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Ambani & Sons 2010

From the author of Polyester Prince, Ambani & Sons is the riveting story of one of the wealthiest families in the world. The Ambani tale is integral to the bigger story about modern India as an economic powerhouse.

The Polyester Prince 1998

Dhirubhai Ambani’s life is a rags to riches story from Bombay’s crowded pavements and bazaars to the city’s extravagantly wealthy social circles where business tycoons, stockmarket speculators, smugglers, politicians, and Hindi film stars mingle. Money makes and breaks marriages and carries out prolonged feuds. This is the story of a rising capitalist group in post-independence India until the arrival of Ambani and now more like him. India’s big business scene was dominated by a few industrial houses from British times. Ambani’s Reliance Group has risen to rival these houses in just 26 years since its foundation. By 1995, the group had 2.6 million investors, one in every eight Indian sharemarket investors, and is now so large that it has to hold its annual general meetings in football stadiums. Along with expansion, however, have come the intricate political connections, a whole raft of corruption charges, and a rollercoaster of booms and crashes for Ambani and his company. This study shows how capitalism emerges by fair means and foul in the new industrial countries of the third world and explores the life of an Asian tycoon.

Mahabharata in Polyester 2010

Dhirubhai Ambani was a rags to riches Indian tycoon whose company, Reliance, is now one of India’s major corporations. Ambani’s sons, Anil and Mukesh, who took over after their father’s death in 2002, are worth 43 billion and 42 billion respectively but their relationship is anything but amicable. Demonstrating the complicated links between government and big business, this account is not only the riveting story of one of the wealthiest families in the world, including their infamous feud, but also an illustration of India’s transformation into a global economic powerhouse.

The Story of Dhirubhai Ambani: An Indian Industrialist 2023-05-04

Dhirubhai Ambani was a visionary entrepreneur who left an indelible mark on the Indian business landscape.
humble origins who rose to become one of the most successful businessmen in India he started his career as a clerk in Yemen and upon returning to India he founded Reliance Commercial Corporation with a modest capital of Rs 15,000 through hard work, perseverance, and astute business acumen. Dhirubhai transformed Reliance Industries into a diversified conglomerate with interests in multiple sectors. He was a pioneer in using backward integration and other innovative business strategies to grow his company. Dhirubhai was also known for his generosity and philanthropy and he supported various causes related to education, healthcare, and social welfare even after his passing. Dhirubhai Ambani's legacy continues to inspire entrepreneurs and business leaders in India and beyond.

**Storms in the Sea Wind: Ambani vs Ambani 2005-07-01**

Did Dhirubhai Ambani know about the tensions between his two sons Mukesh and Anil? Did the patriarch merge Reliance Industrial and Reliance Petroleum to prevent a future split in the Reliance Group? What were the reasons for the frenetic growth of the Ambanis in just about three decades and the subsequent division in less than three years after Dhirubhai's death? What were Dhirubhai's traits that kept the Ambani family together? What were the differences in Mukesh's and Anil's personalities that led to their falling apart? Did Mother Kokilaben play a role in bringing about a truce between her two sons? How was the war between Mukesh and Anil fought? Why does the fight continue today even after the truce between the two brothers? A blow-by-blow account of the Ambani saga by noted business journalist Alam Srinivas who has tracked the Reliance Group for twenty years.

**Unfinished Business 2023-01-23**

Unfinished Business is a chronicle of contemporary Indian corporate history narrated through the professional trajectories of four high-profile businessmen: Anil Ambani, Naresh Goyal, V.G. Siddhartha, and Vijay Mallya. By no means unique in their proclivity for debt and penchant for politics, these four men belonged to a rarefied club of entrepreneurs who could raise a sizeable quantum of financing with ease despite their businesses not generating adequate cash flows and or possessing sufficient collateral. So what competitive advantage did this guild of Indian entrepreneurs have? What caused their enterprises to struggle while other similar organizations whose CEOs shared these attributes survived and even flourished? How did the Indian business ecosystem's regulatory norms, lenders, underwriting practices, and investor due diligence influence the organizations helmed by this quartet? Following these four entrepreneurs' careers and professional decisions, Unfinished Business throws light on the evolution of the Indian capitalism during the first two decades of the twenty-first century set against the backdrop of a dynamic political, regulatory, and business climate in India and with great insight, clarity, and analysis Nandini Vijayaraghavan explores the takeaways for entrepreneurs, regulators, lenders, and investors in this compelling and illuminating read.

