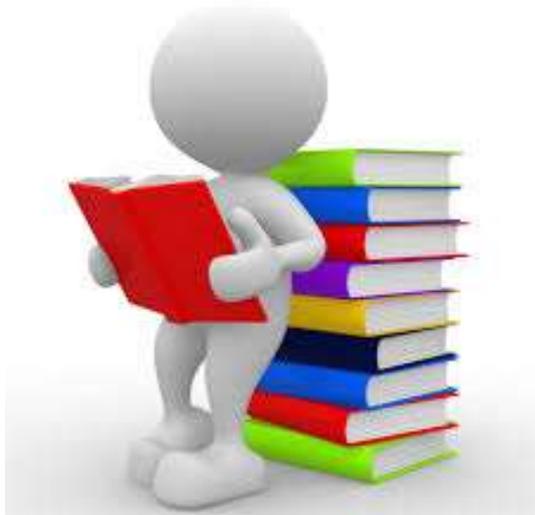


# New Book Alerts

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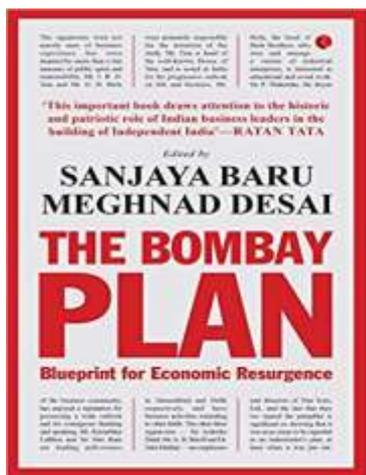
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1. **The Bombay Plan: Blueprint for Economic Resurgence/edited by Sanjaya Baru and Meghnad Desai**



‘A Plan of Economic Development for India’, aka the Bombay Plan, written in two parts and published in 1944 and 1945, generated widespread interest in India and abroad at the time of its publication. Its authors were none other than J.R.D Tata, G.D Birla, Purushottamdas Thakurdas, Kasturbhai Lalbhai, Ardeshir Dala, Lala Sri Ram, John Mathai and A.D. Shroff—well-known business leaders and technocrats of repute.

The Plan is unique in the history of post-colonial development. Nowhere in the developing world did a group of business leaders come together to articulate such a comprehensive vision for national development that simultaneously promoted their own class interests. Nowhere did the capitalist business class voluntarily invite State control in key sectors.

This book revisits the Bombay Plan to show how it was not only prescient in its approach to development, but was also influential in shaping economic planning and public policy in the first decade after India’s independence. It brings together leading voices from Indian industry and academia—Meghnad Desai, Sanjaya Baru, Amal Sanyal, Gita Piramal, Omkar Goswami, R. Gopalakrishnan, Tulsi Jayakumar, Ajay Chhibber and P.S. Lokanathan—in an effort to evaluate and understand the significance of the Plan in setting the development planning agenda laid out by successive governments.

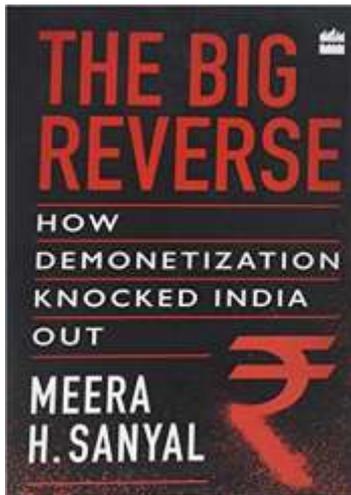
The Bombay Plan brings back to focus a historic document that has been all but forgotten despite its many path-breaking ideas.

**Publisher: Rupa Publication**

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## **2. The Big Reverse: How Demonetization Knocked India Out/ Meera H. Sanyal**



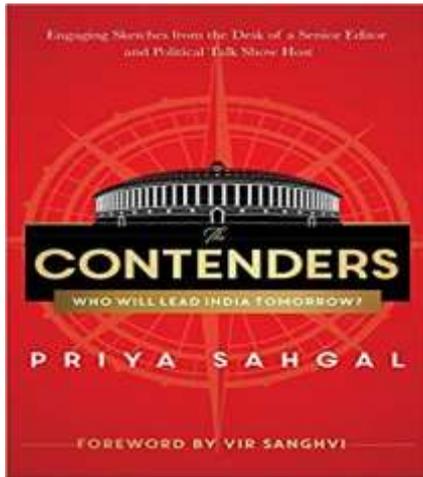
8 November 2016 was a black swan event in Indian history. At one stroke, 86 per cent of the currency in circulation was demonetized, causing confusion, chaos and endless misery to the common Indian. While the Modi government claimed that it was the silver bullet that India needed to eliminate many of its longstanding problems such as black money, corruption, tax evasion and terror funding, the months that followed proved it otherwise. The return of 99.7 per cent of the banned 500 rupee and 1,000-rupee notes showed that the RBI's idea of Demonetization Dividend was nothing but a mirage. In the process, livelihoods of millions in the informal sector were destroyed, causing enormous distress to farmers and, traders and forcing many micro, small and medium businesses into bankruptcy. One of India's most respected bankers, Meera H. Sanyal provides the most comprehensive analysis of the policy, its execution and pitfalls. The Big Reverse presents unprecedented insights backed by data, history and research. And as a result, answers the questions that still continue to haunt Indians, on the what, why and how of demonetization.

