

The Inner Courtyard Stories By Indian Women Erpd

THE PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING BESTSELLER, NOW A MAJOR NEW TV SERIES This is the definitive account of the run-up to 9/11: from the man who lit the spark of radical Islam in 1948, to those who built up a terror network, and to the FBI agent whose warnings of 'something big' coming were ignored until the Twin Towers fell. 'The Looming Tower is a thriller. And it's a tragedy, too' The New York Times 'The most detailed (and thrilling) account we have of the events that led to the destruction of the Twin Towers' Observer, Books of the Year 'Possibly the best book yet written on the rise of al-Qaeda ... beautifully written and wonderfully compelling' William Dalrymple 'We meet some formidable schemers and killers ... fabulists crazed with blood and death' Martin Amis

Aliya lives a life confined to the inner courtyard of her home with her older sister and irritable mother, while the men of the family throw themselves into the political movements of the day. She is tormented by the petty squabbles of the household and dreams of educating herself and venturing into the wider world. But Aliya must endure many trials before she achieves her goals, though at what personal cost? Set in the 1940s, with Partition looming on the horizon, The Women's Courtyard cleverly brings into focus the claustrophobic lives of women whose entire existence was circumscribed by the four walls of their homes, and for whom the outside world remained an inaccessible dream. Daisy Rockwell's elegant and nuanced translation captures the poignance and power of Khadija Mastur's inimitable voice.

This book portrays the exquisite beauty that is found amid the ruins of a handful of tiny trading towns located along an ancient trade route in Rajasthan, India.

Family stories of the ties between mothers and daughters form the foundation of Mothers and Daughters: Complicated Connections Across Cultures. Nationally and internationally known feminist scholars frame, analyze, and explore mother-daughter bonds in this collection of essays. Cultures from around the world are mined for insights which reveal historical, generational, ethnic, political, religious, and social class differences. This book focuses on the tenacity of the connection between mothers and daughters, impediments to a strong connection, and practices of good communication. Mothers and Daughters will interest those studying communication, women's studies, psychology, sociology, anthropology, counseling, and cultural studies.

The story of three generations of Iranian women - Kamin, her mother and her grandmother - which portrays the history of twentieth century Iran.

'A cult figure.' Guardian 'A dark and brilliant achievement.' Ian McEwan 'Shamelessly clever ... Exhilaratingly subversive and funny.' Independent 'A modern classic ... As relevant now as when it was first published.' John Banville A young woman is in love with a successful surgeon - a man torn between his love for her and his incorrigible womanising. His mistress, a free-spirited artist, lives her life as a series of betrayals - while her other lover stands to lose everything because of his noble qualities. In a world where lives are shaped by irrevocable choices and fortuitous events, and everything occurs but once, existence seems to lose its substance and weight - and we feel 'the unbearable lightness of being'. A masterpiece by one of the world's truly great writers, Milan Kundera's The Unbearable Lightness of Being encompasses passion and philosophy, infidelity and ideas, the Prague Spring and modern America, political acts and private desires, comedy and tragedy - and illuminates all aspects of human existence. What readers are saying: 'Some books change your mind, some change your heart, the very best change your whole world ... A mighty piece of work, that will shape your life forever.' 'One of the best books I've ever read ... A book about love and life, full of surprises. Beautiful.' 'This book is going to change your life ... It definitely leaves you with a hangover after you're done reading.' 'A must read - loved it, such beautiful observations on life, love and sexuality.' 'Kundera writes about love as if in a trance so the beauty of it is enchanting and dreamy ... Will stay with you forever.' 'A beautiful novel that helps you understand life better ... Loved it.' 'One of those rare novels full of depth and insight into the human condition ... Got me reading Camus and Sartre.' 'One of the best books I have ever read ... An intellectual love story if ever there was one.'

The International Story is an anthology with guidelines for reading and writing about fiction. The Instructor's Manual provides teaching suggestions, detailed notes, and summaries of the readings in the Student's Book.

