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My Country My Life Steve Parish *My Country My Life 'Advaniji Has Been My Friend And Comrade-In-Arms For Over Fifty Years. He Has Never Compromised On His Core Belief In Nationalism, And Yet Has Displayed Flexibility In Political Responses Whenever It Was Demanded By The Situation. He Has An Open Mind That Always Absorbs New Ideas From Diverse Sources. I Am Certain That My Country My Life Will Be Read Widely, And With Keen Interest, By People From Diverse Backgrounds. For Mirrored In It Is The Remarkable Journey Of A Sensitive Human Being And An Outstanding Leader Whose Best, I Hope And Pray, Is Yet To Come.'*From The Foreword By Atal Bihari Vajpayee Prime Minister Of India (1998-2004) *My Country My Life Is An Extraordinary Self-Portrait Of India S Leading Political Personality - L.K. Advani. As An Immigrant Who Was Forced To Abandon His Beloved Sindh, Which Became A Part Of Pakistan After India Was Partitioned In 1947, On The Basis Of The Communally Inspired Two Nation Theory , Advani Gives A Poignant First-Person Account Of That Tragedy. With A Career Spanning Six Decades As A Political Activist In Post-1947 India, During Which He Has Been A Ring-Side Viewer Of, And Participant In, Almost All The Major Socio-Political Developments In India, Advani Is Uniquely Qualified To Offer A Perspective On Independent India S Political Evolution. The Apogee Of Advani S Achievement Was His Seminal Contribution, Together With His Senior Colleague Atal Bihari Vajpayee, To Ending The Congress Party S Dominance Over India S Polity By Building The Bharatiya Janata Party As A Viable Alternative For Governing India. The Book Provides A Riveting, Insightful And Assertive Account Of Advani S Fight For Democracy During The Emergency, His Ram Rath Yatra For The Reconstruction Of The Ram Temple At Ayodhya That Resulted In The Biggest Mass Movement In India Since Independence And Catalysed A Nationwide Debate On The True Meaning Of Secularism, And His Years As India S Deputy Prime Minister And Home Minister In The Vajpayee-Led Government Of The National Democratic Alliance Between 1998-2004. The Importance And Relevance Of The Publication Of His Memoirs Has Increased Considerably Since He Has Now Been Chosen By The Bjp-Led Nda To Lead The Multi-Party Alliance Into The Forthcoming Parliamentary Elections. My Country My Life Is A Testimony To What Advani S Admirers As Well As His Critics Have Always Known Him For: The Gift Of Clarity Of Thought, Strong Convictions And Forceful Articulation. This Is A Candid Reflection On Himself, His Party And His Nation That Is Likely To Engage Readers In A Tour De Force With India S Leading Statesman. In A Country Where Political Memoirs, Especially By Those Who Are Still Active In Politics, Are Rare, This Book Is A Landmark. **A Prisoner's Scrap-Book** Prabhat Prakashan **Lal Krishna Advani Deputy Prime Minister** APH Publishing On the life and achievements of Lal Krishinchand Advani, b. 1927, Indian politician. **Jugalbandi The BJP Before Modi** Penguin Random House India Private Limited Narendra Modi has been a hundred years in the making. Vinay Sitapati's Jugalbandi provides this backstory to his current dominance in Indian politics. It begins with the creation of Hindu nationalism as a response to British-induced elections in the 1920s, moves on to the formation of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in 1980, and ends with its first national government, from 1998 to 2004. And it follows this journey through the entangled lives of its founding jugalbandi: Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Lal Krishna Advani. Over their six-decade-long relationship, Vajpayee and Advani worked as a team despite differences in personality and beliefs. What kept them together was fraternal love and professional synergy, of course, but also, above all, an ideology that stressed on unity. Their partnership explains what the BJP before Modi was, and why it won. In supporting roles are a cast of characters-from the warden's wife who made room for Vajpayee in her family to the billionaire grandson of Pakistan's founder who happened to be a major early funder of the BJP. Based on private papers, party documents, newspapers and over two hundred interviews, this is a must-read for those interested in the ideology that now rules India. **My Take** Prabhat Prakashan L.K. Advani's blogs cut across generations: for his contemporaries, they have a recall value. For the young Indian, restless to do his bit in shaping the future of his country, Advani's blogs provide a rare insight into history. They take him through the turmoil and toil of leaders like Sardar Patel and their distinctive contribution in shaping today's India. Advani's blogs have a dual purpose: they mirror an era gone by and yet link its relevance to an India, raring to take on the world. The blogs, therefore, successfully merge two eras: one to which Advani himself belongs with another which sees him as a mentor. That Advani has been a consequential politician is a given. As a protagonist in the political playfield spanning decades, he along with Atal Behari Vajpayee, not only formed the