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What's New at the Library



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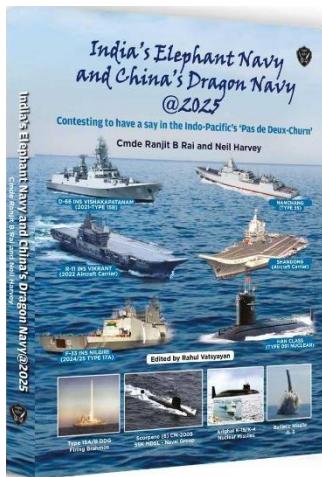
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1. India's elephant navy and China's dragon navy@2025 by Ranjit B Rai



This 286-page book by Cmde Ranjit Rai and Neil Harvey is as much about India and China's fast-growing Nuclear Navies inventories in color, as it is about China, whose name is Zhōngguó and India, called Bharat.

The Chinese believe that Zhōngguó was the politico-cultural center of the world, surrounded by lesser nations. The Silk Road was China's source of wealth and a means to spread its culture through trade. Their Great Wall symbolized security. India is rising on the world stage and striving to regain its past glory through Project Hindutva, at a time when the world is witnessing unprecedented geostrategic shifts.

The centre of economic and military gravity is rapidly shifting Eastwards towards the contested Indo-Pacific. India and China, with nearly one-third of the world's population will matter, and eleven chapters allude to that.

Cmde Ranjit B Rai is the author and former DNO, DNI and current Vice President of The Indian Maritime Foundation's Delhi chapter. He curates a Maritime Museum.

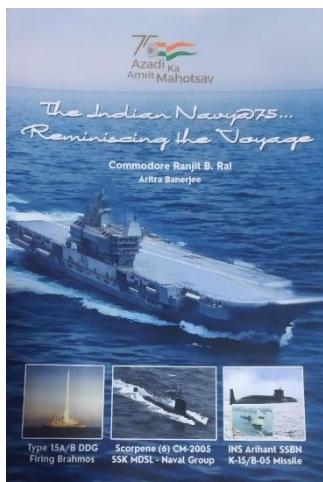
Neil Harvey, the book's co-author is a builder by profession in Bristol and enjoys spotting warships and producing pictorial books of World Navies.

Pub: Sabre and Quill Publishers

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2. The Indian navy@75... reminiscing the voyage by Ranjit B Rai



The Indian Navy @75: Reminiscing the Voyage is a comprehensive look at the Indian Navy's evolution from a buyer to a builder navy, blending personal anecdotes with strategic analysis, highlighting its journey from British roots to indigenous self-reliance and global maritime power, with reviewers praising its insightful blend of history, personal stories, and future outlook on India's growing naval strength and role in the Indo-Pacific.

It traces the Navy's journey from its early days as a modest force to its current status as a capable blue-water navy, emphasizing its role in safeguarding India's extensive maritime interests.

The book highlights significant historical operations such as Operation Trident and Operation Python during the 1971 Indo-Pakistani War, which demonstrated the Navy's strategic capabilities. It also covers humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) missions and anti-piracy efforts over the years.

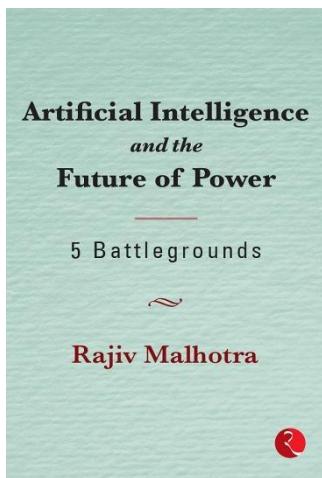
A key focus is on India's push for indigenization and self-reliance (*Aatmanirbhar Bharat*), including the development and commissioning of indigenous platforms like the aircraft carrier INS Vikrant and various frigates, destroyers, and submarines.

