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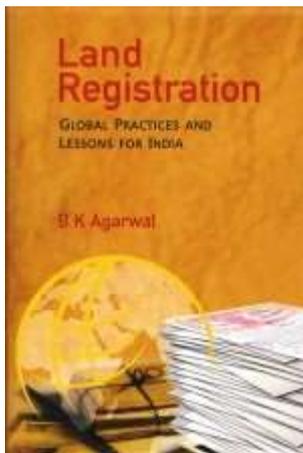
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## NEW BOOKS ADDED IN THE LIBRARY

### **1. Land Registration: Global Practices and Lessons for India/ BK Aggarwal**



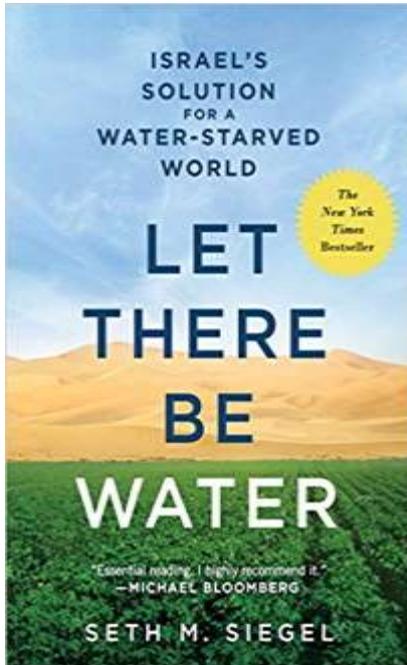
As per an estimate, a third of cases pending in Indian courts involve dispute over property. Some experts have the view that India should switch over from deed registration system to title registration system to solve the problem of ever increasing land disputes. The Department of Land Resources, Government of India, also subscribed to this view and listed 'moving eventually towards guaranteed conclusive titles to immovable properties in the country' as one of the objectives of the National Land Records Modernization Program (NLRMP) launched in 2008. In spite of this policy, not much headway was made by the states in this direction. Experience has shown that unless there is substantial research to support such a drastic change in the registration system practiced in India, states would not go for it. This book, authored by a senior Indian Administrative Service officer having extensive first-hand knowledge of land administration, fills the existing gap of research in the field of land registration and maintenance of title records in India.

**Pub: Pentagon Press**

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## 2.Let There Be Water: Israel's Solution for a Water-Starved World



Based on meticulous research and hundreds of interviews, *Let There Be Water* reveals the methods and techniques of the often offbeat inventors who enabled Israel to lead the world in cutting-edge water technology.

*Let There Be Water* also tells unknown stories of how cooperation on water systems can forge diplomatic ties and promote unity. Remarkably, not long ago, now-hostile Iran relied on Israel to manage its water systems, and access to Israel's water know-how helped to warm China's frosty relations with Israel.

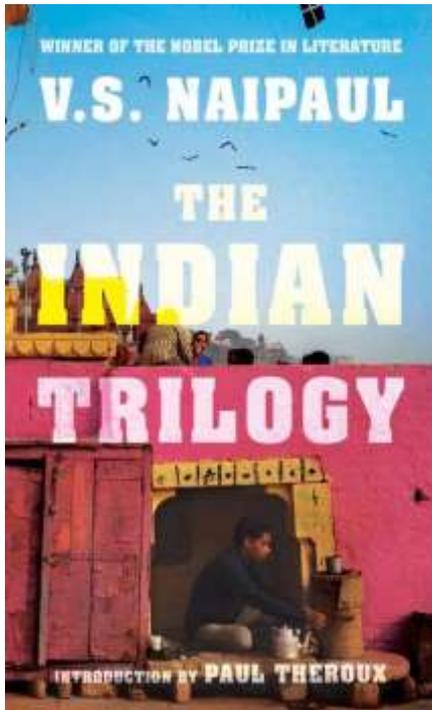
Beautifully written, Seth M. Siegel's *Let There Be Water* is an inspiring account of the vision and sacrifice by a nation and people that have long made water security a top priority. Despite scant natural water resources, a rapidly growing population and economy, and often hostile neighbors, Israel has consistently jumped ahead of the water innovation-curve to assure a dynamic, vital future for itself. Every town, every country, and every reader can benefit from learning what Israel did to overcome daunting challenges and transform itself from a parched land into a water superpower.

