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From Volga to Ganga

“[Mary] Ruefle . . . brings us an often unnerving, but always fresh and exhilarating view of our common experience of the world.”—Charles Simic
Fans of Lydia Davis and Miranda July will delight in this short prose from a beloved and cutting-edge poet. Here are thirty stories that deliver the soft touch and the sucker punch with stunning aplomb. Ducks, physicists, detectives, and The New York Times all make appearances. From “The Dart and the Drill”: I do not believe that when my brother pierced my skull with a succession of darts thrown from across our paneled rec room on the night of November 18th in my sixth year on earth, he was trying to transcend the notions of time and space as contained and protected by the human skull. But who can fathom the complexities of the human brain? Ten years later—this would have been in 1967—the New York Times reported a twenty-four year old man, who held an honor degree in law, died in the process of using a dentist’s drill on his own skull, positioned an inch above his right ear, in an attempt to prove that time and space could be conquered . . . Mary Ruefle’s poems and prose have appeared in Harper’s Magazine, The Best American Poetry, and The Next American Essay. Her many awards include NEA and Guggenheim fellowships. She is a frequent visiting professor at the University of Iowa, and she lives and teaches in Vermont.

Encyclopaedia of Hindi Cinema

The Masterpieces of World Fiction series brings together the best-loved short stories by the great masters of the genre - from Chekov and Maupassant, Kipling and Wilde, to O. Henry and Saki and Tolstoy and Conrad. Thoughtfully compiled by the bestselling author Terry O' Brien, this series is a great way for readers to revisit old favourites and for introducing literary masterpieces to newer, younger readers

Urdu Writers from Indi

Tiny Crimes

The Encyclopaedia Which Brings Together An Array Of Experts, Gives A Perspective On The Fascinating Journey Of Hindi Cinema From The Turn Of The Last Century To Becoming A Leader In The World Of Celluloid.

Difficult Daughters

About the Book Every success story has its price to pay. So did Shatrughan Sinha (SS) who achieved the impossible twice over. The youngest and the most pampered in a family of academics and doctors where four sons were named after the four brothers of the Ramayan, SS stood out defiantly different. He was born for applause and the limelight; he was besotted with Raj Kapoor and cinema. In the face of stiff opposition from disciplinarian father Bhuvaneshwar Prasad Sinha, mother Shyama Devi's chhutki bauwa (little darling) set out for the Film Institute of India (now FTII) in Poona. Bombay was the next logical destination. Without Kapoorian good looks or any connection with the Hindi film industry, the unknown scarface from Patna went on to create history on celluloid. In politics too, with no known surname or family to power his entry, he set a record as the first film star from India to be sworn-in as a Cabinet Minister. Quotes Anything But Khamosh: The Shatrughan Sinha Biography, is a rivetingly honest read that retraces the hurrahs and heartaches of India's most popular Bihari Babu. "Do not attempt to change him. Of the 1.25 crore people of India, he stands out as unique" - Amitabh Bachchan, superstar, Hindi cinema "They used to call me the Shatrughan Sinha of the South" - Rajinikanth, superstar, Tamil Nadu "I became an actor because of Shatrughan Sinha" - Chiranjeevi, superstar & Congress-I leader, Andhra Pradesh "Ours is an Eklavya-Dronacharya story. He is my guru" - Ambareesh, superstar & Minister for Housing, Karnataka "A person who joined the Jan Sangh or the BJP when it was in the Opposition, had to be gutsy. Shatrughan is" - LK Advani, Senior Leader, BJP "I would give him sanyam ki salaah (advice on patience)" - Sushma Swaraj, Minister for External Affairs "I find there's no chaploosi (sycophancy) in him. Our doors are open 24/7 to him" - Lalu Prasad Yadav, Leader, RJD "If the Bihari Babu is hurt, the whole of Bihar is hurt" - Nitish Kumar, Chief Minister, Bihar "If we had Shatrusaab on our side, we wouldn't need anybody else on our team" - Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister, Pakistan About the Author Renowned columnist, critic and author Bharathi S Pradhan has written both fiction and non-fiction. Mr Bidi - the life story of an industrialist; Heartfelt: The inspirational story of Medha Jalota; Colas, Cars & Communal Harmony on secularism and Valentine Lover, an adult novel, are some of her well-received books. She scripted a documentary on Mughal-e-Azam and ideated for Balaji Telefilms. She has been Chairperson, National Awards (for best writing on cinema), and has been on the jury of diverse awards committees. She was also on the jury of the Indian Panorama of IFFI 2015. Bharathi has edited a variety of magazines and contributed to several publications that include Reader's Digest, Mid-day, Savvy, Femina and Movie. She continues to be a Sunday columnist with The Telegraph. She lives in Mumbai with Sanjaya, her Chartered Accountant husband and Siddhesh, her son who is currently studying Law.