**Publisher: Harper Collins**

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### 3. **The Contenders: Who will Lead India Tomorrow?/ Priya Sahgal**



The Contenders captures a potentially transformative moment in Indian politics, as new leaders step up in a generational change-of-guard in most political parties. From the north to the south, this is a flash bulb moment of baton passing -- with Rahul Gandhi, Akhilesh Yadav, Tejashwi Yadav, the Badal Juniors and Karunanidhi's heirs taking charge. While others like Omar Abdullah and Arvind Kejriwal seek to consolidate and conquer. A senior editor, Priya has interacted extensively with most of them, right since their political debut. How will they play their cards in the Age of Modi where the axis of politics revolves around one man?

This is a book that listens but doesn't judge. The style is easy and conversational, the portraits sharp and engaging. It chronicles conversations and draws out characters with all their strengths and vulnerabilities. Each profile takes you right into their living rooms! Almost as if you were there, sipping a cup of tea, as you get to know each one's political dilemmas, personal quirks and unstated ambitions. But also - watch out for signs that reveal their chemistry (or lack of it!) with one another.

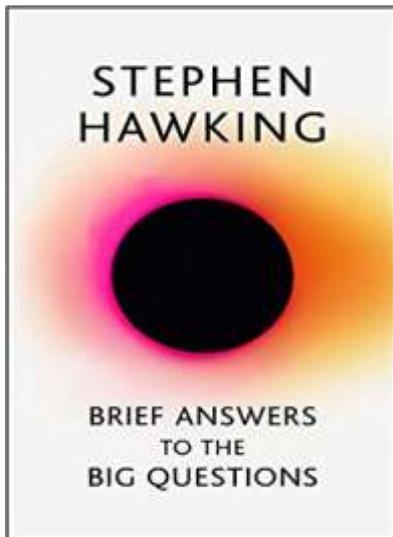
Within these pages, you are likely to meet a future Prime Minister, a couple of chief ministers, several cabinet ministers, two or three backroom strategists and one not-so-reluctant fundamentalist. Do they have what it takes to lead India tomorrow? This book can help you decide.

**Publisher: Simon & Schuster**

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4. **Brief Answers to the Big Questions/ Stephen Hawking**



The world-famous cosmologist and #1 bestselling author of *A Brief History of Time* leaves us with his final thoughts on the universe's biggest questions in this brilliant posthumous work. How did the universe begin? Will humanity survive on Earth? Is there intelligent life beyond our solar system? Could artificial intelligence ever outsmart us? Throughout his extraordinary career, Stephen Hawking expanded our understanding of the universe and unravelled some of its greatest mysteries. But even as his theoretical work on black holes, imaginary time and multiple histories took his mind to the furthest reaches of space, Hawking always believed that science could also be used to fix the problems on our planet. And now, as we face potentially catastrophic changes here on Earth - from climate change to dwindling natural resources to the threat of artificial super-intelligence - Stephen Hawking turns his attention to the most urgent issues for humankind.

Wide-ranging, intellectually stimulating, passionately argued, and infused with his characteristic humour, *BRIEF ANSWERS TO THE BIG QUESTIONS*, the final book from one of the greatest minds in history, is a personal view on the challenges we face as a human race, and where we, as a planet, are heading next.

**Publisher: John Murray**

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5. **Superhuman: Life at the Extremes of Mental and Physical Ability/ Rowan Hooper**



This is a book about what it feels like to be exceptional - and what it takes to get there. Why can some people achieve greatness when others can't, no matter how hard they try? What are the secrets of long life and happiness? Just how much potential does our species have?

In this inspirational book, *New Scientist* Managing Editor Rowan Hooper takes us on a tour of the peaks of human achievement. We sit down with some of the world's finest minds, from a Nobel-prize winning scientist to a double Booker-prize winning author; we meet people whose power of focus has been the difference between a world record and death; we learn from international opera stars; we go back in time with memory champions, and we explore the transcendent experience of ultrarunners. We meet people who have rebounded from near-death, those who have demonstrated exceptional bravery, and those who have found happiness in the most unexpected ways.