**Pub: Penguin Random House**

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### **3.The Indian Trilogy/ V S Naipaul**



V.S. Naipaul was twenty-nine when he first visited India. This is his semi-autobiographical account-at once painful and hilarious, but always thoughtful and considered-a revelation both of the country and of himself.

. INDIA: A MILLION MUTINIES NOW

'Indispensable for anyone who wants seriously to come to grips with the experience of India' New York Times Book Review

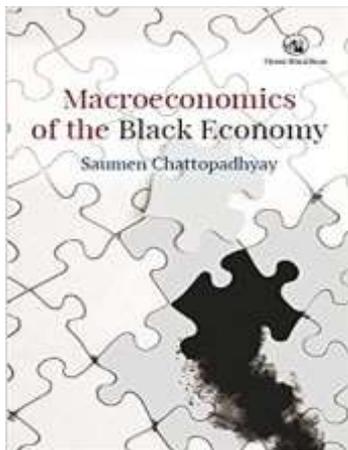
It is twenty-six years since Naipaul's first trip to India. Taking an anti-clockwise journey around the metropolises-including Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Delhi-he focuses on the country's development since Independence. The author recedes, allowing Indians to tell the stories, and a dynamic oral history of the country emerges.

**Pub: Picador India**

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#### **4. Macroeconomics of the Black Economy/Saumen Chattopadhyay**



Macroeconomics of the Black Economy answers these questions and explains how we can factor in the entire gamut of illegalities when we study the economy as a whole. It looks at the concepts and measures of the black economy, its sources and mechanisms and its implications for development policy. Moving away from previous studies that examine corruption and tax evasion only from a microeconomic perspective, this book analyses the implications of these measures for the macro-economy as a whole.

The book begins with a detailed study of early attempts at modelling the black economy. the author then incorporates black incomes into this model of estimation and studies its impact on the government expenditure multiplier. Following this, he studies the implications of the black economy on external balance, by reformulating the balance of payment to study illegalities in exports and imports and illegal flight of capital through hawala and other channels in an open economy. the book ends with a detailed study of the Indian macro-economy in the light of these insights.

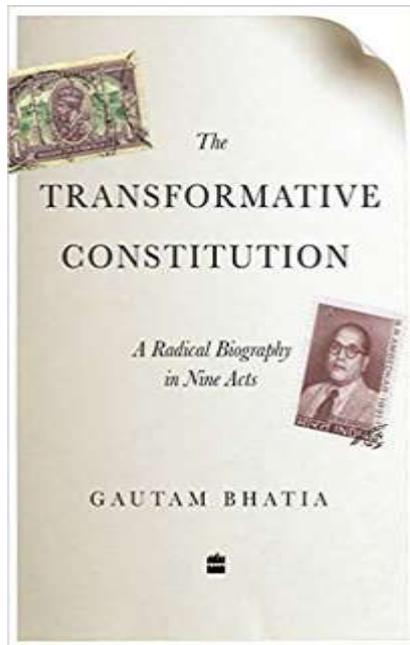
This work applies not only to India but also to every developing economy around the world and will interest students of economics and development studies.

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## **5. Transformative Constitution/Bhatia Gautam**



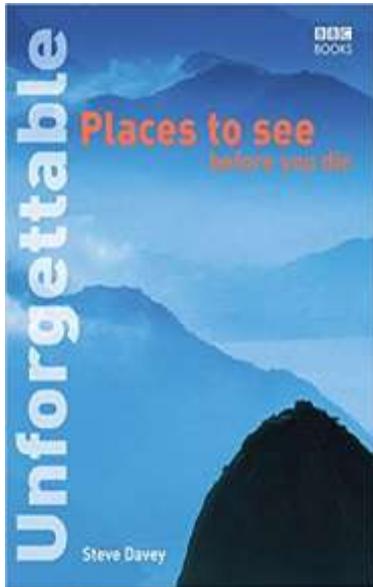
We think of the Indian Constitution as a founding document, embodying a moment of profound transformation from being ruled to becoming a nation of free and equal citizenship. Yet the working of the Constitution over the last seven decades has often failed to fulfil that transformative promise. Not only have successive Parliaments failed to repeal colonial-era laws that are inconsistent with the principles of the Constitution, but constitutional challenges to these laws have also failed before the courts. Indeed, in numerous cases, the Supreme Court has used colonial-era laws to cut down or weaken the fundamental rights. The Transformative Constitution by Gautam Bhatia draws on pre-Independence legal and political history to argue that the Constitution was intended to transform not merely the political status of Indians from subjects to citizens, but also the social relationships on which legal and political structures rested. He advances a novel vision of the Constitution, and of constitutional interpretation, which is faithful to its text, structure and history, and above all to its overarching commitment to political and social transformation.

