

The Indian page-turners

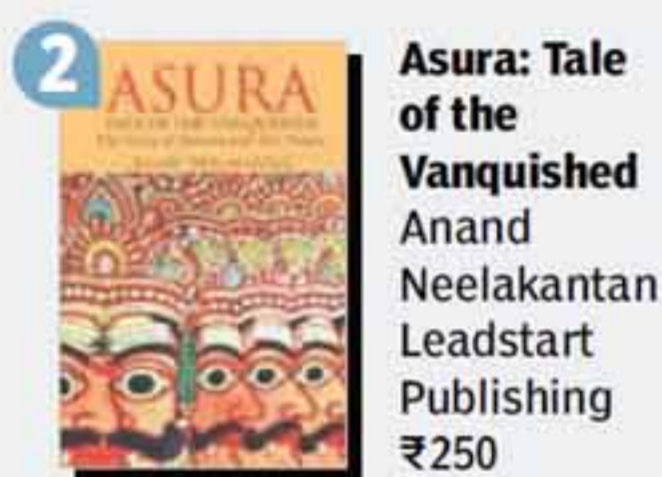
We take a look at the top 10 fiction and non-fiction books that kept readers in India hooked this year

FICTION



1 The Krishna Key
Ashwin Sanghi
Westland
₹250
Pp 485

A murderer who executes his schemes in the name of God is the first clue to a conspiracy to expose an ancient secret—Krishna's legacy to mankind.



2 Asura: Tale of the Vanquished
Anand Neelakantan
Leadstart Publishing
₹250
Pp 500

Asura is about the vanquished Asura people, a story cherished by India's outcastes for 3,000 years.



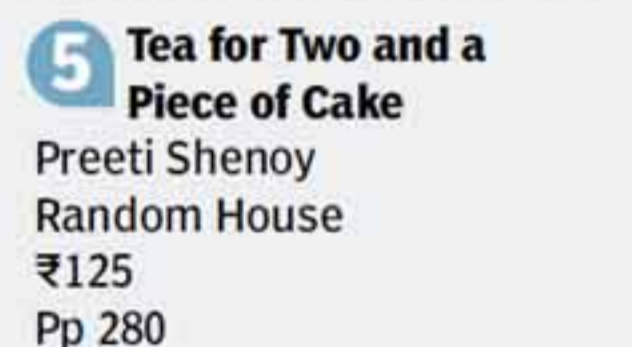
3 The Bankster
Ravi Subramanian
Rupa
₹250
Pp 364

A series of murders threaten to destroy the reputation of Greater Boston Global Bank. Who is behind these killings, and what is their motive?



4 Narcopolis
Jeet Thayil
Penguin
₹499
Pp 304

Written in poetic and affecting prose, Jeet Thayil's luminous debut novel charts the evolution of a great and broken metropolis across three decades.



5 Tea for Two and a Piece of Cake
Preeti Shenoy
Random House
₹125
Pp 280

This book talks about the fickle nature of relationships, and how they may come to an abrupt end at any time.



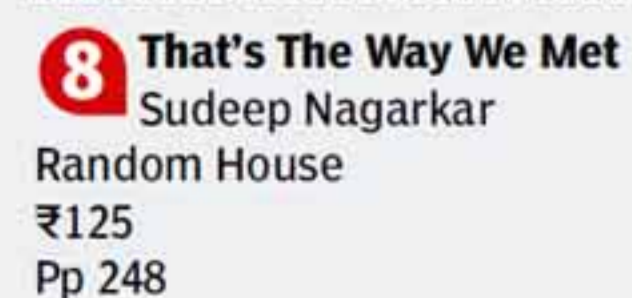
6 God Save the Dork
Sidin Vadukut
Penguin
₹199
Pp 248

The story revolves around a management executive, fresh out of management school, trying to claw his way up the corporate ladder.



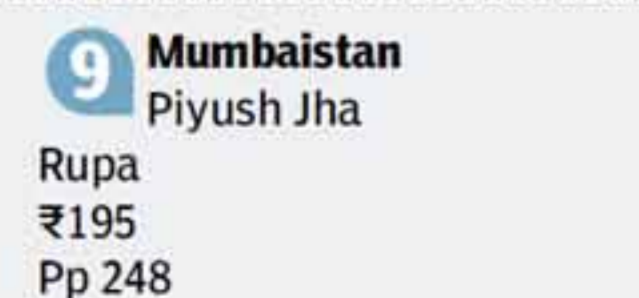
7 Sethji
Shobhaa De
Penguin
₹250
Pp 304

Exposing the dark, venal heart of Indian politics, *Sethji* is a novel about ambition, greed and above all trust.



8 That's The Way We Met
Sudeep Nagarkar
Random House
₹125
Pp 248

From the rush of Mumbai and Delhi to the beauty of Manali, this is a journey through life and love.



9 Mumbaistan
Piyush Jha
Rupa
₹195
Pp 248

Mumbaistan unravels the subterranean secrets of the maximum city from Dharavi to the Bandra high-rises.



10 Can Love Happen Twice?
Ravinder Singh
Penguin
₹125
Pp 224

Does cupid strike just once, or can we fall in love again with someone else? This is the novel's central theme.

NON-FICTION



1 The Day I Stopped Drinking Milk
Sudha Murty
Penguin
₹199
Pp 224

This is a collection of real-life, extraordinary stories about ordinary people's lives that will delight readers of all ages.



