

# New Book Alerts

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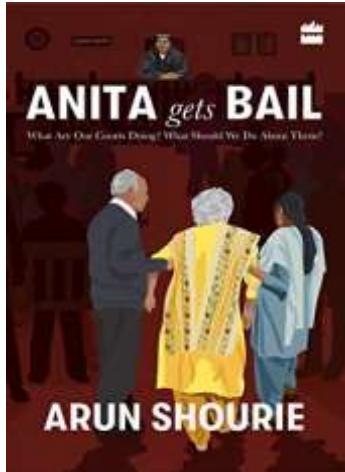
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## NEW BOOKS ADDED IN THE LIBRARY

### 1. Anita Gets Bail: What Are Our Courts Doing? What Should We Do About Them?/ Arun Shourie



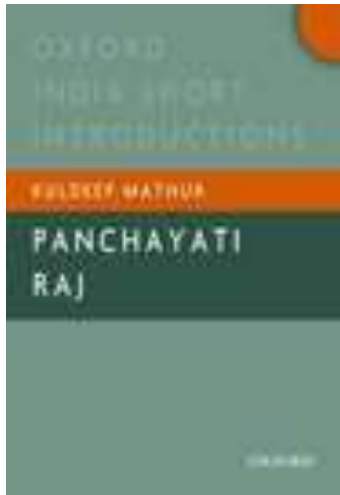
The judiciary has been the one sturdy dyke that has saved us from the excesses of rulers. But recent events remind us of the cracks that have formed: the quality of individuals apart, even the institutional arrangements that had been put in place to preserve the purity and independence of the institution-the collegium, conventions governing the way cases are to be assigned among judges-have frayed. These cracks provide a dangerous opportunity to political rulers to suborn this institution also. Through actual cases and judgments-of subordinate courts, High Courts, the Supreme Court-Arun Shourie enables us to see how frail and vulnerable this 'last pillar standing' has become. A judge who by a brazen manipulation of facts lets a prominent politician off ... Events and a judgment that let the convicted choose the prosecutor who is to conduct the case against them ... Courts that turn a blind eye to life-and-death reforms even as they preoccupy themselves with trivia ... Courts that deliver ringing judgments and then do not care to look if their directions are being implemented ... Courts that disregard their own judgments on penalizing persons for perjury, for dragging out cases ..

**Pub: Harper Collins**

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2. **Panchayati Raj: Oxford India Short Introductions / Kuldeep Mathur**



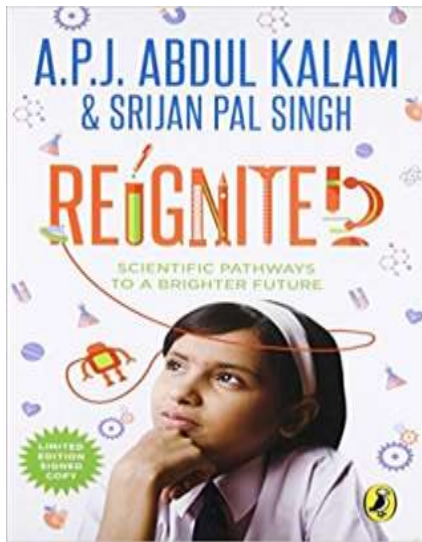
This volume is a comprehensive account of Panchayati Raj institutions in India since the 73rd Constitutional Amendment mandated them in the year 1993. While local governance is not new to India, the present system of Panchayats was created and developed in the midst of the post-1991 reforms and 'liberalization' of the state-centric political economy. Civil society and market were to acquire greater roles in the delivery of public services at the local level, and decentralization of governance institutions was initiated. This Short Introduction presents a balanced and complete picture of the philosophy, objectives, evolution, successes, and failures of these institutions in the last two decades. Contextualizing the Panchayats in their larger institutional, functional, and ideological framework, this book outlines the Gandhian legacy; the socio-political trajectory of the Constitutional mandate; the debates and realities of political and financial autonomy of Panchayats; and the workings of affirmative action through Panchayats. It also provides significant pointers to the critically important roles the Panchayats are to play in the future.

**Pub: Oxford**

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3. **Reignited: Scientific Pathways to a Brighter Future / A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**



Reignited: Scientific Pathways to a Brighter Future by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and Srijan Pal Singh talks about the variety of options available for the children who want to pursue science as a sphere of their study. This book goes onto explore the options of robotics, neurosciences, paleontology and other fields which may be able to create a better world for the future generations.

