

34 Bubblegums And Candies Preeti Shenoy

When a stranger stops to help her while she is stranded on the road during a bad storm, Karen Harding enters a realm of terror and hopelessness when her so-called "savior" takes her hostage, keeping her captive in the darkness as he prepares to kill her. Original.

House of Cards is the story of Mridula, a bright young woman with enormous enthusiasm for life who hails from a Karnataka village. A chance meeting with Sanjay, a talented but impoverished doctor, leads to love—and the couple marry and settle in Bangalore. The more Mridula sees of the world, the more she realizes how selfish and materialistic people can be. But she does not take the ups and downs of life to heart, and lives each day with positive energy. Trouble brews when Sanjay quits his government job and starts an immensely successful private practice. With affluence comes the never-ending ambition for more, and the inevitable slide into corrupt practices. For a long time, Mridula has no idea that Sanjay has sold his soul; when the truth hits her, she has no recourse but to walk out on him. But can she really find a space of her own? This intricately woven novel explores human relationships in telling detail, and holds up a mirror to our society with candour and with conviction.

Mahabharata, one of the greatest epics in the history of civilization, from multiple vantages:-The inevitability of Kurukshetra war-Kunti's death and Lakshagraha-The sacrifice of Bheema's wife Hidimba-The perspective of foot soldiers and dasis-Krishna's life experiences and their relation to his utterance of Geeta-Shalya, the uncle of Nakul and Sahadeva, siding with the Kauravas-The rage of Rudravata Ashwatthama and many others... ¿ This book is a tribute to Krishna Dwaipayana Vyasa, the original one. This is just an interpretation of what he had created. This is just a footnote in the rich history of our civilization which is full of stories that continue to cast magic upon us. This is Mahabharata. ... Refreshingly different because it examines from multiple perspectives the motivations, obligations, dilemmas and feelings of characters as they are drawn into this internecine war- Ashok Soota A lot of grey than black and white ¿ Heroes falter and villains triumph ¿ one of the most insightful recollection of the past- A.S. Singh Ex-Member Secretary Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) Mahabharata is such a great narrative ¿ recreating it with a contemporary façade is a huge challenge ¿ The Myth of Hastinapur faces this challenge wonderfully well and turns it into a great reading - V.N. Rai Eminent Author & Columnist (Hindustan) Retired IPS & Ex-Vice Chancellor A compelling story, imaginatively told- Sujit Bhattacharyya Co-founder and COO, CL Educate Ltd. (parent company of 'Career Launcher') IIT-IIM Alumnus

Ranging from the 19th to the 20th centuries, this wonderfully wide-ranging and enjoyable anthology includes Poe, Chekhov, Joyce, Kafka, Faulkner, Pirandello, Mann, and other major writers of world literature.

Puja, 19, chaotic, unorganized, energetic, a baffling puzzle to her family. Her philosophy? Life is just too complicated; only a small group of super achievers have it figured out. Her strict mother sends her to a remote rural location in Kerala and Puja has to spend her summer vacation doing voluntary work. Arush, 20, studious, careful, shy. Born and raised in Britain, he is elated when he gets chosen for an International program to spend twelve weeks in India. Here's an opportunity to explore his roots. When Puja and Arush meet, all they can think of is how unbelievably different the other one is. But with choppy internet and no other distractions, they start getting to know each other and slowly fall in love. But falling in love and staying in love are not the same thing. When disaster strikes, they are embroiled in a dangerous situation that spirals out of control. Puja is forced to confront the harsh realities of life while Arush realises that India is not always the picture-perfect postcard he presumed it was. Desperately fighting to expose the truth and save themselves, what happens to their love? Is it strong enough to survive forces that threaten to destroy it? Is it deep enough to drown their own doubts? Sometimes you have to travel far to find your true self. A gripping novel from Preeti Shenoy, about love and discovery.

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Have you ever experienced what happens when a porn movie is mistakenly played in front of your grandma and the CD player refuses to stop? Have you ever experienced what happens when mixture of vodka and soft drink is served to hundreds of people gathered for a party? Have you ever experienced what happens when a boy is kicked in the groin by a girl when he attempts to kiss her? Have you ever experienced what happens when a college-going student has an affair with a married woman whose husband carts a gun? Have you ever experienced what happens when you are conspired into a murder that you had merely witnessed? Welcome to hilarious story of five friends named Raj (the flirt chap), Arti (the sweet female lead), Andy (the creepy leader), and Sam (the biggest problem of Raj's messed up life). These people can answer all the above questions in this fun tickling novel. Are you ready to experience the roller coaster ride of events? If yes, then sit back and enjoy!

