

New Book Alerts

What's New at the Library



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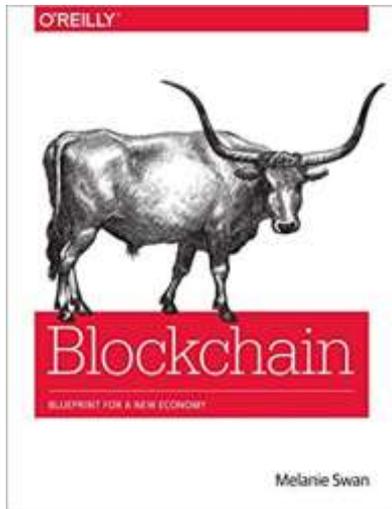
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NEW BOOKS ADDED IN THE LIBRARY

1. **Blockchain: Blueprint for a New Economy/ Melanie Swan**



Bitcoin is starting to come into its own as a digital currency, but the blockchain technology behind it could prove to be much more significant. This book takes you beyond the currency ("Blockchain 1.0") and smart contracts ("Blockchain 2.0") to demonstrate how the blockchain is in position to become the fifth disruptive computing paradigm after mainframes, PCs, the Internet, and mobile/social networking.

Author Melanie Swan, Founder of the Institute for Blockchain Studies, explains that the blockchain is essentially a public ledger with potential as a worldwide, decentralized record for the registration, inventory, and transfer of all assets—not just finances, but property and intangible assets such as votes, software, health data, and ideas.

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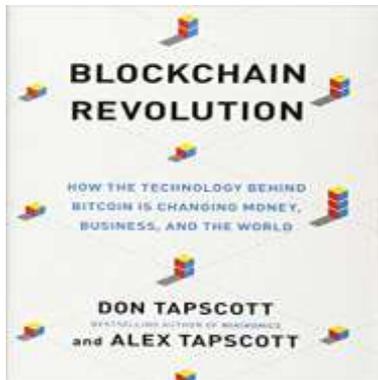
Concepts, features, and functionality of Bitcoin and the blockchain
Using the blockchain for automated tracking of all digital endeavors
Enabling censorship-resistant organizational models
Creating a decentralized digital repository to verify identity
Possibility of cheaper, more efficient services traditionally provided by nations
Blockchain for science: making better use of the data-mining network
Personal health record storage, including access to one's own genomic data
Open access academic publishing on the blockchain

Pub: O'Reilly

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2. **Blockchain Revolution: How the Technology Behind Bitcoin Is Changing Money, Business, and the World/ Don Tapscott**



The technology likely to have the greatest impact on the future of the world economy has arrived, and it's not self-driving cars, solar energy, or artificial intelligence. It's called the blockchain.

The first generation of the digital revolution brought us the Internet of information. The second generation—powered by blockchain technology—is bringing us the Internet of value: a new, distributed platform that can help us reshape the world of business and transform the old order of human affairs for the better.

Blockchain is the ingeniously simple, revolutionary protocol that allows transactions to be simultaneously anonymous and secure by maintaining a tamperproof public ledger of value. Though it's the technology that drives bitcoin and other digital currencies, the underlying framework has the potential to go far beyond these and record virtually everything of value to humankind, from birth and death certificates to insurance claims and even votes.

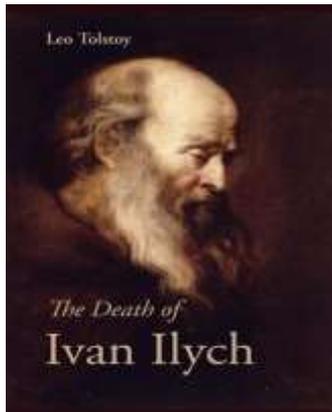
Why should you care? Maybe you're a music lover who wants artists to make a living off their art. Or a consumer who wants to know where that hamburger meat really came from. Perhaps you're an immigrant who's sick of paying big fees to send money home to loved ones. Or an entrepreneur looking for a new platform to build a business.