The research done for the compilation of the book is comprehensive and provides readers and students with a whole world of ideas by relating stories of famous scientists all over the world. With a reader friendly Question Answer format and eye catching illustrations, the book provides the readers with a clear diagrams and easy to understand writing style. Also, the interestingly created chapter titles make this book an interesting read. Any individual who is interested in science or has a scientific bent of mind will surely find this book enjoyable.

**Pub: Penguin**

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#### 4. Malgudi Days / R.K. Narayan



Malgudi Days is a novel that revolves around the happenings in a small fictional village named Malgudi, which is located on the banks of the river Sarayu in South India. This book is a collection of 32 short stories that are highly amusing. The remarkable feature of the stories present in this book is that they are all centered around the lives of mere commoners as they go about their daily routine. The stories present in this book mostly revolve around the relationships among family members as well as the social taboos in the mid-nineties.

Through the course of this book, readers are introduced to a ten-year-old lad named Swaminathan, and his two closest friends, Mani and Rajam, whose fun-filled exploits provide a great deal of entertainment to the readers. In another story in this book, Chandran, whose apprehensions about life and issues related to love provide for an interesting read. One of the stories in this book entitled The English Teacher, revolves around incidents in the life of Jagan, and his son Mali. Along with providing the readers with an interesting story, the author also highlights the problem of the generation gap between parents and children.

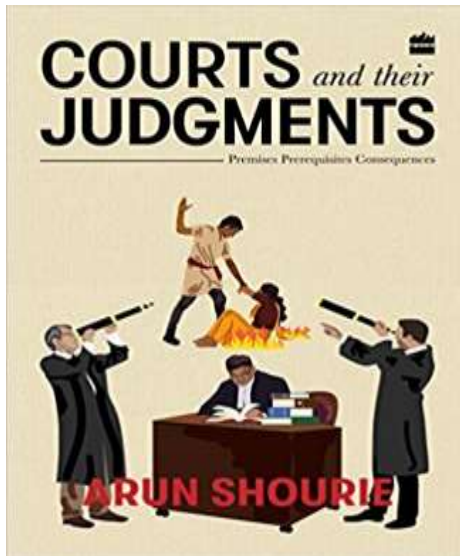
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## 5. Courts and Their Judgments: Premises, Prerequisites, Consequences /

### Arun Shourie



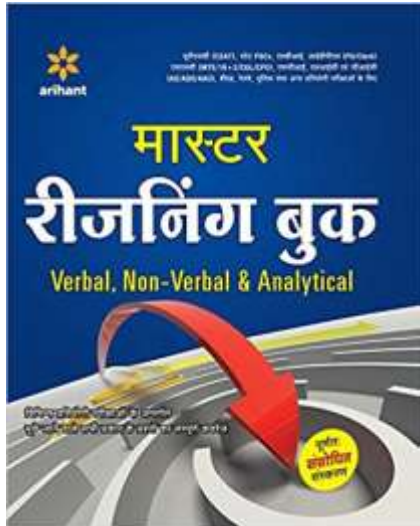
An outstanding effort' - Chief Justice Venkatachaliah 'An extraordinary book' - Fali S. Nariman 'Unputdownable' - Ashok Desai First published in 2001, Courts and Their Judgments soon became a pioneering work on the subject. It raised important questions on the functioning of our judiciary - questions that continue to be as relevant today. Do judges merely enforce and interpret the law? Or do they at times interpolate words into statutes, even into the Constitution? Where does interpretation end and rewriting commence? How is it that in one judgment a court declares that it is the right of ministers to determine how far and in what direction a criminal investigation shall be carried, and in another the same court, indeed the same judge, decides to as good as monitor an investigation? How is it that in some cases a court delves into detailed facts that do not just bear on the case, but on why a law was passed, and in another the same court lays it down as a principle that facts need not be considered once the legislature has passed a law? The failure of other institutions to discharge their duties has compelled the courts to step far outside their traditional role. In doing so, have they stretched the law and Constitution too far? Has the intervention been effective? Courts and Their Judgments looks at judicial activism through some brilliantly argued cases and at the need for and pitfalls of such overreach. With its searing answers, evidence, dissection of judgments on these and other issues, the book remains a must-read for strengthening the country.

