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In cities around the world, digital technologies are utilized to manage city services and infrastructures, to govern urban life, to solve urban issues and to drive local and regional economies. While "smart city" advocates are keen to promote the benefits of smart urbanism – increased efficiency, sustainability, resilience, competitiveness, safety and security – critics point to the negative effects, such as the production of technocratic governance, the corporatization of urban services, technological lock-ins, privacy harms and vulnerability to cyberattack.

This book, through a range of international case studies, suggests social, political and practical interventions that would enable more equitable and just smart cities, reaping the benefits of smart city initiatives while minimizing some of their perils.

Pub: Routledge

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2. **Sanity in Sanitation: jajaroo ni jhumbesh /Jayanti S. Ravi**

This book talks about the journey of an IAS officer who understood and leveraged the potential of the government, community and citizens through cleanliness. The true meaning of Swachh Bharat was seen as village after village transformed into a cleaner hub. Citizens took ownership to keep their village Open Defecation Free (ODF) through activities such as 'Triggering' and 'Gandhigiri'. The struggles and triumphs in fulfilling the dream of ODF Gujarat are passionately narrated here. The book relates the tale of a renewed satyagraha through Swachhagraha. As we see a mother leading her toddler to squat on the toilet, we are sure the 'luxury' of toilet will become a 'necessity'.

**Pub: Penguin Random House**

**Call No:363.72 R256S**

**Accession No:156350**
Raghuram G. Rajan has an unparalleled vantage point on the socio-economic consequences of globalization and their ultimate effect on politics. In The Third Pillar, he offers a big-picture framework for understanding how these three forces - the state, markets and communities - interact, why things begin to break down, and how we can find our way back to a more secure and stable plane. The 'third pillar' is the community we live in. Economists all too often understand their field as the relationship between markets and the state, and they leave squishy social issues for other people. That's not just myopic, Rajan argues; it's dangerous. All economics is actually socioeconomics - all markets are embedded in a web of human relations, values and norms. Rajan presents a way to rethink the relationship between the market and civil society and argues for a return to strengthening and empowering local communities as an antidote to growing despair and unrest. The Third Pillar is a masterpiece of explication, a book that will be a classic for its offering of a wise, authoritative and humane explanation of the forces that have wrought such a sea change in our lives.

Pub: Harper Collins

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A gifted boy from a small town in newly independent India dreams of making a life in the big city in the 1950s. Suddenly, misfortune and tragedy beset his family, to which he is dearly attached. As responsibilities fall on his twelve-year old shoulders, he chooses his family's welfare over himself. He does not spare himself as he devotes his energy, attention, focus and time to the two priorities in his life: his family and his ambitions, in that order. Accolades and rewards begin to flow in early, followed by recognition, status and prosperity.

Devoted and indebted to his mother, whom he regards as a power-endowed ascetic, Girish Mohan Gupta continues to uphold the family and service to humanity as his highest values. Slowly, he moves from childhood, to his young adult years and then to a full-blooded householder's life, supporting ever-increasing family responsibilities, with an eye on philanthropy. This thought-provoking account by Dr Gupta's daughter points to how success can be achieved, living life with dignity and honesty, and not giving in to despair in the face of great odds.

Pub:Penguin Random House

Call No:  923.8 M479A  Accession 156315
Revolutionary account of the transformative potential of the knowledge economy A revolutionary practice of production--the knowledge economy--has emerged in our time. It appears in every sector, not just in high-tech industry, but so far only as a series of insular vanguards that exclude the vast majority of workers and businesses. In this book Roberto Mangabeira Unger explores the hidden workings and the transformative potential of the knowledge economy. He describes the radical changes in economic and political institutions, and in ways of thinking, that could bring knowledge-intensive production to the whole economy--and inaugurate a period of accelerated and socially inclusive economic growth.