Bharatiya Janata Party but transformed it dramatically. If the BJP is nationally in the reckoning today, it is because of the Atal-Advani vision of bringing it centre-stage from the margins. It is through this journey that he redefined secularism. During his historic yatras including the Ramjanambhoomi and Somnath to Ayodhya, the country was compelled to redefine secularism and distinguish it from the pseudo secularism being handed down by adversaries. But that is only one part. The other and more significant is Advani's contribution in setting and elevating standards in public life and hammering that they be followed. That he has led from the front is well known. The strength of Advani's blogs, like his persona, is that they are direct, candid and forthright. There is no soft-pedaling issues or minimizing the blow as it were. He has stated facts as they are and made no attempt to either underplay or exaggerate any sequence. His writings are as clear as his mind. The blogs offer a wide range: history, politics, books and all else. To those who have a stake in India's political future, Advani's blogs are an effective guide; for others an interesting read. **A Constructive Parliamentarian** Prabhat Prakashan Texts of bills introduced by Atal Bihari Vajpayee in the Parliament and related debates on the bills. **Durbar** Hachette UK Tavleen Singh's acclaimed and bestselling memoir begins in the summer of 1975 when, not yet twenty-five, she started working as a junior reporter in the Statesman in New Delhi. Within five weeks, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi declared the Emergency, and soon reckless policies said to be authored by her younger son were unleashed on India's citizens. In 1984, following Indira Gandhi's assassination, Rajiv Gandhi became Prime Minister, fortified by a huge mandate from a nation desperate for change. But, belying its hopes, the young leader chose for himself a group of advisors, friends and acolytes just as unaware as him of the ground realities of a complex nation. It was the beginning of a political culture of favouritism and ineptitude that would take hold at the highest levels of government, stunting India's ambitions and frustrating its people for years to come. A sharp account of these turbulent years, Durbar describes the Nehruvian era of Singh's childhood, the Emergency of her youth and the political shifts that followed, bringing with them insurgencies, massacres, and crises internal and external. This remarkable memoir, vivid with the colour of election campaigns and society dinners, low conspiracies and high corruption, reminds us of this truth: that if India is to achieve a better future, the past cannot be ignored or forgotten. **Jyotipunj** Prabhat Prakashan The life of only those people in the world is purposeful who are able to dedicate a part or whole of their life in others' good and service. Such great people have made special contribution in constructing the world's history. In Bharat; in 1925 Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh was established to achieve the exalted goals of nationbuilding and individualbuilding. The work of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has been progressing continuously. A large number of people have contributed in taking ahead this task. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi; a Swayamsevak himself; during his journey for refinement and transformation got an opportunity to come into contact with a number of selfless and devoted people who dedicated every moment of their lives and every particle of their bodies in the service of the Motherland. Reminiscences of some greatest social workers who relentlessly and untiringly burnt their lives to glow the motherland Maa Bharati. **Gopalganj to Raisina My Political Journey** Rupa Publications Few Indian politicians can match the mass appeal and charisma of Lalu Prasad Yadav. As the leader of a political party, as the Chief Minister of Bihar and as Union Minister, he blazed a trail, bringing a dash of rustic wit and flair into the nation's political narrative of drab 'political correctness'. Although essentially a regional leader, his influence has extended beyond his home state, often impacting important political developments at the Centre. Gopalganj to Raisina Road is the journey of India's most colourful political leader. From his humble origins in Phulwaria village to his remarkable rise as Railway Minister, the narrative relives the twists and turns and the highs and lows of his life. In doing so, it reveals little-known facets of many inflection points in the nation's history: the Emergency, how he got V.P. Singh to implement the explosive Mandal Commission recommendations, the arrest of veteran BJP leader L.K. Advani during the latter's Rath Yatra, Sonia Gandhi's decision to not lead the UPA government, his acceptance of Manmohan Singh's candidature for prime ministership in 2004, and his dramatic relationship with friend-turned-foe Nitish Kumar. A political potboiler as never seen before, Lalu Prasad Yadav's autobiography is the most important book if one has to understand the evolution of the politics of the dalits and the marginalized. **The