Life is a collection of moments, some memorable and some mundane. Often it is the tiniest things that bring the greatest joy, even though at that time, we have no idea that what we are witnessing may be magical, something that we will talk about and laugh over after many years. Packed with her hilarious narratives, poignant observations and a writing style loved by millions across the world, this book is certain to strike a chord with anybody who has children or who has been a child, themselves! For those who have read 34 Bubblegums and Candies, this is a new version, with many additional stories. For others, it is a heart-warming, hilarious, and inspiring collection of true anecdotes from the author's life, telling us to Love A Little Stronger, no matter what happens.

There are some people who can never come straight to a point. If you ask them a simple question like what is the time? They would probably reply, "Time! This is the most horrible time of my life. My father is not sending me more money, I can't understand any damn thing in the lectures, no girl ever seems to be interested in me and the hostel food is pathetic. It is the worst time of my life." In short, this book is like a 'handbook of everyday humour'. It is based on observation of funny tendencies in people and then creating fictional caricatures and anecdotes around them. The tendency of beating around the mulberry bush has been converted into a fictional character called 'Simon Satellite'. And yes, there are many more such characters and anecdotes, served With a Pinch of Salt...

Reinventing yourself is harder when you don't remember who you were Seventeen-year-old Kalindi wakes up in hospital with no recollection of how she got there. But that's not the only thing she doesn't remember: Her whole memory has been wiped clean. How? The doctors can only speculate. Kalindi doesn't know what happened to her and worse- she doesn't know who she is. She enters her own life as if for the first time. Feeling like an invader, she meets her parents, friends and boyfriend. Everybody says her life was perfect, but she's having a hard time accepting who she was, and the kind of person she wanted to be. She's also got boards to pass-but she doesn't remember anything she learned! And the recurrent nightmares don't make it any easier. Nobody knows what happened to her. Can she have a peaceful present and future, without a past? Can she just

live in the here and now?

Etiquette is a code of behaviour that helps people get on with one another. It provides guidelines on courteous, considerate behaviour in personal and professional life. Each culture has its own system of etiquette, based on its values and principles. So, a proper behaviour in one culture may be improper in another. This book is a guide to etiquette at home, at office, during travel and for various other occasions. Proper behaviour helps a person become popular and well-liked. So buy this book, read it, internalise it and become popular!

Rachel, Max, and their daughter Ellie had the perfect life—until the night Rachel's heart stopped beating. She was thirty-six. Just as her family can't forget her, Rachel can't quite let go of them either. Caught in a place between worlds, Rachel watches helplessly as she begins to fade from their lives. This fresh debut novel touches on the various stages of bereavement, from denial to acceptance. As Max and Ellie work through their grief, Rachel too struggles to come to terms with her death. And as her husband starts to date again, Rachel realizes that one day Max will find love, and that Ellie will have a new mother figure in her life. *The Dead Wife's Handbook* is a heartwarming and touching book, very commercial in its approach and a compelling read. It will touch a wide readership, and is a perfect read for fans of the bestseller *The Lovely Bones*. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade, Yucca, and Good Books imprints, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in fiction—novels, novellas, political and medical thrillers, comedy, satire, historical fiction, romance, erotic and love stories, mystery, classic literature, folklore and mythology, literary classics including Shakespeare, Dumas, Wilde, Cather, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

The book is a story about 2 best friends Atul and Anmol who are committed to fulfill their dreams and support each other to the fullest. Atul's dream is to become a musician while Anmol wants his best friend to succeed without fail. Life takes a U-turn when Atul ended their friendship abruptly and they both parted ways. Not being able to resist the pain of separation, Anmol searches for his best friend after 2 years to get answers to various questions unanswered. The story will help people to understand and support the dreams of their near and dear ones and how it can impact people's life only by caring about their dreams. The book also questions the rigid and senseless mindset of society. The book has conveyed an indirect message while sharing many funny incidents along the way. Would they be able to fight the odds and achieve their dreams? Where would Anmol find Atul? Would they be friends again? Find out whose life has been like 'The Broken Guitar'

He is ten years old and confined to a wheelchair. But that's not his identity. To the world, he is India's youngest patent holder for inventing variants of chess for six, twelve and sixty players. Have you heard of the Army Major who was declared dead in the Kargil war, but is India's first blade runner today? Do you think a woman without hands can be one of India's leading painters? What is the first thought that comes to your mind when you see a differently-abled person? Pity? Sympathy? The real-life success stories of fifteen differently-abled people charted in *Because Life is a Gift* will make you think otherwise. You will sense pride replace all feelings of pity and sympathy for they have fought against all odds to achieve their dreams. This book is a tribute to their courage, passion and zest for life. They will challenge your notion of the impossible. They will inspire you to live life to the fullest, because life is truly a gift.