**Pub: Verso**

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'I realize now more than ever that the future of our world rests entirely on our children. On their tender shoulders rests a great nation, a baffling world and a beautiful planet. It is, therefore, my dharma to share what I know so a parent's hand is raised only to protect their child.' Penning his thoughts on the art of spiritual and mindful parenting, Om Swami sheds light on many a scenario where parents and children don't always see eye-to-eye. Believing that the right guidance at the right time can make any child recognize their true potential, the author shares some extraordinary insights based on his own knowledge gleaned from experience and various psychological studies that can help steer your child in the right direction. Touching upon parenting challenges, building the right pillars of guidance and nurturing core values, this book has all you need to raise happy, healthy children.
By enabling the storage and transfer of purchasing power, money facilitates economic transactions and coordinates economic activity. But what is money? How is it generated? Distributed? How does money acquire value and that value change? How does money impact the economy, society? This book explores money as a system of "tokens" that represent the purchasing power of individual agents. It looks at how money developed from debt/credit relationships, barter and coins into a system of gold-backed currencies and bank credit and on to the present system of fiat money, bank credit, near-money and, more recently, digital currencies. The author successively examines how the money circuit has changed over the last 50 years, a period of stagnant wages, increased household borrowing and growing economic complexity, and argues for a new theory of economies as complex systems, coordinated by a banking and financial system.

Money: What It Is, How It’s Created, Who Gets It and Why It Matters will be of interest to students of economics and finance theory and anyone wanting a more complete understanding of monetary theory, economics, money and banking.
Robert kiyosaki — author of the #1 personal finance book of all time — has built a legacy around simplifying complex and often-confusing subjects like money and investing. He continues to challenge conventional wisdom and asks the questions that will help readers sift through today's information overload to uncover ways to assess what's real… and what isn't. And use truth and facts as a foundation for taking control of their financial lives. In this new book—that will be released, by information. In today’s uncertain times, creating a secure financial future and the peace of mind that comes with it starts with taking action and taking control. In fake: fake money, fake teachers, fake assets, Robert delivers insights and answers that help ordinary people—who probably haven't had a lot of financial education—determine what’s ‘real’ and relevant to their financial lives. Every day we are bombarded with news reports and information and opinions… how do we decipher fact from fiction? How do we differentiate between truth and lies? And determine what’s real… from what isn't? Kiyosaki believes that it starts with education, financial education designed to make us smarter with our money—and able to fight what’s fake and use what isn't to secure our financial future.
Oliver Twist is a story of a young orphan, Oliver, and his attempts to stay good in a depraved society. The book exposes the miseries of poverty and its degrading effects through society. Oliver embodies innocence and incorruptibility. He was born and raised in a workhouse, then forced to live with a group of petty criminals and finally was adopted by a generous old man to live with him happily. He faces many obstacles and lives through many horrors throughout the novel. The cruelty of institutions and bureaucracies towards the unfortunate is perhaps the pre-eminent theme of the book, and essentially what makes it a social novel. Like a true Dickensian narrative, the dichotomy between Good and Evil are very clearly marked out. The story with many twists and turns keeps the reader engaged and imparts hope that benevolence can overcome and depravity.

Pub: Om Books International

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10. Nine Lives: My Time As West’s Top Spy _Inside al-Qaeda_ by Aimen Dean, Paul Cruickshank and Tim Lister

As one of al-Qaeda's most respected bomb-makers, Aimen Dean rubbed shoulders with the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks and swore allegiance to Osama bin Laden. As a double agent at the heart of al-Qaeda's chemical weapons programme, he foiled attacks on civilians and saved countless lives, brushing with death so often that his handlers began to call him their spy with nine lives. This is the story of how a young Muslim, determined to defend his faith, found himself fighting on the wrong side - and his fateful decision to work undercover for his sworn enemy. From the killing fields of Bosnia to the training camps of Afghanistan, from running money and equipment in Britain to dodging barrel bombs in Syria, we discover what life is like inside the global jihad, and what it will take to stop it once and for all.

**Pub: Oneworld**

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