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### 1. Grisham, John

**Ford county: stories** — London: Random House, 2009.

344p.

823 GRI-F

62009

A mercy mission that is hilariously sidetracked by human weakness; a manipulative death-row inmate with one last plea; a small town divorce attorney who suddenly hits pay dirt; a man who sets out to break a casino to revenge a broken heart; a kidnapped lawyer who is confronted with one of his previous cases at gunpoint; a conman who preys on the rich and elderly; a boy dying of AIDS who finds mercy across the tracks in downtown Clanton: the sum total of human life is brilliantly captured in Grisham's unique evocation of lives lived and lost in Mississippi.

### 2. Fukuyama, Francis

**State Building: governance and world order in the 21st century** —

London: Profile Book, 2004.

194p.

321.023 FUK-S

62008

The building and strengthening of states is a massive task. From Afghanistan to Sudan, the Congo to Iraq, the process must be invented anew for every country. The formation of proper public institutions, such as an honest police force, uncorrupted courts, functioning schools and medical services and a strong civil service is fraught with difficulties. Helping with resources, people and technology across borders is the easy bit, but state-building requires methods that are not easily transported. Fukuyama traces what we know - and more often don't know - about how to transfer functioning public institutions in ways that will leave something of permanent benefit. He examines the consequences of weak state for the international order, and the grounds on which the international community may legitimately intervene to prop them up. These are important lessons, especially as the west wrestles with its responsibilities in Iraq, Afghanistan and beyond.

### 3. Sparks, Nicholas

**True believer** — Great Britain: Time Warner Books, 2005.

403p.

823.085 SPA-T

61990

Jeremy Marsh, a science journalist and debunker from New York, has set his sights on finding the real reasons behind the mysterious lights that appear in an ancient Southern cemetery, and he heads to the tiny town of Boone Creek, North Carolina, in search of the truth. Sceptical by nature, he comes face to face with Lexie Darnell, the town's librarian, and as he slowly finds the answers he's looking for he begins to understand that science can only go so far when it comes to unraveling the mysteries of the human heart.

#### 4. Bhagat, Chetan

**Five point someone** — New Delhi: Rupa, 2004.

267p.

823 BHA-F

61991

Five point someone is the story of three friends whose measly five-point something GPAs come in the way of everything - their friendship, their love life, their future.

#### 5. Bhagat, Chetan

**The 3 mistakes of my life** — New Delhi: Rupa, 2008.

257p.

823 BHA-T

61992

Based on real events, from the bestselling author of Five Point Someone and one night @ the call center, comes another dark, witty tale about modern India, where he brings out the ethos and isolation of an entire generation to the fore.

#### 6. Mustoe, Anne

**Two wheels in the dust: from Kathmandu to Kandy** — London: Virgin, 2001.

282p.

915.404 MUS-T

61993

Beginning in Kathmandu in Nepal, and ending in the tranquil hill town of Kandy in Sri Lanka, Anne Mustoe's amazing journey by bicycle followed the path of the Ramayana's central characters Rama and Sita - and Hanuman, their divine helper. With her chosen method of transport, she was able to mix and interact with local people; to learn of their customs and daily lives in ways that are closed to the conventional traveller. Rich experiences make up this remarkable adventure, and the book is packed with anecdotes that really bring the journey alive.

#### 7. Das, Gurcharan

**The difficulty of being good: on the subtle art of dharma** — New Delhi: Penguin, 2009.

434p.

294.5923046 DAS-D

61995

The Mahabharat is obsessed with the elusive notion of dharma-in essence, doing the right thing. When a hero does something wrong in a Greek epic, he gets on with it; when a hero falters in the Mahabharata, the action stops and everyone weighs in with a different and often contradictory take on dharma. The epic's characters are flawed; they stumble. But their incoherent experiences through light on our familiar emotions of anxiety, courage, despair, remorse, envy, compassion, vengefulness and duty. As the Mahabharata's story unfolds in the Difficulcuty of Being Good, the focus shifts from character to character - Bhishma, Yudhisthira, Arjuna, Draupadi, Duryodhana, Karna, Ashwatthama and Krishna-their ethical problems, and the significance of these issues for our lives.

**8. Bansal, Rashmi**

**Stay hungry stay foolish** — Ahmedabad: IIM, 2008.

325p.

658 BAN-S

61994

This is story of 25 IIM graduates who chose the rough road of entrepreneurship. They are diverse in age, in outlook and the industries they made a mark in. But they have one thing in common; they believed in the power of their dreams.