Struggle of My Life** Anjuman Prakashan **The Disruptor How Vishwanath Pratap Singh Shook India** Harper Collins 'Once you start reading, it's almost impossible to put this book down. This is not simply a biography - it is a serious work of history.' - Karan Thapar 'An admiring and admirable account of the life of a very complex public personality.' - Jairam Ramesh Vishwanath Pratap Singh, India's seventh Prime Minister, struck Indian politics with the force of a tornado. Primarily remembered for implementing the recommendations of the Mandal Commission report, which provided reservations in Central government services for the first time to the Other Backward Classes, he deserves a place in history for much more-from conducting raids on the biggest business houses of his time when he was finance minister, to investigating murky defence deals as defence minister (which cost him his job); bringing together a divided Opposition to form an unlikely coalition government at the Centre comprising the BJP and the communist parties, to spearheading the biggest airlift evacuation in Indian history-of Indians stranded in Kuwait during the first Gulf War. V.P. Singh weathered repeated crises during his eleven-month prime ministerial tenure: the rise of insurgency in Kashmir, starting with the kidnapping of his home minister's daughter by terrorists; L.K. Advani's rath yatra in support of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, which led to communal riots; and, above all, the backlash that followed the Mandal Commission report's implementation. Known for his integrity and honesty, V.P. Singh ended up antagonizing both the Congress and the BJP--perhaps one of the reasons he has not been given the posthumous attention he deserves. The Disruptor is a richly detailed account of his extraordinarily eventful life, told in the context of his times. **The Frontier Gandhi My Life and Struggle: the Autobiography of Abdul Ghaffar Khan** Affectionately known as 'Bacha' Khan or 'Badshah' Khan amongst his people, Khan Abdul Ghaffar's life was dedicated to the social reform of the Pukhtuns, who traditionally adhere to a strict code of life called 'Pukhtunwali', which is governed by rather rigid tribal norms. Bacha Khan is an acknowledged leader in the hearts of the Pukhtuns across the world, due to his life long struggle to modernize Pukhtun society and his teachings of non-violence, adopted by his Khudai Khidmatgar (Servants of God) party, during the struggle for independence against the British. He stands tall in the pantheon of leaders of the movement for independence. A close associate of Mahatma Gandhi, his success in mobilizing the Pukhtuns of the North-West Frontier Province and the Tribal Areas through a non-violent struggle, had significant bearing on this movement, in which the Khudai Khidmatgar allied with the Indian National Congress. The Pushto edition of Bacha Khan's autobiography was first published in 1983 in Afghanistan, when he was 93 years old. Nearly four decades later the book has been translated and published for the first time in English. This translation was painstakingly done by Sahibzada at the request of Shandana Humayun Khan, to whom he has dedicated the book. Shandana's maternal great-grandfather was Qazi Ataullah, a close lieutenant of Bacha Khan's and a key figure in the Khudai Khidmatgar movement. Before the translation process started, Sahibzada and Shandana visited several members of Bacha Khan's family including his grandsons Nasir Ali Khan, Asfandayar Wali Khan and Saleem Jan. The translator shared a close friendship with Bacha Khan's son, Abdul Ghani Khan, the greatest Pukhtun poet of the century. The book is a result of the participation of several members of his family and those who have spent their lives studying Bacha Khan's philosophy. For the first time Bacha Khan's thoughts on Pukhtun society, his vision for a more equitable world achieved along the lines of non-violence have been researched, translated and made available for the world in his own words. **Tanya Tania** Bloomsbury Publishing "Last night there was a snowstorm that made my window disappear. I woke up thinking you had died. This is my first letter in three and a half years. First letter since I left Pakistan. First letter since Nusrat." It is 1992. Violence is exploding in Pakistan. In India, a 16th century mosque is about to be demolished. Tanya Talati in*

