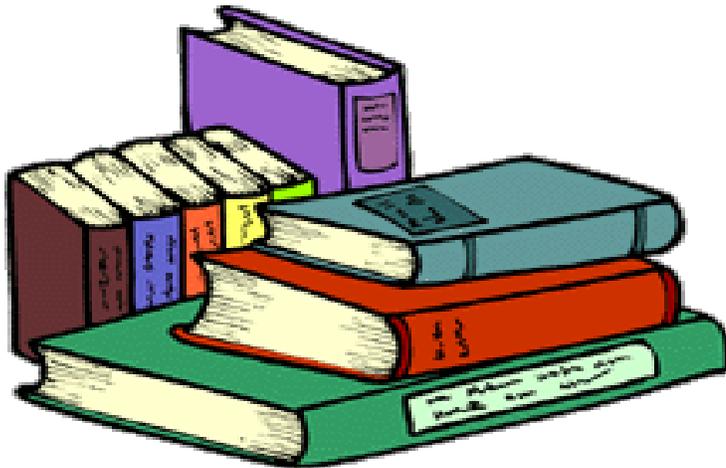


# New Book Alerts

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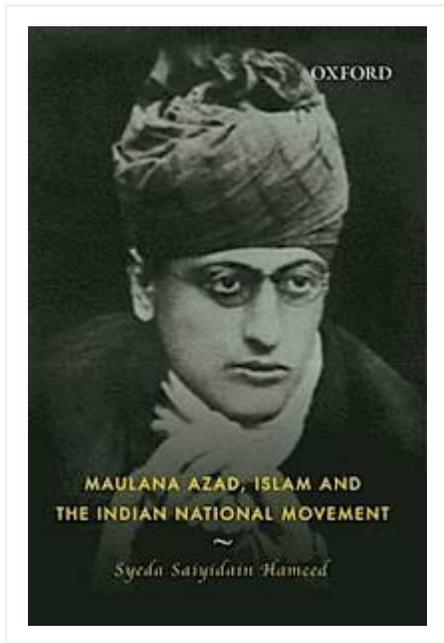
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## NEW BOOKS ADDED IN THE LIBRARY

### 1. Maulana Azad, Islam and Indian National Movement/Syeda S Hameed



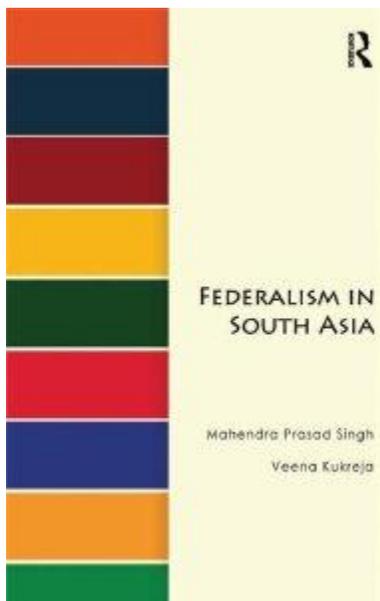
Maulana Azad was the first education minister of India and a dynamic individual with multiple facets to his personality. He is equally known as one of the foremost freedom fighters, an Urdu poet who also wrote treatises on philosophy and religion. Why then is one who aspired and worked for national leadership remembered only as the leader of the Muslims of India? Why then did he lose to Jinnah, an individual who generally stood for everything which ran contrary to his beliefs? In this thought-provoking work, Syeda S. Hameed takes a fresh look at the works, politics, and life of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

**Pub: Oxford**

**Call No.923.254 H216M**

**Accession No.152269**

**2. Federalism in South Asia/Mohandra Prasad Singh**



This book is one of the first in-depth and systematic studies on the functioning and aspiring federations of South Asia. It examines how federal dynamics in India, Pakistan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka are impinged on by the nature of their specific constitutions; their societal, political and cultural fabrics; composition of power elites and ruling classes; structures of political economy and market; electoral and party systems; mass media; and information technology. The authors offer a comparative, analytical, conceptual, and theoretical framework to understand patterns and trends as also experiences of and possibilities for federalism in South Asia. They highlight divergences and similarities, successes and key challenges, while indicating federalism's wider

