

# New Book Alerts

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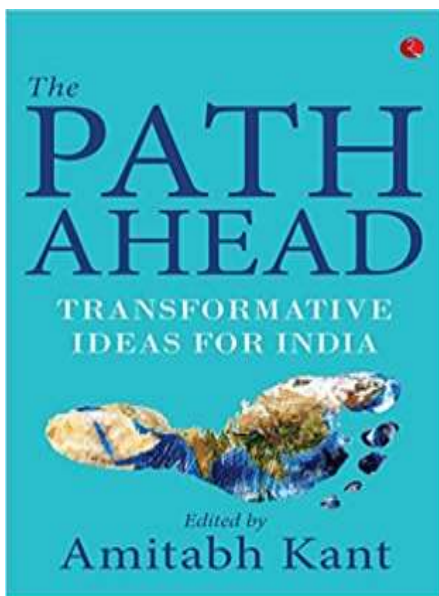
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## NEW BOOKS ADDED IN THE LIBRARY

### 1. The Path Ahead: Transformative Ideas for India / Amitabh Kant



Enthusiasm and determination with a healthy dose of entrepreneurial vision that is enhanced by rapid strides in technology has provided the platform for young Indians to become the makers of a new India. Millions of young Indians are entering the workforce annually with a continually major shift from rural to urban areas, and a burgeoning middle-class with demands and expectations of quality health and education, further increasing the dependence on sustainable, viable, and continuous growth. Clearly, India is at a delicate juncture where the new generation of policymakers must take responsibility to work adeptly in tandem with industrialists, academicians, and the common man to form impactful policies.

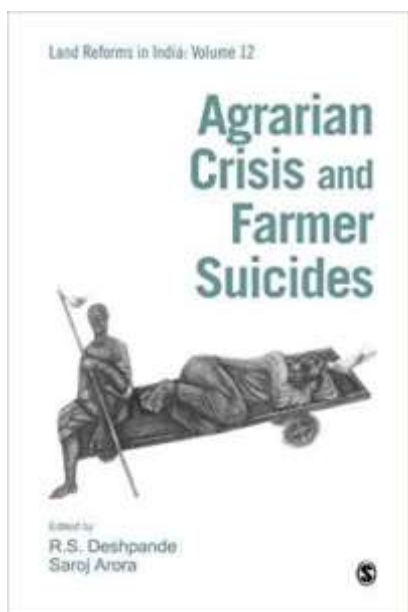
The Path Ahead: Transformative Ideas for India is reflective of this collaborative effort that borrows from the very essence of working in tandem to have meaningful discourses. This book, which brings together a rare combination of industry executives, domain thought leaders, and government officials, highlights the challenges and possible solutions for key sectors that are the cornerstone for India's future growth.

**Pub: Rupa Publication**

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**Accession No: 155881**

## 2. Agrarian Crisis and Farmer Suicides/ R S Deshpande and Saroj Arora



This volume is the twelfth in the series 'Land Reforms in India'. It focuses on the multi-dimensional aspects of the agrarian problem, examining it from the angle of public policy. A distinguishing feature of this collection is its holistic approach towards viewing farm sector distress, instead of looking for isolated causes and solutions.

The essays, based on the research and analyses conducted by academics from different parts of the country, examine the reasons for the growing agrarian crisis and increasing incidences of farmers' suicides in specific regions of the country. They take into account regional discrepancies in agricultural growth and implementation of policies in specific areas. In doing that, they also bring to light the various types of farm sector distress, which, in turn, leads to a better understanding of the whole situation. The compilation also attempts to define a systematic policy line.

**Pub: Sage Publication**

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**Accession No: 155879**

3. **Platform Strategy: How to Unlock the Power of Communities and Networks to Grow Your Business/ Laure Claire Reillier**



During the last decade, platform businesses such as Uber, Airbnb, Amazon and eBay have been taking over the world. In almost every sector, traditional businesses are under attack from digital disrupters that are effectively harnessing the power of communities. But what exactly is a platform business and why is it different? In Platform Strategy, Laure Claire Reillier and Benoit Reillier provide a practical guide for students, digital entrepreneurs and executives to understand what platforms are, how they work and how you can build one successfully.

Using their own "rocket model" and original case studies (including Google, Apple, Amazon), they explain how designing, igniting and scaling a platform business requires learning a whole new set of management rules. Platform Strategy also offers many fascinating insights into the future of platforms, their regulation and governance, as well as how they can be combined with other business models.