NOW A #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! An unflinching, darkly funny, and deeply moving story of a boy, his seriously ill mother, and an unexpected monstrous visitor. At seven minutes past midnight, thirteen-year-old Conor wakes to find a monster outside his bedroom window. But it isn't the monster Conor's been expecting-- he's been expecting the one from his nightmare, the nightmare he's had nearly every night since his mother started her treatments. The monster in his backyard is different. It's ancient. And wild. And it wants something from Conor. Something terrible and dangerous. It wants the truth. From the final idea of award-winning author Siobhan Dowd-- whose premature death from cancer prevented her from writing it herself-- Patrick Ness has spun a haunting and darkly funny novel of mischief, loss, and monsters both real and imagined.

A compassionate and illuminating enquiry into the reclusive Himalayan country of Nepal and its famous Living Goddess. Written after twelve years of research, this book is emotionally engaging and deeply felt.

Masterpieces of myth and terror about modern gods from technology to drugs to materialism—"fantasy at its most bizarre and unsettling" (The New York Times). As Earth approaches Armageddon, a man embarks on a quest to confront God in the Hugo Award-winning novelette, "The Deathbird." In New York City, a brutal act of violence summons a malevolent spirit and a growing congregation of desensitized worshippers in "The Whimper of Whipped Dogs," an Edgar Award winner influenced by the real-life murder of Queens resident Kitty Genovese in 1964. In "Paingod," the deity tasked with inflicting pain and suffering on every living being in the universe questions the purpose of its cruel existence. Deathbird Stories collects these and sixteen more provocative tales exploring the futility of faith in a faithless world. A legendary author of speculative fiction whose best-known works include A Boy and His Dog and I Have No Mouth, and I Must Scream—and whose major awards and nominations number in the dozens, Harlan Ellison strips away convention and hypocrisy and lays bare the human condition in modern society as ancient gods fade and new deities rise to appease the masses—gods of technology, drugs, gambling, materialism—that are as insubstantial as the beliefs of those who venerate them. In addition to his Nebula, Hugo, World Fantasy, Bram Stoker, Edgar, and other awards, Ellison was called "one of the great living American short story writers" by the Washington Post—and this collection makes it clear why he has

earned such an extraordinary assortment of accolades. Stories include: "Introduction: Oblations at Alien Altars" "The Whimper of Whipped Dogs" "Along the Scenic Route" "On the Downhill Side" "O Ye of Little Faith" "Neon" "Basilisk" "Pretty Maggie Moneyeyes" "Corpse" "Shattered Like a Glass Goblin" "Delusion for a Dragon Slayer" "The Face of Helene Bournou" "Bleeding Stones" "At the Mouse Circus" "The Place with No Name" "Paingod" "Ernest and the Machine God" "Rock God" "Adrift Just Off the Islets of Langerhans: Latitude 38° 54' N, Longitude 77° 00' 13" W" "The Deathbird"

Newly discovered stories from one of the great storytellers of the twentieth century Throughout Proust's life, nine of his short stories remained unseen - the writer never spoke of them. Why did he choose not to publish them along with the others? One possible answer is that he was developing his themes in preparation for his masterpiece, *In Search of Lost Time*; another is that the stories were too audacious - too near to life - for the censorious society of the time. In these stories, published here for the first time, we find an intimate picture of a young author full of darkness and melancholy, longing to reveal his true self to the world.

"In his will, Senhor da Silva Araujo has left a memoir that is a touching web of elaborate self-deceptions. He desired so ardently to prosper, to be taken seriously, and to join (perhaps, if they would have him) the exclusive Gremio country club. But most of all, he wanted to be a good man. And yet, shady deals, twists of fate, an illegitimate child: such is the lot of poor, self-critical Senhor da Silva Araujo. A bit like Calvino's Mr. Palomar in his attention to protocol and in his terror of life's passions; a bit like Svevo's Zeno (a little pompous, a little old-fashioned, and often hapless) Senhor da Silva Araujo moves along a deliciously blurry line between farce and tragedy: a self-important buffoon becomes a fully human, even tragic, figure in the arc of this novel."--BOOK JACKET.