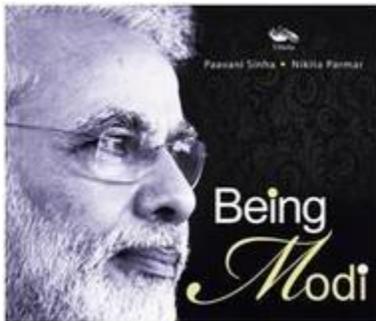
regional relevance in the discourse on democracy and governance. The book concludes that the multicultural character of these societies — beset with ethnic and regional conflicts, separatist and military undercurrents — makes federal political solutions the only viable route. Providing a wealth of material, this will deeply interest scholars, students and teachers of comparative politics, political science, federal studies, area studies as well as those interested in political structures and processes in South Asia.

**Pub: Rout ledge**

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**Accession Number: 152270**

### **3. Being Modi/Paavani Sinha**



Book Being Modi is written By Nikita Parmar & Paavani Sinha. Narendra Kumar Damodardas Modi's charisma stems from the fact that no matter how popular he becomes, he remains an enigma. This book is a glimpse of a man through pictures and not too many words. The aim is to portray, not propagate. This book takes the reader on a journey from his humble beginning

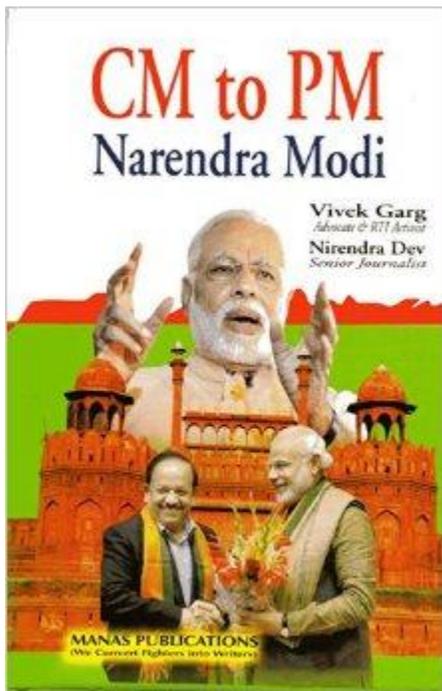
in a small mofussil village in India to now when the country looks towards him to relieve it from the quagmire that it finds itself .

**Pub: Vitasta**

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#### **4. CM to PM Narendra Modi/Vivek Garg**



Telling the story of Narendra Modi and the state of Gujarat is not easy because so many things are fiercely contested. It is not wrong to call him a man of his time. Modi over the last more than one decade was able to brave through the challenges from all corners political rivals in Congress and other secularists, international community, NGOs, media and forces within his own party. To describe in one sentence why should Narendra Modi be considered a successful political leader, one must say it's his ability to pluck victory from defeat and rather

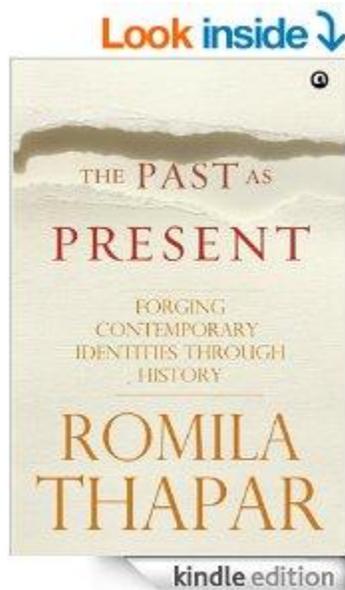
do it single-handedly. He has completed around 12 years as Chief Minister of Gujarat. During these 12 years he created 'Gujarat Model of Development'. BJP appointed Modi as party's prime minister nominee in September 2013. After that he addressed rallies at Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Jodhpur, Baharaich, Patna, Imphal etc. etc. and highlighted his 'model of development' in all walks of life education, social upliftment, law and order, employment, agriculture, defence, foreign relations, etc. etc. Due to his clear vision, people of the country started thinking him as