**Pub: Routledge**

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4. **Waste of a Nation – Garbage and Growth in India / Assa Doron & Robin Jeffrey**



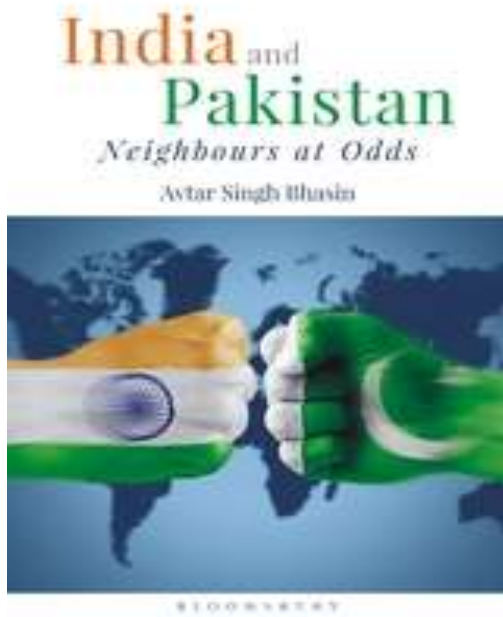
In India, you can still find the kabaadiwala, the rag-and-bone man. He wanders from house to house buying old newspapers, broken utensils, plastic bottles--anything for which he can get a little cash. This custom persists and recreates itself alongside the new economies and ecologies of consumer capitalism. Waste of a Nation offers an anthropological and historical account of India's complex relationship with garbage. Countries around the world struggle to achieve sustainable futures. Assa Doron and Robin Jeffrey argue that in India the removal of waste and efforts to reuse it also lay waste to the lives of human beings. At the bottom of the pyramid, people who work with waste are injured and stigmatized as they deal with sewage, toxic chemicals, and rotting garbage. Terrifying events, such as atmospheric pollution and childhood stunting, that touch even the wealthy and powerful may lead to substantial changes in practices and attitudes toward sanitation. And innovative technology along with more effective local government may bring about limited improvements. But if a clean new India is to emerge as a model for other parts of the world, a "binding morality" that reaches beyond the current environmental crisis will be required.

**Pub: Harvard University Press**

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5. **India and Pakistan: Neighbours at Odds/ Avtar Bhasin**



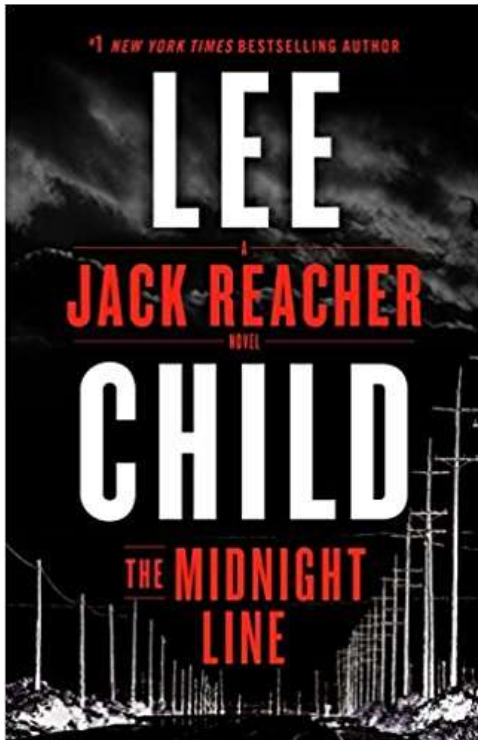
The book is based on archival material accessed for the first time from the Nehru Papers and the archives of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. It provides readers with a new perspective on a great many significant issues of the sub-continent's India–Pakistan discourse. The Partition was an opportunity for the two nations to go their own ways and build egalitarian societies, complementing each other. Unfortunately, unable to transcend old animosities, Pakistan added new ones to construct the bogey of Indian hegemony. This was diametrically opposed to India's determination to steer clear of the past and pursue a positive policy towards Pakistan, since it shared centuries of historical, economic, social and cultural ties with its people. For India, the separation was like a family dividing its assets by mutual agreement of its members and living peacefully thereafter. For Pakistan, however, the separation was akin to a permanent breakup of a family, which was accompanied by the nursing of grievances and the harbouring of adversarial feelings. It is this mental make-up dictating the Indo–Pakistan narrative in the years following the Partition, which the book succinctly captures.

