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An American child of East Asian descent revels in dances, clothing, games, foods and other characteristics of both cultures, while blending them into what makes this American desi unique. [100 Desi Stories to Inspire You](#) Sourcebooks, Inc.
A thief and a lover are on the run. To hide their loot, they will have to cross a river. But this is no ordinary river. Its dark unforgiving waters are rife with the rumours of a local legend. The legend of a ghoulish who knows no mercy. Will the couple be successful in their getaway? Or will their destiny lead them to an encounter with the deadly shambler of the deep? From the devious mind of India's most prolific horror writer, Neil D'Silva, comes this bone-chilling horror story inspired by an Assamese local legend. *The Marriage Game* Algonquin Books
Asoca—often spelled Ashoka—was hailed as Ashoka the Great, the emperor who ruled most of the Indian Subcontinent and was pivotal in the

spread of Buddhism from India to other parts of Asia in the third century BC. But his life as emperor was not always led by non-violence. History has it that he masterminded one of the biggest and deadliest wars ever fought, and it was the insurmountable grief he experienced at the sight of the people dying and dead on the battleground that made him turn to Buddhism and take a vow of ahimsa. Who was the man, and who was the king? What were his demons, and what gave him strength? This historical novel, drawn from research and portrayed with energy and complexity, transports the reader to the era of the Mauryan dynasty with atmospheric vividness and insight. Epic in scope and Shakespearean in drama, *Asoca: A Sutra* leaves the reader breathless with the full-bodied richness of Sealy's prose, his trademark whimsy and his imaginative modern reconstruction of that enigmatic and brilliant ruler of the Indian subcontinent. *A House Is a Body* Jaico Publishing House
Finalist for the 2021 PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize for Debut Short

Story Collection Finalist for the Los Angeles Times Art Seidenbaum Award for First Fiction "A House Is a Body will not simply be talked about as one of the greatest short story collections of the 2020s; it will change the way all stories—short and long—are told, written, and consumed. There is nothing, no emotion, no tiny morsel of memory, no touch, that this book does not take seriously. Yet, *A House Is a Body* might be the most fun I've ever had in a short story collection." —Kiese Laymon, author of *Heavy*
Dreams collide with reality, modernity with antiquity, and myth with identity in the twelve arresting stories of A House Is a Body. In "Earthly Pleasures," a young painter living alone in San Francisco begins a secret romance with one of India's biggest celebrities, and desire and ego are laid bare. In "A Simple Composition," a husband's professional crisis leads to his wife's discovery of a dark, ecstatic joy. And in the title story, an exhausted mother watches, hypnotized by fear, as a California wildfire approaches her home. Immersive and assured, provocative and probing,

these are stories written with the edge and precision of a knife blade. Set in the United States and India, they reveal small but intense moments of beauty, pain, and power that contain the world. A House Is a Body introduces a bold and original voice in fiction, from a writer at the start of a stellar career. Don't miss Shruti Swamy's debut novel, *The Archer* (available September 7, 2021), which has already been longlisted for the Center for Fiction First Novel Prize.

Desi Girls Gregg Oppenheimer

"This novel has all the funny banter and sexy feels you could want in a romantic comedy."—NPR A high stakes wager pits an aspiring entrepreneur against a ruthless CEO in this sexy romantic comedy. After her life falls apart, recruitment consultant Layla Patel returns home to her family in San Francisco. But in the eyes of her father, who runs a Michelin starred restaurant, she can do no wrong. He would do anything to see her smile again. With the best intentions in mind, he offers her the office upstairs to start her new

business and creates a profile on an online dating site to find her a man. She doesn't know he's arranged a series of blind dates until the first one comes knocking on her door... As CEO of a corporate downsizing company Sam Mehta is more used to conflict than calm. In search of a quiet new office, he finds the perfect space above a cozy Indian restaurant that smells like home. But when communication goes awry, he's forced to share his space with the owner's beautiful yet infuriating daughter Layla, her crazy family, and a parade of hopeful suitors, all of whom threaten to disrupt his carefully ordered life. As they face off in close quarters, the sarcasm and sparks fly. But when the battle for the office becomes a battle of the heart, Sam and Layla have to decide if this is love or just a game.

