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'Performative Politics and the Cultures of Hinduism' focuses on one of the major festivals of western India, the Ganapati Utsava, dedicated to the elephant-headed god. Raminder Kaur uses this occasion as the central anthropological and historiographical site within which to examine the dynamic relationship between spectacle, religion and nationalist politics. Are you a victim, or do you live according to your personal choice? Failures, setbacks, and disappointments are strong enough to turn us meek, submissive, disoriented, frustrated, and to make us lead a compromised life with no identity. On the contrary, these situations can also be turned into an opportunity to introspect, rebel, revolt, discover, aspire, resolve, and leap towards a greater future. This is a memoir of my life's journey of defying failures, unshackling limitations, and challenging the self to discover inner strengths through a systemic approach, in order to achieve numerous goals and propel into a future of choice. I am not a celebrity, but I am definitely a hero of my own life and I will cherish and leave a legacy. Articles on political corruption, social corruption, and social problems of India; written from 2002. High-stakes public examinations exert a dominant influence in most education systems. They affect both teacher and student behavior, especially at the middle and upper levels of secondary education. The content of past examinations tends to dictate what is taught and how it is taught and, more important, what is learned and how it is learned. By changing aspects of these examinations, especially their content and format, education systems can have a strong positive impact on teacher behavior and student learning, help raise student achievement levels, and better prepare students for tertiary-level education and for employment. Examination agencies, many of which have followed the same procedures over decades, can learn from the successes and failures of other systems. This book addresses current issues related to the development, administration, scoring, and usage of these high-stakes public examinations, identifying key issues and problems related to examinations in many emerging market economies as well as in advanced economies. The book's primary audience consists of public examination officials on national, regional, and state examination boards, but the book should also be of interest to senior education policy makers concerned with certification and learning achievement standards, to academics and researchers interested in educational assessment, to governmental and education agencies responsible for student selection, and to professionals at development organizations. "This extremely wellwritten and comprehensive book offers a timely review of the diversity of public examination practices worldwide; of the tensions between examinations and learning; and of the technical expertise involved in the creation of valid, reliable, and fair assessments. It reminds us that as "the diploma diseaset? takes hold with an ever-greater intensity at every stage of education worldwide, and the commercial business of testing flourishes, those concerned with educational quality and meaningful learning must be on guard to prevent the assessment tail wagging the educational dog.†? Angela W. Little, Professor Emerita, Institute of Education, University College London "This book is very well structured and written and draws on the authors' remarkable global knowledge across countries and histories. It will be a great asset both to

administrators responsible for examinations and to academics and other professionals who seek to understand the nature and impact of examinations of different types and in different settings.†? Mark Bray, UNESCO Chair Professor of Comparative Education, University of Hong Kong; and former Director, UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning "I am sure that Public Examinations Examined, which thoroughly analyzes the practice of public examinations in different countries and makes profound and well-grounded conclusions, will arouse very great interest and will serve to further improve public examinations.†? Victor Bolotov, Distinguished Professor, Higher School of Economics, National Research University, Moscow; member, Russian Academy of Education; and former Deputy Minister of Education, Russian Federation You want a story and I will tell you about one of the most popular advocates of the country who is very over confident, believing that he can never be wrong. But suddenly in a case he finds himself in a totally wrong situation seeking justice for the wrong person. To redeem his mistake he investigates deeply. Strangely during the investigation of the client, he wants to support, he realises many facts about himself, of which he was totally unaware..!! Gradually he becomes unconditionally involved with this case. At last when he realises that the person he wants to support cannot be fully trusted, the story unfolds. Where does he find himself.!? We are proud to present A Comprehensive Guide on General English which is divided into three sections: Grammar, Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension. The bilingual medium of explanation makes learning of English grammar easier, especially for the students who come from the Hindi Heartland of India. This