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Siddhartha (first published in 1922) is a novel based on the early life of Buddha, inspired by the author's visit to India before the First World War. The novel is about the young Brahmin Siddhartha's search for self-realization. His quest takes him from a life of decadence to asceticism, from the illusory joys of sensual love with a beautiful courtesan, and of wealth and fame, to the painful struggles with his son and the ultimate wisdom of renunciation

Nationalism

Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941) was the first Asian to win a Nobel Prize. Nationalism is based on lectures delivered by him during the First World War. While the nations of Europe were doing battle, Tagore urged his audiences in Japan and the United States to eschew political aggressiveness and cultural arrogance. His mission, one might say, was to synthesize East and West, tradition and modernity. The lectures were not always well received at the time, but were chillingly prophetic. As Ramachandra Guha shows in his brilliant and erudite Introduction, it was by reading and speaking to Tagore that those founders of modern India, Gandhi and Nehru, developed a theory of nationalism that was inclusive rather than exclusive. Tagore's Nationalism should be mandatory reading in today's climate of xenophobia, sectarianism, violence and intolerance.

Prince Siddhartha

This is the story of Prince Siddhartha and how he became Buddha, the Awakened One. Lyrical verse and beautiful full-color illustrations depict each major life event in Siddhartha's development. His message of nonviolence, loving-kindness, and unselfishness is vitally necessary for today's--and tomorrow's--children. A story made for the telling--open this tale to a child and shore up the possibility of a bright and loving future!

The Emperor of All Maladies

"This edition includes a new interview with the author"--P. [4] of cover.

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This book chronicles the spiritual evolution of a man living in India at the time of the Buddha--a tale that has inspired generations of readers. We are invited along Siddhartha's journey experiencing his highs, lows, loves, and disappointments along the way. Hesse begins by showing us the life of a privileged brahmin's son. Handsome, well-loved, and growing increasingly dissatisfied with the life expected of him, Siddhartha sets out on his journey, not realizing that he is fulfilling the prophecies proclaimed at his birth. Siddhartha blends in with the world, showing the reader the beauty and intricacies of the mind, nature, and his experiences on the path to enlightenment. Sherab Chodzin Kohn's flowing, poetic translation conveys the philosophical and spiritual nuances of Hesse's text, paying special attention to the qualities of meditative experience. Also included is an extensive introduction by Paul W. Morris that discusses the impact \"Siddhartha\" has had on American culture.

The Gene

Spanning the globe and several centuries, *The Gene* is the story of the quest to decipher the master-code that makes and defines humans, that governs our form and function. The story of the gene begins in an obscure Augustinian abbey in Moravia in 1856, where a monk stumbles on the idea of a 'unit of heredity'. It intersects with Darwin's theory of evolution, and collides with the horrors of Nazi eugenics in the 1940s. The gene transforms post-war biology. It reorganizes our understanding of sexuality, temperament, choice and free will. Above all, this is a story driven by human ingenuity and obsessive minds—from Charles Darwin and Gregor Mendel to Francis Crick, James Watson and Rosalind Franklin, and the thousands of scientists still working to understand the code of codes. This is an epic, moving history of a scientific idea being brought to life, by the author of *The Emperor of All Maladies*. But woven through *The Gene*, like a red line, is also an intimate history—the story of Mukherjee's own family and its recurring pattern of mental illness, reminding us that genetics is vitally relevant to everyday lives. These concerns reverberate even more urgently today as we learn to 'read' and 'write' the human genome—unleashing the potential to change the fates and identities of our children. Majestic in its ambition, and unflinching in its honesty, *The Gene* gives us a definitive account of the fundamental unit of heredity—and a vision of both humanity's past and future.

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"*Siddhartha: The Prince Who Became Buddha* is a compelling reconstruction of the life of the man who became Buddha. Siddhartha Gautama was a historical character that was born in a century of great ferments and in a country where the spiritual search has been a priority for a long time. The salient episodes of the life of the Buddha are introduced in the first part of the work, getting information from various literary sources, such as the Buddhist Canon or the Chinese pilgrims' reports, with an iconographic support of works produced in different times and countries. In the second part it is human feeling of the Buddha that is tried to express, going the same way that one day saw him tireless pilgrim, with a specially commissioned search of modern images, that remembers the suffered run of Siddhartha, tragically stricken by a universal pain and determined to find an antidote, not only for the people of his time and his country, but forever and for everybody."

