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No Presents Please

'The World Bank needs India more than India needs it.' So goes an emerging consensus on both sides of the relationship between the Bank and its largest borrower. This book analyzes the politics of aid and influence. The Bank, struggling to remain relevant amid India's recent rapid growth and expanding access to private capital, has been caught up in a complex federal politics of reform and development. India's central government - far from being in retreat - has been the main driver of dramatic changes in the Bank's assistance strategy, leading toward a focus at the sub-national state level.

The United States of America and the European Union

'War Room stands out as an example of real field work and rigorous research... Anyone who wants to understand how decisions are made in India should read this brilliant study of the BJP.' —Dr. Walter K. Andersen, Author of *The Brotherhood in Saffron: The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and Hindu Revivalism* 'Ullekh NP has crafted a well-researched and gripping narrative of how the BJP seized the moment in 2014. Its penetrating analysis of the personalities, politics and methods of Modi and Amit Shah makes it a useful resource for answering the major question of India's near-term political future: Will the BJP in the Modi era realize its ambition of building 2014 to emerge as the dominant party nationwide?' —Sumantra Bose, Professor of International and Comparative Politics, London School of Economics, Author of *Transforming India: Challenges to the World's largest Democracy* 'Ullekh NP tells the story of Narendra Modi's campaign to lead the world's largest democracy. A man "destined to reign on his own terms", Modi knew that being resilient was more important than being first and fast. Years after War Room is published, people will refer to it as the book that told the story of India's most

spectacular election in May 2014 in all its subtle and magnificent details.' —Chitra Subramaniam, Award-winning Journalist and Author

Modi Common Man's PM

This book is a fascinating and wholly absorbing contribution to the history of the twentieth century. This fast-moving, lively and independent account of the politics and international affairs is enriched by intimate, perceptive and far from uncritical sketches of great leaders such as Gandhi, Jinnah, Nehru, Desai and Patel. Perhaps no other book reminds the reader so firmly that politics, even at its most exalted and dramatic, is about people. Certainly no one who is interested in India, in the history of British imperialism or in the realities of present day Asia can neglect this goldmine of a book.

The Gene Revolution

India and the World Bank

The Natyasastra. Ascribed to Bharata Muni. Volume 1 (Chapters I-XXVII).

War Room

How much further should the affluent world push its material consumption? Does relative dematerialization lead to absolute decline in demand for materials? These and many other questions are discussed and answered in Making the Modern World: Materials and Dematerialization. Over the course of time, the modern world has become dependent on unprecedented flows of materials. Now even the most efficient production processes and the highest practical rates of recycling may not be enough to result in dematerialization rates that would be high enough to negate the rising demand for materials generated by continuing population growth and rising standards of living. This book explores the costs of this dependence and the potential for substantial dematerialization of modern economies. Making the Modern World: Materials and Dematerialization considers the principal materials used throughout history, from wood and stone, through to metals, alloys, plastics and silicon, describing their extraction and production.

The Modi Effect

With the increasing need and demand for fresh fruits and vegetables, the field of postharvest science is continuously

evolving. Endeavors are being made by scientists involved in postharvest research for maintenance of the quality and safety of fresh horticultural produce to enhance the postharvest life and to extend the availability of the produce in both time and space. This volume, *Emerging Postharvest Treatment of Fruits and Vegetables*, addresses the demand for the development and application of effective technologies for preservation of perishable food products, particularly fresh fruits and vegetables. It provides an abundance of up-to-date information about postharvest treatments. The chapters discuss a number of innovative technologies to prolong and enhance postharvest fruits and vegetables. This book will be valuable for those concerned with horticulture and postharvest technology. It provides essential information for students, teachers, professors, scientists, and entrepreneurs engaged in fresh horticultural produce handling related to this field.

Behenji

'Mark Lynas is a saint' Sunday Times 'Fluent, persuasive and surely right.' Evening Standard Mark Lynas was one of the original GM field wreckers. Back in the 1990s - working undercover with his colleagues in the environmental movement - he would descend on trial sites of genetically modified crops at night and hack them to pieces. Two decades later, most people around the world - from New York to China - still think that 'GMO' foods are bad for their health or likely to damage the environment. But Mark has changed his mind. This book explains why. In 2013, in a world-famous recantation speech, Mark apologised for having destroyed GM crops. He spent the subsequent years touring Africa and Asia, and working with plant scientists who are using this technology to help smallholder farmers in developing countries cope better with pests, diseases and droughts. This book lifts the lid on the anti-GMO craze and shows how science was left by the wayside as a wave of public hysteria swept the world. Mark takes us back to the origins of the technology and introduces the scientific pioneers who invented it. He explains what led him to question his earlier assumptions about GM food, and talks to both sides of this fractious debate to see what still motivates worldwide opposition today. In the process he asks - and answers - the killer question: how did we all get it so wrong on GMOs? 'An important contribution to an issue with enormous potential for benefiting humanity.' Stephen Pinker 'I warmly recommend it.' Philip Pullman