"The Arsonists' City delivers all the pleasures of a good old-fashioned saga, but in Alyan's hands, one family's tale becomes the story of a nation--Lebanon and Syria, yes, but also the United States. It's the kind of book we are lucky to have."--Rumaan Alam A rich family story, a personal look at the legacy of war in the Middle East, and an indelible rendering of how we hold on to the people and places we call home The Nasr family is spread across the globe--Beirut, Brooklyn, Austin, the California desert. A Syrian mother, a Lebanese father, and three American children: all have lived a life of migration. Still, they've always had their ancestral home in Beirut--a constant touchstone--and the complicated, messy family love that binds them. But following his father's recent death, Idris, the family's new patriarch, has decided to sell. The decision brings the family to Beirut, where everyone unites against Idris in a fight to save the house. They all have secrets--lost loves, bitter jealousies, abandoned passions, deep-set shame--that distance has helped smother. But in a city smoldering with the legacy of war, an ongoing flow of refugees, religious tension, and political protest, those secrets ignite, imperiling the fragile ties that hold this family together. In a novel teeming with wisdom, warmth, and characters born of remarkable human insight, award-winning author Hala Alyan shows us again that "fiction is often the best filter for the real world around us" (NPR).

WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY HELEN SIMPSON From familiar fairy tales and legends â€" Red Riding Hood, Bluebeard, Puss in Boots, Beauty and the Beast, vampires and werewolves â€" Angela Carter has created an absorbing collection of dark, sensual, fantastic stories.

Shilalolitha, in her introduction to her anthology of poems titled *Panjaranni Nene*, Pakshini Nene compares herself to a grain of sand in the literary field and describes her poetry as the poetic letters born out of her search for herself. It is this passion for writing and this search for her self as well as women like her that we see in her poetry. Her pen name comes from the writer she admires, whose real name was Revathidevi, who succumbed to the societal pressures despite her vehement protest against the normative structures and traditions. That inspiration is reflected throughout her poetry whether it is in titles or themes or language of the poems. Her re-naming herself after a poet who rebelled against the patriarchal hegemonies in her life and writings and who burned down to ashes in the flames of her rebellion stands for Shilalolitha's search for herself. As a writer she has experimented with many genres, including the epistolary mode, columns, literary criticism, book reviews and others. All her writings revolve around women's experiences. Hers is one of the most powerful women's voices in Telugu who have been writing relentlessly with an undaunted spirit to topple all forms of patriarchy and hegemony in society and literature. She has been part of feminist movement and literature in Telugu from the 1980s. Her poems range from declaration of her identity as a woman to questioning the patriarchy and subverting the oppression by walking out of it. Although her main focus in her writings is on the woman, Shilalolitha deftly capture the other patterns of discrimination manifest through categories such as caste, class, religion, region, language and many others. She does not miss the interconnectedness of these identities. Her scope perceptively extends to contemporary developments, be it the Gujarat carnage or bloodshed in Hyderabad or agitation in any other place and any other time. This place, that is space, also becomes pivotal as Shilalolitha's poetry keeps shifting between home and outside by locating the woman in the centre. While she chooses to represent all women's experience in her voice, she also locates herself in the midst of or in the place of many women whose experiences have always been trivialised and ignored by the mainstream/malestream society. This volume of Shilalolitha's poetry in English translation has thirty poems in all, selected from her three volumes of poetry. These thirty poems represent different moods and themes. The book begins with a short poem where the writer proclaims that her address is her poetry and ends with a poem that is brilliantly titled as "Finally, It's Me." This assertive declaration culminates in self-discovery in relation to the larger world. Like AbburiChayadevi's fiction, Shilalolitha's poetry raises questions that sound mild and constrained by tradition. She questions the inequalities, violence and hypocrisy in gender roles and relations. Her questions prove to be powerful enough to shake the foundations of the normative society. One of the very powerful images that she uses repeatedly in her poetry is home. Her home represents the domestic turbulence and unveils the hollowness of the ideal image of a home. As an idea, a space, a site and a belonging, home is the centre of crucial discussions in the feminist discourse. Shilalolitha presents all these dimensions of home in her poetry especially in relation to women.