Pub: Facet Design

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3. Artificial intelligence and the future of power 5 battlegrounds by Rajiv Malhotra



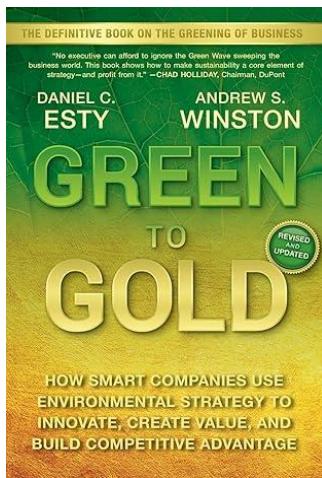
Artificial intelligence is only partially visible, just like an iceberg. To understand it fully, we must look beneath the surface. The positive side is that technology is making machines smarter. However, the deeper view explained in this book shows that AI is also making a growing number of people cognitively and psychologically dependent on digital networks. Whether you are a social media Fanatic, a diehard AI aficionado, or a paranoid sceptic, it is impossible to escape the ubiquitous impact of AI. Artificial intelligence is the brains bringing together quantum computing, nanotechnology, medical technology, brain-machine interface, robotics, aerospace, 5G, Internet of Things, and more. It is amplifying human ingenuity and disrupting the foundations of healthcare, military, entertainment, education, marketing and manufacturing. Artificial intelligence and the future of power argues that this ai-driven revolution will have an unequal impact on different segments of humanity. There will be new winners and losers, new haves and have-nots, resulting in an unprecedented concentration of wealth and power. After analyzing society's vulnerabilities to the impending tsunami, the book raises troubling questions that provoke immediate debate: is the world headed toward digital colonization by USA and China? Will depopulation become eventually unavoidable? Artificial intelligence and the future of power is a wakeup call to action, compelling public intellectuals to be better informed and more engaged. It educates the social segments most at risk and wants them to demand a seat at the table where policies on artificial intelligence are being formulated.

Pub: Rupa Publications

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4. Green to gold: How smart companies use environmental strategy to innovate, create value, and build competitive advantage by Daniel C Esty



"Two experts from Yale tackle the business wake-up-call du jour-environmental responsibility-from every angle in this thorough, earnest guidebook: pragmatically, passionately, financially and historically. Though "no company the authors know of is on a truly long-term sustainable course," Esty and Winston label the forward-thinking, green-friendly (or at least green-acquainted) companies Wavemakers and set out to assess honestly their path toward environmental responsibility, and its impact on a company's bottom line, customers, suppliers and reputation. Following the evolution of business attitudes toward environmental concerns, Esty and Winston offer a series of fascinating plays by corporations such as Wal-Mart, GE and Chiquita (Banana), the bad guys who made good, and the good guys-watchdogs and industry associations, mostly-working behind the scenes. A vast number of topics huddle beneath the umbrella of threats to the earth, and many get a thorough analysis here: from global warming to electronic waste "take-back" legislation to subsidizing sustainable seafood. For the responsible business leader, this volume provides plenty of (organic) food for thought. "

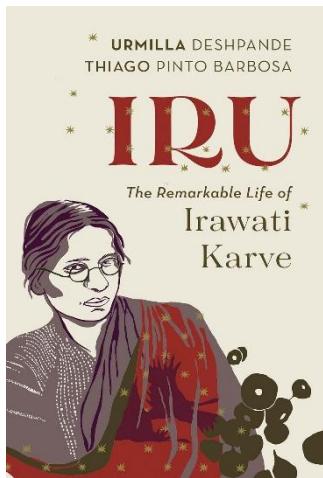
Pub: John Wiley and Sons

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- Gifted by Debjani Ghosh

5. Iru: The remarkable life of Irawati Karve by Urmilla Deshpande



In 1927, when Irawati Karve, aged twenty-two, arrived in Berlin to do her doctoral studies at the Friedrich Wilhelm University, she was faced with a dilemma. As a woman of colour, the subject of her thesis was to prove her supervisor Dr Eugen Fischer's theory of the superiority of the European race over people of colour, based on the measurement of their skulls. After examining 149 'white' skulls from Germany and 'non-white' skulls from German colonies in East Africa, Irawati came to the opposite conclusion: the shape of the human skull did not prove racial superiority. Fischer's theory was later discredited, but at the time, it took courage to present the paper to him and it nearly cost Irawati her PhD.

Courage and a pioneering spirit continued to be her hallmarks on her return to India. At a time when such field trips were difficult if not dangerous, she travelled to the Adivasi areas in Coorg, Western Maharashtra, Assam, Kerala and Bihar. Her research resulted in two seminal works, *Kinship Organisation in India and Hindu Society*.

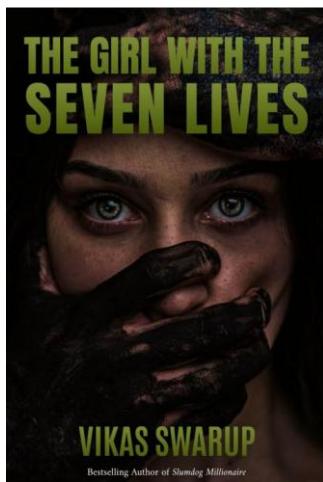
In 1968, she won the Sahitya Akademi award for her book of essays on the Mahabharata, *Yuganta*. Irawati's belief that the Mahabharata was not just an epic, but a historical record, earned her some criticism from her peers at the time, but *Yuganta* remains a classic to this day.....