Pub: Penguin Random House

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3. The Death of Ivan Ilych/Leo Tolstoy, Aylmer Maude (Translator)



Hailed as one of the world's supreme masterpieces on the subject of death and dying, *The Death of Ivan Ilyich* is the story of a worldly careerist, a high court judge who has never given the inevitability of his dying so much as a passing thought. But one day, death announces itself to him, and to his shocked surprise, he is brought face to face with his own mortality.

How, Tolstoy asks, does an unreflective man confront his one and only moment of truth? This short novel was an artistic culmination of a profound spiritual crisis in Tolstoy's life, a nine-year period following the publication of *Anna Karenina* during which he wrote not a word of fiction.

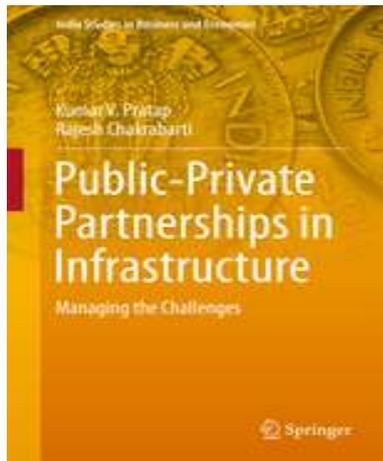
A thoroughly absorbing and, at times, terrifying glimpse into the abyss of death, it is also a strong testament to the possibility of finding spiritual salvation.

Pub: Aziloth Books

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4. **Public-Private Partnerships in Infrastructure: Managing the Challenges/**
Kumar V Pratap and Rajesh Chakrabarti



The book provides readers with a clear understanding of infrastructure challenges, how Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) can help, and their use in practice. Infrastructure bottlenecks are generally considered the most important constraint to growth in many countries worldwide. Historically, infrastructure projects have been financed and implemented by the state. However, owing to the fiscal resource crunch, time and cost over-runs, and the general poor quality of publicly provided infrastructure, many emerging market governments, including India, have increasingly adopted PPPs with billions of dollars of investment riding on them. The results have been varied – from spectacular airports like the Delhi International Airport Limited with the associated controversy over land use, to the renegotiation of contracts as in the case of Tata Mundra Ultra Mega Power Project. Illustrating concepts with relevant case studies, the book makes the challenges of PPPs understandable to industry and management practitioners as well as students of management, public policy and economics. It is useful to practitioners wishing to avoid the pitfalls in the tricky terrain of PPPs and policymakers wanting guidance in crafting proper incentives. It also helps students gain a holistic and “applied” understanding of this increasingly important and popular model.

Pub: Springer

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5. **Blood, Sweat, and Pixels: The Triumphant, Turbulent Stories Behind How Video Games Are Made/ Jason Schreier**



Developing video games—hero's journey or fool's errand? The creative and technical logistics that go into building today's hottest games can be more harrowing and complex than the games themselves, often seeming like an endless maze or a bottomless abyss. In *Blood, Sweat, and Pixels*, Jason Schreier takes readers on a fascinating odyssey behind the scenes of video game development, where the creator may be a team of 600 overworked underdogs or a solitary geek genius. Exploring the artistic challenges, technical impossibilities, marketplace demands, and Donkey Kong-sized monkey wrenches thrown into the works by corporate, *Blood, Sweat, and Pixels* reveals how bringing any game to completion is more than Sisyphean—it's nothing short of miraculous.

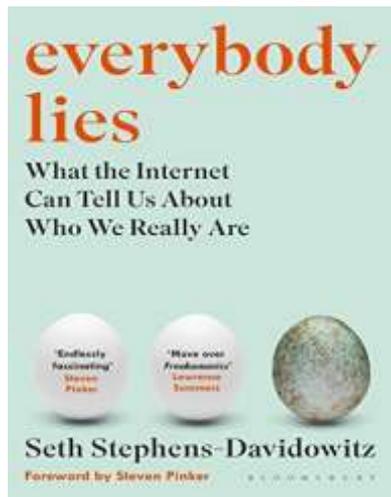
Taking some of the most popular, bestselling recent games, Schreier immerses readers in the hellfire of the development process, whether it's RPG studio Bioware's challenge to beat an impossible schedule and overcome countless technical nightmares to build *Dragon Age: Inquisition*; indie developer Eric Barone's single-handed efforts to grow country-life RPG *Stardew Valley* from one man's vision into a multi-million-dollar franchise; or Bungie spinning out from their corporate overlords at Microsoft to create *Destiny*, a brand new universe that they hoped would become as iconic as *Star Wars* and *Lord of the Rings*—even as it nearly ripped their studio apart.