Unique in its breadth of coverage, *Who's Who in Contemporary Women's Writing* is a comprehensive, authoritative and enjoyable guide to women's fiction, prose, poetry and drama from around the world in the second half of the twentieth century. Over the course of 1000 entries by over 150 international contributors, a picture emerges of the incredible range of women's writing in our time, from Toni Morrison to Fleur Adcock- all are here. This book includes the established and well-loved but also opens up new worlds of modern literature which may be unfamiliar but are never less than fascinating.

In 1992 when a Dalit woman left the convent and wrote her autobiography, the Tamil publishing industry found her language unacceptable. So Bama Faustina published her milestone work *Karukku* privately in 1992-a passionate and important mix of history, sociology, and the

strength to remember. Karukku broke barriers of tradition in more ways than one. The first autobiography by a Dalit woman writer and a classic of subaltern writing, it is a bold and poignant tale of life outside mainstream Indian thought and function. Revolving around the main theme of caste oppression within the Catholic Church, it portrays the tension between the self and the community, and presents Bama's life as a process of self-reflection and recovery from social and institutional betrayal. The English translation, first published in 2000 and recognized as a new alphabet of experience, pushed Dalit writing into high relief. This second edition includes a Postscript in which Bama relives the dramatic movement of her leave-taking from her chosen vocation and a special note "Ten Years Later".

"Sarah Hirschman's book is ... really a manifesto for an approach to education that does all these more human, more important things."

-Danielle Allen, Professor, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey "I'd love to see People and Stories programs for the parents of children in every at-risk school district in the country." -Robert Hass, US Poet Laureate, 1995-1997

People and Stories / Gente y Cuentos describes how men and women on welfare or in rehabilitation centers, prisoners, rural workers, disadvantaged youth, or just ordinary community members are offered the chance to experience literature in a way they have not been able to in the past. Founded by Sarah Hirschman, People and Stories / Gente y Cuentos encompasses groups of common, often under-served adults in the United States, France, and Colombia who enjoy reading and discussing works of literature. Upon attending a seminar with the philosopher, Paulo Freire, and working with groups in New York's Lower East Side and Dorchester, Massachusetts, she created Gente y Cuentos in Spanish. Some years later, the English-language People and Stories program was added. Currently, Gens et Recits in French is being developed in Paris and in the southwest of France. This book describes the various influences that led to the development of this method. The clarity of the explanations and the attention to detail should help those who want to organize similar discussion groups in their own communities."

During the process of preparing this book, researchers discovered that the corner buildings around the Inner Courtyard of the Temple were much larger than anyone had previously seen. While researching these four corner buildings, they began to identify different named chambers within each building. This, in turn, gave a new understanding as to how the Temple functioned and the marvel of its design. Also as an added bonus, research confirmed the exact location of the Temple building, as well as many other structures of the Second Temple period. The illustrations have been revised as the research progressed giving a more accurate picture of the Temple and its environs. Due to questions posed by a leading Rabbi in Temple research, Volume I evolved from being a general book on the Temple to one specifically on these four corner buildings and all that had been discovered. In addition, the research uncovered another major building directly behind the Temple building. Even though this structure was well documented from the Tanach, Talmud, and Temple Scroll, it had virtually been ignored in all modern-day layouts of the Temple. This required adding several chapters and revisions to all the illustrations and diagrams contained to reflect these findings. Now we are proud to offer a view of the Temple and its workings as never before seen. Beautifully illustrated with over 100 full-color illustrations and diagrams. This second edition has included additional research and minor corrections made to the Hebrew text for accuracy.

The present volume is a highly comprehensive assessment of the postcolonial short story since the thirty-six contributions cover most geographical areas concerned. Another important feature is that it deals not only with exclusive practitioners of the genre (Mansfield, Munro), but also with well-known novelists (Achebe, Armah, Atwood, Carey, Rushdie), so that stimulating comparisons are suggested between shorter and longer works by the same authors. In addition, the volume is of interest for the study of aspects of orality (dialect, dance rhythms, circularity and trickster figure for instance) and of the more or less conflictual relationships between the individual (character or implied author) and the community. Furthermore, the marginalized status of women emerges as another major theme, both as regards the past for white women settlers, or the present for urbanized characters, primarily in Africa and India. The reader will also have the rare pleasure of discovering Janice Kulik Keefer's "Fox," her version of what she calls in her commentary "displaced autobiography" or "creative non-fiction." Lastly, an extensive bibliography on the postcolonial short story opens up further possibilities for research.