book is an useful resource for students appearing for Banking, Insurance, SSC, AFCAT, CTET, Railways, State Level Examinations, Management aptitude test, and other Entrance exams. "Tahir Khan is perfectly fine, obviously. No teary eyes, bleeding bruises, limping limbs or fluttering eyelids. Nothing can possibly be wrong. Except, he might be dead." Tahir lives with Maa and Abba in a refugee colony. A childhood misfortune pushes him down an age long chasm, surrounding him with omnious shadows and illusory objects. As Alex untangles his knotted head, Tahir uncovers a dark past, stored in long forgotten jars. Crochet is a story of greys, of fractions, of halves, of twins, of dinky dots, of concentric circles, of daisies in gardens, and irises in eyes. The modern workplace environment has always been a source of comedy from decades, but very few people are willing to openly admit it. Many executives think humor and laughter are unproductive, unprofessional, and being serious and gloomy is the only way to spend their work life. This is why most modern workplaces have become extremely humorless, artificial and stressful. But we don't have to be humorless to run a business. Actually, the ability to laugh at yourself and your work are the qualities of great and successful leaders. Having a sense of humor can lighten up difficult situations and creatively solve many personal and business problems. You must be able to think in atrocious, ridiculous, and illogical terms. Modern management consultants call this 'thinking out of the box', but I call it old fashioned creativity and humor that has existed from centuries. Top Secret Business Humor is a collection of witty satire related to corporate stuff like processes, performance, change, strategy, customer satisfaction, meetings, quality, and other workplace dramas we endure for several hours a day. This book is all about imagining the creative and wackier side of working in an office to rejuvenate and brighten your day. The chapters are all fictitious and can be taken with a pinch of salt, though the paper used may not be edible. The author makes no representations or warranties of any kind with respect to the accuracy, usability or usefulness of the contents. So get serious about injecting some humor in your life. Recollections of growing up in South Africa during and following the second world war, with the election of a nationalist postwar government, responsible for the passage of Apartheid into the law of the land. The son of Eastern European Jewish immigrants. Formative years spent in a divided country separated by race, religion, language and ethnicity still bearing residual scars of both the Xhosa and Boer wars. It is however first and foremost a family saga. The Africa Yearbook is a reliable source of reference covering major domestic political developments, the foreign policy and socio-economic trends of all sub-Saharan states - all related to developments in one calendar year. Mandela's Kinsmen is the first study of the fraught relationships between the ANC leadership and their relatives who ruled apartheid's foremost

"tribal" Bantustan, the Transkei. In the early 20th century, the chieftaincies had often been well-springs of political leadership. In the Transkei, political leaders, such as Mandela, used regionally rooted clan, schooling and professional connections to vault to leadership; they crafted expansive nationalisms woven from these "kin" identities. But from 1963 the apartheid government turned South Africa's chieftaincies into self-governing, tribal Bantustans in order to shatter African nationalism. While historians often suggest that apartheid changed everything - African elites being eclipsed by an era of mass township and trade union protest, and the chieftaincies co-opted by the apartheid government - there is another side to this story. Drawing on newly discovered accounts and archives, Gibbs reassesses the Bantustans and the changing politics of chieftaincy, showing how local dissent within Transkei connected to wider political movements and ideologies. Emphasizing the importance of elite politics, he describes how the ANCin-exile attempted to re-enter South Africa through the Bantustans drawing on kin networks. This failed in KwaZulu, but Transkei provided vital support after a coup in 1987, and the alliances forged were important during the apartheid endgame. Finally, in counterpoint to Africanist debates that focus on how South African insurgencies narrowed nationalist thought and practice, he maintains ANC leaders calmed South Africa's conflicts of the early 1990s by espousing an inclusive nationalism that incorporated local identities, and that "Mandela's kinsmen" still play a key role in state politics today. Timothy Gibbs is Lecturer in History of Early Modern and Modern Africa, University College London. Southern Africa (South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland & Botswana): Jacana While creating his own business empire, he also received love, kinship, love and friendship. It made people happy, made people sad, made people think of him, made people lose their intestines, made people give it a lot of thought ... Would there be any interesting things happening in the process of rebirth? Let us wait and see. Sounds of Sirens: Essays in African Politics & Culture critically examines the political and cultural landscape of the putatively