'Listen, Michael. This is serious. This is your best chance to help me ...us. If you waste this, it's all over.' 'What's all over?' 'Everything. Between us.' 'Naina?' 'Five minutes, that's all you have. I kid you not.' First-year student Naina is utterly smitten by her senior, Michael, acknowledged genius and resident rebel of the Fine Arts College, Mumbai. So when he proposes that they drop out of college and live-in, she readily agrees. But life with Michael soon turns into an emotional rollercoaster. Temperamental, opinionated and incredibly selfish, he expects Naina to run the household so that he is free to paint. Naina tries her hand at several odd jobs, but when an accident leaves Michael blind, their life together begins to come undone as she can only helplessly watch. And in trying to pull it together, Naina is driven to being what she has never been—a liar and a cheat. Will Michael forgive her when he learns the truth? Will she forgive him for what he has done to her?

'I don't think I should tell you this, but it seems like you have gained my trust. Today I dreamt about her, and it was not just a regular kind of dream, it was like an erotic dream. Oh my god, I'm feeling really shy,' Siddhant is in his second year of graduation. Though he's not the most intelligent and popular guy in BHU, he is just okay. He's straightforward but confused, he enjoys life but cries sometimes, shy and sort of cool, he hates his okay life. But most importantly, he is waiting for his right time, the right time for career thinking, love, movies, dating, sex and growing up. For now, it's just about his idiot friends, a 'never founded' crush, a weird family, some dark secrets, a shrink and of course, HER. But for how long? Standing with the crowd doesn't make sense, so how do you stand out? How do you cope with the pain? How do you become spectacular from just O-K-A-Y?

In the forest of insecurities, is it possible to discover humanity through pleasure? Can we stop seeing each other as predator, prey, rival or mate, and rediscover ourselves as lovers? Does the divine reside in sensual delight, in emotional intimacy and in aesthetic experience? Yes, yes, yes. That is the promise of the Bhagavata. The Bhagavata is the story of Krishna, known as Shyam to those who find beauty, wisdom and love in his dark complexion. It is the third great Hindu epic after the Mahabharata and the Ramayana. However, this narration was composed in fragments over thousands of years, first as the Harivamsa, then as the Bhagavata Purana, and finally as the passionate songs of poet-sages in various regional languages. This book seamlessly weaves the story from Krishna's birth to his death, or rather from his descent to the butter-smear world of happy women to his ascent from the blood-soaked world of angry men. Why don't we feel the moment when we fall in love but always remember when it ends? Akash is young, single and conservative with a preference for girls with brains than in miniskirts. One day, he runs into free-spirited Aleesha at a local discotheque. A mass-media student, Aleesha is a pampered brat, the only child of her parents who dote on her. This brief meeting leads them

to exchange their BlackBerry PINs and they begin chatting regularly. As BlackBerry plays cupid, they fall in love. When they hit a rough patch in their life, Aditya, Akash's close pal, guides them through it. But just when they are about to take their relationship to the next level, a sudden misfortune strikes. Can Aditya bring Akash's derailed life back on track? It Started with a Friend Request is a true story which will make you believe in love like never before.

Bhagat Singh is a name that became synonymous with revolution in India's struggle for Independence. This young boy brought about a change in the way people thought about freedom. He was well read and fought extensively for rights – his own, his comrades' and his countrymen's. A discussion with a friend soon turned into a matter of self-assessment for Bhagat Singh, leading to a discourse on why he chose to be an atheist. Even in the face of death at a very young age, his uncanny observation leads to his putting forth some pertinent questions. On another occasion, he was disappointed with his father's plea in court for his innocence and chose to write a letter to him. This book is a collection of eighteen of his valued writings from within the walls of prison and outside it, which show us the resolve in his words, and the bravery in his acts subsequently.

In every angel a demon hides, And in every demon, an angel strides. Neel is a self-proclaimed demon, a slave to his desires, putting at stake even the purest of relationships for it. He lives for himself, takes life as it comes, and considers people who love as emotional fools. When he first sets his eyes on his new landlady, a widow who is eleven years older to him, all he can see is an opportunity. He has a plan to get rich and is working hard to achieve it, until he bumps into Pihu. She is an immature teenager who likes Neel for no apparent reason, and blindly believes that he is the angel who will take away all her life's troubles. Neel hates Pihu for her unexplained obsession, and her being a hindrance in his plan, but her firm resolve to see a good person in him shakes Neel to the core. Will Pihu make a difference? Does inner transformation come to a man who has gone to a point of no return? A Girl to Remember is an emotional roller coaster which will make you believe that confession is the best punishment.