Karachi and Tania Ghosh in Bombay write letters to each other, moving from the commonplace to what cannot be said to anyone: a mother who has fallen silent, sex that has become a weapon, bills that cannot be paid and a servant with impossibly soft hands. When Tanya's brother receives a kidnapping threat in Karachi, she sets in motion what no one could have predicted, least of all Tania, who finds herself alone in a forbidden Bombay bazaar, listening to a riot torn city draw closer and closer and closer. Tanya Tania is a story about power, love and belonging as two girls searching for selfhood become women in adolescent India and Pakistan. **Shades of Saffron From Vajpayee to Modi** Westland Publication Limited The BJP enjoys the predominant position in Indian politics today. In its journey from coalition politics to single-power hegemony, it has emerged as a very different entity from the one that came to power in 1998. Naqvi tells the story from the party's founding in 1980 to its two stints in power. **Indian Identity Narratives and the Politics of Security** SAGE Publications Ltd This book provides a fresh insight into the role of identity in international and national relations and policy. The book presents a discourse on national identity in India, the events from 1990-2003, and how these have influenced the engagement of India with others, especially with Pakistan and China. In this process, it reveals several surprising insights, along with the challenges that confront the country. **Confessions of a Swadeshi Reformer My Years as Finance Minister** Penguin Books India The Chandra Shekhar Government Had Fallen. Fresh Elections Had Been Called. Yashwant Sinha, Finance Minister In The Caretaker Government, Was In Patna, Contesting For The Lok Sabha Against Tough Opposition, When A Senior Officer From The Finance Ministry Brought An Urgent File For His Signature: India Needed To Mortgage Gold To Obtain A Loan From The Bank Of England To Tide Over A Payments Crisis There Were Just Enough Foreign Exchange Reserves To Pay For Two Weeks Imports. The Crisis Was Not Of Their Government's Making, But It Devolved On Sinha To Take This Drastic Step. If He Ever Got The Opportunity, He Promised Himself, He Would Make Sure That The Country Never Had To Face Such A Crisis Again. The Opportunity Came In 1998, When Sinha Was Appointed Finance Minister In The Nda Government Led By Vajpayee And Was Faced With Yet Another Crisis: The Nuclear Tests In May That Year Resulted In Sanctions And A Possible Flashpoint. The Finance Minister's Decision To Issue The Resurgent India Bonds Helped Tide Over It, Raising 4.25 Billion In Two Weeks From Nris, And The Country Hasn't Looked Back Since. Yashwant Sinha Was Finance Minister For Four Years, Until 2002, And Presented Five Budgets. In *Confessions Of A Swadeshi Reformer He Gives Us The Inside Story Of How The Framework For The Growth That Has Taken Place Subsequently Was Laid In That Time. From The Reforms That Were Initiated To The Politics That Threatened All Initiative, The Opposition From Within The Party As Also Outside It, Which Tried To Derail The Process, Sinha Pulls No Punches In This Candid Memoir. Nor Does He Shy Away From Discussing The Attempts To Cut Him Down To Size, Including The Proposal To Split Up The Ministry Of Finance, And The Various Controversies Of The Time From The Two Uti Scams To The Flex Industries Case And The Mauritius Tax Treaty Case (In Which He Was Alleged To Have Favoured His Daughter-In-Law), All Of Which He Faced With Equanimity And Strength Of Character. There Are, Besides, Piquant Observations On The Jostling For Position And Prime Postings That Any Minister Has To Face. In The Popular Eye, The Finance Minister Is Often Seen As A Taxing Machine, A Man Entrusted, As One British Chancellor Of The Exchequer Put It, With A Certain Amount Of Misery Which Is His Duty To Distribute As Fairly As He Can. This May Perhaps Be True, But, As This Memoir Shows, The Finance Minister Can Also Bestow A Few Pleasant Surprises.* **On My Terms From the Grassroots to the Corridors of Power** Sharad Pawar is one of India's key public figures. Through his five-decade-long career, during which he has never lost an election, he has served as chief minister of Maharashtra four times and as India's defence minister and minister for agriculture. On two occasions he came close to becoming the country's prime minister. He has often bucked the trend, preferring policy and pragmatism over populism, and won admiration for his administrative acumen and consensual politics. Eyewitness-at the highest levels-to India's and Maharashtra's history since the 1960s, he shares in this memoir his reflections on coalition politics, the loss of democracy in the Congress Party (with which he began his political life), the state of agriculture and industry in the country, and the absolute necessity of social harmony and a liberal, inclusive ethos for India's future. As he does this, he also gives us rare information about many crises and turning points: Emergency and its impact on national and regional politics; the fall of the Chandrashekhar government in 1991; the signing of the Punjab Accord between Rajiv Gandhi and H.S. Longowal; the Babri Masjid demolition; the Mumbai bomb blasts of 1993; the devastating earthquake in Latur; the controversy over the Enron power project; and Sonia Gandhi's dramatic decision to give up the chance to occupy the country's highest office. Throughout, the narrative also contains candid and fascinating assessments of some of the biggest names in Indian politics, among them, Indira, Rajiv and Sonia Gandhi, Y.B. Chavan, Morarji Desai, Biju Patnaik, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Chandrashekhar, P.V. Narasimha Rao, George Fernandes and Bal Thackeray. 