The women in this book are not extraordinary or famous, and yet their stories and testimonies, narrated here by one of India's best-known women journalists, provide a passionate, often deeply touching, revelation of what it means to be a woman in India today. The women tell of marriage and widowhood, unfair work practices, sexual servitude, the problems of bearing and rearing children in poverty, religion, discrimination, other forms of exploitation ... Yet they also talk of fulfilling relationships, the joys of marriage and children, the exhilaration of breaking free from the bonds of tradition, ritual, caste, religion ... Interwoven with all this is the story of one woman's journey--of how Anees Jung, the author, brought up in purdah, succeeded in shaking off the restricting influences of her traditional upbringing to become a highly successful, independent career woman, still a comparatively rare phenomenon in India. As such, the book is essential reading for anyone wishing to understand the women of India--the silent majority that is now beginning to make itself heard.

Not Many Readers Of Shashi Deshpande May Be Aware That Her First Experiments In Writing Fiction Started With The Short Story. Over The Years, She Has Published About A Hundred Stories In Literary Journals, Magazines And Newspapers, In Between Writing Her Immensely Popular Novels Which Are Now Read All Over The World, And Taught In Universities Wherever Indian Writing Has An Audience. In This Collection We Find Shashi Deshpande At Her Best, Writing With Subtlety And A Rare Sensitivity About Men And Women Trapped In Relationships And Situations Often Not Of Their Making. The Wife Of A Successful Politician Who Must Look To A Long-Lost Past In Order To Keep Up The Pretence Of Contentment; A Little Girl Who Cannot Comprehend Why The Very Fact Of Her Being Born Is A Curse; A Young Man Whose Fantasy Of Love Drives Him To Murder; A Newly-Wed Couple With Dramatically Differing Views On What It Means To Get To Know Each Other Every One Of The Characters Here Is Delineated With Lucidity And Compassion. Written Over The Past Three Decades, The Stories In This Volume Provide An Insight Into Often Forgotten Aspects Of Human Feelings And Relationships, Weaving A Magical Web Of Emotions That Is Testimony To The Unusual Depth And Range Of Shashi Deshpande S Writing.

English for the Australian Curriculum Book 1 privileges student experience, creative engagement with texts, moments of reflection and deep thinking. Drawing on an inquiry model of learning, it provides opportunities for students to write and create their own texts. Written for the Australian Curriculum, English for the Australian Curriculum Book 1 provides a fully balanced and integrated approach to the study of language, literature and literacy. It actively engages students with texts at a variety of levels:

- Develops language skills at word, sentence and text level, with activities in reading, writing, viewing, creating, listening and speaking
- Encourages student writing across a variety of contexts, for a variety of purposes and for a variety of audiences
- Underlines the importance of visual literacy
- Provides opportunities for students to create their own multimodal texts

Although Indian Women S Short Fiction Has Always Enjoyed Equal Importance And Popularity As Their Novels, Very Little Critical Attention Has Been Paid To It So Far. Indian Women S Short Fiction Seeks To Fulfil This Long Felt Need. It Puts Together Fifteen Perceptive And Analytical Articles By Scholars Across The World. The Articles, Which Are Focussed On Native Indian Writing As Well As Diasporic Short Fiction, Deal With Such Interesting Literary Issues As Construction Of Femininity, Disablement And Enablement, Bengali Heritage, Hybrid Identities, Nostalgia, Representation Of The Partition Violence, Tradition And Modernity, And Cultural Perspectivism. It Is Hoped That The Book Will Prove Useful To Scholars Interested In Short Fiction Studies In General And Indian Women S Short Fiction In Particular.