Raavi Paar -Bangali

Screenplay of a television serial on Mirza Asadullah Khan Ghalib, 1797-1869, Urdu

and Persian poet; translated from the Urdu original.

Selected Poems

This book focuses on the widely used experimental techniques available for the structural, morphological, and spectroscopic characterization of materials. Recent developments in a wide range of experimental techniques and their application to the quantification of materials properties are an essential side of this book. Moreover, it provides concise but thorough coverage of the practical and theoretical aspects of the analytical techniques used to characterize a wide variety of functional nanomaterials. The book provides an overview of widely used characterization techniques for a broad audience: from beginners and graduate students, to advanced specialists in both academia and industry.

Handbook of Materials Characterization

Several Writers Through Salman Rushdie, Vikram Seth, Amitav Ghosh, Anita Desai, Arundathi Roy, Girish Karnad, Nirad Chaudhari. Mahasweta Devi Hold Centrestage In The Contemporary Scenario. The Post-1947 Period Indeed Has Registered A Remarkable Growth, Especially In The Area Of Fiction. The Volume Is A Tribute To The Post-Independence Indian Writing In Its Multi-Faceted Aspects.

A Clutch of Indian Masterpieces

'Pluto lost its status as a planet only recently. Seeing Pluto sad on being rejected thus, my heart sinks. It is so far away, so tiny, so all my pint-sized poems I gift to it,' says Gulzar. In this exquisite collection of short poems, Gulzar addresses his pet themes - relationships, his relationship with God, Nature, Time, the art of poetry - with characteristic wit and brevity, and the uncommon ability to find meaning in the mundane. The bleakness of these verses on man's violence against Nature, religious fundamentalism, physical illness and spiritual turbulences are leavened by an undertone of optimism. In Gulzar's work, even the darkest moments are filled with light; hope never gives way to despair. Beautifully rendered into English by Nirupama Dutt - and including, for the first time in a volume of his poetry in English, a collection of the poet's own sketches - this is a collection to savour and treasure.

Silences

Screenplay of a popular Hindi motion picture.

Footprints on Zero Line: Writings on the Partition

In Bollywood, anthropologist and film scholar Tejaswini Ganti provides a guide to the cultural, social and political significance of Hindi cinema, outlining the history and structure of the Bombay film industry, and the development of popular Hindi filmmaking since the 1930s. Providing information and commentary on the key players in Bollywood, including composers, directors and stars, as well as material from current filmmakers themselves, the areas covered in Bollywood include:

history of Indian cinema main themes and characteristics of Hindi cinema significant films, directors and stars production and distribution of Bollywood films interviews with actors, directors and screenwriters. Anyone interested in, or studying Bollywood cinema will find this a valuable purchase.

Pluto: Poems

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the First International Conference on Futuristic Trends in Network and Communication Technologies, FTNCT 2018, held in Solan, India, in February 2018. The 37 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 239 submissions. The prime aim of the conference is to invite researchers from different domains of network and communication technologies to a single platform to showcase their research ideas. The selected papers are organized in topical sections on communication technologies, Internet of Things (IoT), network technologies, and wireless networks.

The Most of It

Serious, Moving, Funny And Ironic By Turns, These Stories Are Replete With The Perceptions Of A Man Who Has Viewed The World With Equanimity And Compassion.

