

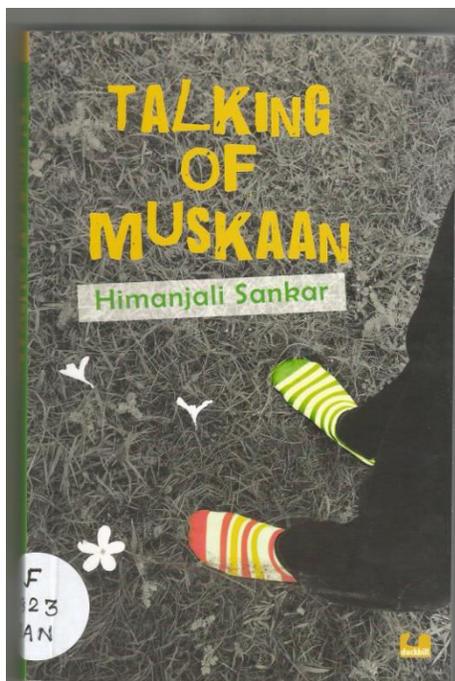
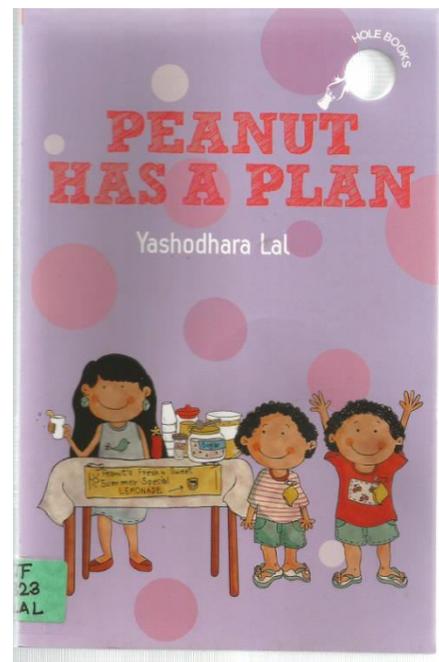
## NEW ARRIVALS (AUGUST)

### Peanut Has a Plan

➔ By Yashodhara Lal

Recommended for Classes - 3 to 5

"Peanut's plans always end badly! 'No more plans,' Says her mother. But the neighbourhood pups need help, so peanut has to make a new plan, urgently! Will this one work? And what if her mother finds out?"



### Talking of Muskaan

➔ By Himanjali Sankar

Recommended for 6-8

"Muskaan is in hospital, fighting for her life. Three classmates-her former best friend Aditya, the hottie Prateek, and the class topper Subhojoy-talk about Muskaan, and themselves. About school, home and the larger about secrets that

become burdens. And through their stories are revealed the twists and turns that drove Muskaan to try to kill herself.

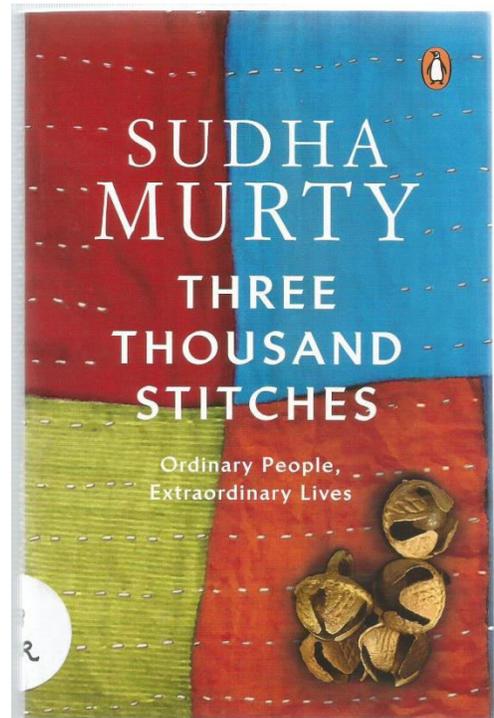
Funny and tragic by turns, Talking of Muskaan is a warm, moving novel about life and death and the young people caught in between.

## Three Thousand Stitches

➡ By Sudha Murty

Recommended for 6 to 8

"Unmasking both the beauty and the ugliness of human nature, each of the true stories in this collection is reflective of a life lived with grace. So often, it's the simplest acts of courage that touch the lives of others. Sudha Murty - through the exceptional work of the Infosys Foundation as well as through her own youth, family life and travels- has encountered many such stories... and she tells them here in her characteristically clear-eyed, warm-hearted way. She talks candidly about the meaningful impact of her work in the devadasi community, her trials and tribulations as the only female student in an



