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New Book Alerts

What's New at the Library



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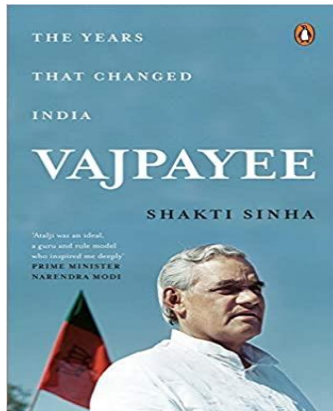
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1. The Years That Changed India Vajpayee/Shakti Sinha



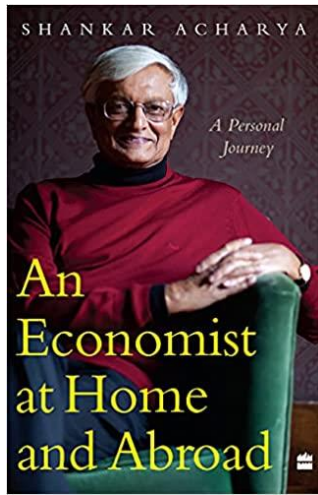
Former prime minister of India and member of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Atal Bihari Vajpayee was an understated and a singular politician of the kind rarely seen in contemporary times. His patriotism was uncompromising, forged out of the paradoxes of his life: The sensitive poet who summoned nerves of Steel to conduct the pokhran-ii nuclear tests; the man from humble beginnings who envisioned a project as Titanic as the Golden quadrilateral highway network. Devoid of any political pedigree or patronage, he harnessed his diplomatic acumen to transform India's relations with the United States, which had long been mired in misunderstandings rooted in the Cold War. His calculated decisions led to key strategic and economic policy achievements. in this book, Shakti Sinha, a close Associate of Vajpayee, helps us understand Vajpayee as a decision-maker. The narrative focuses on the political challenges Vajpayee faced, and on his key initiatives in the strategic and economic fields during his first Term as prime Minister, which have had a lasting impact. Vajpayee fleshes out not only Vajpayee's political philosophy but also provides an insider's account of how the former PM thought and worked.

Pub: Vintage

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2. An Economist At Home and Abroad/ Shankar Acharya



Economist, author, government adviser, banker and columnist, Dr Shankar Acharya has led a richly varied professional and personal life spanning continents. An alumnus of Highgate School (London), Oxford and Harvard, Dr Acharya worked at the World Bank for a decade before joining the Ministry of Finance as economic adviser where he crafted finance minister V.P. Singh's path-breaking long-term fiscal policy, which ushered in the MODVAT. After a brief deputation overseas in 1991-92 he returned as the country's longest-serving chief economic adviser to ministers Manmohan Singh, P. Chidambaram and Yashwant Sinha. Since 2001, he has undertaken a variety of assignments, which include his twelve-year long chairmanship of Kotak Mahindra Bank, stints as a member of the Twelfth Finance Commission and the National Security Advisory Board and columnist for a leading economic daily. In May 2020, he was one of the first people to predict the deep economic recession in India following the onset of COVID-19 and the ensuing lockdown.

Written with warmth and a rare honesty, *An Economist at Home and Abroad* presents the engaging journey of one of the most accomplished policy economists of our times whose views on contentious issues are often the definitive opinion.

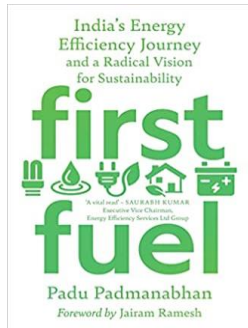
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3. India's Energy Efficiency Journey and a Radical Vision for Sustainability:

First Fuel/ Padu Padmanabhan



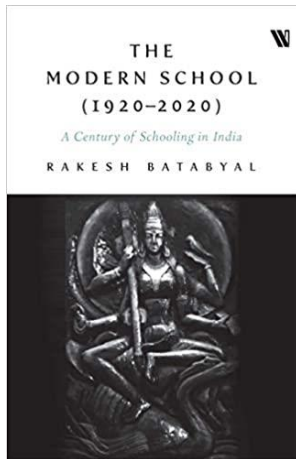
The historic oil crisis of 1973, which permanently altered significant economic policies worldwide, marked a turning point in India's energy odyssey, putting the country on the path towards energy efficiency. A young energy researcher at the National Productivity Council at the time, Padu Padmanabhan soon found himself at a juncture that would lead him to the many watershed moments of this journey. Drawing on his extensive subsequent experience at the United States Agency for International Development in India and the World Bank, Padu takes us from the Nehruvian years of idealism, through the five-decade-long quest for fuel efficiency and energy conservation that ultimately paved the way for the shift towards energy-efficient practices. Simple yet highly effective, energy efficiency has come to be known as our first fuel – an inexhaustible source of energy that may be one of the most viable means of combating the consequences of climate change and the indiscriminate use of natural resources. Through lessons gleaned from the implementation of past energy-efficient technology, Padu shows us how this 'fuel' can be harnessed for a sustainable future. *First Fuel* is an invaluable account for not only energy-sector professionals but anyone interested in understanding what it takes to achieve energy efficiency and why we need to urgently adopt such practices. It recommends vital policy and regulatory changes and, in so doing, presents a radical new vision for energy and all its users living in the most critical of times.

Pub: Macmillan

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4. The Modern School (1920-2020)/ Rakesh Batabyal



An iconic centre of learning in the national capital, the Modern School is representative of the pioneering efforts in the early twentieth century to create a contemporary educational structure in India. Historian Rakesh Batabyal excavates the school's origins in old Delhi and its close ideological links to the literary and cultural sensibilities of the nineteenth century, the values of the freedom movement and the philosophical quest for a universal horizon for the nation.

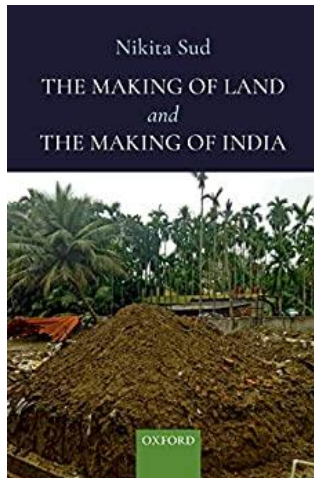
As its name suggests, Modern was devoted to the new: to an India with her face turned optimistically to the world, not as a colony but as a significant contributor to a more equal, pluralistic, inclusive and collaborative global order. When schools in India and the world have become so 'practical', so focused on producing good corporate citizens, Modern continues to pride itself on its holistic values, on schooling as a means to self-actualisation. Towards this end, it has continuously promoted research and pedagogic innovations, scientific thinking and cultural expressions in teaching and learning. The foundational principles of academic excellence, self-confidence and social responsibility continue to steer the school forward. This, Batabyal shows, is the key to understanding its sense of mission: of providing a uniquely Indian education that marries traditional culture to scientific progress. The Modern School: A Century of Schooling in India presents the school's ennobling influence over generations through its vision of education as a key to nation-building.

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5. The Making of Land and the Making of India/Nikita Sud



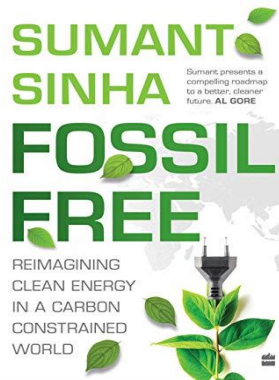
What is land and how is it made? In this path-breaking study of sites in western, eastern, and southern India, Nikita Sud argues that land is not simply the solid surface of the earth. It is best understood as a materially and conceptually dynamic realm, intimately tied to the social. As such, land transitions across porous registers of territory, property, authority, the sacred, history and memory, and contested access and exclusion. While states, markets, and politics in post-liberalization India try to make land suitable for 'growth' and 'development', the relationship between the soil and institutions is never straightforward. A state attempting to order a layered topography is frequently stretched into shadowy domains of informality and unsanctioned practices. A market may be advanced, but remains precariously embedded in sociality. Politics could challenge the land-making of the state and markets. It may also effect compromises. Attempts at constructing a durable landed order thus reveal our own (dis)orders. In attempting to 'make' the land, Sud's intriguing study shows how the land simultaneously 'makes' us.