From the writer of the award-winning Game of Thrones series for HBO based on the books of George R. R. Martin. 'David Benioff is an exceptional storyteller . . . CITY OF THIEVES is tender, illuminating, and, be warned, often shocking.' Khaled Hosseini Four months into the siege of Leningrad, the city is starving. Seventeen-year-old Lev fears for his life when he is arrested for looting the body of a dead German paratrooper, while his charismatic cellmate, Kolya, a handsome young soldier arrested for desertion, seems bizarrely unafraid. Dawn brings, instead of an execution squad, an impossible challenge. Lev and Kolya can find a dozen eggs for an NKVD colonel to use for his daughter's wedding cake, and live. Or fail, and die. In the depths of the coldest winter in history, through a city cut off from all supplies and suffering appalling deprivation, man and boy embark on an absurd hunt. Their search will take them through desolate, lawless Leningrad and the devastated countryside surrounding it, in the captivating journey of two men trying to survive against desperate odds.

Interest in the mother-daughter relationship has never been greater, yet there are few books specifically devoted to the relationships between daughters and mothers of color. To fill that gap, this collection of original essays explores the mother-daughter relationship as it appears in the works of African, African American, Asian American, Mexican American, Native American, Indian, and Australian Aboriginal women writers. Prominent among the writers considered here are Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, Maxine Hong Kingston, Cherrie Moraga, Leslie Marmon Silko, and Amy Tan. Elizabeth Brown-Guillory and the other essayists examine the myths and reality surrounding the mother-daughter relationship in these writers' works. They show how women writers of color often portray the mother-daughter dyad as a love/hate relationship, in which the mother painstakingly tries to convey knowledge of how to survive in a racist, sexist, and classist world while the daughter rejects her mother's experiences as invalid in changing social times. This book represents a further opening of the literary canon to twentieth-century women of color. Like the writings it surveys, it celebrates the joys of breaking silence and moving toward reconciliation and growth.

The first full-length memoirs of a Namboodiri woman, the work reveals little-known facets of a Namboodiri woman's life lived behind closed doors. Told without a trace of self-pity, the work throws interesting sidelights on the social history of a largely insular community.

"Deft and lovely...The perfect weight, in all ways. It's suitable for a vacation, and you can describe it in one inviting line, but then it keeps unfolding and deepening, taking unexpected turns." —The New York Times Book Review To four girls who have nothing, their friendship is everything: they are each other's confidants, teachers, and family. The girls are all named Guinevere—Vere, Gwen, Ginny, and Win—and it is the surprise of finding another Guinevere in their midst that first brings them together. They come to The Sisters of the Supreme Adoration convent by different paths, delivered by their families, each with her own complicated, heartbreaking story that she safeguards. Gwen is all Hollywood glamour and swagger; Ginny is a budding artiste with a sentiment to match; Win's tough bravado isn't even skin deep; and Vere is the only one who seems to be a believer, trying to hold onto her faith that her mother will one day return for her. However, the girls are more than the sum of their parts and together they form the all powerful and confident The Guineveres, bound by the extraordinary coincidence of their names and girded against the indignities of their plain, sequestered lives. The nuns who raise them teach the Guineveres that faith is about waiting: waiting for the mail, for weekly wash day, for a miracle, or for the day they turn eighteen and are allowed to leave the convent. But the Guineveres grow tired of waiting. And so when four comatose soldiers from the War looming outside arrive at the convent, the girls realize that these men may hold their ticket out. In prose shot through with beauty, Sarah Domet weaves together the Guineveres' past, present, and future, as well as the stories of the female saints they were raised on, to capture the wonder and tumult of girlhood and the magical thinking of young women as they cross over to adulthood.

An inspiring architecture and interior design survey of the most stunning courtyard houses of the Asia-Pacific region.

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'The Life of Hinduism' collects a series of essays that present Hinduism as a vibrant, truly 'lived' religion. The text offers a glimpse into the multifaceted world of Hindu worship, life-cycle rites, festivals, performances, gurus, and castes.

Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams offers fascinating insight into The Chronicles of Narnia, the popular series of novels by one of the most influential Christian authors of the modern era, C. S. Lewis. Lewis once referred to certain kinds of book as a "mouthwash for the imagination." This is what he attempted to provide in the Narnia stories, argues Williams: an unfamiliar world in which we could rinse out what is stale in our thinking about Christianity--"which is almost everything," says Williams--and rediscover what it might mean to meet the holy. Indeed, Lewis's great achievement in the Narnia books is just that-he enables readers to encounter the Christian story "as if for the first time." How does Lewis makes fresh and strange the familiar themes of Christian doctrine? Williams points out that, for one, Narnia itself is a strange place: a parallel universe, if you like. There is no "church" in Narnia, no religion even. The interaction between Aslan as a "divine" figure and the inhabitants of this world is something that is worked out in the routines of life itself. Moreover, we are made to see humanity in a fresh perspective, the pride or arrogance of the human spirit is chastened by the revelation that, in Narnia, you may be on precisely the same spiritual level as a badger or a mouse. It is through these imaginative dislocations that Lewis is able to communicate--to a world that thinks it knows what faith is--the character, the feel, of a real experience of surrender in the face of absolute incarnate love. This lucid, learned, humane, and beautifully written book opens a new window onto Lewis's beloved stories, revealing the moral wisdom and passionate faith beneath their perennial appeal.

The book documents the history and morphology of the Ancient City of Aleppo, outlining first the urbanistic development of the city and then focusing on the architectural heritage with specific focus on the domestic architecture, addressing the initiatives to reconstruct and rehabilitate the urban fabric. The author argues in favour of the safeguarding and rehabilitation of the architectural heritage to protect the cultural memory of the inhabitants of Aleppo, despite of the destruction of architecture due to the recent war. Through a capillary documentation of the palimpsest of Aleppo – the peculiar characteristics of its courtyard houses and the neighbourhoods of Bayyada, Bab Quinnesrin and al-Farafra – this is a theoretical and practical handbook for architects, urban planners and restorers alike. Through this analytical discussion of the city's urban fabric, it introduces the concept of the cultural urban landscape acting as a 'cohesive

territorial organism', nourished by different cultures, in which contrasting scales of land, city and neighbourhood are interconnected in a fractal state. With a focus on retaining the uniqueness and diversity of this residential typology, which bore witness to the rich cultural history of Syria and the Middle East as a whole, Neglia maps a future reconstruction that focuses on cultural continuity, tradition and the re-establishment of a crucial social memory. Of particular interest and relevance to cultural heritage experts, urban planners architects and designers. Also, to researchers, scholars and students interested in studies on urban morphology and building typology, UNESCO and ICOMOS. Scholars and students interested in the Middle East. Will also be of significant interest to professionals dealing with the implementation of rehabilitation measures in other cities inscribed on the World Cultural Heritage List, or cities with a sound historic fabric which has been destroyed due to war or other events.

In 1989, the Berlin Wall fell; shortly afterwards the two Germanies reunited, and East Germany ceased to exist. In Stasiland, winner of the 2004 Samuel Johnson Prize, Anna Funder tells extraordinary tales from the underbelly of the former East Germany, a country where the headquarters of the secret police can become a museum literally overnight, and one in fifty East Germans were informing on their countrymen and women. She meets Miriam, who as a sixteen-year-old might have started the Third World War, visits the man who painted the line which became the Berlin Wall and gets drunk with the legendary 'Mik Jegger' of the East, who the authorities once declared - to his face - to 'no longer exist'. Within the divided land of Cumerous, where each city has its own set of laws and rulers, an epic adventure is brewing as a terrific army threatens all life within Cumerous's borders. Cumerous is a land on the world of Vashundhara, where thousands of years ago a war between gods brought about the destruction of all unity between races. This tale begins when Quinn, a sorcerer of deadly magic, uses a huge army to try and conquer Cumerous and a magical land called Nexivian. The races unite when an isolated forest boy, a band of broken mercenaries, two powerful fairies, and a mysterious group of elves, race against time to stop the destruction of their homeland by the hands of Quinn. What no one realizes, however, is that a greater power lies in wait, one that could destroy the world of Vashundhara if not stopped. Within this cloud of chaos steps a lone figure: A prophet. As the last of his race, he might be the only strand of hope the world has left.

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