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*The Glass Palace* Waverley Productions

"THE MAHABHARATA ENDURES AS THE GREAT EPIC OF INDIA. While Jaya is the story of the Pandavas, told from the perspective of the victors of Kurukshetra, Ajaya is the tale of the Kauravas, who were decimated to the last man. From the pen of the author who gave voice to Ravana in the national bestseller, ASURA, comes the riveting narrative which compels us to question the truth behind the Mahabharata. THE DARK AGE OF KALI IS RISING and every man and woman must choose between duty and conscience, honour and shame, life and death... o The Pandavas, banished to the forest following the disastrous games of dice, return to Hastinapura. o Draupadi has vowed not to bind her hair till she washes it in the blood of the Kauravas. o Karna must choose between loyalty and gratitude, friend and Guru. o Aswathama undertakes a perilous mission to the mountains of Gandhara, in search of the Evil One. o Kunti must decide between her firstborn and her other sons. o Guru Drona has to stand with either his favourite disciple or his beloved son. o Balarama, having failed to convince his brother about the adharma of violence, walks the streets of Bharatavarsha, spreading the message of peace. o Ekalavya is called to make the ultimate sacrifice to uphold a woman's honour. o Jara, the beggar, sings of Krishna's love while his blind dog, Dharmā, follows. o Shakuni can almost see the realization of his dream to destroy India. As the Pandavas stake their claim to the Hastinapura throne, the Kaurava Crown Prince, Suyodhana, rises to challenge Krishna. As great minds debate dharma and adharma, power hungry men prepare for an apocalyptic war. The women, highborn and humble, helplessly watch the unfolding disaster with deep foreboding. And greedy merchants and unscrupulous priests lie in wait like vultures. Both sides know that beyond the agony and carnage the winner will take all. But even as gods conspire and men's destinies unfold, a far greater truth awaits. \*\*\*\*\* One of the six most remarkable writers of India. DNA An Amazing read. The WEEK Unique voice of a rebellious author telling the story from the other side, a feat a few have dared or managed so well. Bihar Times"

**A Novel** Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Countless retellings, translations, and reworkings of the Ramayana's captivating story exist-but none are as vivid, ingenious and powerful as Amit Majmudar's Sitayana. Majmudar tells the story of one of the world's most popular epics through multiple perspectives, presented in rapid sequence-from Hanuman and Ravana, down to even the squirrel helping Rama's army build the bridge. However, above all, Majmudar focuses on the fierce resistance of Sita, letting us hear her voice as we have never heard it before.

**The Unknown Errors of Our Lives** One Point Six Technology Pvt Ltd

A collection of [35] children's christmas stories in one volume...Each of the stories has already won the approval of thousands of children, and each is fraught with the true Christmas spirit.

*Stories* Rowman & Littlefield

A man's obsession with a silent-film star sends him on a journey into a shadow world of lies, illusions, and unexpected love Six months after losing his wife and two young sons in an airplane crash, Vermont professor David Zimmer spends his waking hours mired in a blur of alcoholic grief and self-pity. Then, watching television one night, he stumbles upon a clip from a lost silent film by comedian Hector Mann. Zimmer's interest is piqued, and he soon finds himself embarking on a journey around the world to research a book on this mysterious figure, who vanished from sight in 1929 and has been presumed dead for sixty years. When the book is published the following year, a letter turns up in Zimmer's mailbox bearing a return address from a small town in New Mexico-supposedly written by Hector's wife. "Hector has read your book and would like to meet you. Are you interested in paying us a visit?" Is the letter a hoax, or is Hector Mann still alive? Torn between doubt and belief, Zimmer hesitates, until one night a strange woman appears on his doorstep and makes the decision for him, changing his life forever. This stunning novel plunges the reader into a universe in which the comic and the tragic, the real and the imagined, the violent and the tender dissolve into one another. With *The Book of Illusions*, one of America's most powerful and original writers has written his richest, most emotionally charged work yet.