Marriage is Meant to Give Joy

Collection of articles and lectures of chief minister of Gujarat, India; some previously published.

Western Influence on Malayalam Language and Literature

RSS's Tryst with Politics

Section 1. Disasters and the environment -- section 2. Public health -- section 3. Science and technology.

Modi Doctrine

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) continues to make headlines, despite several books tracing its journey. Curiosity about the functioning of the RSS has increased phenomenally as swayamsevaks have risen to top positions in government and the Sangh's core ideas of Hindu Rashtra and Ekatmata have become the mainstream lexicon of our social and political space.

Communication, Culture and Confrontation

The life of only those people in the world is purposeful who are able to dedicate a part or whole of their life in others' good and service. Such great people have made special contribution in constructing the world's history. In Bharat, in 1925 Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh was established to achieve the exalted goals of nationbuilding and individualbuilding. The work of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has been progressing continuously. A large number of people have contributed in taking ahead this task. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, a Swayamsevak himself, during his journey for refinement and transformation got an opportunity to come into contact with a number of selfless and devoted people who dedicated every moment of their lives and every particle of their bodies in the service of the Motherland. Reminiscences of some greatest social workers who relentlessly and untiringly burnt their lives to glow the motherland Maa Bharati.

Narendra Modi: A political Biography

This revised edition of Behenji, first published in 2008, examines Mayawati's record as chief minister since 2007. It pinpoints the reasons behind the BSP's poor performance in the 2009 Lok Sabha polls, her return to the Dalit agenda prior to the 2012 assembly elections, as well as its surprising results. Also scrutinized are Mayawati's performance as a dalit leader and administrator, besides the rampant corruption and failure of her social engineering project during these years. Though no longer likely to become prime minister, the author sees Mayawati playing a pivotal role in UP, and, indeed, Indian politics post the 2014 elections.

Emerging Postharvest Treatment of Fruits and Vegetables

The RSS

The Rss Is Perhaps The Most Controversial Organization In Contemporary India. This Book Explores The Mission, Method And Motive Of The Rss And Suggests That The Ideological Core Of The Rss - Hindu Rashtra - Is Political And Not Cultural.

Gir Forest and the Saga of the Asiatic Lion

Third Completely Revised and Updated EditionMass Communication in India is a result of the author s in-depth study and understanding of the media. The book deals with a general introduction to Communication Theory, Advertising, Television, Effects of Media and Development. In short, the book is designed to give the student of Mass Communication a general and comprehensive view of the modern and traditional media in India. It meets the objective of being a text book as well as a book that gives an overview of mass communication in India.

Making the Modern World: Materials and Dematerialization

Papers presented at a conference organised by the Institute of Development Studies held in April 2007.

Seeds of Science

From the late 1970s a revolution in Indian-language newspapers, driven by a marriage of capitalism and technology, has carried the experience of print to millions of new readers in small-town and rural India.

Rainfed Agriculture in India

Since becoming India's prime minister in 2014, Narendra Modi has been a tour de force in foreign policymaking. A vastly experienced administrator who has held key public positions as chief minister of an Indian state for more than a decade, and now as prime minister, he has always seen value in foreign affairs and devoted special attention to it with his unique entrepreneurial flair and coherent set of ideas. Every realm of Indian foreign policy- commercial diplomacy, defence diplomacy, diaspora outreach, cultural diplomacy, geostrategy and soft power- has been transformed by him with a sense of destiny not witnessed in recent memory. Indians and people the world over have noticed his star presence and are asking questions like 'Why is he investing so much time and energy into promoting India's international relations and global image?'; 'What are his vision and goals for India's role in the world?'; 'What kind of distinct techniques define his approach to foreign policy?'; 'How is he changing India's self-understanding and preparing it for world affairs?'. This book provides the

answers by delving into the mind and method behind Narendra Modi's avatar as India's diplomat-in-chief. It argues that under his able watch, India is heading toward great power status in the international order.