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6. **Master Reasoning Book Verbal, Non-Verbal & Analytical / K.K. Singh**



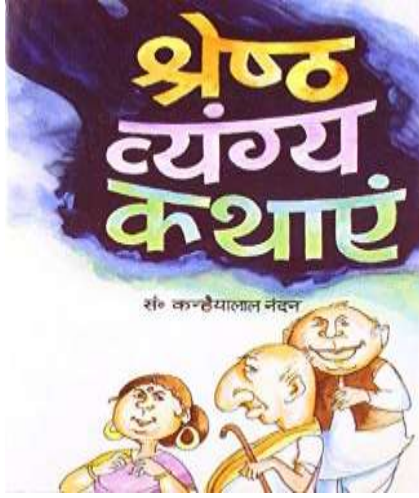
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7. **Shreshtha Vyangya Kathayen /Nandan, kanhaiya lal**



हिन्दी साहित्य की चुनी हुई हास्य कथाओं का प्रतिनिधि संकलन-जाने-माने सम्पादक कवि कन्हैयालाल नंदन द्वारा विशेष रूप से सम्पादित। अमृतलाल नागर, भगवतीचरण वर्मा, हरिशंकर परसाई तथा शरद जोशी से लेकर के.पी .सक्सेना, रविन्द्रनाथ त्यागी, लक्ष्मीकान्त वैष्णव, संतोष नारायण नौटियाल आदि अग्रणी लेखकों की श्रेष्ठ रचनाएं हिन्दी साहित्य की श्रेष्ठ हास्य कथाओं का प्रस्तुत संकलन जाने-माने कवि-लेखक-सम्पादक श्री कन्हैयालाल नंदन ने किया है। इसमें प्रख्यात लेखक श्री अमृतलाल नागर तथा भगवतीचरण वर्मा से आरंभ करके शरद जोशी, हरिशंकर परसाई, के.पी .सक्सेना, प्रेम जनमेजय, रवीन्द्रनाथ त्यागी, लक्ष्मीकान्त वैष्णव, सन्तोषनारायण, ज्ञान चतुर्वेदी तथा हरीश नवल आदि तक सभी अग्रणी लेखकों की चुनी हुई रचनाओं का संकलन प्रस्तुत है। इस प्रकार पुरानी तथा बाद की पीढ़ियों को एक साथ प्रस्तुत करके इसे हिन्दी साहित्य की हास्य रचनाओं का प्रतिनिधि संकलन ही बना दिया है।

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## 8. Ek Gadhe Ki Atmakatha / Krishan Chander



“एक गधे की आत्मकथा” कृष्ण चन्दर जी की बहुत ही सधी हुई व्यंग्य कृति है। आप पूरी पुस्तक पढ़ डालिये, फिर भी आप इसी पसोपेश में रहेंगे कि ये आदमी के रूप में गधा है या गधे के रूप में आदमी। इस संग्रह में उन्होंने गधे के माध्यम से पूरे सामाजिक, राजनीतिक व प्रशासनिक ढाँचे पर प्रहार किये हैं। मुख्य पात्र एक गधा है। उसी के मुख से सारी कहानी कही गयी है। कैसे वह बाराबंकी में ईंट ढोने के काम से छुटकारा पाकर देश की राजधानी दिल्ली गया, कैसे वहाँ रामू धोबी से मुलाकात हुई, और रामू धोबी की मृत्यु के बाद उसके परिवार के भरण पोषण हेतु गधे ने कहाँ कहाँ चक्कर लगाये, कितनी ठोकरें और लार्ते खाईं, इन सब का बड़ा ही सजीव और रोचक वर्णन है। पुस्तक के प्रारम्भ में ही लेखक कहता है – “इसके पढ़ने से बहुतों का भला होगा”।

गधा रामू धोबी के यहाँ काम करने लगा था। एकाएक रामू की मृत्यु मगरमच्छ के हमले से हो जाती है। अब उसका परिवार भूखों मरने की हालत में आ जाता है। गधा मुसीबत के वक्त में उनका साथ देने का निश्चय करता है। गधे की खासियत है कि “वो इंसान की भाषा में बोलता है”। जब लोग आश्चर्य करते हैं कि ये तो गधा है, इंसान जैसा कैसे बोल रहा है तब कृष्ण चंदर के लेखन का पैनापन देखने लायक है। उनका गधा तपाक से उत्तर देता है कि जब इंसान इंसान होकर गधों के जैसा बोल सकता है तो गधा इंसान जैसा क्यूँ नहीं बोल सकता।

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