Mansarovar 2 (मन्सरोवर 2, Hindi Edition)

This book examines the constructions and representations of male and female Sikhs in Indian and diasporic literature and culture through the consideration of the role of violence as constitutive of Sikh identity. How do Sikh men and women construct empowering identities within the Indian nation-state and in the diaspora? The book explores Indian literature and culture to understand the role of violence and the feminization of baptized and turbaned Sikh men, as well as identity formation of Sikh women who are either virtually erased from narratives, bodily eliminated through honor killings, or constructed and represented as invisible. It looks at the role of violence during critical junctures in Sikh history, including the Mughal rule, the British colonial period, the Partition of India, the 1984 anti-Sikh riots in India, and the terror of 9/11 in the United States. The author analyzes how violence reconstitutes gender roles and sexuality within various cultural and national spaces in India and the diaspora. She also highlights questions related to women's agency and their negotiation of traumatic memories for empowering identities. The book will interest scholars, researchers, and students of postcolonial English literature, contemporary Indian literature, Sikh studies, diaspora studies, global studies, gender and sexuality studies, religious studies, history, sociology, media and films studies, cultural studies, popular culture, and South Asian studies.

Islamicate Cultures of Bombay Cinema

Sukrita's poetry lives and breathes the world of everyday turmoil: the homeless shivering in the rain; the guard at the Viceregal Lodge recounting his strange fascination for the cold, blue eyes of his former masters; the transience of memory; the fear of looking too closely, lest one's suspicions be confirmed; the

Loneliness of old age in a cold country Gulzar's translations - the 'original' that lurked somewhere in the English poems, perhaps - bring to life a parallel world of quiet elegance and intensely felt emotions. In the poet's own words, it is in these translations that 'these poems come home'.

In the Company of a Poet

This book explores the Islamicate cultures that richly inform Bombay cinema. These cultures are imagined forms of the past and therefore a contested site of histories and identities. Yet they also form a culturally potent and aesthetically fertile reservoir of images and idioms through which Muslim communities are represented and represent themselves. Islamicate influences inform the language, poetry, music, ideas, and even the characteristic emotional responses elicited by Bombay cinema in general; however, the authors argue that it is in the three genre forms of The Muslim Historical, The Muslim Courtesan Film and The Muslim Social that these cultures are concentrated and distilled into precise iconographic, performative and narrative idioms. Furthermore, the authors argue that it is through these three genres, and their critical re-working by New Wave filmmakers, that social and historical significance is attributed to Muslim cultures for Muslims and non-Muslims alike. Ira Bhaskar is Associate Professor of Cinema Studies at the School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Richard Allen is Professor and Chair of Cinema Studies at the Tisch School of the Arts, New York University.

Jiya Jale

The Partition of 1947 has influenced the works of an entire generation of writers, and continues to do so. Gulzar witnessed the horrors of Partition first-hand and it is a theme that he has gone back to again and again in his writings. Footprints on Zero Line brings together a collection of his finest writings - fiction, non-fiction and poems - on the subject. What sets this collection apart from other writings on Partition is that Gulzar's unerring eye does not stop at the events of 1947 but looks at how it continues to affect our lives to this day. Wonderfully rendered in English by well-known author and translator Rakhshanda Jalil, this collection marks seventy years of India's Independence. Footprints on Zero Line is not only a brilliant collection on a cataclysmic event in the history of our nation by one of our finest contemporary writers, it is also a timely reminder that those who forget the errors of the past are doomed to repeat them.

Anything But Khamosh: The Shatrughan Sinha Biography

'Papi says it is wrong of parents to presume that they know better, or know more than their child does. They may be biologically older than their child, but in their experience as parents, they're of the same age. So if I was his two-year-old daughter, he was my two-year-old father. And we were both learning and evolving together - he as my father and me as his daughter.' All of us know Gulzar as a filmmaker, screenplay and dialogue writer, lyricist par excellence, author and poet. Because He Is presents a facet of the icon that none of us are aware of - as a father. In iridescent prose, his daughter, Meghna, documents his life, revealing the

man behind the legend: in every way a hands-on father, who prepared her for school without fail every day, braiding her hair and tying her shoelaces, and who despite his busy career in cinema, always made it a point to end his workday at 4 p.m. because her school ended at that time, and who wrote a book for her birthday every year till she was thirteen. From her earliest memories of waking up in the morning to the strains of him playing the sitar to him writing the songs for her films now, Meghna presents an intimate portrait of a father who indulged her in every way and yet raised her to be independent and confident of the choices she made. She also records his phenomenal creative oeuvre, the many trials and tribulations of his personal and professional life, through all of which she remained a priority. Beautifully designed and illustrated with never-before-seen photographs, *Because He Is* offers an incredible insight into the bond between a father and a daughter.

