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This is a concise presentation of the concepts underlying the design of digital communication systems, without the detail that can overwhelm students. Many examples, from the basic to the cutting-edge, show how the theory is used in the design of modern systems and the relevance of this theory will motivate students. The theory is supported by practical algorithms so that the student can perform computations and simulations. Leading edge topics in coding and wireless communication make this an ideal text for students taking just one course on the subject. Fundamentals of Digital Communications has coverage of turbo and LDPC codes in sufficient detail and clarity to enable hands-on implementation and performance evaluation, as well as 'just enough'

information theory to enable computation of performance benchmarks to compare them against. Other unique features include space-time communication and geometric insights into noncoherent communication and equalization. Translations from Hindi, Bengali, Urdu, Tamil and the South sit alongside writing in English, bringing to light the greatest and most engaging writers from India's recent history. With introductions to the writers and their work, this is an eclectic and enlightening anthology of Indian writing. "Gopal, a naive Indian exchange student, goes to America to study chemical engineering. With his absurd notions of the country, Gopal encounters the travails of shopping in departmental stores, the hazards of bar-hopping and of learning the difference between friendship and love the hard way"--Back cover. An NYRB Classics Original Basti is a beautifully written reckoning with the tragic history of Pakistan. Basti means settlement, a common place, and Intizar Husain's extraordinary novel begins with a mythic, even mystic, vision of harmony between old and young, man and woman, Muslim and Hindu. Then Zakir, the hero, wakes to the modern world. Crowds gather. Slogans echo. Cities burn. Whether hunkered down with family or furtively meeting to exchange news with friends in cafés, Zakir is alone in a country lost to the politics of loneliness. Ruskin Bond is an inveterate diarist, but over the years the nature of what he wants to record has changed, for 'In the autumn of my life, I grow reflective'. Although Landour itself is a magical world—where every month has its own flower, every walker his own style, and the countryside is filled with a beauty all its own—in his mind Bond ranges further afield. In Landour Days, he ponders on the experience of being a writer, on writers he has known and those that he loves reading, and on critics, handwriting and

typewriters. Filled with warmth and gentle humour, *Landour Days* captures the timeless rhythm of life in the mountains, and the serene wisdom of one of India's best-loved writers. Innocent and unremarkable, but for his near crippling obsession with sex and running, Bhola goes through life falling for the wrong people. When he marries and becomes a father, Bhola believes he has come close to achieving balance in his chaotic life. Until suddenly his past catches up with him and threatens to destroy his happiness. 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. A native of Bombay, Suketu Mehta gives us an insider's view of this stunning metropolis. He approaches the city from unexpected angles, taking us into the criminal underworld of rival Muslim and Hindu gangs, following the life of a bar dancer raised amid poverty and abuse, opening the door into the inner sanctums of Bollywood, and delving into the stories of the countless villagers who come in search of a better life and end up living on the sidewalks. As each individual story unfolds, Mehta also recounts his own efforts to make a home in Bombay after more than twenty years abroad. Candid, impassioned, funny, and heartrending, *Maximum City* is a revelation of an ancient and ever-changing world. Agastya Sen, known to friends by the English name August, is a child of the Indian elite. His friends go to Yale and Harvard. August himself has just landed a prize government job. The job takes him to Madna, "the hottest town in India," deep in the sticks. There he finds himself surrounded by incompetents and cranks, time wasters, bureaucrats, and crazies. What to do? Get stoned, shirk work, collapse in the heat, stare at the ceiling. Dealing with the locals turns out to be a lot easier for August than living with himself. English, August is a comic masterpiece from contemporary India. Like *A Confederacy of Dunces* and *The Catcher in the Rye*, it is both an inspired and hilarious satire and a timeless story of self-discovery. This book can be downloaded as a PDF