Desi Stories William Morrow & Company

"A sweet story of finding love where you least expected to. A romp through New York City with fresh immigrant eyes. Kiran and Nash's journey to learning to see themselves and others across boundaries and preconceived notions will

warm your heart."—Sonali Dev, author of *Recipe for Persuasion* She's determined to be the perfect daughter, until she meets the perfect guy... Kiran Mathur knows firsthand how dangerous love can be. After all, her sister's marriage in India nearly destroyed Kiran's family. So she's decided to redeem romance herself—by not falling for anyone who might disappoint her parents. That is, until she meets her new neighbor Nash Hawthorne. Nash is a dedicated doctor and committed to being alone. His family life has taught him the inevitability of abandonment, and he isn't ready to question his beliefs. But in spending time with Kiran, he starts to experience emotion he's never felt before. For both, love feels like a risk. But when the future only starts to make sense with each other, it might be time to follow their hearts... *Praise for Love, Chai, and Other Four-Letter Words: "LOVE, CHAI, AND OTHER FOUR LETTER WORDS is a delight... As warm and comforting as perfect masala chai."*—Farah Heron, author of *Accidentally Engaged* "Captivating."—Library Journal, *STARRED* Review

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 Celebrate Diwali with this delightful baby book that little ones will adore. The bright and colorful images in this book are the perfect way to discover Diwali together. From the shining diya lamps that gave the festival its name, to colorful flower decorations, to sweet treats, *Baby's First Diwali* features all the familiar favorites associated with India's biggest and brightest holiday. An ideal baby gift to develop early learning, the simple pictures and sentences promote language skills and help to foster early reading development. Learn all about the amazing festival of light with your little one!
Baby's First Diwali perfectly captures the joy of this special celebration and is an ideal preschool learning introduction to the traditions of the holiday.
Legendary Leaders St. Martin's Griffin
Desi Land is Shalini Shankar's lively ethnographic account of South Asian American teen culture during the Silicon Valley dot-com

boom. Shankar focuses on how South Asian Americans, or "Desis," define and manage what it means to be successful in a place brimming with the promise of technology. Between 1999 and 2001 Shankar spent many months "kickin' it" with Desi teenagers at three Silicon Valley high schools, and she has since followed their lives and stories. The diverse high-school students who populate *Desi Land* are Muslims, Hindus, Christians, and Sikhs, from South Asia and other locations; they include first- to fourth-generation immigrants whose parents' careers vary from assembly-line workers to engineers and CEOs. By analyzing how Desi teens' conceptions and realizations of success are influenced by community values, cultural practices, language use, and material culture, she offers a nuanced portrait of diasporic formations in a transforming urban region. Whether discussing instant messaging or arranged marriages, Desi bling or the pressures of the model minority myth, Shankar foregrounds the teens' voices, perspectives, and stories.

She investigates how Desi teens interact with dialogue and songs from Bollywood films as well as how they use their heritage language in ways that inform local meanings of ethnicity while they also connect to a broader South Asian diasporic consciousness. She analyzes how teens negotiate rules about dating and reconcile them with their longer-term desire to become adult members of their communities. In *Desi Land* Shankar not only shows how Desi teens of different socioeconomic backgrounds are differently able to succeed in Silicon Valley schools and economies but also how such variance affects meanings of race, class, and community for South Asian Americans.
Desi Tales Houghton Mifflin
 The man Lucille Ball called the brains of *I Love Lucy* gives us an inside view of television history as it was being made. Jess Oppenheimer's famous sitcom was the most popular and influential television phenomenon in the history of the medium. Forty-five years after its debut, it remains a favourite the world over.
Desi Land William Morrow & Company

A gripping new novel from bestselling author Mason about a wealthy Texas family and the recently released female convict who will reveal all their dirty secrets and inherit millions.

Laughs, Luck . . . and Lucy
Penguin

Discover stories of fear, triumph, and spectacular celebration in this warm-hearted novel of interconnected stories that celebrates the diversity of South Asian American experiences in a local community center. Discover stories of fear, triumph, and spectacular celebration in the fictional town of Maple Grove, New Jersey, where the local kids gather at the community center to discover new crushes, fight against ignorance, and even save a life. Cheer for Chaya as she wins chess tournaments (unlike Andrew, she knows stupid sugary soda won't make you better at chess), and follow as Jeevan learns how to cook traditional food (it turns out he can cook sabji-- he just can't eat it). These stories, edited by bestselling and award-winning Pakistani-American author Hena Khan, are filled with humor, warmth, and possibility. They showcase

a diverse array of talented authors with heritage from the Indian subcontinent, including beloved favorites and rising stars, who each highlight the beauty and necessity of a community center that everyone calls home.

