

# New Book Alerts

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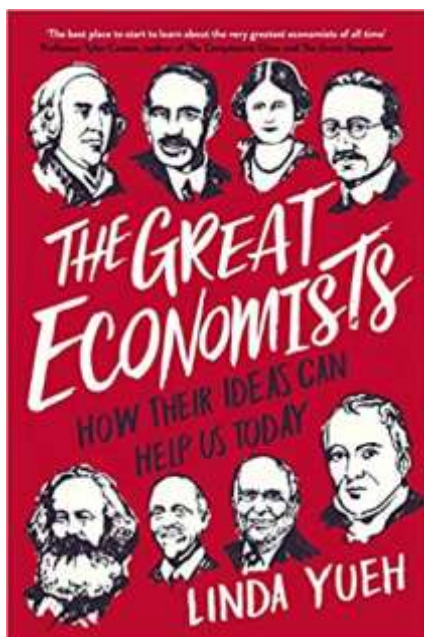
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## NEW BOOKS ADDED IN THE LIBRARY

### 1. The great economist: how their ideas can help us today/Linda Yueh



The best place to start to learn about the very greatest economists of all time' Professor Tyler Cowen, author of *The Complacent Class* and *The Great Stagnation*

Since the days of Adam Smith, economists have grappled with a series of familiar problems - but often their ideas are hard to digest, before we even try to apply them to today's issues. Linda Yueh is renowned for her combination of erudition, as an accomplished economist herself, and accessibility, as a leading writer and broadcaster in this field; and in *The Great Economists* she explains the key thoughts of history's greatest economists, how their lives and times affected their ideas, how our lives have been influenced by their work, and how they could help with the policy challenges that we face today.

**Pub: Penguin Random House**

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## 2. Fifty things that made the modern economy/Tim Harford



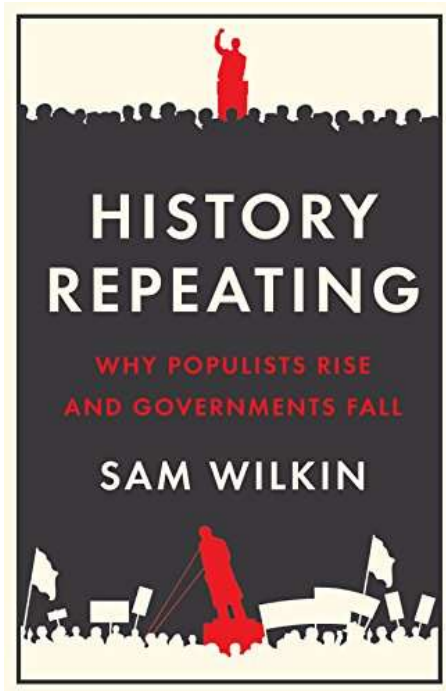
Who thought up paper money? How did the contraceptive pill change the face of the legal profession? Why was the horse collar as important for human progress as the steam engine? How did the humble spreadsheet turn the world of finance upside-down? the world economy defies comprehension. A continuously-changing system of immense complexity, it offers over ten billion distinct products and services, doubles in size every fifteen years and links almost every one of the planet's seven billion people. It delivers astonishing luxury to hundreds of millions. It also leaves hundreds of millions behind, puts tremendous strains on the ecosystem and has an alarming habit of stalling. Nobody is in charge of it. Indeed, no individual understands more than a fraction of what's going on.

**Pub: Little Brown**

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3. **History repeating: why populists rise and governments fall/Sam Wilkin**



