test out his ingenious idea. In the end, he did it. Jack's early-detection test for pancreatic, ovarian and lung cancers has the potential to be over four hundred times more effective than the medical standard—at a fraction of the cost. Jack was just fifteen at the time he came up with his solution.

Jack Andraka's story is not just one of inspiring teenage success; it is a story of overcoming depression and homophobic bullying, and of finding the resilience to persevere. Whatever your age and interests, his book will motivate you to pursue your own dreams in the face of resistance, and to never stop learning. Full of fun, simple experiments you can try at home, *Breakthrough* is an amazing personal story and a reminder of why young people's ideas deserve to be heard.



## **The Valley of Flowers: An Adventure in the Upper Himalaya**

Frank S. Smythe

ISBN:  
9789385288418  
Price: ₹299

**'The predominant note was peace; not the faintest breeze ruffled the herbage and the silence was the silence of a vast ocean utterly calm, though always the sounds of the streams came to the ear as a soft, almost imperceptible cadence.'**

In 1931, a party of British mountaineers—including Frank S. Smythe—on their way back from a successful ascent of Mount Kamet, were looking for shelter from inclement weather in the wilderness above Joshimath in present-day Uttarakhand when they came upon the lush and colourful Bhyundar Valley, the Valley of Flowers. In the monsoon of 1937, Smythe returned to the Valley with four Tibetans from Darjeeling—his climbing partners and factotums—provisions, and six weeks of leisure.

On this adventure, Smythe extensively explored the Valley, identifying and collecting flowers and seeds from among the wealth of plant life. He and his friends also scaled the Nilgiri Parbat and the Mana Peak and were defeated by Mount Rataban. Beset by the rains, the party was nearly always soggy and, once, an Abominable Snowman gave them the fright of their lives. Yet, these were but minor prices to pay for the privilege of witnessing the Himalaya in its infinite variety and for a great deal of time usefully spent ruminating on the joys of idleness.

The very best kind of nature and adventure writing, which vividly captures the exuberance of wide open vistas as well as the opportunities for solitude and introspection they provide, *The Valley of Flowers* is a book to read, and to keep dipping into.



**NINE: Poems**  
Anupama Raju

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**A debut collection of poems by an acclaimed young poet—  
Anupama Raju.**

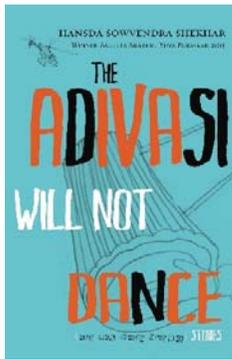
‘Anupama Raju has mastered the right simile, the apt image, the terse line. Love, poetry, journeys, places, moods, relations: her poetry is inclusive and intimate; her verbal iconography, rich with resonances. She can be passionate without being sentimental, ironic without being cynical and economic without being soulless and dry.’

—K.Satchidanandan

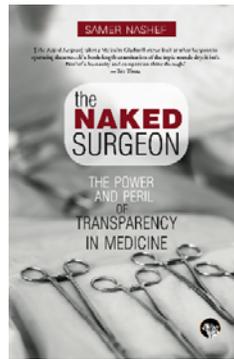
‘Urgent and passionate, these poems circle age-old preoccupations of love and longing. This is perilous terrain where the danger of cliché lurks at every turn. However, without resorting to the easy distancing strategies of irony, the poet plunges into psychologically fraught zones of “poetry, perfidy and Pandora”, ready to give voice to the vulnerability and confusion attendant on such an exploration. A quiet blend of authenticity and artistry sees her through, transforming familiar tropes of blood and longing, pain and death, into the “burnt letters” of warm, pulsating verse. Anupama Raju cuts close to the bone in this debut collection of poems.’

—Arundhati Subramaniam

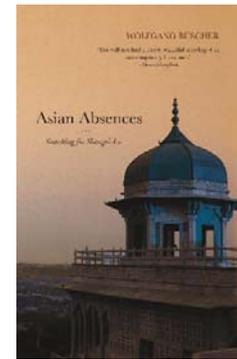
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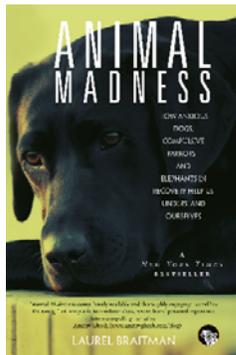
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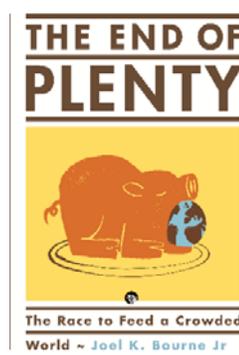
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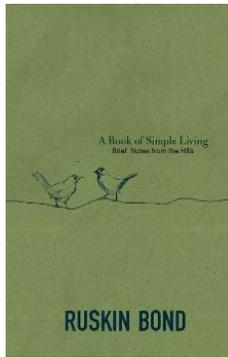