**Pub: Manas**

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## **5. The Past as Present/Romila Thaper**



Many popularly held views about the past need to be critically enquired into before they can be taken as historical. For instance, what was the aftermath of the raid on the Somanatha temple? Which of us is Aryan or Dravidian? Why is it important for Indian society to be secular? When did communalism as an ideology gain a foothold in the country? How and when did our patriarchal mindset begin to support a culture of violence against women? Why are the fundamentalists so keen to rewrite history textbooks?

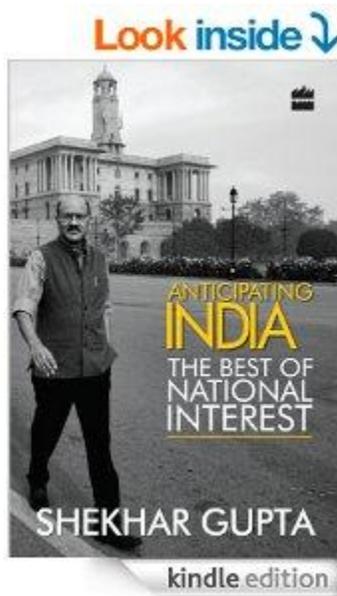
The answers to these and similar questions have been disputed and argued about ever since they were first posed. Distinguished historian Romila Thapar has investigated, analyzed and interpreted the history that underlies such questions throughout her career; now, in this book, through a series of incisive essays she argues that it is of critical importance for the past to be carefully and rigorously explained, if the legitimacy of our present, wherever it derives from the past, is to be portrayed as accurately as possible. This is especially pertinent given the attempts by unscrupulous politicians, religious fundamentalists and their ilk to try and misrepresent and wilfully manipulate the past in order to serve their present-day agendas. An essential and necessary book at a time when sectarianism, bogus 'nationalism' and the muddying of historical facts are increasingly becoming a feature of our public, private and intellectual lives.

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## 6. Anticipating India/Shekher Gupta



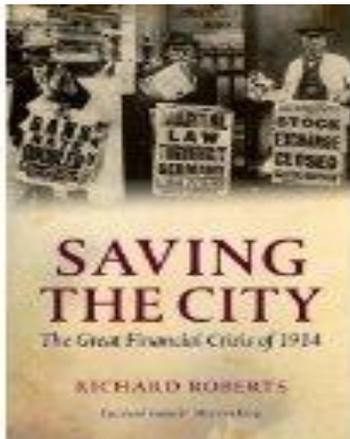
How many, in a Mumbai room full of Hermes ties and finance whizkids, are Dalit? What if Mahesh Bhatt's son, David Headley's friend, had been a Muslim? Why is Delhi getting better as a city and Mumbai going downhill? When did the Congress first start shrinking its prime minister? When did it become clear that Narendra Modi would take over his party? Who are the HMTs? And what does an angry Arvind Kejriwal say about us? Raising such questions is the hallmark of Shekhar Gupta's National Interest, the most eagerly awaited news and current affairs column in Indian journalism. Informed by three decades and more of formidable reporting and a credibility that gives Gupta unrivalled access to decision makers in government, politics and business, the best of these columns in Anticipating India explain and interpret, provoke and predict change for more than a billion people.

**Pub: Harper Collins**

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**7. Saving the City: The Great Financial Crisis of 1914/Richard Roberts**



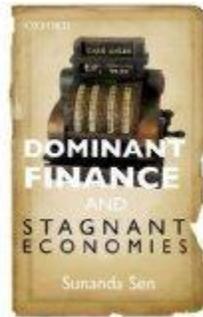
In London, the world's foremost financial centre, the week before the outbreak of the First World War saw the breakdown of the markets, culminating with the closure for the first time ever of the London Stock Exchange on Friday 31 July. Outside the Bank of England a long anxious queue waited to change bank notes for gold sovereigns. Bankers believed that a run on the banks was underway, threatening the collapse of the banking system--all with the nation on the eve of war. This book tells the extraordinary, and largely unknown, story of this acute financial crisis that surged over London and around the globe.