'On My Terms' is a rich, insightful and remarkably frank memoir by one of India's most experienced and influential political leaders, and a valuable document of the country's recent political history. **India's Bismarck, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** Indus Source This book outlines Patel's crucial role in the integration of princely states into India, in saving the Kashmir valley from Pakistani raiders, and his perceptive and farsighted approach with respect to China, Tibet and Nepal. The book reproduces rare and unpublished correspondence from distinguished persons including Lord Mountbatten and K. P. S. Menon, among others. India's Bismarck explores the courageous and pivotal role of Sardar Patel in the creation of One India. **Vajpayee The Years That Changed India** Former Prime Minister of India and member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Atal Bihari Vajpayee was an understated politician of the kind not often seen in contemporary times. His patriotism was uncompromising, forged out of the paradoxes in his life: a sensitive poet who summoned nerves of steel to conduct the Pokhran-II nuclear tests; a man of humble beginnings who envisioned a project as titanic as the Golden Quadrilateral highways. Devoid of any natural political pedigree or patronage network, he harnessed his political acumen to transform India's relations with the United States which had long been mired in misunderstandings rooted in the Cold War. His prudent decisions led to key strategic and economic policy contributions. There is a need to understand Vajpayee as a decision-maker, with specific references to key initiatives in the strategic and economic fields that have had a significant effect on the India that we see today. Vajpayee fleshes out not only Vajpayee's political philosophy but also provides an insider's account and an intimate memoir of the person. **India Today: An Encyclopedia of Life in the Republic [2 volumes] An Encyclopedia of Life in the Republic** ABC-CLIO Containing almost 250 entries written by scholars from around the world, this two-volume resource provides current, accurate, and useful information on the politics, economics, society, and cultures of India since 1947. • 240 A-Z entries on the social, political, cultural, and economic development of India since 1947 • Contributions from more than 100 distinguished international scholars from five continents • A chronology of major domestic, regional, and world events in and involving India from 1947 to 2010 • A "Guide to Related Topics" to allow readers to trace main themes across related entries • An extensive Selected Bibliography containing multicultural and multidisciplinary materials and scholarship on the growth and development of the Republic of India from 1947 to the present **Engaging India Diplomacy, Democracy, and the Bomb** Brookings Institution Press In this revised edition of the highly praised *Engaging India*, Strobe Talbott updates his bestselling diplomatic account of America's parallel negotiations with India and Pakistan over nuclear proliferation in the late 1990s. The update looks at recent nuclear dealings between India and the United States, including Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's 2005 visit to America. Under the highly controversial agreement that emerged, the United States would give India access to U.S. nuclear technology and conventional weapons systems. In exchange, India would place its civilian nuclear program under international monitoring and continue the ban on nuclear testing. Praise for the hardback edition "A fascinating study of how diplomatic dialogue can slowly broaden to include subtle considerations of the domestic politics and foreign policies of both countries involved." *Foreign Affairs* "An important addition to the literature of modern diplomatic history."—Choice "Detailed and revealing... an honest behind-the-scenes look at how countries make and defend policies.... A must-read for any student of diplomacy."—*Outlook (India)* "A rapidly engrossing work and a welcome addition to modern world history shelves."—*Reviewer's Bookwatch* "A highly engaging book; lucid, informative and at times, amusing."—*International Affairs* **Mobilizing Religion and Gender in India The Role of Activism** Routledge Religious nationalists and women's activists have transformed India over the past century. They debated the idea of India under colonial rule, shaped the constitutional structure of Indian democracy, and questioned the legitimacy of the postcolonial consensus, as they politicized one dimension of identity. Using a historical comparative approach, the book argues that external events, activist agency in strategizing, and the political economy of transnational networks explain the relative success and failure of Hindu nationalism and the Indian women's movement rather than the ideological claims each movement makes. By focusing on how particular activist strategies lead to increased levels of public support, it shows how it is these strategies rather than the ideologies of Hindutva and feminism that mobilize people. Both of these social movements have had decades of great power and influence, and decades of relative irrelevance, and both challenge postcolonial India's secular settlement - its division of public and private. The book goes on to