Pub: Oxford

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5. Fossil free: Reimagining a cleaner, greener, carbon-free world / Sumant Sinha



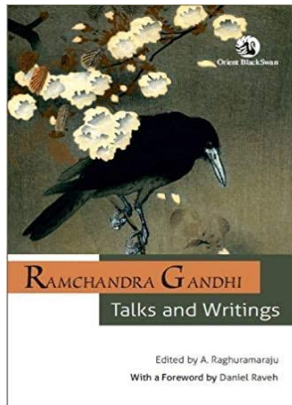
The current global energy use, with its overwhelming dependence on fossil fuels, has taken global warming to dangerous levels. Climate change is already hitting us hard, through adverse effects on global food availability, biodiversity, rising sea levels and extreme weather events, such as hurricanes and floods. In the last decade, a major transformation—the transition to clean, affordable and sustainable energy from the sun and the wind—is beginning to address these challenges. Fossil Free provides a concise introduction to the challenges, realities and complexities of the global and local energy industry, as well as the trends and forces driving the energy transition. It explains how improved electricity infrastructure, decentralized smart grids, electric vehicles, energy storage and market design are already providing clear pathways for the transition towards green, efficient, affordable and secure renewable energy across the energy-use chain: extraction, conversion, transmission, distribution and end use. For over a decade, Sumant Sinha has had a ringside view of the energy scenario. Having founded and helmed India's leading clean energy company, his understanding of the global energy landscape and climate change brings a unique, holistic perspective on energy. With Fossil Free, Sinha shares his vision for energy which is not only clean, but also practical and affordable.

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6. Talks and Writings/ Ramchandra Gandhi



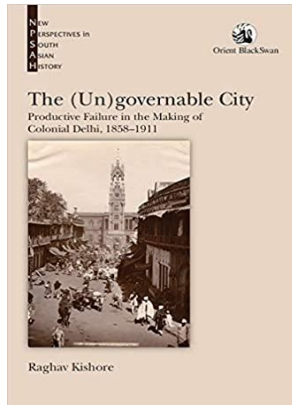
The uniqueness of Ramchandra Gandhi (1937–2007) as a contemporary Indian thinker can clearly be seen in the range of subjects he dealt with, as well as the variety of themes and genres he traversed. Ramchandra Gandhi: talks and writings assembles selected works of this important Indian philosopher, including his essays, interviews, newspaper articles, talks and lectures, some of which appear in this volume for the first time in text form. Touching upon the themes of philosophy, religion, spirituality, politics, art, secularism, nuclear proliferation and Ecology, this collection serves as a window into his work. It will interest scholars and researchers of modern Indian philosophy.

Pub: Orient Black Swan

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Accession No: 157304

7. The (Un) Governable City: productive Failure in the making of Colonial Delhi, 1858-1911/Raghav Kishore



Mirza Ghalib, the poet laureate of Delhi, had lamented the transformation of the city into a cantonment in the aftermath of the Great Rebellion of 1857. No longer the Mughal imperial capital, Delhi was stripped of its political status and incorporated within the province of Punjab as punishment by the colonial rulers. *The (Un)governable City*, dedicated entirely to Delhi's provincial history under colonial rule, explores this radical transformation of urban governance in Delhi between 1858 and 1911 as bureaucracy expanded and new modes of governance reshaped the city—spatially, politically and culturally. Contesting the view that the aftermath of the rebellion was a period of political stability, the author creatively demonstrates how the tensions, contradictions and failures of colonial policies were responsible for the unintended development of state capacity and also provided opportunities for Delhi's residents and social groups to assert their claims to city spaces. This volume brings to scrutiny Delhi's cultural, economic and political transitions, and the relationships between local, regional and imperial governments during this period. The book presents fresh material on Delhi's urban property relations after 1857, the Delhi municipality's policing of public spaces, colonial arboriculture plans to 'improve' suburban lands, processional activities, as well as railway, traffic management and commercial growth initiatives after the 1880s.

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