Drawing on interviews with a wide range of superhumans as well as those who study them, Hooper assesses the science of peak potential, reviewing the role of genetics alongside the famed 10,000 hours of practice.

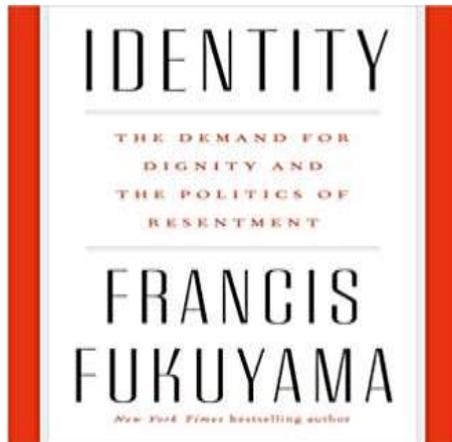
For anyone who ever felt that they might be able to do something extraordinary in life, for those who simply want to succeed, and for anyone interested in incredible human stories, *Superhuman* is a must-read.

**Publisher: little Brown**

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6. **Identity: The Demand for Dignity and the Politics of Resentment/ Francis Fukuyama**



In 2014, Francis Fukuyama wrote that American institutions were in decay, as the state was progressively captured by powerful interest groups. Two years later, his predictions were borne out by the rise to power of a series of political outsiders whose economic nationalism and authoritarian tendencies threatened to destabilize the entire international order. These populist nationalists seek direct charismatic connection to “the people,” who are usually defined in narrow identity terms that offer an irresistible call to an in-group and exclude large parts of the population as a whole.

Demand for recognition of one’s identity is a master concept that unifies much of what is going on in world politics today. The universal recognition on which liberal democracy is based has been increasingly challenged by narrower forms of recognition based on nation, religion, sect, race, ethnicity, or gender, which have resulted in anti-immigrant populism, the upsurge of politicized Islam, the fractious “identity liberalism” of college campuses, and the emergence of white nationalism. Populist nationalism, said to be rooted in economic motivation, actually springs from the demand for recognition and therefore cannot simply be satisfied by economic means. The demand for identity cannot be transcended; we must begin to shape identity in a way that supports rather than undermines democracy.

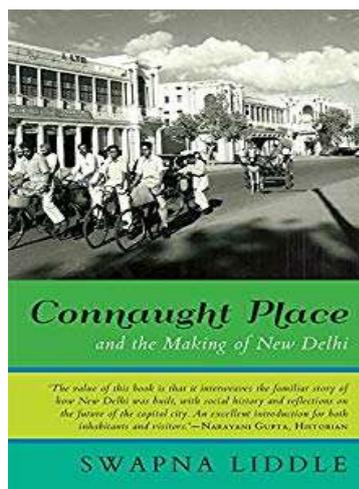
*Identity* is an urgent and necessary book—a sharp warning that unless we forge a universal understanding of human dignity, we will doom ourselves to continuing conflict.

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## **7. Connaught Place and the Making of New Delhi / Swapna Liddle**



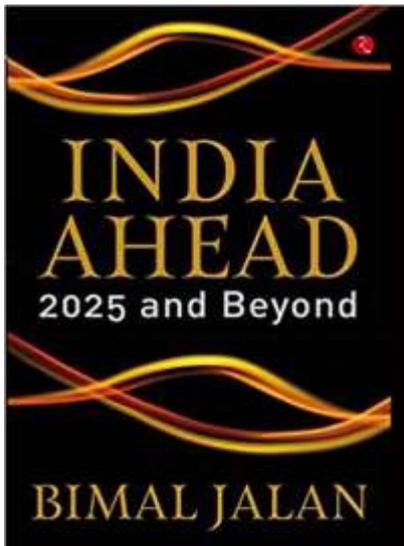
New Delhi was the grandest planned capital city of the British empire. In its meticulous urban plan it owed as much to earlier imperial traditions of Delhi as it did to Western movements such as the Garden City and City Beautiful. It is interesting to examine the process by which this plan came into being and the interactions between the people responsible for it. This new city also became the centre of a culture at the cusp of Indian and British Indian society - centering on the shopping precinct of Connaught Place, restaurants, clubs, cinema theatres and other institutions. In the years immediately following independence and partition, came a sudden expansion of the metropolis beyond the limits of New Delhi. This left the original New Delhi as a predominantly administrative centre, with a low density of population, and an oasis of green. Far from being a sterile space however, its many cultural institutions, public spaces and thriving shopping precincts have given it a persisting vibrancy.