Futuristic Trends in Network and Communication Technologies

Serious, Moving, Funny And Ironic By Turns, These Stories Are Replete With The Perceptions Of A Man Who Has Viewed The World With Equanimity And Compassion.

Green Poems

Contributed articles chiefly with reference to India.

Seema and Other Stories

Gulzar's most memorable compositions of all time.

Partitioned Lives

Chapters: Gulzar. Source: Wikipedia. Pages: 89. Not illustrated. Free updates online. Purchase includes a free trial membership in the publisher's book club where you can select from more than a million books without charge. Excerpt: Sampooran Singh Kalra (Punjabi:, Hindi:, Urdu:, born 18 August 1936), better known by his pen name Gulzar (Punjabi:, Hindi:, Urdu:), is an Indian poet, lyricist and director. Gulzar primarily works in Hindi-Urdu. He also works in Punjabi, several dialects of Hindi like braj bhasha, khadi boli, Haryanvi and Marwari. Gulzar was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2004 for his contribution to the arts, and the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2002. He has also won a number of National Film Awards and Filmfare Awards in various categories. In 2009, he won the Academy Award for Best Original Song for "Jai Ho" in the film *Slumdog Millionaire* (2008). On 31 January 2010, the same song won him a Grammy Award in the category of Best Song Written For Motion Picture, Television Or Other Visual Media. As a lyricist, Gulzar is best known for his association with the music directors Rahul Dev Burman, A. R. Rahman and Vishal Bhardwaj, and has also worked with other leading Hindi movie music directors including Sachin Dev Burman, Salil Chowdhury, Hemant Kumar, Madan Mohan, Shankar Ehsaan Loy and Anu Malik. Gulzar was born in a Kalra Arora Sikh family, to Makhan Singh Kalra and Sujan Kaur, in Dina, Jhelum District, Pakistan. Before becoming an established writer, Sampooran worked as a car mechanic in a garage. He took the pen name Gulzar

Deenvi after becoming an author. Gulzar is best known in India as a lyricist for songs that form an integral part of Indian cinema. He began his career under two other artists - Bimal Roy and Hrishikesh Mukherjee. His book Ravi Paar has a narrative of Bimal Roy and the agony of creation. Gulzar started his career as a songwriter with Sachin Dev Burman for the movie "Bandini" (1963). The song <http://booksllc.net/?id=20767827>

Bollywood

A delightful new collection from the master lyricist After the great success of 100 Lyrics, this new volume contains a hundred more of Gulzar's marvellous compositions, complete with anecdotes and photographs making it a true collector's item. Gulzar has brought a rare poetic sensibility to popular Hindi film music over a five-decade-long career, and this collection showcases some of his best work, from early lyrics like 'Ganga aaye kahan se' (Kabuliwala) and 'Koi hota jisko apna' (Mere Apne) to classics such as 'Tere bina jiya jaye na' (Ghar), 'Do naina aur ek kahani' (Masoom) and 'Roz roz ankhone taley' (Jeeva) and later blockbusters like 'Goli maar bheje mein' (Satya), 'Beedi jalai le' (Omkaara), 'Dhan te nan' (Kaminey), 'Dil toh bachcha hai ji' (Ishqiya), 'Challa' (Jab Tak Hai Jaan) and 'Bismil' (Haider). In addition, Another 100 Lyrics contains some brilliant poems from non-film albums like Dil Padosi Hai, Marasim, Ishqa Ishqa and Koi Baat Chale.

Suspected Poems

Serious, poignant in some; funny and ironic in others - Gulzar's stories bring out his sincerity and sensitivity he is identified with. Refreshingly simple in presentation, each one of them paints a clear picture in the minds of the reader - as vivid as a scene from one of his films. Serious, poignant in some; funny and ironic in others - Gulzar's stories bring out his sincerity and sensitivity he is identified with. Refreshingly simple in presentation, each one of them paints a clear picture in the minds of the reader - as vivid as a scene from one of his films.