**A Necklace of Souls** Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

*Karna's Wife: The Outcast's Queen* tells the extraordinary story of Karna, the unsung hero of the Mahabharata, through the eyes of his wife Uruvi, bringing his story to the reader from a unique perspective. An accomplished Kshatriya princess who falls in love with and dares to choose the 'sutaputra' over Arjun, Uruvi must come to terms with the social implications of her marriage and learn to use her love and intelligence to be accepted by Karna and his family. Though she becomes his mainstay, counselling and guiding him, his blind allegiance to Duryodhana is beyond her power to change. The story of Uruvi and Karna unfolds against the backdrop of the struggle between the Pandavas and the Kauravas. As events build up leading to the great war of the Mahabharata, Uruvi is a witness to the twists and turns of Karna's fate; and how it is inextricably linked to divine design. A splendid saga from the pages of the Mahabharata, *Karna's Wife: The Outcast's Queen* brings its characters alive in all their majesty.

**The Palace of Curiosities** Yale University Press

In 1939, twelve-year-old Neela meets a young freedom fighter at her sister's wedding and soon after must rely on his help when her father fails to return home from a march in Calcutta against British occupation. Simultaneous.

**Feminism and Diaspora** Charnwood

This is the Marathi translation of bestselling novel - THE PALACE OF ILLUSIONS. A retelling of the timeless Indian epic, the Mahabharata with a modern twist, this book takes us back to a time that is half-history, half-myth, and wholly magical; narrated by Panchaali, the wife of the five Pandava brothers, we are finally given a woman's take on the timeless tale that is the Mahabharata Tracing Panchaali's life from fiery birth and lonely childhood, where her beloved brother is her only true companion; through her complicated friendship with the enigmatic Krishna; to marriage, motherhood and Panchaali's secret attraction to the mysterious man who is her husbands' most dangerous enemy. It is a deeply human novel about a woman born into a man's world, a world of warriors, gods and the ever manipulating hands of fate.

**Queen of Dreams** Manjul Publishing

"A new novel from the author of *Oleander Girl*, a novel in stories, built around crucial moments in the lives of 3 generations of women in an Indian/Indian-American Family"--

**The Mistress of Spices** Simon and Schuster

A classic work of magical realism, this bestselling novel by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni tells the story of Tilo, a young woman from another time who has a gift for the mystical art of spices. Now immortal, and living in the gnarled and arthritic body of an old woman, Tilo has set up shop in Oakland, California, where she administers curatives to her customers. But when she's surprised by an unexpected romance with a handsome stranger, she must choose between everlasting life and the vicissitudes of modern society. Spellbinding and hypnotizing, *The Mistress of Spices* is a tale of joy, sorrow, and one special woman's magical powers.

**The Forest of Enchantments** Rasana Atreya

This book is uniquely original and can be personalized with any girl's name. How fun is that? Over 500 book names already published on Amazon! Think of the possibilities: baby or shower gifts, birthdays, a special something from grandma, and more. You can purchase the book's title as shown (this book is in SCARLETT'S NAME), OR you can request a new book be published in the name you desire. It's easy to order in 3 steps: 1. Go to estorytime.com BEFORE placing your Amazon order to let Melissa know the name you want personalized on your book. 2. Click on the "Personalize It" tab and add the name and book title you would like. Send this information to Melissa. 3. Melissa will take care of the rest. She will publish your new book title on Amazon, and once published, will get a link from Amazon to email to you. Once you receive this link, you can order your book just like any Amazon product. Easy! We've taken the worry out of the process and your child will be thrilled with the final product. Who doesn't like to see their name on the cover or hear it related throughout the story? The author, Melissa Ryan, is the mother of five children and knows the importance of reading to your little ones. It instills a love of books and fosters an active imagination in the youngest of readers. Help start them on a path of discovery with Melissa's stories. The tale of Scarlett is perfect for bedtime, especially when unleashing the child's wonder by using her own name. This is a book that can be enjoyed over and over again, and will be remembered long after the last page is read and the lights turned out. Goodnight Scarlett and the Moon is beautifully illustrated with full color images that will hold your child's attention while you read the delightful story. Walk along with Scarlett through a day of happy smiles, sleepy-eyed dreams, and a bedtime that's sure to please. She will capture your heart, and the moments spent reading it together will build fond memories that will be cherished throughout the years. This is just one of several books offered by Melissa in her ever-expanding children's book series. You'll learn to love and appreciate the extra attention that goes into each volume. Special care is taken to keep the child's heart at the center of each story, helping them build character and learn something along the way. Help that special child in your life reach for the stars, and let Goodnight Scarlett into your home to cast a moonbeam over the most precious of your possessions. Build a binding relationship with the power of reading...you'll look back in awe at the foundations you've built. Please customize and purchase this book for a special little girl in your life today. Tags: Scarlett, personalized children's books, personalized gifts, personalized baby gifts, personalized, bedtime stories, bedtime story, 1st birthday gifts