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file from here. Brutalities inherent in a feudal language social system. This is another book that should necessarily be read by the citizens of the new nations of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. All false and fancy beliefs of a great and noble civilisation in their antiquity will evaporate into thin air. This book contains real incidences that took place during the so-called First War of Independence in India(?), the so-called Sepoy Mutiny. Sepoy Mutiny was just that. Just a mutiny in a small area of the Indian Peninsula and English-ruled India. It was not a national struggle against the English rule. The real reasons for this outbreak against a very noble class of rulers is never mentioned in the modern history books. The real reason was the sociological changes that the presence of the English race was creating in the peninsula. The very seeing of the physical attributes and dignified stances of the English individuals were making the lower class people here aware of the potential and possibilities of human dignity if allowed to improve without fetters. However, this kind of mental improvement in the lower classes can be quite enervating to the higher feudal classes, who hold their serfs in the non-tangible, yet quite crushing claws of feudal language codes. These codes hold the lower classes in a level of dirt and indignity by a web of pejorative and ennobling words and usages. This makes the higher class conspire to make use of the very liberated classes to pull down their own benefactors. In fact, this is not the first time, the English side was made the butt of similar brutal massacres. In the TRAVANCORE STATE MANUAL written by a native official of the erstwhile Travancore kingdom located at the southern tip of the Indian peninsula another similar incident is mentioned. But the Pillamars and Madampimars (petty chiefs) resented this act of the Rani, and in November 1697 A.D., the factory of Anjengo was violently attacked on the plea that the English were pirates, but without success. Mr. Logan writes: — "It may however be doubted whether this, their ostensible reason, was the true one, for as will presently appear, the presence of the English in Travancore was gradually leading to a revolution in that State" In this award-winning novel, Tharoor has masterfully recast the two-thousand-year-old epic, *The Mahabharata*, with fictional but highly recognizable events and

characters from twentieth-century Indian politics. Nothing is sacred in this deliciously irreverent, witty, and deeply intelligent retelling of modern Indian history and the ancient Indian epic The Mahabharata. Alternately outrageous and instructive, hilarious and moving, it is a dazzling tapestry of prose and verse that satirically, but also poignantly, chronicles the struggle for Indian freedom and independence. For children and changing families who have two unique homes. Peek into the simplest solutions for understanding one of life's most difficult moments--separation. When Keya's parents stopped living together, unusual things happened. Keya became the only girl in her class with two homes. 'Where will you live?' 'Who will you live with?' 'Sometimes Mama, ' Keya said, 'sometimes Papa!' This heart-warming story with comforting pictures reassures young readers that parents, whether alone or together, are always there for them. Mama and Papa are always wonderful together. Perhaps, they will be wonderful separately too? The story of Desdemona from Shakespeare's Othello is re-imagined by Nobel Prize laureate Toni Morrison, Malian singer and songwriter Rokia Traoré, and acclaimed stage director Peter Sellars. Morrison's response to Othello is an intimate dialogue of words and music between Desdemona and her African nurse Barbary. Morrison gives voice and depth to the female characters, letting them speak and sing in the fullness of their hearts. Desdemona is an extraordinary narrative of words, music and song about Shakespeares doomed heroine, who speaks from the grave about the traumas of race, class, gender, war and the transformative power of love. Toni Morrison transports one of the most iconic, central, and disturbing treatments of race in Western culture into the new realities and potential outcomes facing a rising generation of the 21st century. Rajmohan's Wife and Sultana's Dream (1864/1908) features the debut novel of Indian writer Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and a story by Bengali writer, feminist, and educator Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain. Rajmohan's Wife, Chattopadhyay's only work in English, launched his career as a leading Bengali intellectual and political figure. Written in English, Sultana's Dream originated as a way of passing time for its young author while her husband was away on work. Initially