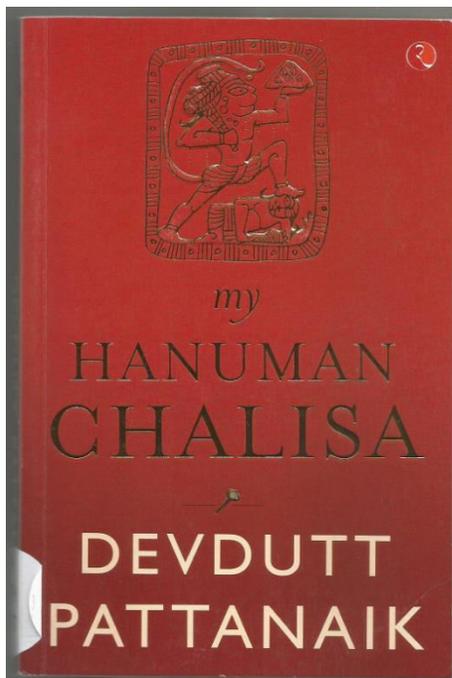
engineering college and the unexpected and inspiring consequences of her father's kindness. From the quiet joy of discovering the reach of Indian Cinema and the origins of Indian vegetables to the shallowness of judging others based on appearances, these are everyday struggles and victories, large and small.

## My Hanuman Chalisa

➔ By Devdutt Pattanaik

Recommended for 6 to 8

"Reflecting on one of Hinduism's most popular prayers for positive energy.



Every time I experience negativity in the world, and in myself, every time I encounter jealousy, rage, and frustration manifesting as violation and violence, I hear, or read, and Hanuman Chalisa.

Composed over four hundred years ago by Tulsidas, its simple words (in Awadhi, a dialect of Hindi) and its simple metre (Dohas and Chaupais) musically evoke the mythology,

history, and mystery of Hanuman, the much-loved Hindu deity, through whom Vedic wisdom reaches the masses.

As verse follows verse, my frightened, crumpled mind begins to expand with knowledge and insight, and my faith in humanity, both within and without, is restored.

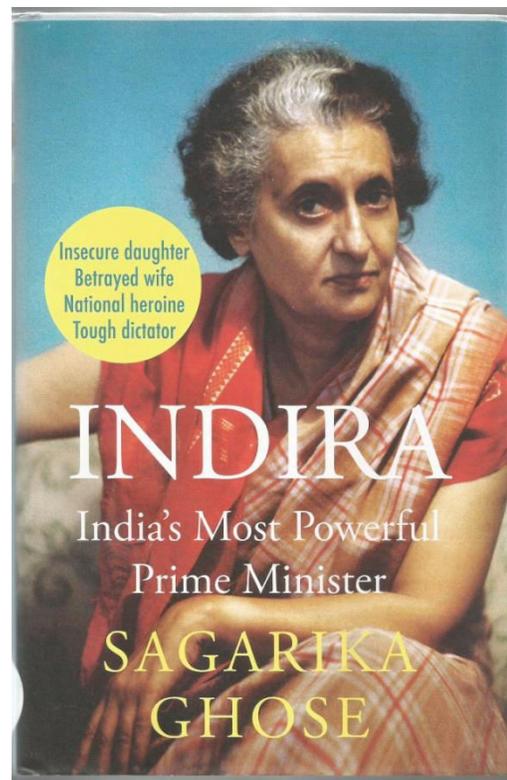
## Indira India's Most Powerful Prime Minister

→ By Sagarika Ghose

Recommended for 9 to 12

Indira Gandhi is fondly remembered as the Durga who won India its first decisive military victory in centuries and the strong stateswoman who had the courage to look American bullying in the eye and not blink. Equally, she is remembered as the terrible dictator who imposed the Emergency and tried to destroy institutions ranging from her own party to the judiciary; she is seen as the source of many of the problems that afflict Indian democracy today. Even so, for politicians Indira is the very definition of a strong leader, and a role model on both sides of the aisle.

In this spellbinding story of her life, journalist Sagarika Ghose has excavated not just Indira the iron lady and political



leader but also the flesh-and-blood woman. Born in 1917, Indira soon found her life swept up by Gandhi's call for freedom and swadeshi. Her family home became a hub of the national movement and Indira marinated in a political environment from an early age. But she also saw politics of another kind. Her sickly mother and she were the target of unkind attacks from her aunts. And her celebrated father, who had no patience for illness, was desperate to sculpt his daughter into his version of perfection - but Indira simply couldn't keep up with his expectations. Despite Nehru's disappointment and dismissiveness, Indira rose to become the unquestioned high command of the Congress and, indeed, the most powerful Prime Minister India has ever had.