*The Story Of Developers Of The Catalog Of Human Population* Anchor

Stevie Nolan's quest to save his beautiful dead wife Helen continues... IN BERLIN WITH Toni - psychologically damaged while engaging in a dangerous Enochian Magic ritual - Stevie is pursued by a deadly team sent from London by the sinister Sable Wyvern, an officer of the Heraldic College of Arms. Following a healing sojourn with a magical research group in the Harz Mountains, Stevie is saved from capture by enigmatic English shaman Major Richard Warne, and his stone-killer associate Harvey Beecham. Back in London, Stevie learns more about Sable Wyvern's obsessive interest in his dead wife from the exquisitely beautiful and dangerous aristocratic adept Hesther. Help may come from Hesther - but can she be trusted? A terrifying occult love-story by Peter Lancett

**FIRE GATE MEDIA** - the world beyond imagination

**Goodnight Scarlett and the Moon, It's Almost Bedtime** The Palace of IllusionsA Novel

Collection of short stories and poems from the hopes , dreams and world view of a 8 yr old girl.

**The Palace of Illusions** Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Panchaali, wife of the five legendary Pandavas brothers, offers her own version of the ancient Indian epic, *The Mahabharat*, as she chronicles the story of her magical birth, the problems of dealing with five husbands who have been cheated out of their birthright, the trials she endures, her friendship with Krishna, and her attraction to her husband's enemy. Reprint. 30,000 first printing.

**Karna's Wife** Simon and Schuster

In nine poignant stories spiked with humor and intelligence, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni captures lives at crossroad moments-caught between past and present, home and abroad, tradition and fresh experience. A widow in California, recently arrived from India, struggles to adapt to a world in which neighbors are strangers and her domestic skills are deemed superfluous in the award-winning "Mrs. Dutta Writes a Letter." In "The Intelligence of Wild Things," a woman from Sacramento visits her brother in Vermont to inform him that back in Calcutta their mother is dying. And in the title story, a painter looks to ancient myth and the example of her grandmother for help in navigating her first real crisis of faith. Knowing, compassionate and expertly rendered, the stories in *The Unknown Errors of Our Lives* depict the eternal struggle to find a balance between the pull of home and the allure of change.

**SHAN HAI JING—A BOOK COVERED WITH BLOOD** HPA Press

WINNER of the 2022 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WORKING WOMEN AWARD FOR BEST FICTION OF THE YEAR! LONGLISTED for 2022 DUBLIN LITERARY AWARD! She rose from commoner to become the last reigning queen of India's Sikh Empire. In this dazzling novel, based on true-life events, bestselling author Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni presents the unforgettable story of Jindan, who transformed herself from daughter of the royal kennel keeper to powerful monarch. Sharp-eyed, stubborn, and passionate, Jindan was known for her beauty. When she caught the eye of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, she was elevated to royalty, becoming his youngest and last queen—and his favorite. And when her son, barely six years old, unexpectedly inherited the throne, Jindan assumed the regency. She transformed herself from pampered wife to warrior ruler, determined to protect her people and her son's birthright from the encroaching British Empire. Defying tradition, she stepped out of the zenana, cast aside the veil, and conducted state business in public, inspiring her subjects in two wars. Her power and influence were so formidable that the British, fearing an uprising, robbed the rebel queen of everything she had, but nothing crushed her indomitable will. An exquisite love story of a king and a commoner, a cautionary tale about loyalty and betrayal, a powerful parable of the indestructible bond between mother and child, and an inspiration for our times, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's novel brings alive one of the most fearless women of the nineteenth century, one whose story cries out to be told.