highlight new insights into the inner dynamics of each movement by showing how the same strategies - grassroots education, electoral mobilization, media management, donor cultivation - lead to similarly positive results. Bringing together the study of Hindu nationalism and the Indian women's movement, the book will be of interest to students and scholars of South Asian Religion, Gender Studies, and South Asian Politics. **The Quest for Equity in Development The Untold Vajpayee Politician and Paradox** Random House India Despite his grand 'secular' statements in Parliament that bordered on the Nehruvian, Atal Bihari Vajpayee has often taken brief excursions into the hardline camp. In 1983, he made an incendiary speech during the Assam elections in which the presence of 'Bangladeshi foreigners' in the state was a big issue. Even the BJP had disowned Vajpayee's speech, which possibly inspired the massacre of over 2000 people, mostly Muslims, in Nellie in Assam. Vajpayee, one of the shrewdest politicians of India, is known for negotiating multiple contradictions: from militant nationalism to his secret family life; his stint as a communist; his indulgence in food; influence of Gandhi and Nehru; Narendra Modi and Gujarat issues; foreign policies; and his attempt to project himself as a moderate face, if not liberal, among others. Exploring crucial milestones of Vajpayee's career and his traits as a seasoned politician, the book looks at his relationship with leaders of his party and the love-hate association with RSS and its feeder organizations. Thoroughly researched, supported by hard facts and accompanied by inside stories and anecdotes, insightful interviews and archival photographs, *The Untold Vajpayee* would open a window to the life and times of a poet politician. **Narendra Modi: The Man, the Times** Tranquebar On 26 December 2012, Narendra Modi was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for the fourth time to extend his record tenure in office. "Mass Murderer" or "Development Man"? It depends on which side of the spectrum he is viewed from, because Narendra Modi is one of those politicians whose name prompts extremes of hate-filled anger or outright adulation. Despite polarizing Gujarat and India in more ways than one, Modi brilliantly does what it takes to survive in a democracy: win elections. Written by veteran journalist and writer, Nilanjan after several in-depth interviews, meticulous research and extensive travel through Gujarat, this book reveals hitherto unknown aspects of Narendra Modi's psyche: as a six year-old boy selling tea to help out his father and distributing badges and raising slogans at the behest of a local political leader; abandoning his family and wife in search of his definition of truth; initiation into the RSS as a fledgling who ran errands for his seniors; his idea of Gujarati pride and Indian-ness; and finally, his meteoric rise which gave him a distinct identity post the 2002 Godhra riots. *Narendra Modi: The Man, The Times* is a definitive biography of a man who may have challenged the basic principles of a sovereign secular nation but emerged at its destination as an undisputed and larger-than-life leader. **In the Name of Honor A Memoir** Simon and Schuster In June 2002, journalists throughout the world began to hear of the gang rape of a Pakistani woman from the impoverished village of Meerwala. The rape was ordered by a local clan known as the Mastoi and was arranged as punishment for indiscretions allegedly committed by the woman's brother. While certainly not the first account of a female body being negotiated for honor in a family, and (sadly) not the last, journalists and activists were captivated. This time the survivor had chosen to fight back, and in doing so, single-handedly changed the feminist movement in Pakistan. Her name was Mukhtar Mai, and her decision to stand up to her accusers was an act of bravery unheard of in one of the world's most adverse climates for women. By July 2002, Mai's case was headline news in Pakistan and under international scrutiny, the government awarded her the equivalent of 8,500 U.S. dollars in compensation money (a historic settlement), and her attackers were sentenced to death. Mukhtar Mai went on to open a school for girls in an effort to ensure that future generations would not suffer, as she had, from illiteracy. In this rousing account, Mai describes her experience and how she has since become an agent for change and a beacon of hope for oppressed women around the world. Timely and topical, *In the Name of Honor* is the remarkable and inspirational memoir of a woman who fought and triumphed against exceptional odds. **Ayodhya 6 December 1992** Penguin Enterprise 'A sensational book' India Today A shocking exposé of the event that changed Indian politics forever P.V. Narasimha Rao was the prime minister of India when, on 6 December 1992, thousands of kar sevaks stormed into the site of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya. The nation watched in horror as the centuries-old mosque was razed to the ground, in the presence of paramilitary forces and senior political leaders, marking a turning point in post-Independence