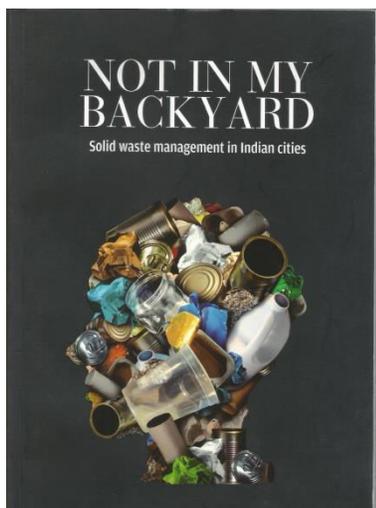
This no-holds-barred biographical portrait looks for answers to lingering issues : from why Indira revoked the Emergency to her son Sanjay's curious grip over her; and from her bad marriage and love affairs to her dangerous religious politics. This is the only book you need to read about Indira Gandhi.

## Not in My Backyard

→ By Sunita Narain

Recommended for Classes - 9 to 12

With rapid urbanization and the rise of a consumer culture, Indian cities are being swamped by a mammoth heap of waste. The nation produces 62 million tones of



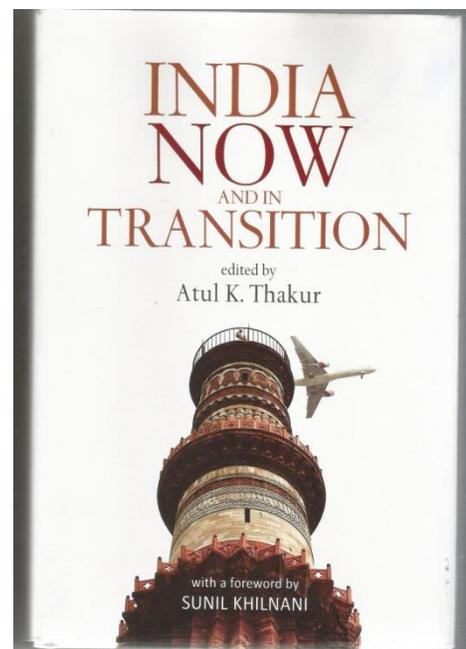
municipal solid waste every year. A major overhaul in the legislative framework of the sector is taking place with the notification of six new waste management rules (plastic, electronic, biomedical, construction and demolition, hazardous and other wastes, and solid waste). But legislation is just one aspect of management. How can India reduce the mountain of waste to a manageable molehill? This book tries to find out.

## India Now and in Transition

→ By Atul K. Thakur

Recommended for Classes 9 to 12

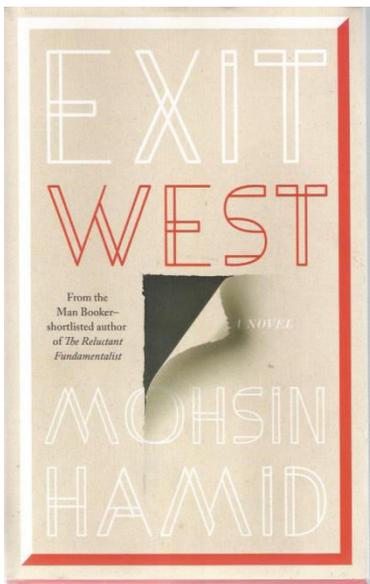
"India Now and in Transition is a, enquiry into possible futures, based on current happenings. Featuring contributions from leading thinkers and scholars in diverse fields, each essay in this volume critically analyses a major theme of India's present, to propose the likely way ahead for our emergent nation. Covering the fields of politics and governance, economics and development, security and foreign policy, society and culture, and language and literature, the book shows that - while beset with both internal and external



challenges on many fronts - India isn't waiting for its moment, it's making its moment happen.

## Exit West : A Novel

➔ By Mohsin Hamid



Recommended for Classes 9 to 12

From the Man Booker - shortlisted author of *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* comes a journey crossing borders and continents, into a possible future. *Exit west* is a love story from the storm. It is a song of hope and compassion. It reaches toward something essential in humankind - something still alive, still breathing, an open hand and a thudding heart under all the rubble and dust.

## Lone Fox Dancing : My Autobiography

➔ By Ruskin Bond

Recommended for Classes 9 to 12

"In this brilliantly readable autobiography - his book of books - one of India's greatest writers shows us the roots of everything he has written. He begins with a dream and a

haunting, before taking us to an idyllic childhood in Jamnagar by the Arabian Sea - where he composed his first poem - and New Delhi in the early 1940s - where he found material for his first short story. It was a brief period of happiness that ended with his parent's separation and the untimely death of his beloved father. A search for companionship and security, undercut by a fierce independence and a tendency for risk-taking, would inform every choice he made for the rest of his life.

In the final, glorious section of the autobiography, he writes about losing his restlessness and settling down in the hills of Mussoorie, surrounded by generous trees, mist and sunshine, birdsong, elusive big cats, new friends and eccentrics - and a family that grew around him and made him its own. Full of anecdote, warmth and gentle wit; often deeply moving and with a magnificent sense of time and place - and containing over fifty photographs - Lone Fox Dancing is a book of quiet and enduring magic, like Ruskin Bond himself.