primal continent since the advent of the post-colonial era. It is a scholarly but non-academic critique, thus rendering its contents readily accessible to the general reader. In the final analysis, Okoampa-Ahoofe concludes that there is an urgent need for altruistic and constructive leadership on the continent, in order to promptly lift Africa out of the raging morass of abject materialism and crass corruption in official circles. Autobiographical reminiscences of Abhijeet Sawant, first Indian idol music contest winner. This book gives a vivid description of Chanakya's doctrines, as written in his famous book, Arthashastra. The entire content has been taken from the original book but simplified and explained in an easy language for the common man. There are 17 chapters in the book containing the true essence of an ideal administrative system, the duties and responsibilities of an able ruler, how to become an efficient ruler, how to govern, the basic principles of a good government, how to strengthen the political and physical boundaries of a kingdom/government, how to increase the wealth of a kingdom/government or improve its economy and bring forth prosperity, which is relevant even today for good governance. There are also salient and interesting incidents from Chanakya's life along with attractive illustrations to make the book all the more eye-catching and readerfriendly. The best part of the book is that the author has beautifully tried to connect and relate the various philosophies of Kautilya with our daily life activities, problems and situations. So readers, just don't miss reading the book! "Present turns to past and future turns to present, but the past never changes its stance..." What we do in the present is not a big deal, but after it has gone into the past, it will become something memorable. In our past we had done so many nonsensical things, but now when we remember those days a smile comes to our lips. "Our present is like watching a horror film, and our past is like the experience that we enjoyed in the cinema hall." Words of the past: the story is about a person, who even after completing his graduation didn't gain any sense about his future. Seasons have changed but he still didn't get any idea. Like others he has a life too, like others he too enjoyed his life, but not like others. He went back to his past. His school, his college, his nonsense's, his crushes, his friends, his girls, his enjoyment, silly fights, and his past life... These thoughts made sense to him. "Life means some of years, emotions and notorious things. Behind everything a strange emotional experience will be present." His sensible thoughts on his past make sense to him. So he decided to make it into a book. He made his past into a book. Are you ready to recollect your past? The Sayings Due to its popularity in almost all societies are heard and said and inspiring stories relating to children, the elderly, from the rich entertainment offer

is only good values as well as the increases are too. #v&spublishers Rinki has everything she needs to go crazy with: bickering boys, a bitchy grandma, boring books, and the Biggest B of them all: Board Exams. Rinki and her wolf pack are back in action. And they have company in the form of Google (Mr Know-it-all) and Adit (Mr Goody Two-shoes). At last, Rinki has her wish fulfilled. She has two boys fighting over her, er, mostly with her! Meanwhile, Rinki's brand new grandmother, Mausiji, is raising hell at home. Her dad (lucky fellow!) is away in Coimbatore. And it's all up to Rinki to cool tempers down. At school, things are no better. Board Exams are looming large and Princy is making her feel smaller than ever. Her grades are shrinking and her waistline is growing. School life is about to get over, but not before things get a lot more crazy. Read the next instalment in the Rinki series and discovery why turning seventeen is no walk in the park! Gaurav Dashputra is currently completing his medical education from Dr. D.Y. Patil University in Navi Mumbai. Originally from Nagpur where he finished his schooling, he now lives in Mumbai where he plans to settle down. But most of the odds are against that And Then It Rained...is his debut novel. He has written two plays for his college festival and is gifted with a great sense of humor and wit which has always helped him be a crowd pleaser. Gaurav loves to swim and was a national gold medalist in his school days. He is a huge foodie and loves to eat. He is a huge movie buff and a die hard fan of Bollywood movies. He pretty much watches everything. If you see a mysterious black Santro on the streets of Navi Mumbai post midnight you can pretty much be sure its him. Stop him, ask him to pull over and say hi without hesitation. And if that sounds a little bizarre. .. This book is a collection of fictional anecdotes referring to my time spent at the National Defence Academy, the Indian Navy and post retirement from the Navy. The anecdotes are not contiguous. Therefore, they can be read in any order. I would also like to mention that I've used hyperbole extensively to accentuate humour. So, if you're looking for historical accuracy, truths and correctness, or are trying to figure out who the characters in the anecdotes could be, then this book is not meant for you. Spare yourself the torture of reading it and spoiling your day! I've tried, as far as possible, to