**Incarnations 2016-02-25**

One of the world's most ancient cultures, India, can be understood and explained in as many ways as humans can possibly devise to make sense of this astonishing turmoil of ideas. Sunil Khilnani has created a remarkably simple and attractive solution in this book which accompanies a major Radio 4 series which he is narrating. He takes the lives of 50 Indians starting with the
Buddha: Some Very Famous Some More Obscure From the Earliest Records to the Present Day and in a Series of Short Chapters Describes What Makes Them So Surprising Curious or Important These Are Not Simply History Lessons But Stories Rooted in Today's India as Khilnani Goes on a Quest Across Contemporary India to Find the Living Traces of These Extraordinary Individuals

Great Businessman in the World 2013-12-17

Successful entrepreneurs inspire other successful entrepreneurs and this list of super successful entrepreneurs has inspired millions. Two key characteristics of all successful entrepreneurs are their focus and determination; their success has come as a result of solving problems and making the world a better place. Are you looking for the list of most famous entrepreneurs in the world? Well, you have come to the right place. This book contains a list of some of the best entrepreneurs to follow in the modern age. We've also included their net worth, favorite quotes, and lessons we can all learn from the world's top entrepreneurs. Honestly, the word entrepreneurship has many definitions. From Steve Jobs' point of view, entrepreneurship is about doing really crazy things to achieve amazing things; it's just making a dent in the universe. The idea of entrepreneurship primarily revolves around having an idea, working on it, and continuing until it becomes a reality facing daily challenges competing with others in your industry and ultimately increasing the profitability of your business. If you want to be a successful entrepreneur, you must have a clear vision, work hard towards your goals, select the right team, and be persistent. For the next few years, after all, entrepreneurship is about working extremely hard reaching your goals, making a profit, and attracting the right customers so that you can survive in the long run. A lot has been said about entrepreneurship now; let's go straight to the list of some of the best entrepreneurs to follow in 2022 and beyond.

The Biopic in Contemporary Film Culture 2012-01-30

The biographical film or biopic is a staple of film production in all major film industries and yet within film studies, its generic aesthetic and cultural significance has remained underexplored. The biopic in contemporary film culture fills this gap, conceptualizing the biopic with a particular eye toward the life of the genre. Internationally, new theoretical approaches combine with specially commissioned chapters on contemporary biographical film production in India, Italy, South Korea, France, Russia, Great Britain, and the U.S. In order to present a selective but well-rounded portrait of the biopic's place in film culture, from Marie Antoinette to The Social Network, the pieces in this volume critically examine the place of the biopic within ongoing debates about how cinema can and should represent history and real lives. Contributors discuss the biopic's grounding in the conventions of the historical film and explore the genre's defining traits as well as its potential for innovation. The biopic in contemporary film culture expands the critical boundaries of this evolving versatile genre.

Investing in Emerging Markets 2016-11-29

You see it in every business paper or magazine, you hear it on every financial talk show, you are deluged with facts presented as certainty. China will be the number one economy. The BRIC countries, Brazil, Russia, India, China, will continue to outstrip the developed world in growth for decades to come. Emerging markets are therefore a sure bet for making money and should be part...
of every portfolio but is it true emerging markets undoubtedly present one of the most exciting investment opportunities that has occurred over the last twenty years but so was the u s housing market if you knew when to get in and get out emerging markets are no different to understand them you have to understand that they are different you have to understand that you are not on wall street anymore different rules apply and there are not only vast differences between developed and emerging markets but vast differences among emerging markets themselves the opportunities and risks are substantial and vary enormously between countries investing in emerging markets will help the retail investor the more sophisticated money manager and the prospective international businessperson to get beyond the hype the marketing and the dreams to understand the real risks and to take advantage of the real opportunities this book provides an overview of the emerging markets prime for investing outlines the snares awaiting the unwary guides novice investors and professionals alike shows how to make money by carefully selecting markets for investment