**Pub: Harper Collins**

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## **6.Unforgettable Places to see before you Die/Steve Day**



International travel writer and photographer Steve Davey has drawn on his years of experience in selecting forty of his favourite places. Some, such as the Taj Mahal and the Alhambra, are relatively well-known, but most, such as the incredible temple of Angkor Wat in Cambodia and the amazing sand dunes of Dead Vlei in the Namib desert, are very much off the beaten track. Some, such as Venice or New York, involve relatively comfortable journeys, whilst others present more of a challenge - crossing the wilderness to see the rock-hewn churches at Lalibela in Ethiopia, for example, or trekking for nine days at altitude to see the stunning Himalayan scenery around Makalu in Nepal.

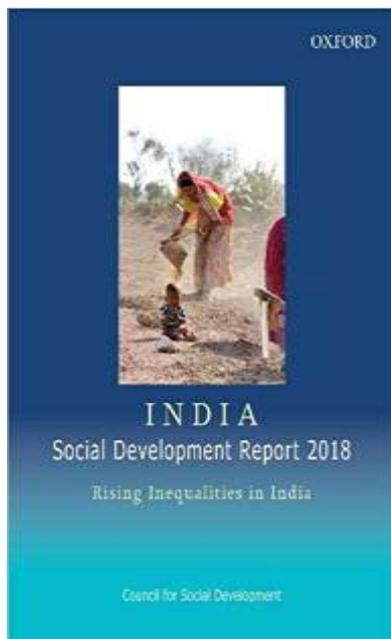
Although there are plenty of tips for travellers, this is not a travel guide, and is certainly not definitive, but it will introduce you to a host of spectacular locations, all of which can be visited in a holiday of two weeks or less. Beautifully illustrated throughout with specially commissioned photographs, this is a book that will inspire you to think beyond the walls of your room and take time out to visit some of the world's truly unforgettable places.

**Pub: Penguin Random House**

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## **7. India Social Development Report/ Council for Social Development**



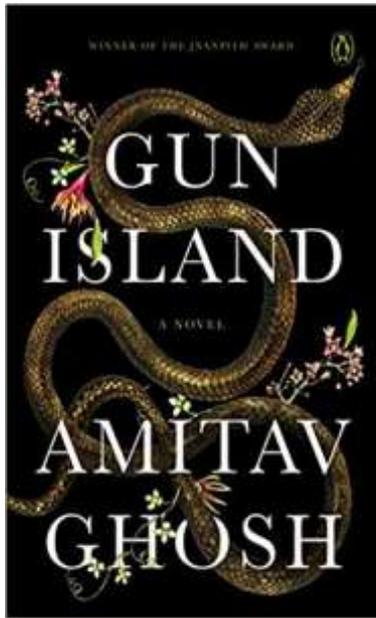
In recent years India has seen remarkable growth in the GDP. Despite this, the country continues to face high levels of indebtedness and poverty, among various marginalized communities and growing disparities in income and wealth. India: social development report 2018 explores various dimensions of the relationship between the nature of economic development and inequality and provides a comprehensive analysis of the challenges and implications of rising inequities in India. The report addresses the concerns of inequality in terms of inter-regional and rural–urban issues, factor markets and gender dimensions with respect to unequal access to education and health care and the exclusion of Dalits, adivasis, minorities and other relegated groups. The twenty-two chapters of the report, divided across seven sections, are based on extensive research and policy analysis of contributing authors in the fields of poverty, inequality, inclusive growth, disparities in wages, incomes and standards of living and unequal access to land, labour and credit. The report shows a possible way forward by suggesting several policy measures that would help reduce inequalities and achieve fair levels of living for all sections of the population. Going beyond a purely economic Measurement, the report argues that the relationship between economic growth and inequality is to be understood through other factors and trends such as those related to politics, social relations and changes in technology.