**Pub: Bloomsbury Publisher**

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6. **The Midnight Line: A Jack Reacher Novel / Lee Child**



Reacher takes a stroll through a small Wisconsin town and sees a class ring in a pawn shop window: West Point 2005. A tough year to graduate: Iraq, then Afghanistan. The ring is tiny, for a woman, and it has her initials engraved on the inside. Reacher wonders what unlucky circumstance made her give up something she earned over four hard years. He decides to find out. And find the woman. And return her ring. Why not?

So begins a harrowing journey that takes Reacher through the upper Midwest, from a lowlife bar on the sad side of small town to a dirt-blown crossroads in the middle of nowhere, encountering bikers, cops, crooks, muscle, and a missing persons PI who wears a suit and a tie in the Wyoming wilderness.

The deeper Reacher digs, and the more he learns, the more dangerous the terrain becomes. Turns out the ring was just a small link in a far darker chain. Powerful forces are guarding a vast criminal enterprise. Some lines should never be crossed. But then, neither should Reacher.

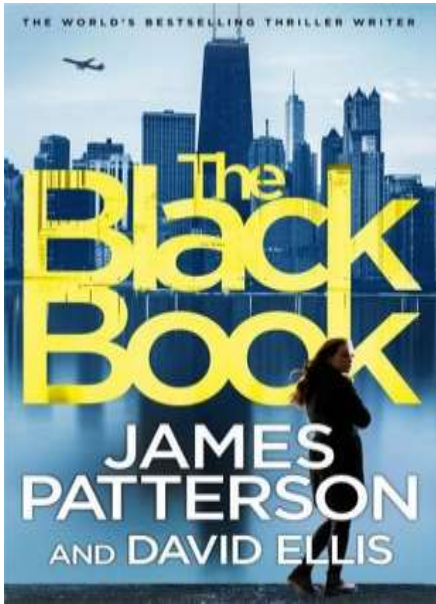
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7. **The Black Book/ James Patterson & David Ellis**



Being a cop runs in Billy Harney's family. The son of Chicago's Chief of Detectives whose twin sister, Patty, also followed in their father's footsteps, there's nothing Billy won't give up for the job, including his life.

After a brutal shooting, Billy is left for dead alongside his tempestuous former partner and an ambitious assistant district attorney out for blood, But somehow Billy survives. He remembers nothing about the events leading up to the shootout and is charged with double murder. Desperate to clear his name, Billy retraces his steps to get to the bottom of what happened. When he discovers the existence of a little black book that everyone who's anyone in Chicago will stop at nothing to get their hands on, Billy suspects it contains the truth that will either set him free... or confirm his worst fears.

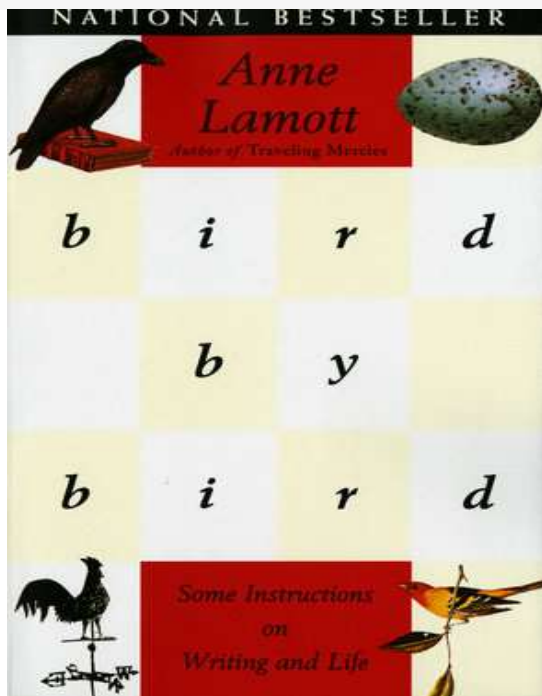
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8. **Bird by Bird: some instructions on writing and life /Anne Lamott**