avoid personalities and names of actual people, except in cases where they have permitted me to do so. The Nigerian condition has been the subject of conversation among writers, policymakers, and market men and women. There is no where the subject is not broached or discussed and often solutions are proffered, from the rational to the mundane. This is to be applauded because a culture of debate is to be preferred to silence as it is a national asset. Indeed, it is the duty of the ruling elite within the state sphere to distil the feedback from the citizenry and turn it into an outcome that is healthy for the polity. Zimbabwe: The Urgency of Now, is a follow-up creative non-fiction book to Zimbabwe: The Blame Game. It goes further than The Blame Game and focuses on Zimbabwe in the GNU entity, the 2013 elections, post elections and post GNU Zimbabwe, and Now. They are a myriad number of problems, issues, limitations that still unbundles Zimbabwes push towards multiparty democracy, social justice, economic sanity and growth, and The Urgency of Now focuses on the solutions to these. It also tackles the land reform in South Africa, how this could be its biggest problem going forward. It goes further and tackles the larger Africa problem toward democracy, growth, stability and unity, and why the progress towards the United States of Africa has been moribund. Aryan, a rich Bengali boy, grows up seeing his family's wealth take a plunge due to his father's ill health. The land mafia tries to grab hold of the last piece of land the family owns. He stands up against all odds, to fight them and to protect his family's land, which is the last hope to secure a decent future for the family, only to discover an ugly truth, that the family he had been protecting has turned their back on him, at his most crucial time of need. During this time, he loses his friends and the girl he loves, as she falls out of love with him and falls into the arms of her best friend. Depressed, hurt and hateful with vengeance, he decides to take on the people who brought him to this stage of ruin in his life, including his one-time love. He, Ol 'Five Wang, actually wants to be a blind date? Alright, he might as well find someone who is more pleasing to the eye and listen to him. Clever, timid, an illegitimate daughter like a shadow was perfect. When anyone objected, he would first cook the rice until it was cooked. She was not his type at all, but she was very rebellious. He would not admit that he had misjudged her, that he had disobeyed her and conquered her, oppressed her, made her submit.He had never treated her as an opponent, but he actually fell for her just like that, and was going to live a peaceful life with her. His ex-girlfriend had come back, but his little wife had left home. She was so stubborn that even if she had nothing to lose, she didn't want to let go of her dignity

and stay by his side. Do I buy eggs laid by free-range chooks or the cheaper ones from caged birds? Do I tell my best friend I saw her boyfriend kissing another girl? Do I lie to my mum by telling her I will wear the jumper she bought me, even though it's the ugliest jumper in the world? Every day our lives are punctuated by points of decision. Some of these decisions will be momentous, remembered for decades: most will go unnoticed, by us and by others. Yet all our choices matter: taken as a whole, they shape our lives and contribute to the rhythms of the world. In Everyday Ethics, Australia's leading authority on ethics, Simon Longstaff, provides a map to help you better navigate the landscape of daily decisions more ethically. Using a broad range of topics and examples to provoke eve-opening reflection and discussion, Everyday Ethics is a lesson in how even our smallest choices can matter, and an empowering guide that will help us discover what is 'good' and what is 'right'. This book offers a comprehensive introduction to China's judicial administration system. It presents in-depth analyses of the country's current judicial administration system, as well as a new theory on the system that is based on the realities of today's China, and provides guidance on reform. The book examines the system as a whole, as well as various specific aspects of judicial administration, putting forward bold theoretical proposals for improving China's judicial administration system and judicial system in general. This book is essential for academics that enter the field of higher education and training, as it focuses on preparing teachers and trainers to respond appropriately to student success challenges. Student success is a burning issue, both globally and locally. While student achievement is determined by a combination of factors, teachers and their teaching practices do matter. Higher education teachers are expected to fulfil different roles at different times, such as planning for curriculum implementation, mentorship and coaching, facilitating learning, resource development, and student assessment. Against this background the primary purpose of Empowering novice academics for student success: Wearing different hats is building the capacity of novice teachers and trainers to play an influential role in increasing student success throughput. The School Lif? is a book that will be equally interesting, inspiration, motivating and useful to you as a youth. Have you ever wondered why only few people