published in The Indian Ladies Magazine, Sultana's Dream helped establish Rokeya's reputation as a leading figure in Bengali arts and culture. Rajmohan's Wife is the story of Matangini, a beautiful woman married to a violent, jealous man. Unable to marry the man she loves—who happens to be her own sister's husband—she settles for the villainous Rajmohan, an abusive man who rules his middle-class Bengali household with an iron fist. With the help of her friend Kanak, Matangini does her best to avoid her husband's wrath, illuminating the importance of solidarity among women faced with oppression. Vindictive and cruel, Rajmohan secretly enacts a plan to rob Madhav, his brother-in-law, in order to obtain and invalidate a will. Sultana's Dream is set in Ladyland is a feminist utopia ruled by women, a perfect civilization with no need for men, who remain secluded and without power. Free to develop their own society, women have invented flying cars, perfected farming to the point where no one must work, and harnessed the energy of the sun. With men under control, there is no longer fear, crime, or violence. Ultimately, Ladyland is a world made to mirror our own, a satirical exploration of the absolute power wielded by men over women, and a political critique of Bengali society at large. Sultana's Dream is more than a science fiction story; it is an act of resistance made by a woman who would shape the lives of her people through advocacy, education, and activism for generations to come. With a beautifully designed cover and professionally typeset manuscript, this edition of Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain's Rajmohan's Wife and Sultana's Dream is a classic of Bengali literature and utopian science fiction reimagined for modern readers. A Fascinating Portrayal Of Life In An Indian Middle-Class Family By The Best-Selling Author Of English, August Upamanyu Chatterjee S Second Novel Brilliantly Recreates Life In An Average Indian Family At The End Of The Twentieth Century. Jamun, The Central Character, Is A Young Man, Unmarried, Adrift. He Stays Away From His Family, Which Comprises His Parents, Urmila And Shyamanand, His Elder Brother, Burfi, His Sister-In-Law, Joyce, His Two Nephews And The Children S Ayah. Jamun Returns To The Family When His Mother Is Hospitalized. Once There, He Decides To Stay On Until

One Of His Ailing Parent Dies. He Barely Admits To Himself That There Is Another, Probably Stronger, Reason For His Extended Stay In The Family Home-An Old Friend Kasturi, Now Married And Pregnant, Who Has Returned To The City (That She Associates With Jamun) . . . Flitting Back And Forth In Time And Space, And Writing In A Language Of Unsurpassed Richness And Power, Upamanyu Chatterjee Presents A Funny, Bitterly Accurate And Vivid Portrait Of The Awesome Burden Of Family Ties. Agastya Sen, known to friends by the English name August, is a child of the Indian elite. His friends go to Yale and Harvard. August himself has just landed a prize government job. The job takes him to Madna, "the hottest town in India," deep in the sticks. There he finds himself surrounded by incompetents and cranks, time wasters, bureaucrats, and crazies. What to do? Get stoned, shirk work, collapse in the heat, stare at the ceiling. Dealing with the locals turns out to be a lot easier for August than living with himself. English, August is a comic masterpiece from contemporary India. Like *A Confederacy of Dunces* and *The Catcher in the Rye*, it is both an inspired and hilarious satire and a timeless story of self-discovery. Eighty-five and half paralysed, Shyamanand is on his deathbed when he goes missing. His apparent refusal to meet death in the expected way calm and accepting and lying down is a cause for great anguish to his son Jamun, who leads a life of quiet desperation, trying to balance feelings of despair and resignation since the suicide of his friend and neighbour Dr Mukherjee. After their father disappears, Jamun and his brother Burfi reconnect in their old home that builder Lobhesh Monga has his eyes on. In their quest to find out what happened to Shyamanand, they find a path out of desolation, even as TV executive Kasturi, Jamun's former lover and mother of his only child, is busy recycling the more melodramatic moments of Jamun's life for the blockbuster Hindi soap *Cheers Zindagi*. In powerful, austere prose shot through with black humour, Upamanyu Chatterjee has produced an intensely moving examination of family ties and the redemptive power of love, however imperfect, in the midst of death and degeneration. Corrosive, funny, and frightening--one of the year's most absorbing first novels "My general incompetence and laziness at work