Raavi Paar and Other Stories

'On the branches of these wild plants Some words occasionally sprout But never a full poem . . .' One of the country's best-loved poets and lyricists, Gulzar is renowned for his inimitable way of seeing things, his witty expressions, his quirky turns of phrase. All these creative talents come into play in delightful, unexpected ways in his new bilingual collection Green Poems, which celebrates his innate connection with nature. Gulzar writes about rivers, forests, mountains; snow, rain, clouds; the sky, the earth and space; a familiar tree, a disused well; Kullu, Manali, Chamba, Shimpu. Like glimpses of nature, the poems are often short, an image captured in a few words. And sometimes the image gives rise to a striking thought: 'When I pass through the forest I feel my ancestors are around me . . .' For those new to Gulzar's work as well as his many fans, Green Poems will prove to be a true joy.

Violence and Resistance in Sikh Gendered Identity

The legendary lyricist, poet and filmmaker tells us of the art and stories behind the making of his best songs--some of the finest and most popular of Hindi Cinema--from 1963 to the present. A legend of Hindi cinema, Gulzar is among the Subcontinent's finest poets and lyricists, whose songs have touched millions. He remains as popular today, and as sensitive a chronicler of our emotions, as he was half a century ago. And throughout, his work has been gloriously distinctive--especially for the unforgettable images and the intimacy he brings to his songs. In this book of conversations with the acclaimed author and documentary filmmaker Nasreen Munni Kabir, Gulzar speaks about the making of his most enduring songs--from 'Mora gora ang lai le' (Bandini; 1963) and 'Dil dhoondta hai' (Mausam; 1975) to 'Jiya jale' (Dil Se; 1998) and 'Dil toh bachcha hai ji' (Ishqiya; 2010). He also discusses the songs of other greats, like Shailendra and Sahir Ludhianvi; his favourite music directors, like SD and RD Burman, Hemant Kumar and AR Rahman; and several playback singers, among them, Lata Mangeshkar, Mohammed Rafi, Asha Bhosle, Vani Jairam, Jagjit Singh and Bhupinder Singh. Full of insight, anecdote and analysis--and containing over 40 songs, in roman script and English translation--this book is a treasure for students and lovers of Hindi cinema, music and poetry.

Anthems of Resistance

A fascinating short story from the inimitable Gulzar Gulzar is one of India's most renowned poets and lyricists. This e-single sees him turning his hand to another creative form at which he is equally adept - short-form prose narrative. This story is taken from Gulzar's new collection Half a Rupee: Stories, which comprises twenty-five gripping tales available in English for the very first time. From real-life stories about well-known personalities to tales set in Kashmir, in the hinterland, in the modern megalopolis and on the LoC, from anecdotes of love and betrayal to fables of courage and conviction, these are enthralling stories told in Gulzar's unique style; each story will delight you.

Because He Is

Gulzar, one of India's finest film-makers and lyricists and has always been a poet at heart. His oeuvre is steeped in a poetic sensibility, marked by a lyricism rare in the world of Hindi cinema. Today, Gulzar is regarded as one of India's foremost Urdu poets, unparalleled in his exploration of human relationships and the insight and sensitivity with which he addresses the many facets of daily life. The sophistication and cadences of Gulzar's work come alive in this bilingual edition of some of his best poetry, sensitively translated by Pavan K. Varma.

100 Lyrics PB

In this richly entertaining book, Gulzar shares his life and passions with inimitable charm and candour. Poet, storyteller, director, scriptwriter and lyricist, Gulzar is a towering figure of contemporary Indian literature and cinema. Ever since he wrote his first song the unforgettable Mora gora ang lai le for Bimal Roys Bandini (1963) he has won countless admirers with his nuanced, sensitive and quietly innovative work. From the endearing Lakdi ki kaathi, that a generation grew up singing, to the

Oscar-winning Jai ho his songs have enthralled millions. His unique and much acclaimed contribution to the world of poetry continues to reflect our changing times, with fresh idiom and delicate turn of phrase. In this book of conversations with Nasreen Munni Kabir, Gulzar speaks with insight, candour and gentle humour about his life and work: his school days in Old Delhi, where he wrote his early poems; working in a garage in Mumbai before entering films; his association with legends such as Bimal Roy, Balraj Sahni, Sahir Ludhianvi, Meena Kumari, Shailendra, S. D. Burman, Hemant Kumar, Hrishikesh Mukherjee, Lata Mangeshkar and R. D. Burman among others; his love of tennis; and his deep connection with his wife, the legendary Raakhee, his daughter Meghna and his grandson Samay.