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## **8. India Ahead: 2025 and Beyond/ Bimal Jalan**



India's fundamentals are, no doubt, stronger now than ever before, but the country also faces several old and new challenges in the areas of politics, economics and governance. These can only be met if we are able to generate sufficient political will to pursue the right policies and shake-off the dead weight of the past. India Ahead: 2025 and Beyond highlights the immediate priorities that need to be tackled. The primary focus of this book is to promote the country's national interest in the long run, irrespective of any party-specific political agenda—be it the right, the left or the in-between.

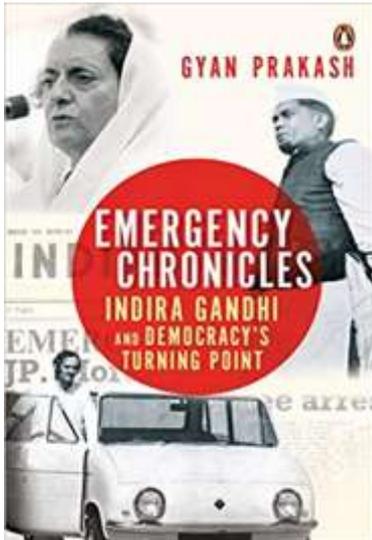
Bimal Jalan brings his remarkable expertise in policy and economic affairs to bear on a range of topics of critical importance to India's future. Written in an incisive yet lucid style, Jalan concludes that India's opportunities are huge, but so are the challenges which need to be resolved to realize India's full potential. Of paramount importance, however, is the need for sufficient will and cooperation among the legislature, judiciary and executive. This would make it easier to find solutions and move further on the path of progress.

**Publisher: Rupa Publication**

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## **9. Emergency chronicles: Indira Gandhi and democracy's turning point/Gyan Prakash**



As the world once again confronts an eruption of authoritarianism, Gyan Prakash's *Emergency Chronicles* takes us back to the moment of India's independence to offer a comprehensive historical account of Indira Gandhi's Emergency of 1975-77. Stripping away the myth that this was a sudden event brought on solely by the Prime Minister's desire to cling to power, it argues that the Emergency was as much Indira's doing as it was the product of Indian democracy's troubled relationship with popular politics, and a turning point in its history.

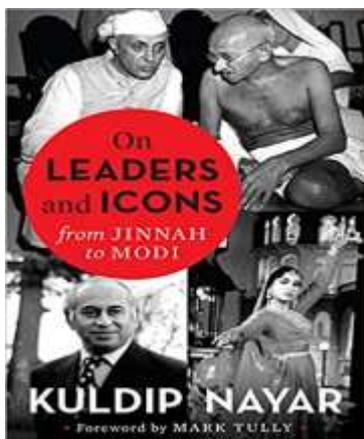
Prakash delves into the chronicles of the preceding years to reveal how the fine balance between state power and civil rights was upset by the unfulfilled promise of democratic transformation. He explains how growing popular unrest disturbed Indira's regime, prompting her to take recourse to the law to suspend lawful rights, wounding the political system further and opening the door for caste politics and Hindu nationalism.

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## **10. On leaders and icons: from Jihad to Modi/ Kuldip Nayar**



A legendary journalist's close encounters and candid profiles of the powerful, the famous, the glamorous and the rich—from Nehru, Jinnah and Sheikh Abdullah to Meena Kumari, Indira Gandhi and Narendra Modi.

In this frank and freewheeling narrative, Kuldip Nayar recounts his experiences of meeting many of the men and women who shaped the destiny of pre- and post-Independence India, revealing hitherto unknown aspects of their personalities and shedding light on many key events in the country. Was Nehru a secret dynast who had only his daughter Indira Gandhi in mind as his successor? What role did Nayar himself play in Lal Bahadur Shastri's election as prime minister after Nehru's death? Why did Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan—revered as the Frontier Gandhi—refer to Indians as 'baniyas'? And who did Zulfikar Ali Bhutto think should be the prime minister of the entire subcontinent—India, Pakistan and Bangladesh?

Interspersed with these political reminiscences are delightful accounts of Meena Kumari's encounter with Shastri on the sets of *Pakeezah*, and Faiz Ahmed Faiz's flawless recitation of his great poetry even after consuming a full bottle of Black Dog whiskey.

Nayar does not fight shy of expressing his opinions—be it a comparison of JRD and Ratan Tata, advice for Narendra Modi, or reflections on the shape of Indo-Pak relations had Mahatma Gandhi and Mohammed Ali Jinnah lived longer.

In this absorbing and entertaining book—which he finished only weeks before he passed away—Kuldip Nayar writes in the grand old tradition of journalists who were not afraid to tell it like it is.

**Publisher: Speaking Tiger**

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