**9. Mantel, Hilary**

**Wolf hall** — London: Harper Collins, Virgin, 2009.

653p.

823.083 MAN-W

61997

England in the 1520s is a heartbeat from disaster. If the king dies without a male heir, the country could be destroyed by civil war. Henry VIII wants to annul his marriage of twenty years, and marry Anne Boleyn. The pope and most of Europe oppose him. The quest for the petulant king's freedom destroys his advisor, the brilliant Cardinal Wolsey, and leaves a power vacuum and a deadlock. Into this impasse steps Thomas Cromwell. Son of a brutal blacksmith, a political genius, a briber, a bully and a charmer, Cromwell has broken all the rules of a rigid society in his rise to power, and is prepared to break some more. Rising from the ashes of personal disaster - the loss of his young family and of Wolsey, his beloved patron - he picks his way deftly through a court where 'man is wolf to man.' Pitting himself against parliament, the political establishment and the papacy, he is prepared to reshape England to his own and Henry's desires.

**10. Malkiel, Burton G.**

**A random walk down wall street: the time-tested strategy for successful investing** — New York: W.W. Norton & Co., 2007.

455p.

658.152 MAL-R

61998

The author shows how to navigate the turbulence on Wall Street and beat the pros at their own game, giving individual investors the information they need to manage their money with confidence.

**11. Gilbert, Elizabeth**

**Eat pray love: one women's search for everything** — London: Bloomsbury, 2007.

349p.

823.543 GIL-E

61999

Elizabeth is in her thirties, settled in a large house with a husband who wants to

start a family. But she doesn't want any of it. A bitter divorce and a rebound fling later. Elizabeth emerges battered yet determined to find what she's been missing. So begins her quest. In Rome, she indulges herself and gains nearly two stone. In India, she finds enlightenment through scrubbing temple floors. Finally, in Bali, toothless medicine man reveals a new path to peace, leaving her ready to love again.

**12. Kamara, Mariatu**

**Bite of the Mango** — London: Bloomsbury, 2009.

215p.

823 KAM-B

62000

As a child in a small rural village in Sierra Leone, Mariatu Kamara lived peacefully surrounded by family and friends. Rumours of rebel attacks were no more than a distant worry. But one day when twelve-year-old Mariatu set out for a neighbouring village, she never arrived. Heavily armed rebel soldiers, many no older than children themselves, attacked and tortured Mariatu. During this brutal act of senseless violence they cut off both her hands. Stumbling through the countryside, Mariatu miraculously survived. The sweet taste of a mango, her first food after the attack, reaffirmed her desire to live, but the challenge of clutching the fruit in her bloodied arms reinforced the grim new reality that stood before her. With no parents or living adult to support her and living in a refugee camp, she turned to begging on the streets of Freetown. The author shares with readers the details of the brutal attack, its aftermath and her eventual arrival in Toronto.

**13. Bhurtel, Bhim Prasad**

**The political economy of Fiscal federalism in Nepal** — Kathmandu :

South: NSAC, 2009

216p.

336.34315496 BHU-P

62001

To the people and their leaders located politically away from the centre, federalism including its fiscal side also becomes attractive because the rights and responsibilities of the provincial and local government operating closer to them, physically and politically are constitutionally guaranteed. Our point is about such guarantee that would not make a difference in practice if the substance of the country's development strategy and economic policies and the powerlessness of the people to influence those remain unaltered.

**14. Bagchi, Subroto**

**The Professional** — New Delhi: Penguin, 2009

217p

305.553 BAG-P

62003

The author gives us his knowledge, based on his lifelong experience, of what it takes

to be a professional, what qualities you need to become a great professional, and what are the challenges of the future a professional must be prepared for. Most importantly, he asks and gives answers to the toughest question every professional faces.

**15. Divekar, Rujuta**

**Don't lose your mind lose your weight** — Noida: Random House,

2009

279p

613.25 DIW-D

61996

India's top celebrity fitness guru has worked with the who's who of Bollywood, including Kareena, Karishma, Saif, Lisa and Sonali. Now she lets you in on her secret - you can eat anything you want just as long as you follow her four simple principles. Rujuta teaches you how to lose weight without giving up all your favourite foods. No crash dieting, no carb deprivation, no unbidden carvings: you'll never go hungry again. What's more, she even reveals Bebo's complete regime, in a special chapter on how exactly our favourite heroine got that phenomenally fit bikini bod for Tashan.