**Feroze The Forgotten Gandhi 2016-01-08**

feroze gandhi is often remembered as indira gandhi s husband and jawaharlal nehru s son in law but who was feroze gandhi a congress worker a young freedom fighter a parliamentarian or just another gandhi diving into the history of the nehru gandhi family the swedish journalist bertil falk brings together his 40 year old research in this biography of feroze gandhi including first hand interviews of people close to feroze and personal experiences of the author with some rare photographs this volume brings to light his significant yet unrecognized role as a parliamentarian in cases such as the mundhra case life insurance and freedom of press bill it also busts some myths about feroze s controversial birth his personal life his importance as a politician and his relationship with the nehrus with interesting details about feroze as a young boy in allahabad to his years as a freedom fighter journalist congressman and a politician this volume examines the chronology of events that shaped the life of feroze

**Contemporary Introduction to Sociology 2013-10-08**

the first edition of a contemporary introduction to sociology was the first truly new introductory sociology textbook in decades written by two leading sociologists at the cutting edge of theory and research the text reflected the idioms and interests of contemporary american life and global social issues the second edition continues to invite students to reflect upon their lives within the context of the combustible leap from modern to postmodern life the authors show how culture is central to understanding many world problems as they challenge readers to confront the risks and potentialities of a postmodern era in which the futures of both the physical and social environment seem uncertain as culture rapidly changes in the 21st century the authors have broadened their analysis to cover developments in social media and new data on gender and transgender issues
Die neuen Großenmächte 2022-07-25


The Wisest Owl 2015-07-16

India is witnessing a major change in the way we look at money. Having reached the middle-income status as a country, a vast section of the youth is now aspiring for higher financial goals. This large population is breaking away from its parents in almost every way, including financially. But the new generation of Indians entering the workforce demands more knowledge on their investments. They constantly grapple with complicated questions surrounding money. What do they do with their money? How do they plan for their future? The times they get bad advice. Mutual funds have not really delivered meaningful returns. Stock selection is extremely complicated, and sophisticated investments like PMSs, AIFs, etc., are only for the wealthy. This book tries to help these young investors by offering them a framework they can use to create wealth in the long run using the wisdom and experience of India's top personal finance professionals. The book answers critical questions such as: Should I rent a house or buy a house? Passive investing versus active investing? Stocks versus mutual funds? Debt funds or FDS? Finally, crypto or no crypto?

Wealth Secrets of the 1% 2018-08-10

Infuriating Wilkin's main claim is that the super rich have discovered secret ways of both making and preserving their fortunes. Like capital author Thomas Piketty, Wilkin has a love-hate relationship with capitalism. He takes the view that most billionaires are rich because one way or another, they have found ways to rig the market. The times what does it take to make a fortune? Hard work, great ideas, intelligence, business acumen, or something else entirely? Spanning centuries and continents from the ancient world to the 21st century, Wealth Secrets of the 1 uncovers the economic principles that enable a fortunate few to get really rich. Witty, provocative, and immaculately researched, it is essential and revelatory reading. At a time when 1 of the world's population owns half of its wealth, clever and entertaining with a distinctly satirical edge, daily mail illuminating and eye-opening sure to make libertarian heads explode. Kirkus Reviews what makes this book different is that Sam Wilkin is an inside man. Daily Telegraph no one gets really rich reading how to get rich handbooks Wilkin offers up the real scoop in wealth secrets of the one percent. A delicious and insight-packed send up of the genre.
Laxminama 2010-04-15