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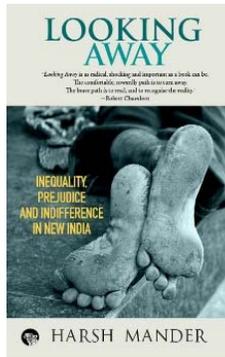


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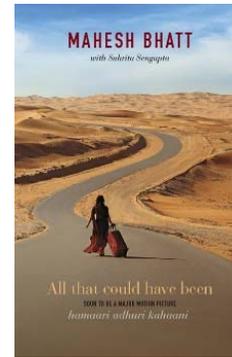
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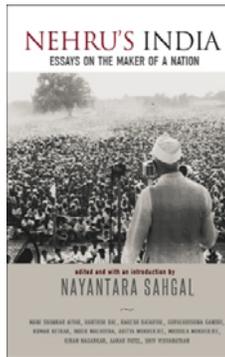
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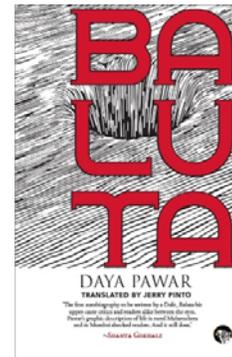
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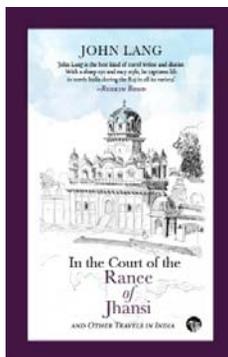
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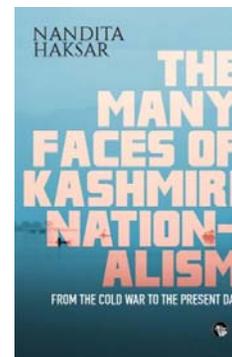
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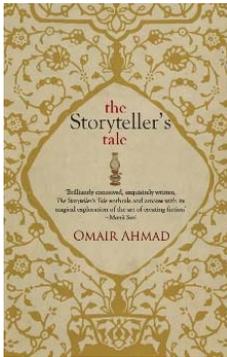
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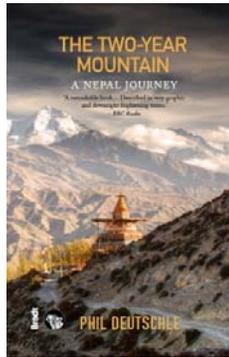
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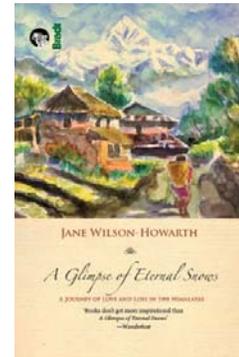
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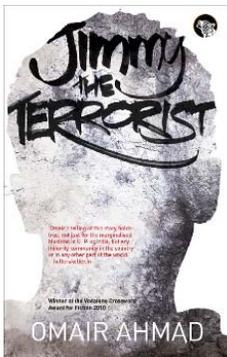
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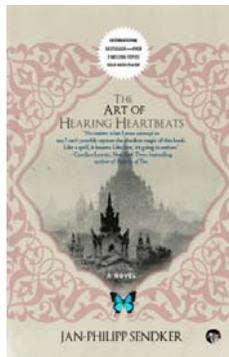
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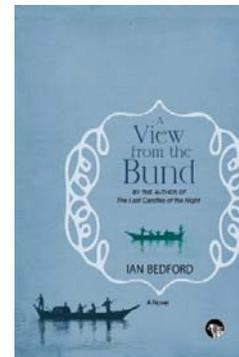
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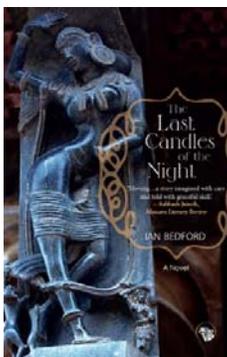
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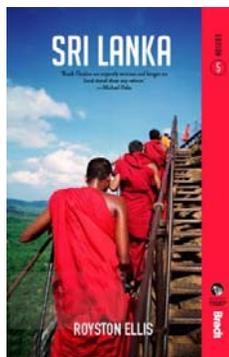
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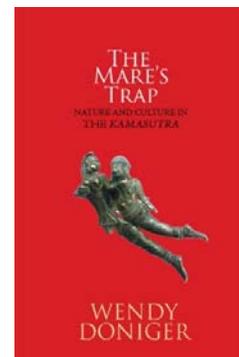
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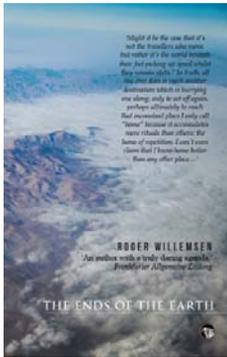
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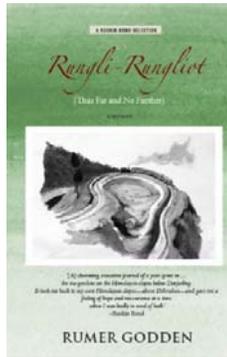
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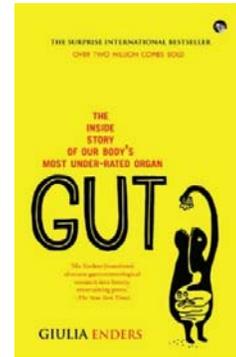
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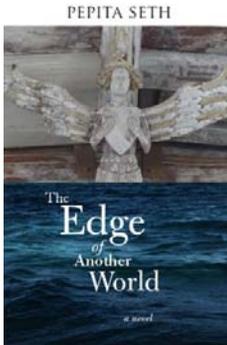
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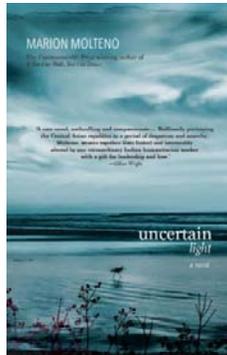
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- On 19 September, *'The Many Faces of Kashmiri Nationalism'* by Nandita Haksar was launched at India International Centre. The event was well attended. Nandita Haksar was in conversation with Mr Sampat Prakash and Mr Badaruddin Khan on some of the broad issues covered in the book. [Click here](#) to view pictures from the event.