had been apparent for so long that I now think it was arrogant of Mr. Gupta to pick me as his money man. I am the type of person who does not make sure that a file includes all the pages it must have or that the pages are in the right order. I refuse to accept even properly placed blame, lying outright that somebody else misplaced the completed forms or spilled tea on them, even though I was the last one to sign them out, or had the soggy papers still on my desk." As an inspector for the Physical Education Department in the Delhi school system, Ram Karan supports his widowed daughter and eight-year-old granddaughter by collecting bribes for a small-time Congress Party boss. On the eve of Rajiv Gandhi's assassination, one reckless act bares the lifetime of violence and sexual shame behind Ram's dingy public career and involves him in a farcical, but terrifying, political campaign that could cost him his life. An astonishing character study, a portrait of a family--and a country--tormented by the past, Akhil Sharma's *An Obedient Father* recalls Dostoyevsky's guilt-ridden anti-heroes in this fully formed debut novel. Ravan and Eddie are the unlikeliest of companions. For one thing, Ravan is Hindu, while Eddie is Catholic. For another, when Ravan was a baby and fell from a balcony, that fall had a dramatic, and very literal, impact on Eddie's family. But Ravan and Eddie both live in Central Works Department Chawl No. 17—and if you grow up in the crowded Mumbai chawls, you get to participate in your neighbors' lives, whether you like it or not. As we watch the two unlikely heroes of Kiran Nagarkar's acclaimed novel rocket out of the starting blocks of their lives, leaving earth-mothers and absentee fathers, cataclysms and rock 'n' roll in their wake, we're compelled to sit up and take notice. Recently selected by *The Guardian* as one of the ten best novels about Mumbai, *Ravan and Eddie* is a comic masterpiece about two larger- and truer-than-life characters and their bawdy, Rabelaisian adventures in postcolonial India. It is also a timeless journey of self-discovery, a quest for the meaning of guilt and responsibility, sin and sex, crime and punishment. BOOKER PRIZE WINNER • From the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, here is "an intricate and dazzling novel" (*The New York Times*) about the perfect butler and his fading, insular world in

post-World War II England. This is Kazuo Ishiguro's profoundly compelling portrait of a butler named Stevens. Stevens, at the end of three decades of service at Darlington Hall, spending a day on a country drive, embarks as well on a journey through the past in an effort to reassure himself that he has served humanity by serving the "great gentleman," Lord Darlington. But lurking in his memory are doubts about the true nature of Lord Darlington's "greatness," and much graver doubts about the nature of his own life. A History of the Indian Novel in English traces the development of the Indian novel from its beginnings in the late nineteenth century up until the present day. Beginning with an extensive introduction that charts important theoretical contributions to the field, this History includes extensive essays that shed light on the legacy of English in Indian writing. Organized thematically, these essays examine how English was "made Indian" by writers who used the language to address specifically Indian concerns. Such concerns revolved around the question of what it means to be modern as well as how the novel could be used for anti-colonial activism. By the 1980s, the Indian novel in English was a global phenomenon, and India is now the third largest publisher of English-language books. Written by a host of leading scholars, this History invites readers to question conventional accounts of India's literary history. the dynamically creative role of the ascetic and mystic within Hinduism. Contributed articles. This Book Is A Marvellously Intelligent And Entertaining Novel, And Especially Fascinating For Anyone Curious About Modern India. A Schoolboy's Diary brings together more than seventy of Robert Walser's strange and wonderful stories, most never before available in English. Opening with a sequence from Walser's first book, "Fritz Kocher's Essays," the complete classroom assignments of a fictional boy who has met a tragically early death, this selection ranges from sketches of uncomprehending editors, overly passionate readers, and dreamy artists to tales of devilish adultery, sexual encounters on a train, and Walser's service in World War I. Throughout, Walser's careening, confounding, delicious voice holds the reader transfixed. The five stories in 'Science Fiction in Colonial India, 1835-1905' speculate about utopian and dystopian