Empire trade religion three crucial forces that have been almost equally responsible for shaping human civilization so far yet the politics of empire has dominated history and popular discussion irrespective of the political upheavals however India has always been an open market welcoming traders from far off lands promising them a fair bargain Indian entrepreneurs since ages had developed their own sophisticated institutions and wide community based networks this open liberal and robust bazaar economy thrived unhindered till the advent of European trading companies who brought with them the notions of monopoly and state controls business in India blossomed in tune with liberal religious thought and Indian intellectual tradition always fostered the spirit of questioning Laxminama is an account of how the country's open market and its liberal religious outlook have nurtured each other throughout the centuries told through a medley of stories this is the saga of India's socioeconomic power that has characterized not only the country's vibrant pluralistic society but also much of global history an untold narrative of India's geographies products and pioneers this is an unforgettable album of heroes who championed game changing ideas at the intersection of faith and enterprise

The Super-Rich Shall Inherit the Earth 2017-05-03

In 2000 No Logo described a vision of rapacious corporations building brands at the expense of impoverished third world employees and ripped off first world consumers now only eight years later no logo looks almost optimistic against the rise of a new and insidious club of global billionaires who are buying up once unfashionable industries like oil steel shipping and mining from distressed third world nations and formerly communist powers often backed by mafia money or dubious political connections these oligarchs have no shareholders and no home nation they are the sum total of their corporations we are dependent on these men they fuelled our recent boom they come to us for our light taxation and our willingness to sell them class and influence via an Eton education for their kids and cheaply bought honours these men are becoming ever richer as the rest of the world suffers credit crunch and recession they deal in the commodities that the planet's economies need but which are becoming ever more scarce there are no national governments that can control or legislate against them they will simply move to another of their five or six palatial homes in this recession we are all acutely aware of our dwindling wealth and the spiralling prices of essentials the fact that these are in fewer and nastier hands than ever before has rarely if ever been explained by the media it's time for a book that points out the power of these individuals and how they are just the start of a deeply worrying trend the buyers of TescoPolly and no logo have long been aware of overly powerful corporations the rise of men whose personal wealth and power far outranks most of the companies in these books should alarm these concerned citizens and encourage them to find out more this book will paint a vivid picture using interviews first hand experience expert comment and some futurology to give them the information they need

The Changing Face of Corruption in the Asia Pacific 2014-03-02

The changing face of corruption in the Asia Pacific current perspectives and future challenges is a contemporary analysis of corruption in the Asia Pacific region bringing academicians and practitioners together contributors to this book discuss the
current perspectives of corruption's challenges in both theory and practice and what the future challenges will be in addressing corruption's proliferation in the region includes viewpoints from both practitioners and academic contributors on corruption in the Asia Pacific region. Offers a strong theoretical background together with the practical experience of contributors explores what the future challenges will be in addressing corruption's proliferation in the region aimed at both the academic and professional audience.

**Implosion 2008-03-08**

The 'great India story' by a respected international journalist since independence in 1947 India has muddled through turning confusion and adversity into varying degrees of success from his experience and perspective as both a business and political correspondent John Elliott examines how this came to be at a time when there is a widespread clamour for change and for a new form of politics. He looks at how corruption has eaten into all aspects of Indian life and questions the decades of rule by the Nehru Gandhi dynasty. And suggests democracy provides a smokescreen for much that is wrong. He explores the impact of liberalization traces the build-up of social unrest over corruption Women's rights and the exploitation of land and the poor. He also reflects on the limitations of a hesitant foreign policy and looks in detail at why India's defence forces are so depleted. At the heart of the problem he argues is the quick fix attitude known as jugaad and the laissez faire acceptance of chalta hai that together have eaten into the social and political fabric and heavily influence what India is and is not today. He uncovers a secret's m document that mapped out the 1991 reforms and reveals how was an unwitting spectator at a Pakistan briefing meeting for the 1991 kargil war incisive and ambitious in its attempt to gather together the many strands that make up a controversial India narrative Implosion is a timely contribution to the debate on nationhood, development, the exercise of power, people's rights and the changing demographics of a country facing a tryst with reality.

**Mahabharata in Polyester 2017-04-19**

Progress in life has to be made on both the spiritual and mundane fronts. One has to be aware of every action in daily life. From drinking tea, eating food, the way one relates with other human beings and animals, to dealing with the ecological environment. Self-development is the main goal of our life.