**16. Huntington, Samuel P.**

**The Third Wave: democratization in the late twentieth century** —

New Delhi: Adarsh Enterprises, 2010

366p

321.8 HUN-T

62005

This book is about an important-perhaps the most important-global political development of the late twentieth century: the transition of some thirty countries from non democratic to democratic political systems. It is an effort to explain why, how and with what immediate consequences this wave of democratization occurred between 1974 and 1990.

**17. Gladwell, Malcolm**

**What the dog saw: and other adventures** — London: Penguin, 2009

410p

823.087 GLA-W

62006

What can hair dye tell us about the history of the twentieth century? Why are there dozens of varieties of mustard but only one of ketchup? What didn't the inventor of the birth control pill know about women's health? Why may a problem like homelessness be easier to solve than to manage? Who do we hire when we can't tell who's right for the job? What's the difference between choking and panicking? What can pit bulls teach us about crime? And are smart people actually rather overrated? The author introduces us to obsessives, pioneers and other varieties of minor genius, diagnoses some of our greatest and most overlooked problems, and explores the confounding mysteries of our characters, personalities and intelligence.

**18. Larsson, Stieg**

**The girl who kicked the Hornets' nest** — London: Maclehorse Press,  
2009

602p

823.08738 LAR-G

62007

Lisbeth Salander has been abused by a system supposedly designed to protect. And yet she is the one person whose intransigence and limitless bloody-mindedness can provoke the disruption of the Swedish secret state. This final volume of the Millennium Trilogy is the culmination of one of the most mesmerizing fictional achievements.

**19. Schelling, Thomas C.**

**The Strategy of Conflict** — New Delhi: Viva Books, 2008

309p

327.16 SCH-S

62023

Among diverse theories of conflict-corresponding to the diverse meanings of the world "conflict"-a main dividing line is between those that treat conflict - a main dividing line is between those that treat conflict as a pathological state and seek its causes and treatment, and those that take conflict for granted and study the behavior associated with it. Among the latter there is a further division between those that examine the participants in a conflict in all their complexity - with regards to both 'rational' and "irrational" behavior, conscious and unconscious, and to motivations as well as to calculations-and those that focus on the more rational, conscious, artful kind of behavior. Crudely speaking, the latter treat conflict as a kind of contest, in which the participants are trying to "win." A study of conscious, intelligent, sophisticated conflict behavior-of successful behavior- is like a search for rules of "correct" behavior in a context-winning sense.

**20. Gaarder, Jostein**

**Sophie's World** — London: Phoenix, 1994

436p

823 GAA-S

62002

Looking in her mailbox one day, a fourteen-year-old Norwegian schoolgirl called Sophie Amundsen finds two surprising pieces of paper. On them are written the questions; 'Who are you?' and 'Where does the world come from.'

**21. Datta-Ray, Sunanda K.**

**Looking east to look west: Lee Kuan Yew's Mission India** — New  
Delhi: Penguin, 2009

384p

327.54 DAT-L

62016

The title recounts how India and Singapore rediscovered long forgotten ties in the endeavour to create a new Asia. Singapore sponsored India's membership of regional institutions. Indian and Singapore broke diplomatic convention with unprecedented economic and defense agreements that are set to transform boundaries of trade and cooperation.

**22. Dalrymple, William**

**Nine lives: in search of the sacred in modern India** — New Delhi:

Bloomsbury, 2009

284p

291.44054 DAL-N

62004

A Buddhist monk takes up arms to resist the Chinese invasion of Tibet-then spends years trying to atone for the violence by hand-printing the best prayer flags in India. A Jain nun tests her powers of detachment as she watches her beset friend ritually starve to death. A woman leaves her middle-class family in Calcutta and her job in a jute factory, to find unexpected love and fulfillment living as a tantric in a remote cremation ground. A prison warden from Kerala becomes, for two months of the year, he returns to prison. A devadasi-a temple prostitute-initially resists her initiation into sex work, yet pushes her daughters into a trade she now regards as a sacred calling.

**23. Muni, S.D.**

**India's Foreign Policy: the democracy dimension** — New Delhi:

Foundation, 2009

178p

327.54 MUN-I

62017

India's Foreign policy: the democracy dimension is a study of India's responses to the challenge of democracy in other countries before and after its participation in the global democratic initiatives. India's similar responses in the past have been dictated and defined by its perceived vital strategic and political interest, and this continues to be so. The newly acquired obligations for promoting democracy may have tempered its foreign policy rhetoric and style on the democracy question but it has not, and will not override India's critical strategic concerns and interests.