Indian history. Many hold Rao responsible for not preventing the demolition, while others accuse him of being a co-conspirator. In this tell-all account, Rao reveals what really transpired in the run-up to that fateful day. Drawing on the Supreme Court order, parliamentary proceedings, eyewitness reports and his own insights, he presents a comprehensive view of the machinations that led to the demolition of the Babri Masjid. Nearly three decades after the event, Ayodhya: 6 December 1992 remains a valuable resource to understanding the political manoeuvres behind the Ram Mandir issue and the dangers of exploiting religious sentiments for narrow electoral gains. **Shivaji Hindu King in Islamic India** Oxford University Press Shivaji is a well-known hero in western India. He defied Mughal power in the seventeenth century, established an independent kingdom, and had himself crowned in an orthodox Hindu

ceremony. The legends of his life have become an epic story that everyone in western India knows, and an important part of the Hindu nationalists' ideology. To read Shivaji's legend today is to find expression of deeply held convictions about what Hinduism means and how it is opposed to Islam. James Laine traces the origin and development of the Shivaji legend from the earliest sources to the contemporary accounts of the tale. His primary concern is to discover the meaning of Shivaji's life for those who have composed-and those who have read-the legendary accounts of his military victories, his daring escapes, his relationships with saints. In the process, he paints a new and more complex picture of Hindu-Muslim relations from the seventeenth century to the present. He argues that this relationship involved a variety of compromises and strategies, from conflict to accommodation to nuanced collaboration. Neither Muslims nor Hindus formed clearly defined communities, says Laine, and they did not relate to each other as opposed monolithic groups. Different sub-groups, representing a range of religious persuasions, found it in their advantage to accentuate or diminish the importance of Hindu and Muslim identity and the ideologies that supported the construction of such identities. By studying the evolution of the Shivaji legend, Laine demonstrates, we can trace the development of such constructions in both pre-British and post-colonial periods. **The Advent of Advani An Authentic Critical Biography** South Asia Books **Her Way The Hopes and Ambitions of Hillary Rodham Clinton** Hachette UK The truth about the most important woman in America In Her Way, two Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times investigative journalists deliver: Previously undisclosed details about the Clinton's multi-decade plan for power including 8 years in the White House for Bill and 8 years for Hillary. Never-before-revealed information about Hillary's involvement in her husband's campaigns - including cover-ups and the truth about Bill's draft record. New details regarding Hillary's rivalry with Al Gore - and why it is likely to heat up. Provocative new information about Hillary's vote to authorize the Iraq War, and the steps she has taken to distance herself from that vote. Revelations about Bill Clinton's role in Hillary's campaign and his surprising opinion of Barack Obama New details of Hillary's failure to adhere to Senate ethics rules, and what this says about her political empire She is one of the most influential and recognizable figures in our country, and perhaps the single most divisive individual in our political landscape. She has been the subject of both hagiography and vitriolic smear jobs. But although dozens of books have been written about her, none of them have come close to uncovering the real Hillary -- personal, political, in all her complications. Now, as she make her historic run for the presidency, Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times reporters Jeff Gerth and Don Van Natta Jr. bring us the first comprehensive and balanced portrait of the most important woman in American politics. Drawing upon myriad new sources and previously undisclosed documents, Her Way shows us how, like many women of her generation, Hillary Rodham Clinton tempered a youthful idealism with the realities of corporate America and big-league politics. It takes readers from the dorm rooms at Wellesley to the courthouses of Arkansas and Washington; to the White House and role as First Lady like none other; inside the back rooms of the Senate, where she expertly navigates the political and legislative shoals; to her \$4 million mansion in Washington, where she presides over an unparalleled fundraising machine; and to her war room, from which she orchestrates ferocious attacks against her critics. Throughout her career, she has been alternately helped and hindered by her marriage to Bill Clinton. Her Way unravels the mysteries of their political partnership -- one of the most powerful and enigmatic in American history. It also explains why Hillary is such a polarizing figure. And more than any other book, it reveals what her ultimate hopes and ambitions are -- for herself and for America. **The Turbulent Years 1980-1996** Rupa