Baby's First Diwali

HopeRoad

Desi Dreams focuses on the construction of self and identity by Indian immigrant professional and semi-professional women who live and work in the US. The focus in this anthropological fieldwork is on Indian immigrants in the San Francisco Bay Area. They have often been defined as a model minority. Indian immigrant women who have achieved entry into the current technology based economy in the Silicon Valley value the capital-accumulation, status-transformation, socio-economic autonomy, and renegotiation of familial gender relations that are made possible by their employment. However, this quintessential American success story conceals the psychic costs of uneasy Americanization, long drawn out gender battles, and incessant cross-cultural journeys of selves

and identities. The outcome is a diasporic identity through the recomposition of Indian culture in the diaspora and strengthening of transnational ties to India.

Desis Divided Simon and Schuster

Brendan is beginning his college football career at Indiana University in Bloomington, but his relationship with his high-school-age boyfriend, Casper, is strained. Brendan knew parting from Casper would be tough, but he didn't count on the temptations of a major Midwestern university. He's surrounded by hot young men and the hottest of them all is his very own team-mate and the quarterback of the IU football team, Gabriel Diaddio. Brendan knows he's in trouble the moment his eyes fall on Gabriel. When Gabriel begins to pursue him, Brendan's troubles only deepen and he begins to wonder if he should keep up his long distance relationship with Casper or free himself to explore the sexy, college boys who surround and entice him. Marc is bold, openly gay, and still in high school, but when he meets Dorian his confidence in his ability to

be himself is shaken. Marc is a skater and soccer jock. Dorian is incredibly sexy and cute, but he's also stereotypically gay. Marc finds himself drawn to Dorian, but when Marc's team-mates give him a hard time about his new "girlfriend" he has second thoughts. Should he suffer the taunts and ridicule of his team-mates or push Dorian away to protect his reputation as a jock?

Desi Rap Xlibris

Corporation

Will Bollywood romance survive the pressures of Silicon Valley culture? Find out in this engaging trilogy. Ambitious Desi Girl Mahi is an ordinary looking young professional who works in an I.T. company in San Jose, California. She is pretty much married to her job and cannot see beyond her profession until Raj joins the same company. Raj impresses Mahi with his extremely good looks, intelligence as well as caring nature. Upon getting to know Raj more, Mahi discovers certain emotions that she didn't know about. Will Raj distract Mahi from her professional goals? Will Mahi be able to balance her personal as well as professional needs? Gullible Desi Girl Mahi and

Raj discover their emotions for each other while working in an I.T. Company in San Jose, California. They decide to formalize their relationship and tie the knot. Mahi is determined to climb the success ladder in her organization and her boss aids, trains, and encourages her. However, Mahi's rising professional dreams threaten her marital bliss. Will Mahi be able to save her marriage in spite of her tremendous professional drive? Mystical Desi Girl Mahi and Raj are two I.T. professionals who find love and commit to stay together for the rest of their lives. However trouble walks in their lives and circumstances threaten their relationship and commitment towards each other. Will Mahi be able to find peace amongst the chaos? Will she compromise? Will Raj be able to understand what Mahi wants? Will they find happiness with each other again?

A Desi Got Me Duke University Press

From Glenn Beck, the New York Times bestselling author of *The Great Reset*, comes the powerful follow-up to his national bestseller *Miracles and Massacres*, which was

praised as "moving, provocative, and masterful" (Michelle Malkin, bestselling author of *Culture of Corruption*). Everyone has heard of a "Ponzi scheme," but do you know what Charles Ponzi actually did to make his name synonymous with fraud? You've probably been to a Disney theme park, but did you know that the park Walt believed would change the world was actually EPCOT? He died before his vision for it could ever be realized. History is about so much more than dates and dead guys; it's the greatest story ever told. Now, in *Dreamers and Deceivers*, Glenn Beck brings ten more true and untold stories to life. The people who made America were not always what they seemed. There were entrepreneurs and visionaries whose selflessness propelled us forward, but there were also charlatans and fraudsters whose selfishness nearly derailed us. *Dreamers and Deceivers* brings both of these groups to life with stories written to put you right in the middle of the action. From the spy Alger Hiss, to the visionary Steve Jobs, to the code-breaker Alan Turing—once you know the full stories

behind the half-truths you've been force fed...once you begin to see these amazing people from our past as people rather than just names—your perspective on today's important issues may forever change.