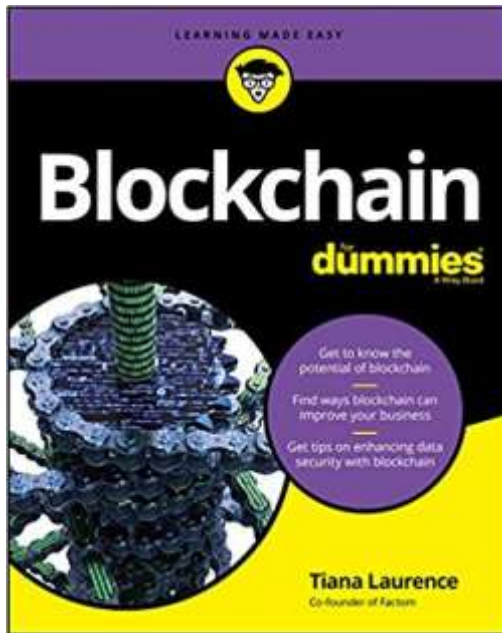
Most of the time, politics is boring. In most countries, the Average Joe rules. Extremists of the left and right can gnash their teeth but serious politicians know they desert the centre ground at their peril. It's the iron law of electoral politics. That is, in normal times. What about times when the centre can't hold, when the extremists take back control and set about making their country great again? At such moments, the best guide to the future is the past. Political chaos might be scary but it isn't all that chaotic. In fact, as risk analyst Sam Wilkin reveals in *History Repeating*, it has hidden rules. Beneath the noise and confusion of history, from Lenin and Khomeini to Trump and Brexit, there are patterns. The same drama plays out again and again, with minor variations. It isn't the story you think you know. It contains surprises and profound mysteries. But once you have seen the inner logic of the past century's political disasters, you might just be ready to face the interesting times to come.

**Pub: Profile books**

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#### 4. Blockchain/Tiana Laurence



Blockchain is the technology behind Bitcoin, the revolutionary 'virtual currency' that's changing the way people do business. While Bitcoin has enjoyed some well-deserved hype, Blockchain may be Bitcoin's most vital legacy. *Blockchain For Dummies* is the ideal starting place for business pros looking to gain a better understanding of what Blockchain is, how it can improve the integrity of their data, and how it can work to fundamentally change their business and enhance their data security.

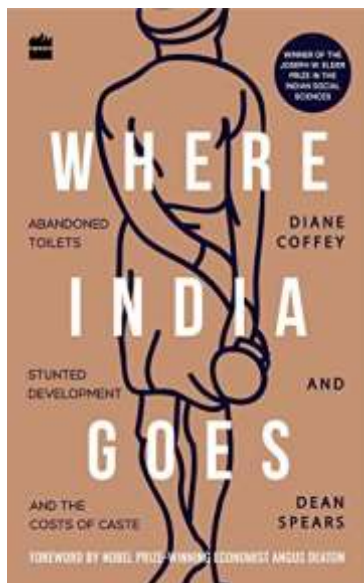
*Blockchain For Dummies* covers the essential things you need to know about this exciting technology's promise of revolutionizing financial transactions, data security, and information integrity. The book covers the technologies behind Blockchain, introduces a variety of existing Blockchain solutions, and even walks you through creating a small but working Blockchain-based application.

**Pub: John Wiley**

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5. **where India goes: abandoned toilets, stunted development and the costs of caste/Diane Coffey**



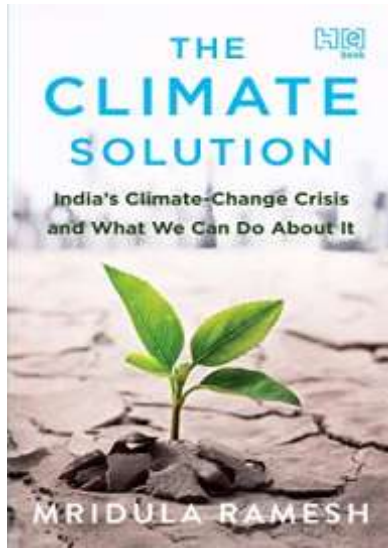
More than half the people who defecate in the open live in India. Around the world, people live longer, better lives than in centuries past, in part because of the rapid adoption of latrines and toilets that keep faecal germs away from growing children. India is an exception. Compared to the rest of the world, latrine and toilet adoption in India has been very slow and open defecation remains far too common. This is one reason why infants in India are more likely to die than in neighbouring poorer countries like Bangladesh and Nepal, and are more likely to be stunted than children in sub-Saharan Africa. *Where India Goes* demonstrates that open defecation in India is not the result of poverty but a direct consequence of the caste system, untouchability and ritual purity. Coffey and Spears tell an unsanitized story of an unsanitary subject, with characters spanning the worlds of rural development policy: from mothers and babies living in villages to local government implementers, senior government policymakers and international development professionals. They write of increased funding and ever more unused latrines. This important and timely book calls again for the annihilation of caste and for a fundamental shift in policy perspectives to effect a crucial, much overdue change.