### **The Vine of Desire** MM Books

16-year-old PULLAMMA is too dark-skinned to have dreams. For this reason, she's obliged her old-fashioned grandmother by not doing well in school. She's also resigned to remaining unwed; with three girls in the family, there's simply not enough dowry to go around. Then a wedding alliance arrives for her oldest sister—a fair-skinned beauty. There's great rejoicing in their household. And why not? The prospective father-in-law is the right-hand man of an important politician. As Pullamma helps ready the house for the bride-viewing—by washing the cow, by stringing flowers along doorways—she prays for the alliance to go through. Then something happens. Something so inconceivable, it will shape Pullamma's future in ways even the local soothsayer couldn't have foretold. *Tell A Thousand Lies* is a sometimes sassy, sometimes sad but, ultimately, realistic look at how superstition, and the colour of a girl's skin, rules India's hinterlands. ♦ Shortlisted for the Tibor Jones South Asia Prize ♦ *Tell A Thousand Lies* is one of our five favourite tales from India. *Glam Magazine*, UK (June 2014) ♦ Taught in English 479 "Survey of Postcolonial Literature and Theories" at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque (Spring 2017) Please note: ♦ British/Indian spelling—like aluminium and jewellery—is used in this book. ♦ The story remains the same, but the cover is new. This story is now part of a series. ♦ If you like Shobha Rao, Sejal Badani or Khaled Hosseini, you might enjoy this book. ♦ *Tell A Thousand Lies* (Tales From The Deccan Plateau #1) is set in contemporary India. This series may be read in any order.

### **The Palace of Illusions** Anchor

Cast out by Victorian society, Eve and Abel find succour from an unlikely source. They soar to fame as the Lion Faced Girl and the Flayed Man, star performers in Professor Josiah Arroner's Palace of Curiosities. And there begins a journey that will entwine their fates forever.

### *Tell A Thousand Lies* Anchor Books

High above the sky stands Swarga, paradise, abode of the gods. Still above is Vaikuntha, heaven, abode of God. The doorkeepers of Vaikuntha are the twins, Jaya and Vijaya, both whose names mean 'victory'. One keeps you in Swarga; the other raises you into Vaikuntha. In Vaikuntha there is bliss forever, in Swarga there is pleasure for only as long as you deserve. What is the difference between Jaya and Vijaya? Solve this puzzle and you will solve the mystery of the Mahabharata. In this enthralling retelling of India's greatest epic, the Mahabharata, originally known as Jaya, Devdutt

Pattanaik seamlessly weaves into a single narrative plots from the Sanskrit classic as well as its many folk and regional variants, including the Pandavani of Chattisgarh, Gondhal of Maharashtra, Terukkuttu of Tamil Nadu, and Yakshagana of Karnataka. Richly illustrated with over 250 line drawings by the author, the 108 chapters abound with little-known details such as the names of the hundred Kauravas, the worship of Draupadi as a goddess in Tamil Nadu, the stories of Astika, Madhavi, Jaimini, Aravan and Barbareek, the Mahabharata version of the Shakuntalam and the Ramayana, and the dating of the war based on astronomical data. With clarity and simplicity, the tales in this elegant volume reveal the eternal relevance of the Mahabharata, the complex and disturbing meditation on the human condition that has shaped Indian thought for over 3000 years.

*Dawn Createspace Independent Publishing Platform*

"A new novel from the author of *Oleander Girl*, a novel in stories, built around crucial moments in the lives of 3 generations of women in an Indian/Indian-American Family"--

*The Palace of Illusions* Penguin Random House India Private Limited

From the award-winning author of *Mistress of Spices*, the bestselling novel about the extraordinary bond between two women, and the family secrets and romantic jealousies that threaten to tear them apart. Anju is the daughter of an upper-caste Calcutta family of distinction. Her cousin Sudha is the daughter of the black sheep of that same family. Sudha is startlingly beautiful; Anju is not. Despite those differences, since the day on which the two girls were born, the same day their fathers died--mysteriously and violently--Sudha and Anju have been sisters of the heart. Bonded in ways even their mothers cannot comprehend, the two girls grow into womanhood as if their fates as well as their hearts were merged. But, when Sudha learns a dark family secret, that connection is shattered. For the first time in their lives, the girls know what it is to feel suspicion and distrust. Urged into arranged marriages, Sudha and Anju's lives take opposite turns. Sudha becomes the dutiful daughter-in-law of a rigid small-town household. Anju goes to America with her new husband and learns to live her own life of secrets. When tragedy strikes each of them, however, they discover that despite distance and marriage, they have only each other to turn to. Set in the two worlds of San Francisco and India, this exceptionally moving novel tells a story at once familiar and exotic, seducing readers from the first page with the lush prose we have come to expect from Divakaruni. *Sister of My Heart* is a novel destined to become as widely beloved as it is acclaimed.