Ajay believes in living for himself; Bhavna teaches him to live for others. Ajay is a planner for life; Bhavna makes him live in every moment. You are the Best Wife is a story of two people with contradictory ideologies who fall in love. It changes them for good. It changes the way they look at the world and the way the world looks at them. Until destiny reveals its plans. This is a true inspiring story of the author and his struggle with life, after his beloved wife left him halfway through their journey. But her last words, 'you are the best husband' gave him the strength to live on, and fulfil his promise of love. Told with frankness and doses of humor, this heartwarming tale of a boy and a girl who never gave up on their love in face of adversities, ends on a bittersweet and poignant note as Ajay comes to terms with the biggest lesson life has to offer.

What if life threw you a magnificent opportunity, only to knock you down later and laugh at you? Would you fight back or let it pass? Nisha's life is far from perfect. At twenty-six, she is plump, plain-looking, and without a boyfriend. A chance date and a bizarre twist of events lead her to the altar with suave Samir Sharma, only to be abandoned eight years later. As she struggles to stand on her own feet, Akash, a younger guy, enters her life. Can Nisha find love a second time? Tea for Two and a Piece of Cake is an unusual, a heart-warming, and gripping love-story between two people who have so much to lose by getting into a relationship with each other, yet so much to gain.

Don't Lose Your Mind, Lose Your Weight, the country's highest-selling diet book, has revolutionized the way Indians think about food and their eating habits. Funny, easy to read and full of great advice, it argues that we should return to our traditional eating roots (yes, ghee is good for you), nutrients are more important than calories (cheese over biscuits) and, most importantly, the only way to lose weight is to keep eating. Rujuta Diwekar is one of the country's best nutritionists, with deep roots in yoga and Ayurveda and a client list which boasts some of Bollywood's biggest names. In the updated edition of this classic, she has added an extensive Q&A section which deals with the questions she gets asked most by her clients.

What would you do if destiny twisted the road you took? What if it threw you to a place you did not want to go? Would you fight, would you run or would you accept? Set across two cities in India in the early eighties, Life is What You Make it is a gripping account of a few significant years of Ankita's life. Ankita Sharma has the world at her feet. She is young, good-looking, smart and tones of friends and boys swooning over her. She also manages to get into a premier management school for her MBA. Six months later, she is a patient in a mental health hospital. Life has cruelly and coldly snatched that which meant the most to her and she must now fight to get it all back. It is a deeply moving and inspiring account of growing up, of the power of faith and how determination and an indomitable spirit can overcome even what destiny throws at you. A tale, at its core a love-story that makes us question our beliefs about ourselves and our concept of sanity, and forces us to believe that life is truly what one makes it.

Writing in France in the nineteenth century, Jules Verne was fascinated by adventure and exploration. Collecting Five Weeks in a Balloon, Around the World in Eighty Days, A Journey to the Center of the Earth, From the Earth to the Moon, Round the Moon, Twenty-Thousand Leagues Under the Sea and The Mysterious Island, this omnibus offers a unique compilation of seven of Verne's Voyages, stories in which he extrapolated developing technology and invention into marvellous fiction. This volume offers readers a generous introduction to Jules Verne, whose books are as alive today as they were for readers new to the ideas expressed in them during his time. This edition of the text is exquisitely bound in bonded-leather, with distinctive gilt edging and an attractive silk-ribbon bookmark. Decorative, durable, and collectable, these books offer hours of pleasure to readers young and old and are an indispensable cornerstone for any home library.

Bala dreams of making Tamil films and directing his favourite actor Rajnikanth ? a dream that leads him naturally to study engineering in college. This earns him his father's approval and the opportunity to export himself to America. As Director of Design at Flexit Inc., thinking up new ways to help Americans shed the excess weight around their middles and in their wallets, he is at least some kind of director. Bala loves America, and America it seems loves him even more. He has everything he needs to be happy: a green card, a satellite dish to watch cricket and a companion to share his home ? albeit one with a very limited vocabulary. But he is now less than a year away from the big 30,

and if he doesn't act fast he might have to settle for whichever bride his Amma chooses. So begins Bala's quest for romance as he meets both American and Indian women. Some who are too old, others too young, and yet others just too stuck up. Will he ever find someone just right for him ? and good enough to inherit his mother's Corelle dishes? "Does true love really exist? Can a kiss change your life? At sixteen, Diksha, like any girl her age, finds her life revolving around school, boys and endless hours of fun with her best friend. But one day, all that changes. What starts as an innocent crush explodes into something far beyond her control. Eighteen years later, she finds herself in a dilemma. Urged by a twist of events, a wish list is born. But can a wish list help her piece back her life together? Will she succumb to the tangled mess of an extramarital relationship?"--Page [4] of cover.