Born Confused

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Where do those relegated to the margins find belonging? In her luminous debut *Unbelonging*, Gayatri Sethi deftly interweaves verse, memoir, and a bold call to action as she recounts her experience searching for home in the diaspora. Drawing upon her life story as a Tanzanian-born-Punjabi turned American educator and mother of multiracial children, Sethi tells an intimate tale of stepping into her power while confronting misogyny, racism, and empire. Spanning decades and continents- from Partition to the Black Lives Matter movement, Southern Africa to Muscogee Lands- *Unbelonging* tells urgent truths, inspires critical self-reflection, and emboldens its readers to pursue radical forms of justice, compassion, and solidarity.

100 Desi Stories Primus

Books

A prince wishes upon a star to lose his virginity and thus, he's granted... Many women have thrown their feet at Raj Khatir, the young nasty virgin buff. But a poor village woman has everything his highness desires. Priya doesn't believe in fantasies, and doesn't waste time indulging in such matters. In the village, dreams don't always come true. Succumbing to the prince's sexual passions after watching their horses mate may be tempting but she doesn't want to give herself as his mere concubine... Her virginity is prized. Things aren't always what they seem as these two virgins fool around in amazement. When the time is right, the stars will shine.

Lucy & Desi Pan

Macmillan

Desi (pronounced they-see) tales is a humorous take on lesser written about elements of Pakistani and Indian culture. From a young generation of liberal leftists that baffle everyone, Pakistan television soap operas, credit card debt, the odd recruits of a well meaning MSA president, reluctant suitors, scarves, mosque

administrations to people with unusual shopping habits. Desi tales is a view askew of modern Indian and Pakistani expatriate culture.

ASOCA Scholastic Inc.

On the verge of realizing her dream of being a doctor, Preeti Patel should be ecstatic. But between the stress of her residency, trying to find a job, and managing her traditional, no-boundaries family, Preeti's anxiety is through the roof. Relationships and love aren't even an option. Fortunately, Preeti's finally found a new place to stay . . . only to discover that her new roommate is her ex. Preeti never quite got over Daniel Thompson. Super-hot, plenty of swagger, amazing cook—the guy is practically perfect. And if it weren't for their families, there might have been a happily ever after. But it's hard to keep her sanity and libido in check when the man of her dreams is sleeping mere feet away. Can Preeti and Daniel find a way to stand up and fight for each other one last time . . . before they lose their second chance?

Desi Delicacies Penguin

Do you love sitting at home playing guitar, but

find yourself playing the same old things over and over without making much progress? When other musicians invite you to jam, do you worry that you won't be able to keep up? Are you a veteran guitarist who has played for years, but you're embarrassed to admit you have no idea what you're doing? If you want to take your guitar playing to the next level, compose songs like you hear on the radio, and improvise your own music, then you need Fretboard Theory. Fretboard Theory by Desi Serna teaches music theory for guitar including scales, chords, progressions, modes and more. The hands-on approach to theory shows you how music "works" on the guitar fretboard by visualizing shapes and patterns and how they connect to make music. Content includes: * Learn pentatonic and major scale patterns as used to play melodies, riffs, solos, and bass lines * Move beyond basic chords and

common barre chords by playing the types of chord inversions and chord voicings used by music's most famous players * Chart guitar chord progressions and play by numbers like the pros * Identify correct scales to play over chords and progressions so you can improvise at will * Create new sounds with music modes and get to know Ionian, Dorian, Phrygian, Lydian, Mixolydian, Aeolian and Locrian * Add variety to your playing by using intervals such as thirds, fourths, and sixths * Increase your chord vocabulary by using added chord tones and extensions to play chord types such as major 7, minor 7, sus2, sus4, add9, and more * Learn how all the different aspects of music fit together to make a great song * See how theory relates to popular styles of music and familiar songs Fretboard Theory will have you mastering music like a pro easier and faster than you ever thought possible.

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