**Pub: HaperCollins**

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6. **The climate solution: India's climate-change crisis and what we can do about it/Mridula Ramesh**



Climate change will soon define how we work and live in India. Mridula Ramesh's pragmatic ideas of pushing individual initiative and climate-resilient start-ups to solve this problem offer an original roadmap to policymakers as well as the people of India for years to come.' - Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation of India

'We are indebted to Mridula Ramesh for preparing this very useful book and I commend its widespread use for developing a practical action plan.' - M.S. Swaminathan, Father of India's Green Revolution, Recipient of the Padma Vibhushan by the Government of India

'[This book] is filled with practical solutions honed by experience and will be a go-to-guide for combating climate change for many years to come. Read the book to see what you can do to combat climate change!' - Dr Rajendra Singh, the 'Water Man of India'

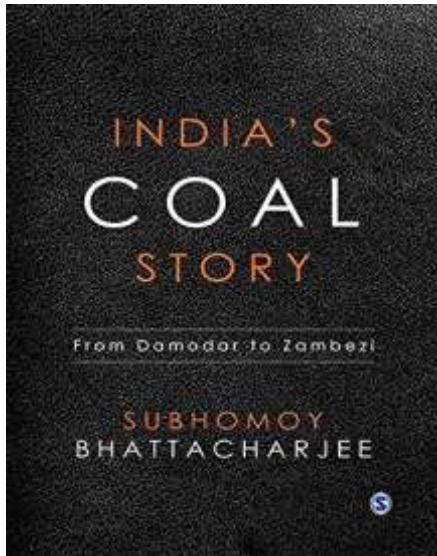
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7. **India' coal story/Subhomoy Bhattacharjee**



India's coal reserves were the lifeline that fuelled the British Empire in Asia, and yet today this industry is on the verge of collapse. Coal was at the centre of a major political scandal that nearly sent a prime minister to jail. This one-of-a-kind book unveils the murky politics around coal - the resource that could provide India all the energy security it needs.

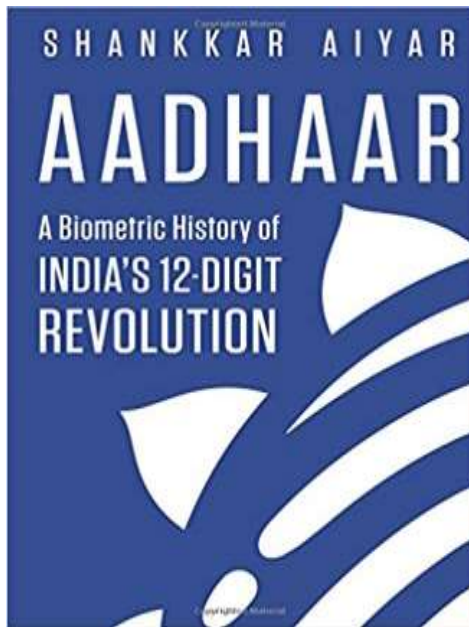
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8. **Aadhaar: a biometric history of India's 12 digit revolution/Shankkar Aiyar**