Economic Reforms and Food Security

This book is a worthreading, prolific and insightful lifesketch of the torchbearer of Indians. It is about common man's Prime Minister Narendra Modi who has become a ray of hope for 125 crore Indians—from a humble farmer to an ambitious industrialist—having taken the route to good governance after being sworn as India's Prime Minister in May 2014. The gamechanger of Indian politics, Modi had taken the mesmeric hold over Gujarat masses with three consecutive victories in the state assembly elections and was a senior campaign adviser drawing unprecedented crowds for Lok Sabha 2014 elections. After getting elected PM, Modi is often echoed in 24x7 Breaking News on media channels and enjoys good rapport with the top world leaders whom he visited during his six months of Prime Ministership. The insightful leader led India at the IndiaASEAN Summit, G20 Summit and had bilateral meetings with the leadership of countries like US, Japan, China and other neighbouring countries of India. He has launched new avenues of cooperation with the countries with which India has deep historical and cultural ties over centuries. His initiatives like 'Make in India' and 'Swachhha Bharat Abhiyan' have been widely lauded. Modi has called for innovative effort to make renewable energy, especially solar energy, competitive with conventional energy and pitched for global cooperation on repatriation of black money.

The Far Field

Dr. George's Comprehensive Study Is Thus Valuable, Not Only For Throwing A Revealing Light On The Immediate Subject, But Also For Its Relevance To The Wider Subject Of Western Influence On India As A Whole. It Is Only After Inquiries Have Been Conducted In Depth, Like Dr. George's Covering The Whole Country And All The Divers Aspects Of The Problem That Anything Like A Definitive Picture For All India Can Be Expected To Emerge. But Even By Itself, Dr. George's Study Has An Importance Transcending Malayalam Language And Literature Or The Life And Culture Of The People Of Kerala..

Women's Livelihood Rights

"Isn't it wonderful to suddenly find real human beings--Menschen--in circles where one would least expect to find them?" So wrote Rosa Luxemburg in November 1917 from her Breslau prison cell to her friend Clara Zetkin. She was referring to Hans Paasche (1881-1920), at that time also imprisoned, son of the Reichstag vice president but accused of high treason. Hans Paasche, Imperial Navy officer and combative pacifist, big game hunter and nature conservationist, Africa explorer and life reformer, alcohol abstainer and vegetarian, author and revolutionary. Here the brief but active life of this extraordinary

personality is narrated in detail--his vain attempts to change the Prussian Deutschland-uber-alles mindset, his reaching out to peoples of all colors, classes and political bent, the African military campaign where he learned first hand the horror and futility of war, his African explorations with his also extraordinary wife Ellen, the first European woman to reach the Source of the Nile and the first to ascend Kilimanjaro and the recently erupted volcano Nyiragongo (an aid in these explorations was the fact that they both spoke fluent Kiswahili). Paasche's fictional series of letters Lukanga Mukara a look at Germany through the eyes of an educated African, reveal the decadence then existing. At last a retreat with Ellen and their four children to his estate Waldfrieden, where, at age 39 he fell victim to a political assassination. A gripping story about a remarkable life lived into the first two decades of the twentieth century.

India's Newspaper Revolution

From the author of *Where Power Lies* and *The Spin Doctor's Diary*, comes a new book that tells the story of Narendra Modi's meteoric rise to power on the international stage, *The Modi Effect: Inside Narendra Modi's Campaign to Transform India*. With exclusive access to the architects of Modi's campaign, Prime Minister Modi and his current cabinet, Mr. Price has delivered an insider's account of this incredible political movement. In examining Modi's character and his position as leader of an increasingly powerful nation, Mr. Price explores the global impact of Modi's victory and its on-going transformation of international politics. On May 16, 2014, Narendra Modi was declared the winner of the largest democratic election ever conducted in human history. But how did this impoverished chai wallah, who sold tea on trains as a boy, rise to become Prime Minister of India? Political parties in the West pride themselves on the sophistication of their election strategies, but they all have a lot to learn from this election. Modi's campaign was a master class in modern electioneering. His team created an election machine that broke new ground in the use of social media, the Internet, mobile phones, and digital technologies. Modi took part in thousands of public events, but in such a vast country it was impossible to visit every town and village in person. How did he do it? Via "virtual Modi"-a life-sized 3D hologram-beamed to parts of the vast nation he could not reach in person. These pioneering techniques brought millions of young people-the holy grail of election strategists everywhere-to ballot boxes. Under Narendra Modi's leadership the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won a crushing victory in the 2014 general election leaving the Congress Party of the Gandhi political dynasty in disarray. For the first time in the history of India, an opposition leader swept to power with an overall majority. Former BBC correspondent and political consultant Lance Price was granted exclusive access to Prime Minister Modi and his team of advisers to write this book. With complete freedom to tell the story as he found it, Price details Modi's rise to power, the extraordinary election victory, and its aftermath. The book examines Modi's rise, his unprecedented mass appeal despite the controversies surrounding him (including the West shunning him), and the pivotal role he will now play on the international stage. *The Modi Effect* exposes the changing landscape of electioneering in twenty-first century global politics through the story of Modi's campaign, when message management and technological wizardry combined to create a vote-winning colossus.