**Pub:Oxford University Press**

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## **8. Gun island/Amitav Ghosh**



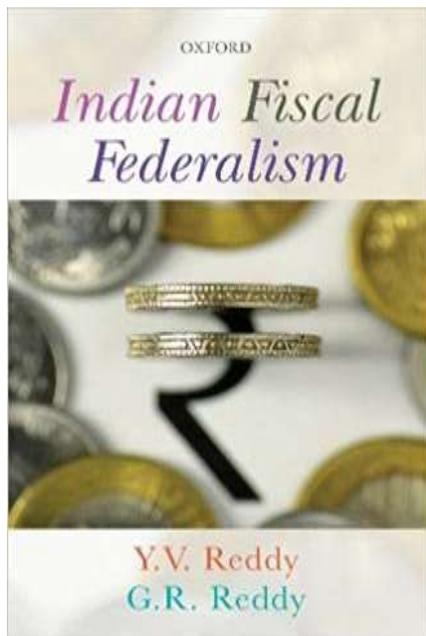
*Bundook*. Gun. A common word, but one which turns Deen Datta's world upside down. A dealer of rare books, Deen is used to a quiet life spent indoors, but as his once-solid beliefs begin to shift, he is forced to set out on an extraordinary journey; one that takes him from India to Los Angeles and Venice via a tangled route through the memories and experiences of those he meets along the way. There is Piya, a fellow Bengali-American who sets his journey in motion; Tipu, an entrepreneurial young man who opens Deen's eyes to the realities of growing up in today's world; Rafi, with his desperate attempt to help someone in need; and Cinta, an old friend who provides the missing link in the story they are all a part of. It is a journey which will upend everything he thought he knew about himself, about the Bengali legends of his childhood and about the world around him. *Gun Island* is a beautifully realised novel which effortlessly spans space and time. It is the story of a world on the brink, of increasing displacement and unstoppable transition. But it is also a story of hope, of a man whose faith in the world and the future is restored by two remarkable women.

**Pub: Penguin**

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## **9. Indian Fiscal Federalism/ Y V Reddy**



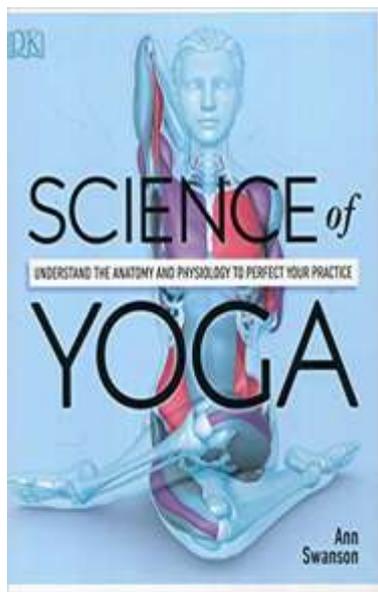
Likening Fiscal federalism to a game between the Union and the states and among the states themselves, Indian Fiscal federalism lays bare the complex rules of play. It examines the pivotal role of finance Commissions and assesses momentous events since 2014, such as the replacement of the planning Commission by Niti aayog, the emergence of the GST Council and the controversies surrounding the fifteenth finance Commission. The book offers a historical perspective on Fiscal federalism, in particular the interplay and overlap of institutional mechanisms. In doing so, it examines persistent as well as immediate concerns and offers a way forward. A contemporary, timely and comprehensive analysis of Fiscal federalism in India, This practitioners' perspective is a must-read for all those interested in the subject.

**Pub: Oxford University Press**

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## **10. Science of Yoga/ Ann Swanson**



Explore the physiology of 30 key yoga poses, in-depth and from every angle, and master each asana with confidence and control.

Did you know that yoga practice can help lower your blood pressure, decrease inflammation and prevent age-related brain changes?

Recent scientific research now backs up what were once anecdotal claims about the benefits of yoga to every system in the body. *Science of Yoga* reveals the facts, with annotated artworks that show the mechanics, the angles, how your blood flow and respiration are affected, the key muscle and joint actions working below the surface of each pose, safe alignment and much more.

With insight into variations on the poses and a Q&A section that explores the science behind every aspect of yoga, look no further than *Science of Yoga* to achieve technical excellence in your practice and optimise the benefits of yoga to your body and mind.

**Pub: Penguin**

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