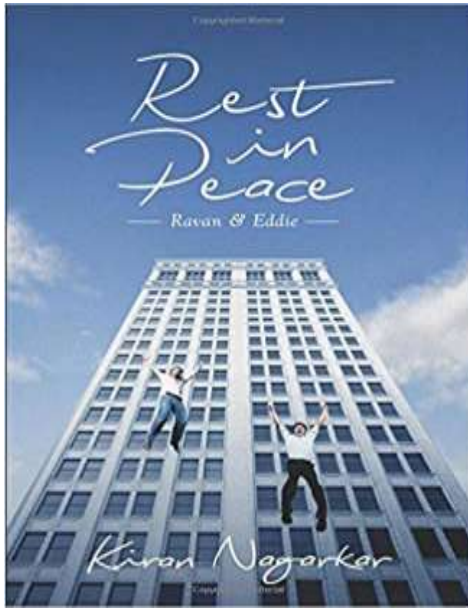
The biometric-based unique identification system, built by tech czar Nandan Nilekani and his team of innovators, was designed to enable subsidies and social spends reach their true destination, plug institutional corruption and save trillions of tax-rupees. In July 2017, Aadhaar is 1.15 billion identities and growing. In *Aadhaar: A Biometric History of India's 12-digit Revolution*, senior journalist Shankkar Aiyar traces the history of this ambitious, controversial undertaking. He speaks with President Pranab Mukherjee, Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Manmohan Singh, P. Chidambaram, Yashwant Sinha, Rahul Gandhi and others to document how politicians with diametrically opposed ideologies were equally determined to propel Aadhaar. Aiyar maps how Aadhaar's application expanded beyond its original intent.

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9. **Rest in peace: Ravan & Eddie/Kiran Nagarkar**



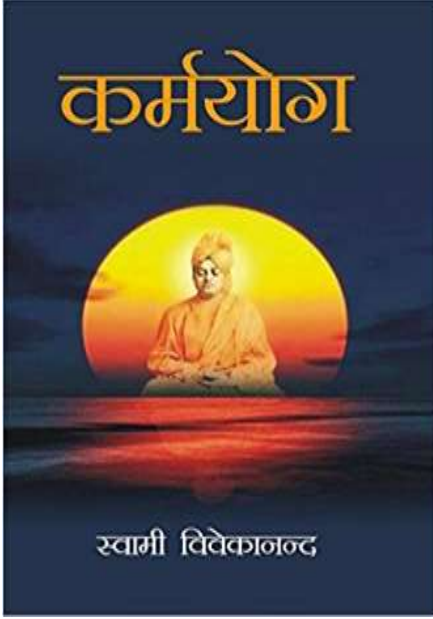
Belt up and hold on tight. Ravan and Eddie are back in another zany ride that takes them from anonymity to fame. Yes, R&E or E&R, as they are known in Bollywood, have made it to the top as music directors. But they have neither lost sight of the big dream, nor forgotten their past struggles. Ravan and Eddie are determined to become superstars even if they have to produce the damn film themselves. From the glitz and glamour of Bollywood to the badlands of Chambal, from the high-rises of tony Pali Hill to Indian literature's most famous chawl address, CWD Chawl No. 17, from air-kissing high society to gun-wielding mafia bosses, Ravan and Eddie muddle along from one catastrophe to another, without ever losing their trademark sangfroid. Poverty and life have taught them to reinvent themselves every time there's a crisis.

**Pub: Fourth Estate**

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10. कर्मयोग / स्वामी विवेकानन्द



कर्म शब्द 'कृ' धातु से निकला है; 'कृ' धातु का अर्थ है करना। जो कुछ किया जाता है, वही कर्म है। इस शब्द का पारिभाषिक अर्थ 'कर्मफल' भी होता है। दार्शनिक दृष्टि से यदि देखा जाय, तो इसका अर्थ कभी-कभी वे फल होते हैं, जिनका कारण हमारे पूर्व कर्म रहते हैं। परंतु कर्मयोग में 'कर्म' शब्द से हमारा मतलब केवल 'कार्य' ही है। मानवजाति का चरम लक्ष्य ज्ञानलाभ है। प्राच्य दर्शनशास्त्र हमारे सम्मुख एकमात्र यही लक्ष्य रखता है। मनुष्य का अन्तिम ध्येय सुख नहीं वरन् ज्ञान है; क्योंकि सुख और आनन्द का तो एक न एक दिन अन्त हो ही जाता है। अतः यह मान लेना कि सुख ही चरम लक्ष्य है, मनुष्य की भारी भूल है।

संसार में सब दुःखों का मूल यही है कि मनुष्य को यह बोध होता है कि जिसकी ओर वह जा रहा है, वह सुख नहीं वरन् ज्ञान है, तथा सुख और दुःख दोनों ही महान् शिक्षक हैं, और जितनी शिक्षा उसे सुख से मिलती है, उतनी दुःख से भी।

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