India

Shri Mataji writes that “India is a very ancient country and it has been blessed by many seers and saints who wrote treatises about reality and guidelines on how to achieve it.” This is just such a book. This book is both an introduction to Sahaja Yoga, describing the nature of the subtle reality within each of us, and a step-by-step handbook on how to be a good Sahaja Yogi, the nature of Sahaj culture, how to be a leader and how to raise children. “The knowledge of Sahaja Yoga cannot be described in a few sentences or one small book, but one should understand that all this great work of creation and evolution is done by some great subtle organization, which is in the great divine form.”

Mass Communication in India, Fifth Edition

Good Times, Bad Times, Ugly Times That's Life!

Rich in memories of family values and traditions, the author reflects on his experiences and relationships while growing up during the Great Depression. At an early age, he entered the military to get away from home and surroundings that bred poverty. Upon leaving the military the author enters a full-time ministry, only to leave it in order to enter the secular realm as an educator, entrepreneur, and farmer. Continuing his search for fulfillment and challenge, the book describes how the author gives up farming to become an executive officer with a company in a specialty market. This venture takes him to many far-away places and several trips around the world before semi-retirement.

The Natyasastra

Water conflicts in India have now percolated to every level. They are aggravated by the relative paucity of frameworks, policies and mechanisms to govern the use of water resources. Based on the premise that understanding and documenting different types of water conflict cases in all their complexity would contribute to informed public debate and facilitate their resolution, Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India, a collaborative initiative of the WWF project ‘Dialogue on Water, Food and Environment’, documented a number of such case studies. One of its kind in India, this book brings together an impressive sixty-three case studies – summarized status of the conflicts, the issues involved and their current position – and gives us a glimpse into ‘the million revolts’ that are brewing around water. While recognizing that each conflict is a microcosm of wider conflicts, the editors have classified these cases into eight broad themes that try to capture the dominant aspect of the conflict. These are: contending water uses; dams and displacement; equity-access-allocations; micro-level conflicts; water quality; trans-boundary conflicts; privatization; sand excavation and mining. With a mix of

academics and activists as contributors, the book makes an important contribution to a new discourse on water in general, and water conflicts and conflict resolution in particular.

Mandal Report X-rayed

The third and final volume in the series on Communication Processes, Communication, Culture and Confrontation is a bold attempt at breaking conceptual and methodological impasses which stifle communication studies. Departing from established frameworks and dated technological metaphors such as 'transmission', the present volume explores and analyzes different forms of communication media in relation to the cultural configurations and contending forces that permeate them. Positioned at the interface of culture and communication studies, the discourse in the book engages with multiple voices, bringing together academic scholars and grassroot social animators. Exploring seven different popular cultural forms, such as rituals, songs, narratives, calendar art, pamphlets, and so on, through 18 case studies, it goes on to suggest a complex model of communication. In this framework, cultures cannot be viewed as items exchanged in the hegemonic space of global communication. Cultural configurations display themselves as 'evolutive' forms of social communication that weave human beings into collectives and bind these collectives with one another—all permeated with the power parameter. Cultures 'perform' viable collectives when they come to be apprehended in a field of contending forces: a milieu of exchange, encounter, confrontation and possibly conflict. This volume will be invaluable for students of communication, culture studies, sociology and journalism.