Publications One day in November 2001, Mukesh Ambani, Chairman of Reliance Group, the largest private sector enterprise in India, mandated K.V. Subramaniam to build a life sciences business from scratch. With no formal education in biology, he was initially at sea. But, endowed with a corporate business development background and a do-or-die spirit, he set out to systematically understand and create a research-driven, biotechnology-leveraged company with a differentiated footprint and a distinct culture. In the process, in an environment that is severe on performance, which Reliance Group is known for, he defied detractors, fixed snags and surmounted both personal and business setbacks to ring in a successful technology business with sustained high growth, profitability and stature. Apart from giving insights into the Reliance way of building and managing businesses, K.V. Subramaniam goes beyond the narrative of nurturing a life sciences company to step back and derive messages and morals that are applicable to any technology-driven venture. This candid, conversational account of his encounters and excitements holds valuable lessons for those who are either starting a new business or managing an existing one. **Outlook Lal Advani, the Man and His Mission Nice Guys Finish Second** Viking Adult Memoirs of an Indian civil servant. **Jinnah India, Partition, Independence New Approaches to Security and Development** Institute of Southeast Asian Studies This paper was delivered by Shri Lal Krishna Advani, Deputy Prime Minister of India, at a Public Lecture organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore on 4 February 2003. **Remapping India New States and their Political Origins** Hurst Publishers There is a widespread consensus today that the constitutional flexibility to alter state boundaries has bolstered the stability of India's democracy. Yet debates persist about whether the creation of more states is desirable. Political parties, regional movements and local activists continue to demand new states in different parts of the country as part of their attempts to reshape political and economic arenas. Remapping India looks at the most recent episode of state creation in 2000, when the states of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Uttarakhand came into being in some of the poorest, yet resource-rich, regions of Hindi-speaking north and central India. Their creation represented a new turn in the history of the country's territorial organisation. This book explains the politics that lay behind this episode of 'post-linguistic' state reorganisation and what it means for the future design of India's federal system. **Born a Muslim Some Truths about Islam in India Maverick Messiah A Political Biography of NT Rama Rao** Ebury Press Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao, widely known as NTR, was not merely a film star who strayed into politics and captured power in Andhra Pradesh. The actor-politician redefined the political culture in the state and scripted a new political idiom. His rather dramatic entry into politics, the profound impact he left on the people of Andhra Pradesh and the vital role he played in national politics during his relatively short political life, however, have not received deserving recognition. **Maverick Messiah: A Political Biography of NTR** captures different facets of NTR in all their varied hues and puts in perspective the significant contribution of the actor-politician to the Indian political tapestry. **The House of Scindias: A Saga of Power, Politics and Intrigue** Roli Books Private Limited Weeks before India announced a total lockdown to combat the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020, the drama and governance coup in Madhya Pradesh political theatre was already speaking. Jyotiraditya Scindia dumped the Congress overnight for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) bringing down the former from power in the state. Many saw the return of the prodigal grandson as the reunion of the political dynasty of Scindias under BJP's catch-all umbrella. Jostling to spill over, along with priceless jewels in the treasury of Jai Vilas palace — the Scindias' royal abode in Gwalior — are many carefully buried secrets. Some are best hidden away, such as the Gwalior monarchs' controversial role during the revolt of 1857. Others need to be kept out of sight for diplomatic causes, such as the Rajmata's excessive dependency on her 'Rasputin' and the resultant mistrust of her only son, Madhavrao. One of the bigger questions is the palace alleged and under-probed role in Mahatma Gandhi's assassination. It is perhaps because of these unsolved mysteries that curiosity about the Scindias — a family that has given India many a salesperson across party lines — continues to dominate India's public imagination. With political intrigue, palace conspiracies, cut-throat rivalry and an ugly public feud, betrayals and property wars fought in courts, and siblings that do not look eye to eye, the Scindias make tantalizing headlines. With a wealth of information about the Gwalior royals, The House of Scindias is their most definitive and revealing biography.