Raavi Paar and Other Stories

The stories in Gulzar s first ever short collection in English have a distinct cameo quality, reflected in each story s subject matter and narrative style. The ingeniousness of this versatile writer finds expression in short narratives that vary from anecdotes to descriptions of states of mind. Serious, moving , funny and ironic by turns, the stories in this collection are replete with the perceptions of a man who has viewed the world with equanimity and compassion. It is no surprise, therefore, that in spite of their concern with human suffering, Gulzar s stories are refreshingly free from cynicism. Dextrously weaving tales with universal themes, ordinary characters and everyday incidents from his own unique perspective, this unconventional storyteller reveals the truth of existence with sincerity and sensitivity.

Half a Rupee

"Let a thousand verses bloom. Anthems of Resistance is about the iconoclastic tradition of poetry nurtured by Ali Sardar Jafri, Faiz Ahmad Faiz, Javed Akhtar, Fehmida Riyaz and all those who have been part of the progressive writers' movement in the Indian subcontinent. It documents the rise of the Progressive Writers' Association, its period of ascendancy, its crucial role in the struggle for independence, and its unflagging spirit of resistance against injustice. In the process, the book highlights various aspects of the PWA's aesthetics and politics such as its internationalist ethos, its romance with modernity, its engagement with feminism, its relationship to Hindi cinema and film lyrics, and the vision of a radically new world which its members articulated with passion. Part history, part literary analysis, part poetic translation, and part unabashed celebration of the PWA era, this book is truly a unique resource. This is a lucidly written account of a glorious chapter in the history of Indian literature. The powerful verses of the PWA poets are wonderfully translated and, along with the highly accessible transliteration, offer the general reader a rare opportunity to appreciate the writings that helped shape a nation. Anthems of Resistance is truly an inspiring and pleasurable read." - Professor Mushirul Hasan, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi "Such a gift from the Brothers Mir! Lyrical and thoughtful, this introduction to the vast swathe of progressive Urdu poetry belongs on all our shelves, and in all our hearts. It is a companion worthy of the poetry itself. A singular achievement." - Professor Vijay Prashad, Director of International Studies, Trinity College, Connecticut, US "Like the many poets they celebrate, the authors write with passion and conviction Their book makes for a joyous and exhilarating

read." -Professor C.M. Naim, Professor Emeritus, University of Chicago

50 Years of Indian Writing

Serious, poignant in some; funny and ironic in others - Gulzar's stories bring out his sincerity and sensitivity he is identified with. Refreshingly simple in presentation, each one of them paints a clear picture in the minds of the reader - as vivid as a scene from one of his films.

Another 100 Lyrics

For no particular reason He had the blue cow tattooed on his right shoulder He would have been killed in the riots yesterday But they were good people— Seeing a cow, they let him go! Written in Gulzar's inimitable style, the poems in his newest volume of poetry reflect and comment, sometimes elliptically through a visual image, sometimes with breathtaking immediacy and directness, on the political reality in the country today. Powerful, poignant and impossible to ignore or gloss over, the fifty-two threads that make up Suspected Poems unfold across the entire political spectrum—from the disturbed climate in the country and the culture of intolerance to the plight of the aam aadmi, from the continued oppression of Dalits and minority communities to fluctuating Indo-Pak relations. Written with Gulzar's characteristic incisiveness and his unique perspective, and translated marvelously into English by Pavan K. Varma, Suspected Poems, made available in a special keepsake bilingual edition, will delight every reader of poetry and Gulzar's many fans.