**Outlook Business 2018-05-31**

Rahul Bedi has been a journalist for 38 years beginning his career with the Indian Express in 1979. He was posted in London in the late 1980s after attending Oxford University as a Reuters fellow. Presently he is New Delhi Correspondent for Jane's Defence Weekly UK. The Irish Times Dublin and the Daily Telegraph. He was also Assistant Master at Mayo College Ajmer and the Doon School Dehra Dun in the 1970s.
My Crazy Tale: His Holiness 2011-02-01

Gandhi's relationship with women has proved irresistibly fascinating to many but it is surprising how little scholarly work has been undertaken on his attitudes to and relationships with women going native. Details of Gandhi's relationship with western women, including those who inspired him, worked with him, supported him in his political activities in South Africa or helped shape his international image of particular note are those women who went native to live with Gandhi as close friends and disciples. Those who were drawn to him because of a shared interest in celibacy who came seeking a spiritual master or came because of mental confusion some joined him because they were fixated on his person rather than because of an interest in his social programme. Through these fascinating women, we get a different insight into Gandhi who encouraged them to come and then was often captivated and at times exasperated by them.

The Last Word: Obituaries of 100 Indians Who Led Unusual Lives 2017-04-19

Sunetra Choudhury started her career at The Indian Express in 1999 as a metro reporter. In 2000, as a recognition of her abilities, she was sent for Japan's Foreign Press Centre fellowship by the paper. She became The Indian Express' youngest deputy chief reporter at 24 and also brought out Newsline, the pull out city section, in 2002. Sunetra joined the launch team of Star News, a 24-hour Hindi news channel. Within a year, she moved to NDTV after the success of one of her assignments at NDTV covering the 2009 election campaign. She authored Braking News. Sunetra anchors a daily audience-based show called Agenda, the only out of studio show of its kind and a primetime show on student leaders and elections. In April 2016, she got the Red Ink award for her story on how Indians were adopting disabled children.

Going Native 2018-05-31

A tide in the affairs of men are reminiscences of a senior administrative officer from his working in the secretariat in the central government and in the state of Madhya Pradesh to his varied experiences during other relevant postings from handling students agitation in the Guna district of Madhya Pradesh in 1964 to his special posting in Bangladesh after the liberation of East Pakistan in 1971 and from his years in Manila as executive director in the ADB to working closely with Dr. Manmohan Singh as Revenue Secretary. The narrative is a public servant's journey that relooks at some of the important milestones with passion and candour.

Behind Bars: Prison Tales of India's Most Famous 2017-04-19

Ejaiwant Paul is a man of varied interests having authored eight other books including Rani of Jhansi: The Story of Tea, the Unforgettable Maharajas Har Dayal, The Great Revolutionary Co-author Shubh Paul, Arms and Armour: Traditional Weapons of India, Annals and Antiquities of Rajasthan and the Greased Cartridge. He is on the expert panel on weapons for several museums of Rajasthan. A hardcore corporate he initially worked for Hindustan Unilever and was later director of Brooke Bond India. Thereafter he headed the National Mineral Water Company in Muscat, Oman. A keen cricketer and tennis player, he now lives in...
A Tide in the Affairs of Men: A Public Servant Remembers 2018-05-31

turning adversity on its head he embarked upon a career in broadcasting that began in south africa with the south african broadcasting corporation sabc before returning to cardiff in september 1987 to anchor bbc wales portfolio of prime time sports programs by the mid 1990s alan had gone freelance and following the end of apartheid was reunited with the sabc to cover south africa s return to world sport with the 1994 cricket tour to england and the 1995 rugby world cup he also began what would become a long association with singapore based espn star sports ess by commentating on the 1996 indian cricket tour of england by 1997 alan had joined the ess commentary team in india for the one day international series between india and sri lanka where he was part of the commentary team with ravi shastri sunil gavaskar navjot singh sidhu harsha bhogle and geoffrey boycott otherwise known as a few good men in february 2000 he re located to singapore to work for ess and for almost 16 years enjoyed broadcasting cricket golf rugby tennis and a host of other sports across the indian sub continent a return home to wales in 2015 has reignited alan s love for rugby but as you ll read in easier said than done his love of sport means the shape or size of the ball is not an issue