are successful in this world? The secret of success is not very hard to figure out. It all depends on you and the time you it may take for you to discover your natural talent as well as your purpose in life. This is the first edition of The School Lif?. This book also contains everything you need to know in changing your behaviour, believes, thoughts about success, reality of life itself. This book will also bring you more than 1440 minutes of satisfaction, reassurance, the full picture of success in the near future. This book is crowded with several ideas to make a marvellous transformation to your life. Finally, you will have an opportunity to change your current lifestyle which will directed you onto the thorn of success and gain some positive insights of yourself. I have included some funny jokes which will make you laugh out loud, brain game and also make you a better person to fit in this world. This memoir by Vinod Prakash is a compelling immigrant story about the courage to face life's challenges and the conviction, even in the face of the most devastating illness, to continue leading a life of service to society. Vinod reveals his source of strength - his family values, with a belief in 'duty' rather than 'rights', and his dedication to seva (service) and the welfare of all Indians. Africa has experienced dozens of conflicts over a variety of issues during the past two decades. Responding to these conflicts requires concerted action to manage the crises - the violence, the political discord, and the humanitarian consequences of prolonged

fighting. It is also necessary to address the long-term social and economic impacts of conflict, to rebuild communities, societies and states that have been torn apart. To accomplish this requires the involvement of institutions and groups rarely considered in formal official African conflict management activities: schools, universities, religious institutions, media, commercial enterprises, legal institutions, civil society groups, youth, women and migrants. These groups and organizations have an important role to play in building a sense of identity, fairness, shared norms and cohesion between state and society all critical components of the fabric of peace and security in Africa. This volume brings together leading experts from Africa, Europe and North America to examine these critical social institutions and groups, and consider how they can either improve or impede peaceful conflict resolution. The overarching questions that are explored by the authors are: What constitutes social cohesion and resilience in the face of conflict? What are the threats to cohesion and resilience? And how can the positive elements be fostered and by whom? The second of two volumes on African conflict management capacity by the editors, The Fabric of Peace in Africa: Looking beyond the State opens new doors of understanding for students, scholars and practitioners focused on strengthening peace in Africa; the first volume, Minding the Gap: African Conflict Management in a Time of change, focused on the role of mediation and peacekeeping in managing violence and political crises. Asia's premier business magazine. The magazine reports on politics, business, economics, technology and social and cultural issues throughout Asia, with a particular emphasis on both Southeast Asia and China. Covering more than 80 countries around the world, this book provides a compelling, contemporary snapshot of how people in other countries are using the Internet, social media, and mobile apps. How do people in other countries use the social media platform Facebook differently than Americans do? What topics are discussed on the largest online forum—one in Indonesia, with more than seven million registered users? Why does Mongolia rate in the top-ten countries worldwide for peak Internet speeds? Readers of Online around the World: A Geographic Encyclopedia of the Internet, Social Media, and Mobile Apps will discover the answers to these questions and learn about people's Internet and social media preferences on six continents—outside of the online community of users within the United States. The book begins with an overview of the Internet, social media platforms, and mobile apps that chronologically examines the development of technological innovations that have made the Internet what it is today. The countryspecific entries that follow the overview provide demographic information and describe specific events influenced by online communications, allowing readers to better appreciate the incredible power of online interactions across otherwise-unconnected individuals and the realities and peculiarities of how people communicate in today's fast-paced, globalized, and high-technology environment. This encyclopedia presents social media and the Internet in new light, identifying how the use of language and the specific application of human culture impacts emerging technologies and communications, dramatically affecting everything from politics to social activism, education, and censorship. The Black Hand Gang is a neighbourhood group of young Kenyans, which meets in the eastern part of Nairobi. The gang members, Onyango, Waithaka, his sister Jane, V.J. Patel and Hassan make a lot of friends trying to help other people. The story is intended as a supplementary text for children fluent in reading, to encourage reading for pleasure.