futures. They represent the earliest Indian science fiction, imagining futures ranging from an end-of-the-world deluge to violent revolution to feminist utopia. For a long time - too long - the mirror that India held to its face was made elsewhere. 'What writer about the country would you recommend I read?' first-time travellers to India would ask, and in the late twentieth century the answer was still Forster or Naipaul or even the long-dead Kipling. In fiction, that changed with Rushdie. Now it has changed in all kinds of non-fiction. Narrative history, reportage, memoir, biography, the travel account: all have their gifted exponents in a country perfecting its own frank gaze. In this special issue, Aman Sethi's 'Love Jihad' gives us insight into the riots, religious fractiousness, mob mentality and political manipulations that have come to define day-to-day life in Uttar Pradesh; Samanth Subramanian investigates the legacy of postcolonialism among Mumbai's elite at one of the city's oldest exclusive clubs; Raghu Karnad reveals the secret and terrible history of a great Delhi monument; Amitava Kumar brings us with him into a richly detailed world of grief at his mother's funeral pyre on the banks of the Ganges; and Sam Miller follows Gandhi's footsteps through Victorian London. Photographer Gauri Gill and artist Rajesh Vangad take a fresh look at an Indian village and embellish its present with its past, and Katherine Boo introduces the photographs that helped her write Behind the Beautiful Forevers. Hari Kunzru imagines an Indian future where inequality is taken to an all-too-imaginable extreme; the 'English Summer' of 1985 is brought to life in an excerpt from Amit Chaudhuri's *Odysseus Abroad*; and Anjali Joseph invites us into the mind of an ageing cobbler as he splices together the loose strands of his memories. *Granta 130: India* features more fiction by Upamanyu Chatterjee, Deepti Kapoor, Kalpana Narayanan, Vivek Shanbhag, Neel Mukherjee; a story by one of India's finest - and unduly neglected - prose writers, Arun Kolatkar; and poetry by Tishani Doshi, Anjum Hasan, Vinod Kumar Shukla and Karthika Nar. Nirip on the cusp of fifty is not happy with his life. His father is an ogre and his mother a witch. He is not happy with that either. His sort of half-sister is a sort of half-man. A really close relative turns out to be a serial killer. He is not happy sleeping with his chauffeur's wife. Neither is

she. Then, for his amusement, his father arranges a cricket match between rival dacoit teams in which some of the players are shot dead. Who could be happy in such circumstances? Days before his fiftieth birthday, with Nirip still wondering whether he should go ahead and have himself kidnapped so that he can make some money, he discovers, most unexpectedly, that he is not the biological child of his parents. Witty, macabre, sad, cruel, unforgivingly insightful, *Fairy Tales at Fifty* is part adventure tale, part nightmare, part acid trip--and throughout a triumph of fiction. The journal *Civil Lines* was conceived in the 1990s to publish the best new Indian writing in English. The first issue (1994) soon garnered a cult readership with works by writers like Arvind Krishna Mehrotra, Ramachandra Guha and I. Allan Sealy. Claiming the magazine's irregularity itself as a guarantee of quality, *Civil Lines* continued issues erratically. It encouraged a new wave of Indian English writers and laid the ground for, among others, Ruchir Joshi, Siddhartha Deb, Suketu Mehta, Amitava Kumar, and Manjula Padmanabhan, who went on to become established writers. Ramachandra Guha's first brilliant essay, a five-finger exercise in literary anthropology which appeared in the inaugural issue, and Amitav Ghosh's reflective essay on the Indian practice of the short story as well as a wonderfully fluent translation of one of Tagore's most famous tales, *Kshudhita Pashan* (*The Hunger of Stones*). This volume, edited by Rukun Advani (one of the four original editors), brings together the finest essays, stories, and poems in the first five issues of *Civil Lines*, all of which are now out of print and hard to come by. For anyone interested in the finest recent Indian writing in English, this is the book to possess. Young Ramchand rushes through the dusty streets of Amritsar, once again late for work. Chastised by his boss, he takes his place among the cottons and silks of the sari shop, selling yards of cloth to the wealthy and fashionable women of the town. Offered a glimpse of a more opulent world, Ramchand is seduced by the idea that he might somehow better himself. But making dreams real will come at a price that a poor shop assistant might not be able to pay ... Funny, compelling and unflinchingly honest, *The Sari Shop* is a heartbreaking story of a young man's struggle to be