Pub: Harper Collins

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6. **Everybody Lies: What the Internet Can Tell Us About Who We Really are/ Seth Stephens-Davidowitz**



Insightful, surprising and with ground-breaking revelations about our society, Everybody Lies exposes the secrets embedded in our internet searches, with a foreword by bestselling author Steven Pinker

Everybody lies, to friends, lovers, doctors, pollsters – and to themselves. In Internet searches, however, people confess their secrets – about sexless marriages, mental health problems, even racist views. Seth Stephens-Davidowitz, an economist and former Google data scientist, shows that this could just be the most important dataset ever collected. This huge database of secrets – unprecedented in human history – offers astonishing, even revolutionary, insights into humankind. Anxiety, for instance, does not increase after a terrorist attack. Crime levels drop when a violent film is released. And racist searches are no higher in Republican areas than in Democrat ones.

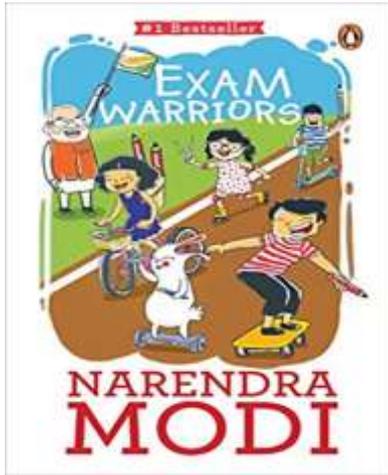
Stephens-Davidowitz reveals information we can use to change our culture and the questions we're afraid to ask that might be essential to our health – both emotional and physical. Insightful, funny and always surprising, Everybody Lies exposes the biases and secrets embedded deeply within us, at a time when things are harder to predict than ever.

Pub: Bloomsbury

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7. **Exam Warriors/ Narendra Modi**



Exam Warriors by Narendra Modi is an inspiring book for the youth. Written in a fun and interactive style, with illustrations, activities and yoga exercises, this book will be a friend not only in acing exams but also in facing life.

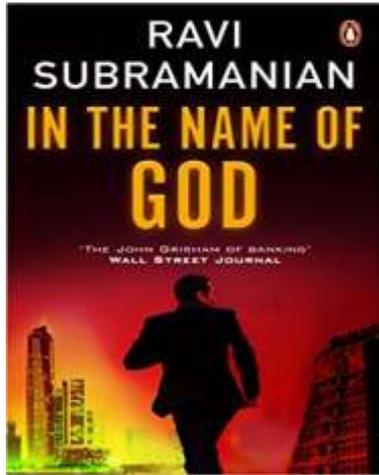
Non-preachy, practical and thought-provoking, Exam Warriors is a handy guide for students in India and across the world.

Pub: Penguin Books

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8. In The Name of God / Ravi Subramanian



What happens when you have to choose between faith and logic? Temples are places of worship, oceans of tranquillity, or so everyone thinks, till a series of murders threatens to destroy the carefully cultivated reputation of the royal family of Thiruvananthapuram. And when fingers point towards the opening of the hitherto sealed vaults at the Padmanabha Swamy Temple that is under the control of the royals, all hell breaks loose. Meanwhile, a heist at the Wafi Mall in Dubai leads investigators to uncover a massive racket in the smuggling of antiques from the ruins of temples in south India. Things only get murkier when multiple blasts in Mumbai shake the very foundations of the diamond trade in the country.