Pub: Speaking Tiger

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6. The girl with the seven lives by Vikas Swarup



The Twenty-five-year-old Devi has been kidnapped. She is now being held hostage in a dimly-lit basement by a masked gunman who is threatening to shoot her dead unless she reveals her entire life story and confesses to all the crimes, he is accusing her of. To add to her terror, he is putting her life up for an online auction, where the highest bidder will determine her fate.

With her very existence hanging in the balance, Devi proceeds to give her captor 'a confession to beat all confessions', while simultaneously engaging in a high-stakes battle of wits and endurance against impossible odds.

Thus commences an enthralling odyssey through the heart and soul of modern India, as over the course of a single night, Devi unveils the secrets of her seven extraordinary lives.

From the labyrinthine alleys of Delhi to the hallowed grounds of Punjab, from the serene landscapes of Kerala to the sun-drenched shores of Goa, and ultimately to the bustling streets of Mumbai, Devi's captivating journey is a rollercoaster ride through a tangled tapestry of hidden truths, deceit, and shocking revelations which will keep readers on the edge of their seats until the very last page.

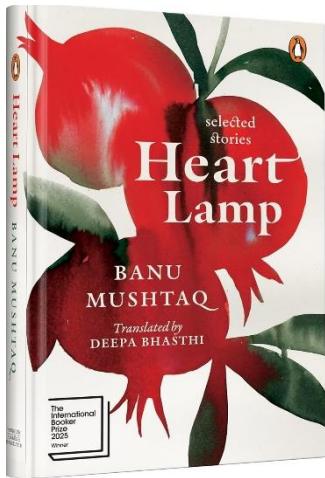
Devi is the ultimate survivor - a girl from the gutters who dares to rewrite her own destiny. But can she survive the longest night of her life? Vikas Swarup's long-awaited new novel is filled with the same evocative prose, immersive narrative and propulsive energy that made *Slumdog Millionaire* a global bestseller, and will resonate with readers looking for a thoughtful page-turner.

Pub: Simon and Schuster

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7. Heart lamp: selected stories by Banu Mushtaq



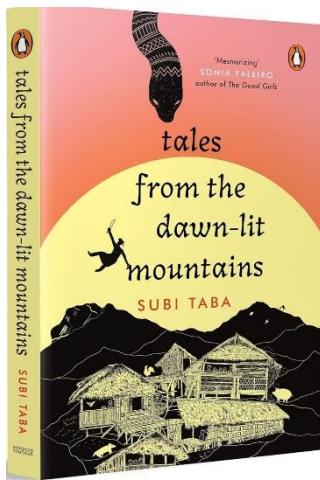
In Heart lamp, Banu Mushtaq exquisitely captures the everyday lives of women and girls in Muslim communities in southern India. Published originally in the Kannada, these portraits of family and community tensions testify to Mushtaq's years as a journalist and lawyer, in which she tirelessly championed women's rights and protested all forms of caste and religious oppression. Written in a style at once witty, vivid, colloquial, moving and excoriating, it's in her characters – the sparky children, the audacious grandmothers, the buffoonish maulvis and thug brothers, the oft-hapless husbands, and the mothers above all, surviving their feelings at great cost – that Mushtaq emerges as an astonishing writer and observer of human nature, building disconcerting emotional heights out of a rich spoken style. Her opus has garnered both censure from conservative quarters as well India's most prestigious literary awards; this is a collection sure to be read for years to come.

Pub: Penguin Random House

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8. Tales from the dawn-lit mountains by Subi Taba



This book is an alluring escape to the land of dawn-lit mountains, Arunachal Pradesh. It features stories that are products of visceral observation and a delicate understanding of the ethnic communities living under intervening shadows of magic and realism in the isolated hinterlands of the state. A village is haunted by an insidious spirit tiger. A bee sting reminds a Nocte boy of his brother's beheading and transforms him into a deadly headhunter. A Donyi-Polo priest must continue practising his animistic rituals to preserve the fading vestiges of his indigenous religion. The curse of a high priest follows the thief who stole the forbidden sacred ornaments . . . Such evocative and poignant tales make this debut collection a must-read.

Pub: Penguin Random House

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