Baji Rao: The Warrior Peshwa 2018-05-31

aruna roy resigned from the ias in 1975 to work with peasants and workers in rural rajasthan in 1990 she helped co found the mazdoor kisan shakti sangathan mkss the mkss struggles in the mid 90s for wages and other rights gave birth to the now celebrated right to information movement aruna continues to be a part of many democratic struggles and campaigns this book is a collective history that tells the story of how ordinary people can come together and prevail against great odds to make democracy more meaningful

Easier Said Than Done: A Life in Sport 2018-02-08

born in western uttar pradesh and educated in delhi rama pilot married rajesh pilot while she was in college pursuing a master s degree she was a member of the youth congress and was nominated by prime minister indira gandhi as an executive member of all india congress committee in b c cell a former member of parliament from dausa she represented the constituency after her husband s death in june 2000

The RTI Story: Power to the People 2013-09-15

the success of every great company or popular brand is often the vision of a great leader here in this book we profile 100 great business leaders giving an account of their business career demonstrating the innovations opportunities and business principles that have been introduced in their companies also included is a practical section to demonstrate how a reader might apply these ideas in their own lives the 100 chosen business leaders are from companies located all over the world and
include a mixture of business founders for example henry ford bill gates kiichira toyoda liu chuanzhi of lenova and famous business executives jack welch of ge lee iacocca of chrysler indra nooyi of pepsico chua sock koong of singapore telecommunications

**Rajesh Pilot 2009**

A century ago migrants often crossed an ocean and never saw their homelands again today they call or skype home the moment their flight has landed and that's just the beginning thanks to cheap travel and easy communication immigrants everywhere stay in intimate contact with their native countries creating powerful cross border networks in borderless economics Robert guest the economist's business editor travels through dozens of countries and 44 american states observing how these networks create wealth spread ideas and foster innovation he shows how brainy indians in america collaborate with brainy indians in India to build 70 fridges and 300 houses young chinese study in the west and then return home where they're known as sea turtles infecting china with ideas that will eventually turn it democratic the so called brain drain the flow of educated migrants from poor countries to rich ones actually reduces global poverty America's unique ability to attract and absorb migrants lets it tap into the energy of all the world's diaspora networks so despite its current woes if the united states keeps its borders open it will remain the world's most powerful nation indefinitely with on the ground reporting from asia africa europe and even idaho this book examines how migration for all the disruption it causes makes the world wealthier and happier

**100 Great Business Leaders 2011-11-08**

The book the magical lantern is a collection of essays on marxist philosophy it is based on the philosophical reflection on Marx's idea of phantasmagoria as the magical lantern that creates eerie images an idea that is central to Marx's theory of modern capitalist societies it talks of the importance of Marx's philosophy and its application in concrete politics especially in creating socialist humanist philosophy of human emancipation where global societies can be emancipated from the phantasmagorias that haunt them thus able to transcend global capitalism which is in terminal and permanent crisis it then critiques the rise of authoritarian regimes emerging all over the world and seeks to explain the rise of global totalitarianism but it claims that the answer to authoritarianism is not liberalism since liberalism is part of the late imperialism in permanent crisis as well as it involves what Slavoj Žižek calls the denkverbot the prohibition against thinking and thus involves the return of the eerie phantasmagoria that does not allow critical thinking however the critique of liberalism does not relapse into orthodox marxism since this book argues that in the genre of orthodox marxism the ghosts of stalin and mao with their own authoritarianism haunt philosophies of human emancipation while stalin is portrayed as a brutal counter revolutionary who destroyed marxism by evoking marxism itself mao is presented as the alchemist of the revolution and a peculiar form of stalinism in rebellion against stalinism itself the chapters in this book were originally published in critique journal of socialist theory
Current Biography 2022-11-28

based on ethnographic research this book explores the ways in which elite women use and view money in order to construct identities of class status and gender drawing on their everyday worlds it tracks the intricate and contested meanings they attach to money focusing on weddings travel and spirituality parul bhandari delineates the entitlements and privileges as well as the obsessions and vulnerabilities that underlie the construction of class the shaping of elite cultures and the curating of femininity as such this book offers an innovative account of the interplay between money modernity class and gender