**Pub: Oxford**

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## **8. Dominant finance and Stagnant Economies/Sunanda Sen**



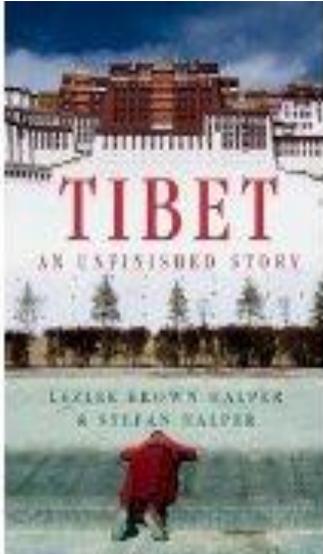
Financialization in the world economy has led to massive accumulation as well as concentration of financial assets providing sources of rentier income which has been much higher than those obtainable from physical assets. The present volume attempts to analyse the pattern of financial dominance in the world economy with its links to the systemic crisis. The analysis rests on the theoretical perspectives underlying the Keynesian and the Minskian theoretical framework . This makes the present study of global finance offer a critique of the mainstream neo-liberal doctrine and policies. The volume consists of a collection of essays, some of which were previously published in journals and edited volumes, and a number of recent papers which are as yet unpublished.

**Pub: Oxford**

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## 9. Tibet: an unfinished story/Lezlee Brown Halper



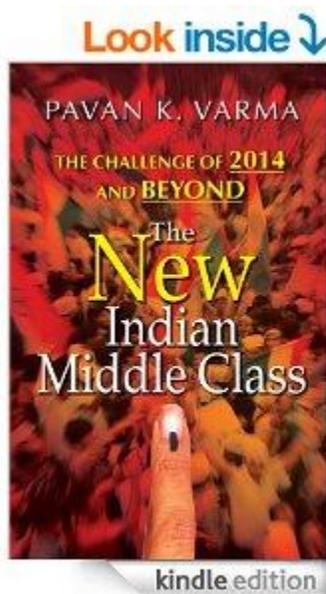
Tibet's enduring myth, animated by the tales of Himalayan adventurers, British military expeditions, and the novel, *Lost Horizon*, remains an inspirational fantasy, a modern morality play about the failure of brutality to subdue the human spirit. Tibet also exercises immense "soft power" as one of the lenses through which the world views China. This book traces the origins and manifestations of the Tibetan myth, as propagated by Younghusband, Madam Blavatsky, Himmler, Acheson and Roosevelt. The authors discuss how, after WW2, Tibet-- isolated, misunderstood and with a tiny elite unschooled in political-military realities --- misread the diplomacy between its two giant neighbours, India and China, forlornly hoping London or Washington might intervene. China's People's Liberation Army sought nothing less than to deconstruct traditional

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## **10. The New Indian Middle Class /Pavan K Varma**



For the first time in our history, the Indian middle class has emerged as an important player in the elections, both in terms of numerical size and the influence it wields. For the first time, a pan-Indian class, largely homogeneous, mostly educated and universally angry, is a factor in the war rooms of almost all political parties. In the era of the global middleclass revolution, will the Indian counterpart emerge as a credible game changer? Does it have a wide and inclusive agenda, strong organization, effective leadership and an alternative vision that shows up political discrimination? Or will it be mere cannon fodder for calculating, manipulative, cynical politicians? In this important and timely book, Pavan K. Varma – the most respected analyst of the middle class in India – looks at the 2014 elections as a watershed in the evolution of this class. Crucially, he argues that what the middle class does now and the choices it makes will shape the future of India, for better or for worse.

**Pub: Harper Collins**

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