Hans Paasche

First published in 1959 by the International Association of Universities (IAU), the International Handbook of Universities provides detailed information on Education Systems and higher education institutions that offer at least a four-year degree or a four-year professional diploma. For Education Systems: Description of the higher education system of each country Stages of studies as well as information on distance education Admission criteria, including information for foreign students Quality assurance and recognition systems Contact details for national bodies For Institutions: Contact details: name, address, telephone, fax, website Historical background, special facilities and publications Degrees and diplomas offered at each level of study Key personnel, including principal academic and administrative officers Description of facilities, schools and departments Valuable information on academic year, admission requirements, academic staff and student numbers

The Republic of India

Gain new insight on alleviating food insecurity in one of the poorest areas of the world! This book analyzes various facets of

economic reforms in South Asia and their implications for attaining food security. It illuminates relevant issues regarding the constraints and challenges in achieving food security, focusing on South Asian countries where a large percentage of the world's poor reside. This timely resource examines possible future courses of action involving trade and new technological advances to improve agriculture-led development in the region. *Economic Reforms and Food Security: The Impact of Trade and Technology in South Asia* focuses its attention on the economic reforms and experiences of six nations: Bangladesh Bhutan India Nepal Pakistan Sri Lanka. *Economic Reforms and Food Security: The Impact of Trade and Technology in South Asia* includes the most relevant presentations made at the South Asia Regional Conference held in New Delhi in April of 2002. The book features experts who present lively, important debate on such significant issues as: current economic reforms—have they really enhanced food security? trade liberalization—can the WTO and new trade opportunities handle food security concerns? new technological options—how they contribute to agricultural production and food security the challenges of water—pricing, subsidies, and other issues in irrigation agricultural diversification and market reforms-how they increase food availability interventions in food and nutrition security—short-term solutions to reduce food insecurity and more! *Economic Reforms and Food Security: The Impact of Trade and Technology in South Asia* contains numerous tables and figures to demonstrate the current food situation in this area of the world and offers projections of where improvements can be made. Students and faculty of economics or South Asia will find this book extremely useful; it will also benefit development researchers, policymakers, and governmental officials who are searching for answers to poverty and starvation in developing countries. This text shows you how a concerted effort by governments, agencies, organizations, industries, and individuals—backed by adequate resources and changes in policies—can accelerate progress toward achieving sustainable food security for all.

Women Legislators in Indian Politics

For readers of Jhumpa Lahiri and Rohinton Mistry, as well as Lorrie Moore and George Saunders, here are stories on the pathos and comedy of small-town migrants struggling to build a life in the big city, with the dream world of Bollywood never far away. Jayant Kaikini's gaze takes in the people in the corners of Mumbai—a bus driver who, denied vacation time, steals the bus to travel home; a slum dweller who catches cats and sells them for pharmaceutical testing; a father at his wit's end who takes his mischievous son to a reform institution. In this metropolis, those who seek find epiphanies in dark movie theaters, the jostle of local trains, and even in roadside keychains and lost thermos flasks. Here, in the shade of an unfinished overpass, a factory-worker and her boyfriend browse wedding invitations bearing wealthy couples' affectations—"no presents please"—and look once more at what they own. Translated from the Kannada by Tejaswini Niranjana, these resonant stories, recently awarded the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature, take us to photo framers, flower markets, and Irani cafes, revealing a city trading in fantasies while its strivers, eating once a day and sleeping ten to a room, hold secret ambitions close.

The NaMo Story

Jyotipunj

The United States of America and the European Union are partners in a world undergoing rapid changes. The need for cooperation based on trust requires better information about each other and permanent contacts with one another. In this book the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and the Johns Hopkins Center for Transatlantic Relations have asked authoritative personalities from the European Council, the European Commission and the European Parliament to share their insights. This book is also meant as an indispensable compendium of the major European institutions and a praxis-oriented handbook for establishing contacts with key European opinion leaders.

Water Conflicts in India

A biography of Narendra Modi that aims to give a fair picture of the man and his politics Narendra Modi, the BJP's prime ministerial candidate, is one of India's most powerful, popular and controversial leaders. With the general elections due in May 2014, Mr Modi's campaign rallies have drawn unprecedented crowds. Andy Marino recently recorded interviews with Narendra Modi for over ten hours in the course of more than half-a-dozen exclusive meetings. This political biography analyses the contrasting views on the Gujarat model of governance with detailed statistical inputs to provide a balanced account. Personal details of Narendra Modi's early life, his rise through the political ranks, his personal philosophy on religion and politics, are revealed in the book that is fast-paced, revelatory and readable.