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Siddhartha Gautama

"Now I understand why Buddha's message is still so important today." Rani, 11

In the Buddha's Words

"This landmark collection is the definitive introduction to the Buddha's teachings in his own words. The American scholar monk Bhikkhu Bodhi, whose voluminous translations have won widespread acclaim, here presents selected discourses of the Buddha from the Pali Canon, the earliest record of what the Buddha taught. Divided into ten thematic chapters, *In the Buddha's Words* reveals the full scope of the Buddha's discourses, from family life and marriage to renunciation and the path of insight. A concise informative introduction precedes each chapter, guiding the reader toward a deeper understanding of the texts that follow."

"*In the Buddha's Words* allows even readers unacquainted with Buddhism to grasp the significance of the Buddha's contributions to our world heritage. Taken as a whole, these texts bear eloquent testimony to the breadth and intelligence of the Buddha's teachings, and point the way to an ancient yet ever vital path. Students and seekers alike will find this systematic presentation indispensable."

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The Song of the Cell

****Longlisted for the Baillie Gifford Prize 2023**** A NEW YORK TIMES, DAILY TELEGRAPH, ECONOMIST, MAIL ON SUNDAY and GUARDIAN BOOK OF THE YEAR From the dawn of life itself, every being that has ever lived owes its existence to the cell. 'Will leave you in awe' Guardian The discovery of this vital form led to a transformation in medicine but also in our understanding of ourselves - not as bodies or machines but as ecosystems. It has also given us the power to treat a vast array of mortal

maladies...and even to create new kinds of human altogether. Rich with stories of scientists, doctors and the patients whose lives may be saved by their work, *The Song of the Cell* is a stunning ode to the building blocks of life and the cutting-edge science harnessing their power for the better. 'Profound...As big a topic as life itself' *The Times* 'Medical magic' *Daily Telegraph* 'Vast...important...optimistic' *Mail on Sunday*

Medicine of One

From the moment we emerge into the world as an infant we begin a journey of experience. We all share the desire to be happy. In this journey we will all experience emotional and physical pain and the loss of what we love. How we meet our losses and pains will determine the amount of peace we have in our lives. If we meet them as the hardened warrior or the defeated victim we live from survival and peace escapes us. In *Medicine of One*, Lomakayu, spiritual teacher, Soul Dreamer, and the originator of primordial movements for emotional healing, offers us a path to spiritual awareness, self-compassion and freedom that is as simple as a Circle. Using his own unique teachings, personal experience, and poetic language, he shares a path that will enliven, bring clarity, inspire, and fulfill you no matter where you are in life. Allow yourself to open the pages of *Medicine of One* ... breathe in the words ... and slowly grasp all you can from what is written. You will find yourself in a Circle full of deep understanding and self compassion.

Narcissus and Goldmund

Narcissus and Goldmund is the story of a passionate yet uneasy friendship between two men of opposite character. Narcissus, an ascetic instructor at a cloister school, has devoted himself solely to scholarly and spiritual pursuits. One of his students is the sensual, restless Goldmund, who is immediately drawn to his teacher's fierce intellect and sense of discipline. When Narcissus persuades the young student that he is not meant for a life of self-denial, Goldmund sets off in pursuit of aesthetic and physical pleasures, a path that leads him to a final, unexpected reunion with Narcissus.

High Performance Entrepreneur

Highly Readable, Crisply Written&Inspirational Reading For Any New Indian EntrepreneurFrontline Difficult Though Setting Up A Business Is, Becoming A High-Performance Entrepreneur Is Harder Still. And Yet, Of The Many Thousands Who Try, There Are Those Who Go On To Become Successful; Some Even Graduate To Setting Up Companies That Hold Their Own Against The Toughest Competition, Becoming Icons Of Achievement. In *The High-Performance Entrepreneur*, Subroto Bagchi, Co-Founder And Chief Operating Officer Of Mindtree Consulting, Draws Upon His Own Highly Successful Experience To Offer Guidance From The Idea Stage To The Ipo Level. This Includes How To Decide When One Is Ready To Launch An Enterprise, Selecting A Team, Defining The Values And Objectives Of The Company And Writing The Business Plan To Choosing The Right Investors, Managing Adversity And Building The Brand. Additionally, In An Especially Illuminating Chapter, Bagchi Recounts The Systems And Values Which Have Made Indian It Companies On A Par With The Best In The World. High-Performance Entrepreneurs Create Great Wealth, For Themselves As Well As For Others. They Provide Jobs, Crucial For An Expanding Workforce Such As India S, And Drive Innovation. In India As Elsewhere, Governments Have Become Much More Entrepreneur Friendly Than Ever Before And The Rewards Of Being A Successful Entrepreneur Are Many. More Than Just A Guide, This Is A Book That Will Tap The Entrepreneurial Energy Within You. The Tips Offered In The Book Can Make All Of Us, Businessmen And Employers, Better At Our JobsBusiness India [A] Wonderful Book Which Will Go A Long Way In Guiding Aspiring EntrepreneursSahara Times A Guiding Light To Budding EntrepreneursI.Times Of IndiaFree Press Journal