someone else and a brilliantly clear-sighted debut. After decades of imperfect secularism, presided over by an often corrupt Congress establishment, Nehru's diverse republic has yielded to Hindu nationalism. India is collapsing under the weight of its own contradictions. Since 2014, the ruling BJP has unleashed forces that are irreversibly transforming the country. Indian democracy, honed over decades, is now the chief enabler of Hindu extremism. Bigotry has been ennobled as a healthy form of self-assertion, and anti-Muslim vitriol has deluged the mainstream, with religious minorities living in terror of a vengeful majority. Congress now mimics Modi; other parties pray for a miracle. In this blistering critique of India from Indira Gandhi to the present, Komireddi lays bare the cowardly concessions to the Hindu right, convenient distortions of India's past and demeaning bribes to minorities that led to Modi's decisive electoral victory. If secularists fail to reclaim the republic from Hindu nationalists, Komireddi argues, India will become Pakistan by another name. *The Illustrated Foods of India* contains a wealth of information on the food materials, food ethos, cuisine, and recipes of India. Drawing up material from a range of sources - literature, archaeology, epigraphic records, anthropology, philology, and botanical and genetic studies - the book details the history of Indian food from the prehistoric times through British rule till date. Arranged in alphabetical order, the book is profusely illustrated with line drawings and photographs. On the lives of devotees of Siva (Hindu deity). Stories and excerpts of novels from India since the country attained its independence in 1947. The subjects range from religious strife, to the assault on the senses of the many people one is surrounded by. What is it that can be your strength, your weakness, your nemesis, or your identity? *Relationships. It Happens—Stories of Human Relationships* is a collection about people and their interactions that define the world we live in, either themselves or in the manner they influence us. These stories will make you live the characters and experience their relationships. You can almost reach out and touch someone familiar, remember a similar guilt or a deep sigh, a know-it-all smirk or a wide smile. So, go ahead, immerse yourself, and let your

emotions go on a roller-coaster ride. And prepare to get surprised. Suvarnadvipa comprises Malay Peninsula and Sumatra, Java, Borneo and Bali islands. These places came under the influence of Indian civilization, in remote past and gradually flourished into powerful empires, rich both in material attainments and cultural refinements. The history and culture of these places are both interesting and culture of these places are both interesting and instructive. Apart from the importance of these regions in themselves, the study of Indian civilization must be regarded imperfect as long as the achievements of Indians and local people who imbibed Indian culture in the Far East, are not taken into account. But very little about these regions was known till Dr. R.C. Majumdar drew our attention to this field of research through his pioneering works in India. Suvarnadvipa in two volumes is the fruit of one of his painstaking researches. The author has used all the available material brought to light by the Dutch savants and all native and foreign sources, viz. accounts of Chinese travellers and Arab historians and

geographers. He has interpreted various stories that throw light on the spread of Hinduism and Buddhism in Java, Bali, and Borneo and studied and used local inscriptions as source materials. He deals with the Sailendra Empire and later Indo-Javanese empires with fullness and care. It is an interesting theme told in an interesting manner. The first volume is devoted to the study of the political history upto the downfall of the Hindu kingdoms in Suvarnadvipa, while the second volume deals with the cultural history. Subjects covered by the second volume are law and socio-economic conditions, literature, religions, use of Sanskrit, art and architecture in different ancient sites, etc. The value of the work has been enhanced by seventy-five plates of illustrations. In This Sequel To Upamanyu Chatterjee S Debut Novel, English, August, Agastya Sen-Older, Funnier, More Beleaguered, Almost Endearing-And Some Of His Friends Are Back. Comic And Kafkaesque, The Mammaries Of The Welfare State Is A Masterwork Of Satire By A Major Writer At The Height Of His Powers.