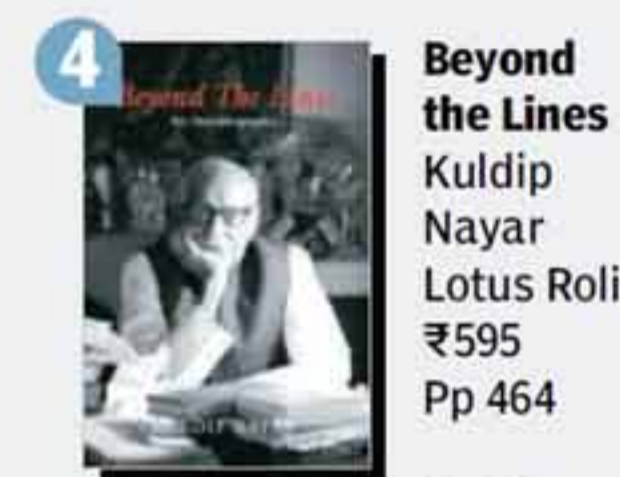
2 What Young India Wants
Chetan Bhagat
Rupa
₹140
Pp 181

In his latest book, Bhagat asks hard questions, demands answers and presents solutions for a more prosperous India.



3 Day to Day Economics
Sathish Y Deodhar
Random House
₹299
Pp 232

An enjoyable and extremely user-friendly book that explains modern-day Indian economy to the layperson.



4 Beyond the Lines
Kuldeep Nayar
Lotus Roli
₹595
Pp 464

Kuldeep Nayar's autobiography takes us on a journey through India's story of a nation working on its foreign policy, development plans, relations with neighbouring countries and dealing with coalition politics, among others.



5 India Grows at Night
Gurcharan Das
Allen Lane (Penguin)
₹599
Pp 320

What India needs, Das says, is a strong liberal state. One that would have the authority to take quick, decisive action and be accountable to people.



6 From the Ruins of Empire
Pankaj Mishra
Allen Lane (Penguin)
₹699
Pp 368

From Pankaj Mishra, comes a provocative account of how China, India and the Muslim world are remaking the world in their own image.



7 Jinnah vs Gandhi
Roderick Matthews
Hachette India
₹499
Pp 336

A chronicle of the incredible similarities and ultimate differences between the two leaders, as their admirers and detractors would have it and as they actually were.



8 Eat.delete
Pooja Makhija
HarperCollins
₹199
Pp 244

A leading nutritionist gives a combined mind-body weight loss solution.



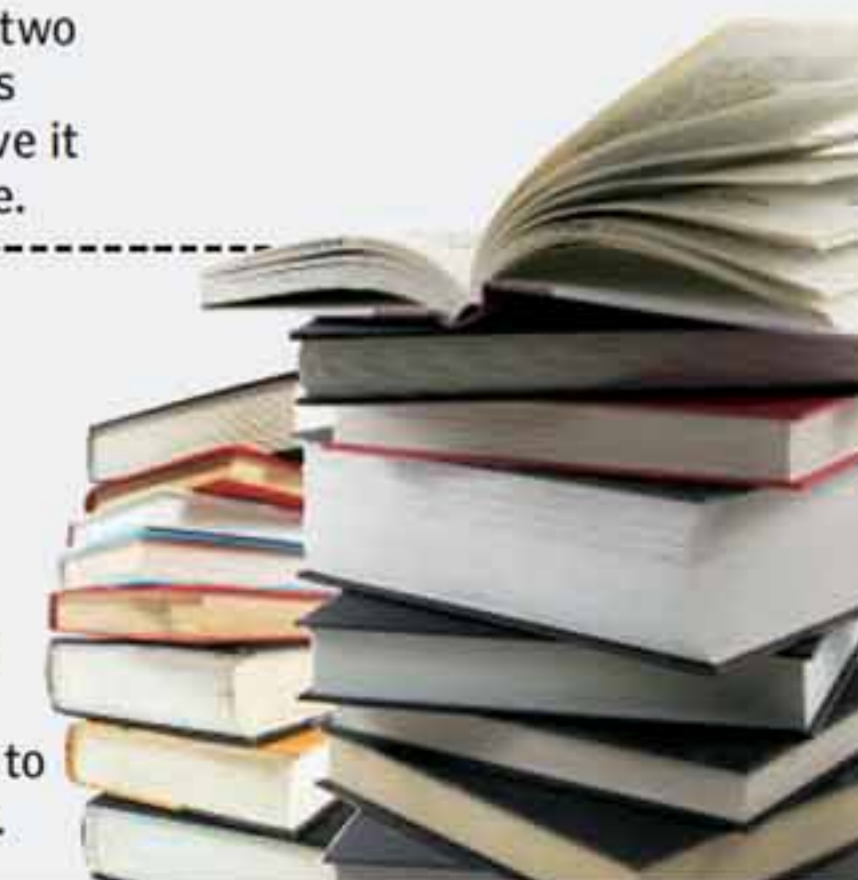
9 Dongri to Dubai
S Hussain Zaidi
Lotus Roli
₹350
Pp 408

Chronicling the history of the Mumbai mafia, it provides an in-depth account of the mafia's warfare.



10 Get To The Top
Suhel Seth
Random House
₹399
Pp 204

Seth advises on how one can use the qualities of trust, respect and loyalty to increase one's self-worth.



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