When Vipasha, Vee to friends, eighteen and single, makes the decision to have her baby, she does more than give up her promising modelling career. She ends up cutting ties with her family, and with Ankush, the man she thought she was in love with. Fast-forward sixteen years, and she now has two unusual careers: she runs a dog-boarding facility and is a gym instructor.

'So cadets; how's the morale?' 'High Sir!' we boys and girls screamed in unison. 'Should we tighten your training?' 'Yes sir; give us more!' 'Good!' he said. Then whispered to the chief instructor; 'Tighten their discipline. Toughen their schedule. I've never seen such happy cadets. This is not a party!' They entered the Officers' Training Academy at Chennai; with a single desire—to be Officers in the army. Soon they discovered it was going to be an uphill task; literally! They fought; they bickered; they cried and they raised hell. But they also learnt. They learnt to take push-ups and punishments; front rolls and figures of eight; strict discipline and night marches in their stride. Where Girls Dare is a hilarious and entertaining story of what happens when fifty-two lady cadets (LCs) train alongside four hundred Gentleman Cadets (GCs); some of whom believe that girls in the army is a bad idea. For more info on new series Metro Reads; please visit www.metroreads.in

What if your mind is your greatest enemy? What if you were living your worst nightmare? How would you cope? Ankita has fought a mental disorder, been through hell, and survived two suicide attempts. Now in Mumbai, surrounded by her loving and supportive parents, everything seems idyllic. She is not on medication. She is in a college she loves, studying her dream subject: Creative Writing. She has made friends with the bubbly Parul and the glamorous Janki. At last leading a 'normal life', she immerses herself in every bit of it – the classes, her friends, her course and all the carefree fun of college. Underneath the surface, however, there is trouble brewing. A book she discovers in her college library draws her in, consumes her and sends her into a terrifying darkness that twists and tears her apart. To make matters worse, a past boyfriend resurfaces, throwing her into further turmoil. Armed with only a pen and a journal, she desperately fights with every ounce of strength she has. But can she escape her thoughts? Will Ankita survive the ordeal a second time around? What does life have in store for her? Preeti Shenoy's compelling sequel to the iconic bestseller Life is What You Make It chronicles the resilience of the human mind and the immense power of positive thinking. The gripping narrative demonstrates with gentle wisdom how by changing our thoughts, we can change our life itself.

Sometimes, it's not easy to find the silver lining. While positivity is about looking at the bright side of things, the magic mindset embraces and accepts that it is not always possible to do so. Sometimes things get so bleak that our mind refuses to accept that there can be a silver lining. In this book, Preeti Shenoy gives you a set of principles for every area of life, designed to help us shift our perspective from hopelessness to hope, from despondency to joy, from cynicism to belief - a belief that change is coming, and things are not as bad as they seem. Perfect reading for the difficult times that we are living in, The Magic Mindset is full of tips, suggestions, fun exercises and practical advice on career, family, health, relationships, finances, social media, and more. It also includes inspiring stories and anecdotes from Preeti's own life. A cornerstone for all those who want to change their outlook, The Magic Mindset helps us build a purposeful and joyful life.

The vain Moon is devastated when he finds out about the dirt patch on his otherwise pristine white self. He wants to be scrubbed and cleaned by Dhobi Kaka to regain his spotless beauty. The moon cunningly manipulates Mitu into helping him out in this mission. But how will mitu get the moon down to be cleaned? Will kaka be able to restore the moon's spotless beauty? Will mitu be turned into an owl for not keeping her promise? Join in the fun-filled adventure of the Moon, Mitu and Dhobi Kaka, as the trio set out on their mission to help the Moon become spotless. Meet Aniket. Twenty-seven, techie, Mr. Average. His best friend is Subbu, a nerd who breathes, thinks and lives code. Aniket cannot believe his luck when he starts dating Trish--a stunning, sexy model, who is totally out of his league. But Trish has a list of things she wants him to work on, beginning with his potbelly and his geekiness. Then there's Nidhi, thirty-two, who has quit her corporate job to follow her passion. She is engaged to Manoj, Mr. Perfect--except for one aspect. Aniket and Nidhi meet on a train, a chance encounter, and she agrees to become his 'relationship coach.' It's a decision that sets into motion a chain of events that will have a profound impact on the lives of all involved. One man, two women, and the trap called Destiny. Some things, they say, are all in the planets.

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