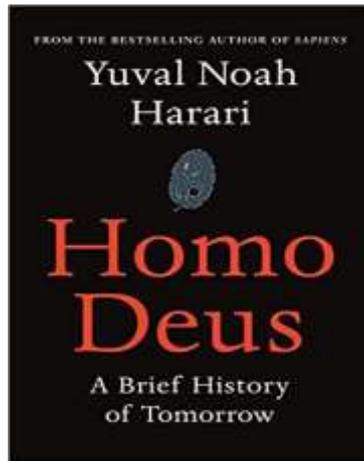
Is there a connection between these incidents? Who is behind the murders? Follow Kabir Khan, Additional Director, CBI, as he breezes through a complex maze of fact and fiction, faith and deceit, religion and commerce to unravel the mystery and unmask the killers with only minutes left at his disposal. Slick, riveting and fast paced, In the Name of God is Ravi Subramanian's most gripping novel yet.

Pub: Penguin Books

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9. **Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow /Yuval Noah Harari**



Yuval Noah Harari, author of the critically-acclaimed *New York Times* bestseller and international phenomenon *Sapiens*, returns with an equally original, compelling, and provocative book, turning his focus toward humanity's future, and our quest to upgrade humans into gods.

Over the past century humankind has managed to do the impossible and rein in famine, plague, and war. This may seem hard to accept, but, as Harari explains in his trademark style—thorough, yet riveting—famine, plague and war have been transformed from incomprehensible and uncontrollable forces of nature into manageable challenges. For the first time ever, more people die from eating too much than from eating too little; more people die from old age than from infectious diseases; and more people commit suicide than are killed by soldiers, terrorists and criminals put together. The average American is a thousand times more likely to die from binging at McDonalds than from being blown up by Al Qaeda.

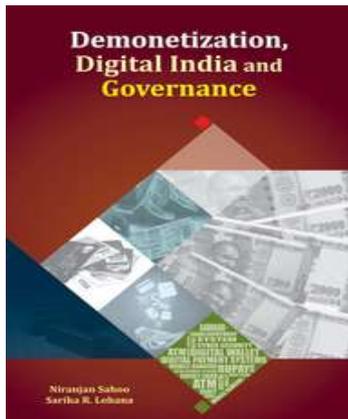
What then will replace famine, plague, and war at the top of the human agenda? As the self-made gods of planet earth, what destinies will we set ourselves, and which quests will we undertake? *Homo Deus* explores the projects, dreams and nightmares that will shape the twenty-first century—from overcoming death to creating artificial life. It asks the fundamental questions: Where do we go from here? And how will we protect this fragile world from our own destructive powers? This is the next stage of evolution. This is Homo Deus.

Pub: Vintage

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10. **Demonetization Digital India & Governance/Niranjan Sahoo Sarika R Lohana,**



The International Monetary Fund has hailed India as a bright spot amidst a slowing global economy. Indian economy has the potential to achieve double-digit growth rate. In spite of being a bright spot on the world map, a host of problems confront India which cast shadow on its governance credentials. These so-called black spots include: (a) black money, (b) corruption, (c) money laundering, (d) counterfeit currency, (e) tax evasion and (f) terrorist financing. The new Government at the Centre, which took charge in May 2014, under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has a vision to make India a modern and vibrant economy. Policies and programmes to rejuvenate the economy have already been announced in this regard. It was in the above context that the Government of India decided to withdraw the legal tender character of ` 500 and ` 1, 000 banknotes of the Mahatma Gandhi Series from the midnight of November 8, 2016. The announcement was made by no less a person than the Prime Minister himself in an unscheduled live televised address to the nation on the evening of November 8, 2016. The demonetized bank notes accounted for 86 percent of the countrys cash supply. The use of digital technology—worlds fastest growing economic activity—to improve governance cannot be over-emphasized. Digital technology has become the greatest agent of change and promises to play this role even more dramatically in future. One major objective of the demonetization exercise is to encourage cashless/electronic transactions in the economy.

Pub: New Century Publications

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