Little Buddha

Retelling of the life of Prince Siddhartha from birth to enlightenment, written to accompany Bernardo Bertolucci's film 'Little Buddha'. Illustrated in the style of ancient Tibet with running heads in Tibetan script.

Includes suggestions for further reading First published in the UK in 1994 by Barefoot Books.

The Loser

Thomas Bernhard (1931-1989) has been hailed by Gabriel Josipovici as 'Austria's finest postwar writer' and by George Steiner as 'one of the masters of contemporary European fiction.' Faber Finds is proud to reissue a selection of four of Bernhard's finest novels. The Loser centres on a fictional relationship between piano virtuoso Glenn Gould and two of his fellow students who feel compelled to renounce their musical ambitions in the face of Gould's incomparable genius. One commits suicide, while the other - the obsessive, witty, and self-mocking narrator - has retreated into obscurity. Written as a monologue in one remarkable unbroken paragraph, The Loser is a brilliant meditation on success, failure, genius, and fame.

Awareness

Discover the transformative power of living in the present moment with Osho's timeless wisdom in Awareness: The Key to Living in Balance. Underlying all meditation techniques, martial arts, and even great athletic performances is a quality of being fully awake and present in the moment - a state that Osho calls awareness. By understanding and cultivating this quality, we gain the key to self-mastery in virtually every area of our lives. According to renowned spiritual teachers like Lao Tzu and Buddha, most of us move through life like sleepwalkers, never truly present, alert to our surroundings, or aware of our own motivations. Yet, we have all experienced fleeting moments of profound awareness in extraordinary circumstances, such as narrowly avoiding an accident or being present at the birth or death of a loved one. In Awareness, Osho teaches us how to live with greater mindfulness, love, and consciousness in our daily lives. He challenges readers to examine and break free from conditioned beliefs and prejudices that limit their capacity for rich, joyful living. Osho, described by the Sunday Times of London as one of the \"1000 Makers of the 20th Century\" and by Sunday Mid-Day (India) as one of the ten people who have changed India's destiny, continues to inspire seekers worldwide with his transformative teachings on meditation, mindfulness, and personal growth.

The Historical Buddha

No man has had a greater influence on the spiritual development of his people than Siddhartha Gautama. Born in India in the sixth century BC into a nation hungry for spiritual experience, he developed a religious and moral teaching that, to this day, brings comfort and peace to all who practise it. This comprehensive biography examines the social, religious and political conditions that gave rise to Buddhism as we now know it.

THE BOOK OF BUDDHA

Around 2500 years ago a thirty-five-year-old man named Siddhartha had a mystical insight under a peepul tree in north-eastern India; in a place now revered as Bodhgaya. Today; more than 300 million people across the globe consider themselves beneficiaries of Gautama Buddha's insight; and believe that it has irrevocably marked their spiritual commitment and identity. Who was this man who still remains such a vital figure for the modern-day questor? How did he arrive at the realization that 'suffering alone exists; but none who suffer; the deed there is; but no doer thereof; Nirvana there is; but no one seeking it; the Path there is; but none who travel it'? The Book of Buddha traces the various stages of the spiritual journey undertaken by a man who started out as Siddhartha the Seeker; achieved understanding as Shakyamuni the Sage and attained supremacy as Tathagata the Master—finally reaching transcendence as Jina the Victor when he was transformed into the Buddha and became the Enlightened One. Combining personal insight with a deep understanding of Buddhist philosophy; Arundhati Subramaniam gives the reader a sensitive and revealing portrait of the Buddha and his role in shaping and transfiguring the course of history. In this passionate and deeply felt rendition of the Buddha's life she explores his enduring impact; and affirms that though he

promised no quick-fix solution to life's problems; Buddhism has remained truly democratic because it holds out the promise of self-realization for all.