India's Risks

One of the truly enigmatic personalities on the contemporary Indian political canvas, Narendra Damodardas Modi is difficult to ignore. From his humble beginnings as a RSS pracharak to his rise in the Hindutva ranks, and from being Bharatiya Janata Party's master planner to one of the its most popular and controversial state chief ministers, Modi's mantra of change and development is gradually finding many takers. Though he evokes vastly different reactions among the citizens for his alleged role during the Godhra aftermath, what is absolutely clear is that he indeed is racing towards the centre stage, making the 2014 General Elections look more like a Presidential system - where, you either vote for him or against him. And that, as they say, is the Modi effect. Kingshuk Nag paints the most vivid portrait of the extraordinary politician who is poised to take on a new role in the coming years.

Social Harmony

This interdisciplinary book looks at women`s natural resource-based livelihoods in the wider context of development viewed through the lens of citizenship rights. Unravelling the patriarchal social fabric and policy structures in India, it argues that the concept of citizenship needs to be extended to include recognition of ways of life and livelihood, so that women take their legitimate space as productive human beings, entitled to dignity as a political right, and not merely to protection and welfare. The editor weaves together a historical perspective on varied dimensions of livelihood, development and citizenship. Drawing upon rich field-based researches in 13 states across India, the authors deal with complex and inter-related themes: the need to recognise women`s right to resources and their livelihood and employment strategies; the challenges of democratic governance and of restructuring institutional systems to make them responsive; and the role of women`s collective agency in development. Reflecting upon and critically analysing context-specific issues in several less-studied locations, the book shows that there is much to be learnt from empathetic interaction with the collective struggles of poor women, and from action and dialogue on the ground. Further, it suggests that feminist politics has to network strategically with other struggles to counter the resistance of traditional and contemporary patriarchal structures, and to work towards recasting citizenship for a gender-just development that ensures women`s livelihood rights.

International Handbook of Universities 2019

Whether or not to embrace GM technologies is a fundamental and politically charged question facing humanity in the 21st century, particularly in light of rapidly growing populations and the unknown future impacts of climate change. The Gene Revolution is the first book to bridge the gap between the naysayers and cheerleaders and look at the issues and complexities facing developing and transitional countries over decisions about GM in light of the reality of what is happening on the ground. The first part of the volume looks at the rise of GM crops, commercialization and spread of the technology and the different positions of the USA and the European Union on the GM question and the effect of global markets. The second part consists of country perspectives from Argentina, Brazil, China, India and South Africa, which provide insight into the profound challenges these countries face and the hard choices that have to be made. The final part takes the analysis a step further by comparing developing and transitional country experiences, and charts a future course for government policy on GM that supports growth, sustainability and equity for the many billions of people affected worldwide.

Sahaja Yoga

It Is A Longitudinal Study Of Women Legislators In U.P. From 1952 To 2002. Seeks To Analyse Their Role Both In The

Legislators And The Party Organisation. Main Areas Concerned Are Their Socio-Economic Profiles, The Routes They Took To Reach Their Position, Their Performance, The Kind Of Issues Raised And The Problems Faced By Them.

Flowers on the Grave of Caste

WINNER OF THE 2019 JCB PRIZE IN LITERATURE “The Far Field is remarkable, a novel at once politically timely and morally timeless. Madhuri Vijay traces the fault lines of history, love, and obligation running through a fractured family and country. Few novels generate enough power to transform their characters, fewer still their readers. The Far Field does both.”—Anthony Marra, author of The Tzar of Love and Techno Gorgeously tactile and sweeping in historical and socio-political scope, Pushcart Prize-winner Madhuri Vijay’s The Far Field follows a complicated flaneuse across the Indian subcontinent as she reckons with her past, her desires, and the tumultuous present. In the wake of her mother’s death, Shalini, a privileged and restless young woman from Bangalore, sets out for a remote Himalayan village in the troubled northern region of Kashmir. Certain that the loss of her mother is somehow connected to the decade-old disappearance of Bashir Ahmed, a charming Kashmiri salesman who frequented her childhood home, she is determined to confront him. But upon her arrival, Shalini is brought face to face with Kashmir’s politics, as well as the tangled history of the local family that takes her in. And when life in the village turns volatile and old hatreds threaten to erupt into violence, Shalini finds herself forced to make a series of choices that could hold dangerous repercussions for the very people she has come to love. With rare acumen and evocative prose, in The Far Field Madhuri Vijay masterfully examines Indian politics, class prejudice, and sexuality through the lens of an outsider, offering a profound meditation on grief, guilt, and the limits of compassion.

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