Eleven Ways to Love

The sequel to Nicolas Wild's wry, perceptive graphic reportage from Kabul focuses on the farce of elections in Afghanistan The first instalment of Nicolas Wild's wry, perceptive graphic reportage from Kabul saw a carefree young comic book writer land in a capital in crisis. Nicolas found himself gradually falling in love with Kabul and decided to extend his contract with Zendagui in spite of the risks of living in Afghanistan. Book 2 sees him returning from a holiday in France to resume work as an illustrator. Nicolas is assigned to the agency's new programme: an awareness campaign against opium. Wild draws a vivid portrait of a surreal situation: the farcical nature of the message, an election where no one votes and the yo-yo that is expat life in Kabul, swinging as it does between ever-present danger and casual festivities. Irreverent and funny, Kabul Disco continues to monitor the Afghan crisis in Book 2, serving both as historical documentation and the memoir of a keen-eyed observer.

Poems Come Home

Set against the tumult of the 1947 Partition, Manju Kapur's acclaimed first novel captures a life torn between family, desire, and love The one thing I had wanted was not to be like my mother. Virmati is the eldest of eleven children, born to a respectable family in Amritsar. Her world is shaken when she falls in love with a married man. Charismatic Harish is a respected professor and her family's tenant.

Virmati takes up with Harish and finds herself living alongside his first wife. Set in Amritsar and Lahore and narrated by Virmati and her daughter, Ida, a divorcée on a quest to understand and connect with her departed mother, *Difficult Daughters* is a stunning tale of motherhood, love, and finding one's identity in a nation struggling to discover its own. Winner of the 1999 Commonwealth Writers' Prize for best first book (Eurasia Region) and shortlisted for the Crossword Book Award in India.

Aandhi

Gulzar is regarded as one of India's foremost Urdu poets today, renowned for his unusual perspectives on life, his keen understanding of the complexities of human relationships, and his striking imagery. After *Selected Poems*, a collection of some of his best poetry translated by Pavan K. Varma was extremely well received, Gulzar has chosen to present his next sixty poems in an inimitable way: labelling them *Neglected Poems*. 'Neglected' only in name, these poems represent Gulzar at his creative and imaginative best, as he meditates on nature (the mountains, the monsoon, a sparrow), delves into human psychology (when a relationship ends one is amazed to notice that 'everything goes on exactly as it used to'), explores great cities like Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Delhi and New York ('In your town, my friend, how is it that there are no homes for ants?'), and confronts the most telling moments of everyday life.

Neglected Poems

Forty very short stories that reimagine the genre of crime writing from some of today's most imaginative and thrilling writers "An intriguing take on crime/noir writing, this collection of 40 very short stories by leading and emerging literary voices—Amelia Gray, Brian Evenson, Elizabeth Hand, Carmen Maria Machado, Benjamin Percy, Laura van den Berg and more—investigates crimes both real and imagined. Despite their diminutive size, these tales promise to pack a punch." —Chicago Tribune, 1 of 25 Hot Books for Summer *Tiny Crimes* gathers leading and emerging literary voices to tell tales of villainy and intrigue in only a few hundred words. From the most hard-boiled of noirs to the coziest of mysteries, with diminutive double crosses, miniature murders, and crimes both real and imagined, *Tiny Crimes* rounds up all the usual suspects, and some unusual suspects, too. With illustrations by Wesley Allsbrook and flash fiction by Carmen Maria Machado, Benjamin Percy, Amelia Gray, Adam Sternbergh, Yuri Herrera, Julia Elliott, Elizabeth Hand, Brian Evenson, Charles Yu, Laura van den Berg, and more, *Tiny Crimes* scours the underbelly of modern life to expose the criminal, the illegal, and the depraved.

I Swallowed the Moon: The Poetry of Gulzar

Mirza Ghalib

"Gulzar is a poet of the heart, a poet of the soul, a poet of the spirit. He is a poet of the people, a poet of the world, a poet of the universe. He is a poet of the future, a poet of the past, a poet of the present. He is a poet of the heart, a poet of the soul, a poet of the spirit. He is a poet of the people, a poet of the world, a poet of the universe. He is a poet of the future, a poet of the past, a poet of the present." —14 Mirza Ghalib, p. 300

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