Beneath the Wheel

Hans Giebnath lives among the dull and respectable townsfolk of a sleepy Black Forest village. When he is discovered to be an exceptionally gifted student, the entire community presses him onto a path of serious scholarship. Hans dutifully follows the regimen of study and endless examinations, his success rewarded only with more crushing assignments. When Hans befriends a rebellious young poet, he begins to imagine other possibilities outside the narrowly circumscribed world of the academy. Finally sent home after a nervous breakdown, Hans is revived by nature and romance, and vows never to return to the gray conformity of the academic system.

The Buddha and His Teachings

Originally published as *Entering the Stream*, this book offers a simple and inspiring answer to the question "What is the Buddha's teaching?" primarily in the words of the Buddha and other masters. This anthology draws on traditional Indian, Chinese, Japanese, and Tibetan sources as well as teachings by contemporary Buddhist masters. Among the contributors, both classical and modern, are: Ajahn Chah, Pema Chödrön, The Second Dalai Lama, Dogen, S.N. Goenka, Dainin Katagiri, Hakuyu Taizan Maezumi, Milerepa, Padmasambhava, Reginald Ray, Shunryu Suzuki, Nyanaponika Thera, Thich Nhat Hanh, Chögyam Trungpa, and Burton Watson.

Despite Love

Mistakes Happen... After all, we are human. Smriti wanted to be alone, away from Risabh. Their tumultuous relationship was too much for her to take. There was too much pain and sadness and they were staring at a point of no return. She needed a break from him, she thought. But little did she realise that she would be gone from him forever. Risabh is shattered as he loses the love of his life in mysterious circumstances. Unable to come to terms with reality, he is constantly tormented by the memories of his past. With the investigating inspector pinpointing the murderer, it seems to be an open-and-shut case. Till things take a murkier turn with the death of another close friend of Risabh... And then there is yet another murder, just as Risabh is about to pick up the pieces of his life again. Is there a professional killer out on the loose and is Risabh next in line? *Despite Love* is an engrossing tale of love, suspense, intrigue and passion that keeps you on the edge till the very end.

The Digested Read

Literary ombudsman John Crace never met an important book he didn't like to deconstruct. From Salman Rushdie to John Grisham, Crace retells the big books in just 500 biting satirical words, pointing his pen at the clunky plots, stylistic tics and pretensions of Big Ideas, as he turns publishers' golden dream books into dross.

Siddhartha, Demian, and Other Writings: Hermann Hesse

This volume offers a substantial portion of Hesse's copious writings and is representative of his fundamental themes and interests. Includes *Siddhartha*, Hesse's most celebrated work, which reflects his lifelong studies of Oriental myth and religion, *Demian*, an inner journey which had an unprecedented impact on the youth of its day, plus other writings which show Hesse as a master of self-irony and the short-story form.

Lame Deer, Seeker of Visions

Lame Deer Storyteller, rebel, medicine man, Lame Deer was born almost a century ago on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. A full-blooded Sioux, he was many things in the white man's world -- rodeo clown, painter, prisoner. But, above all, he was a holy man of the Lakota tribe. Seeker of Vision The story he tells is one of harsh youth and reckless manhood, shotgun marriage and divorce, history and folklore as rich today as ever -- and of his fierce struggle to keep pride alive, though living as a stranger in his own ancestral land.

Geography Through Maps

What is the purpose of life? Is religion the answer? How, in a world beset with misery and conflict, can we help to find inner peace? Siddhartha helped inspire the legions of counter-cultural 'hippies' and other refuseniks who challenged the Western capitalist order in the 1960s and 1970s. Brought to you here in a new translation by William Aaltonen, Siddhartha is as relevant now as it was on publication. The tale follows a wealthy son of a Brahmin, Siddhartha, as he explores the extremes of human existence: first through religion, then via harsh self-denial, then by plunging headlong into the hedonism of sensual love, wealth, gambling and power. At the very last, he finds a way to temper the pain of human existence, to transcend the self and reach spiritual resolution. Herman Hesse's profound and absorbing novella will help you find serenity and spiritual meaning in a difficult world.