- Wendy Doniger's *'The Mare's Trap: Nature and Culture in the Kamasutra'*, has received outstanding media coverage. Please click on the following links for more information.
  - a. 'Kamasutra in the time of porn ban' by Preetha Nair, ['The South Asian Times'](#) dated 14 August 2015.
  - b. Book review by Anjana Basu, ['Women's Web'](#) dated 13 August 2015.
  - c. 'The Original Position', ['The Financial Express'](#) dated 16 August 2015.
  - d. 'Small Talk: Vatsyayana's Status Update', by Arunima Mazumdar, ['Mumbai Mirror'](#) dated 30 August 2015.
  - e. An interview with Wendy Doniger has also been published in ['Caravan' Magazine.](#)' dated 3 September 2015.
- *'A Book of Simple Living'* by Ruskin Bond has received excellent review by, 'Deccan Herald' dated 23 August 2015. Please [click here](#) to read the article
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- Jerry Pinto author of our bestselling title *'Baluta'* was interviewed by 'The Statesman', dated 30 August 2015. [Click here](#) for the interview.
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- *'Gut: The Inside Story of Our Body's Most Under-Rated Organ'* by Giulia Enders has been highly acclaimed by 'The Indian Express', dated 12 September 2015. Please [click here](#) to read the article. It also received an excellent review by Pratik Kanjilal in 'The Sunday Express Magazine' of 'The Indian Express' dated 20 September 2015. Please [click here](#) for the article.
- John Lang's book *'In the Court of Rancee of Jhansi'* has received great reviews by [Open-- the Magazine](#), dated 28 August 2015 and [Deccan Herald](#), dated 13 September 2015.
- 'The Tribune' dated 14 September 2015 has published an article 'Chandigarh's Potemkin village moment...', by Harish Khare, on *'Nehru's India: Essays on the Maker of a Nation'* by Nayantara Sahgal. Please [click here](#) to read the article.

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