Borderless Economics 2019-06-17

in october 1947 two months after independence tjs george arrived in bombay he was nineteen years old with a degree in english literature he sent out job applications to the air force and to the city s english language newspapers only one organization cared to reply the free press journal the editor was known to hire anyone who asked for a job but most new hires were sacked in a fortnight george was put on the news desk as a sub editor and eventually became an assistant editor in patna as editor of the searchlight he was arrested by the chief minister for sedition he spent three weeks in hazaribagh central jail in hong kong he worked for the far eastern economic review as regional editor in new york he was a writer for the united nations population division and back in hong kong in 1975 he founded asiaweek six years later he returned to india and settled in bangalore he began a column for indian express that ran without a break for twenty five years until 2022 his seventy five years of journalism concurrent with india s development as an independent nation make for a unique understanding of events and personalities acclaimed for his widely historical pan asian vision george brings this far flung experience to a compulsively readable new book the dismantling of india it is the story of india told in 35 concise biographies beginning with jamsetji tata and ending with narendra modi

The Magical Lantern 2022-10-03

why should we be good how should we be good and how might we more deeply understand the moral and ethical failings splashed across today s headlines that have not only destroyed individual lives but caused widespread calamity as well bringing communities nations and indeed the global economy to the brink of collapse in the difficulty of being good gurcharan das seeks answers to these questions in an unlikely source the 2 000 year old sanskrit epic mahabharata a sprawling witty ironic and delightful poem the mahabharata is obsessed with the elusive notion of dharma in essence doing the right thing when a hero does something wrong in a greek epic he wastes little time on self reflection when a hero falters in the mahabharata the action stops and everyone weighs in with a different and often contradictory take on dharma each major character in the epic embodies a significant moral failing or virtue and their struggles mirror with uncanny precision our own familiar emotions of anxiety courage despair remorse envy compassion vengefulness and duty das explores the mahabharata from many perspectives and compares the successes and failures of the poem s characters to those of contemporary individuals many of them highly visible players in the world of economics business and politics in every case he finds striking parallels that carry lessons for
everyone faced with ethical and moral dilemmas in today's complex world written with the flair and seemingly effortless erudition that have made gurcharan das a bestselling author around the world and enlivened by das's forthright discussion of his own personal search for a more meaningful life the difficulty of being good shines the light of an ancient poem on the most challenging moral ambiguities of modern life

Money, Culture, Class 2010-10-04

shortlisted for the FT McKinsey Business Book of the Year award 2018 a Financial Times book of the year and an Amazon top 100 book of the year India's explosive rise has driven inequality to new extremes with millions trapped in slums as billionaires spend lavishly and dodge taxes controversial prime minister Narendra Modi promised to break the grip of the bollygarchs but many tycoons continue to thrive amidst the scandals exerting huge influence over business and politics but who are these titans of politics and industry shaping India through this period of breakneck change and what kind of superpower are they creating a vivid portrait of a deeply divided nation the billionaire raj makes clear that India's destiny prosperous democratic giant or corrupt authoritarian regime is something that should concern us all

The Dismantling of India 2018-07-05

1989 marks the unraveling of India's Nehruvian consensus around the idea of a modern secular nation with a self-reliant economy caste and religion have come to play major roles in national politics global economic integration has led to conflict between the state and dispossessed people but processes of globalization have also enabled new spaces for political assertion such as around sexuality older challenges to the idea of India continue from movements in Kashmir and the north east while Maoist insurgency has deepened its bases in a world of American empire India as a nuclear power has abandoned non-alignment a shift that is contested by voices within power and contestation shows that the turbulence and turmoil of this period are signs of India's continued vibrancy and democracy the book is an ideal introduction to the complex internal histories and external power relations of a major global player for the new century

The Difficulty of Being Good 2008-02-29

Billionaire Raj

Power and Contestation