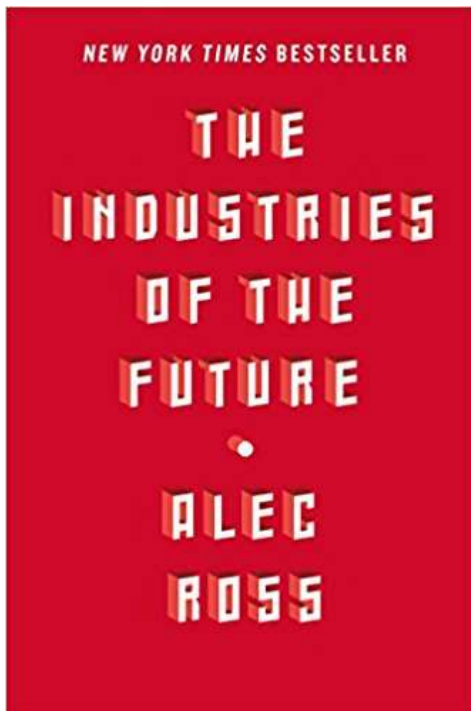
Advice on writing and on life from an acclaimed bestselling author: “Thirty years ago my older brother, who was ten years old at the time, was trying to get a report on birds written that he’d had three months to write. It was due the next day. We were out at our family cabin in Bolinas, and he was at the kitchen table close to tears, surrounded by binder paper and pencils and unopened books on birds, immobilized by the hugeness of the task ahead. Then my father sat down beside him, put his arm around my brother’s shoulder, and said, ‘Bird by bird, buddy. Just take it bird by bird.’”

**Pub: Anchor Books**

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9. **The Industries of the Future / Alec Ross**



In *The Industries of the Future*, Ross shows us what changes are coming in the next ten years, highlighting the best opportunities for progress and explaining why countries thrive or sputter. He examines the specific fields that will most shape our economic future, including robotics, cybersecurity, the commercialization of genomics, the next step for big data, and the coming impact of digital technology on money and markets.

In each of these realms, Ross addresses the toughest questions: How will we adapt to the changing nature of work? Is the prospect of cyberwar sparking the next arms race? How can the world's rising nations hope to match Silicon Valley in creating their own innovation hotspots? And what can today's parents do to prepare their children for tomorrow?

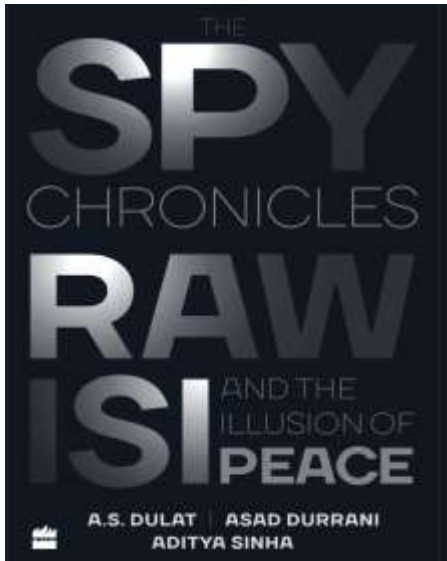
Ross blends storytelling and economic analysis to give a vivid and informed perspective on how sweeping global trends are affecting the ways we live. Incorporating the insights of leaders ranging from tech moguls to defense experts, *The Industries of the Future* takes the intimidating, complex topics that many of us know to be important and boils them down into clear, plainspoken language. This is an essential book for understanding how the world works—now and tomorrow—and a must-read for businesspeople in every sector, from every country.

**Pub: Simon and Schuster**

**Call No: 338.4 R788T**

**Accession No: 155855**

10. **The Spy Chronicles: RAW, ISI and the Illusion of Peace/ A.S. Dulat, Aditya Sinha & Asad Durrani**



The Spy Chronicles is the first-of-its-kind book anywhere in the world that brings together former chiefs of the intelligence agencies of rival nations. A.S. Dulat headed India's RAW in 1999-2000, while General Asad Durrani helmed Pakistan's ISI in 1990-91. Off the field, though, the two are friends. In The Spy Chronicles, they unite for conversations, moderated by senior journalist Aditya Sinha, who co-wrote the bestselling Kashmir: The Vajpayee Years with Dulat in 2015. The range of topics covered here include Kashmir, Narendra Modi, Ajit Doval, Pervez Musharraf, the Lashkar-e-Toiba, Hafiz Saeed, Kulbhushan Jadhav, the infamous surgical strikes, the politics of war, the workings of the spy agencies themselves, and many more. This is a unique political book that will create ripples around the world.

**Pub: Harper Collins**

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