Siddhartha

SIDDHARTHA AN INDIAN TALE by HERMANN HESSE Siddhartha is a novel by Hermann Hesse that deals with the spiritual journey of a boy known as Siddhartha from the Indian subcontinent during the time of Lord Buddha. In very simple prose, Hesse has conveyed a very profound message for all seekers. A brahmin boy follows his heart and goes through various lives to finally understand what it means to be enlightened. SIDDHARTHA AN INDIAN TALE by HERMANN HESSE He experiences life as a pious brahmin, a Samana, a rich merchant, a lover, and an ordinary ferryman, to a father. Neither a practitioner nor a devotee, neither meditating nor reciting, Siddhartha comes to blend in with the world, resonating with the rhythms of nature, bending the reader's ear down to hear answers from the river. Herman Hesse's classic novel has delighted, inspired, and influenced generations of readers, writers, and thinkers. SIDDHARTHA AN INDIAN TALE by HERMANN HESSE In this story of a wealthy Indian Brahmin casts off a life of privilege to seek spiritual fulfillment. Hesse synthesizes disparate philosophies--Eastern religions, Jungian archetypes, Western individualism--into a unique vision of life as expressed through one man's search for true meaning. SIDDHARTHA AN INDIAN TALE by HERMANN HESSE

The Garden of Solitude

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SIDDHARTHA AN INDIAN TALE by HERMANN HESSE

This beloved cult novel—about a young man who makes a business of relaying messages from the dead—is now in a sparkling English translation Poor, poor, hard-luck Herbert Sarkar: born into a fancy Calcutta family but cursed from birth (his philandering movie director father is killed in a car crash and his mother dies soon after, when he's still just a baby), he is taken as an orphan into his uncle's house, only to fall further and further down the family totem pole. Despite good looks ("Hollywood-ish, Leslie Howard-ish") and native talents, he is scorned by all but his kind aunt. Poor Herbert: so lovable but so little loved. Cheated of his inheritance, living on the roof in cast-off clothing, he pines for love, but all is woe: his own nephews beat him up. At twenty, however, he suddenly seems to possess the gift of speaking with the dead. Herbert is bathed in glory. From less than zero to starry heights—what an apotheosis. The wheel of fortune turns again, all too soon... Legendary, scathingly satiric, wildly energetic, deeply tender, Herbert is an Indian masterwork.

The Earth's Dynamic Surface

WINNER OF THE GOLD PRIZE FOR RELIGION / SPIRITUALITY OF EASTERN THOUGHT AT THE 2016 NAUTILUS BOOK AWARDS. Can meditation and mindfulness exercise make us sharper, smarter, healthier, happier? In Siddhartha's Brain, James Kingsland reveals that a complete scientific theory of how these practices work is now within our grasp and may be the key to treating a wide range of afflictions of the human mind. Some twenty-five centuries ago, an Indian sage called Siddhartha Gautama - the man who would become known as the Buddha - developed a programme for improving mental well-being which has been passed down to us by generations of monks and nuns. Today, secular mindfulness courses are proving their worth for tackling many of the problems associated with the demands of our frenetic, technology-driven modern world. Research has shown that mindfulness can be used to treat stress, anxiety, depression, chronic pain, hypertension and drug addiction, as well as improving concentration, empathy, emotion regulation and the quality of interpersonal relationships. There have even been hints that it could enhance immune function, slow cellular ageing and help keep dementia at bay. Taking us on a journey back to the time of the Buddha to track changes in his brain as he travels the path leading to enlightenment, Siddhartha's Brain explains how meditation and mindfulness transform the human mind.

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What's Wrong with You, Karthik

In this comprehensive book, Lama Surya Das provides a bridge between East and West, past, present and future, making sacred and profound Tibetan teachings clear and easily accessible for anyone who wants to lead a more enlightened and sane life. Utilizing the unique Buddhist guidelines embodied in the Noble Eight Fold Path and the traditional Three Enlightenment Trainings of Virtue, Meditation and Wisdom, he

elucidates the tried and true path of spiritual transformation - including key principles such as karma, rebirth and mind-training, as well as the highest, most secret teaching of Tibet, Dzogchen. In this wonderful marriage of the practical and the profound, Lama Surya Das reveals how sacred wisdom can be integrated into our busy lives. He offers a unique approach to the comprehensive wisdom of ancient Tibetan teachings on conscious living and dying and shows that the power of the Buddha is resting within us all. Drawing on Buddhist spirituality and wisdom, this is a view of the world written for Western seekers.

Harbart

A moral allegory, set in ancient India, about one soul's quest for the ultimate answer to the enigma of man's role in this world. The hero, Siddhartha, undergoes a series of experiences to emerge in a state of peace and wisdom.

Siddhartha's Brain

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Awakening The Buddha Within

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