

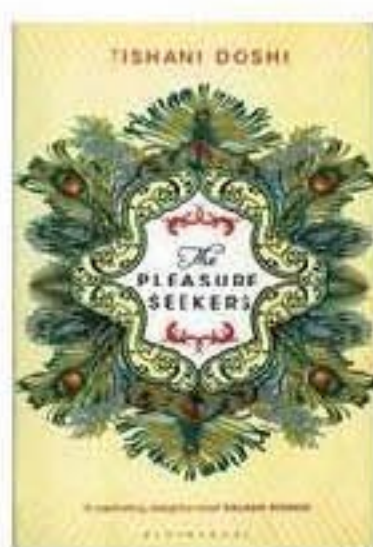
# BOOK RACK

## THE PLEASURE SEEKERS

Tishani Doshi

Bloomsbury Penguin, 2010, pp 314, Rs 499

In this tender, lyrical and uplifting debut, Tishani Doshi, a prize-winning poet, effortlessly captures the quirks and calamities of one unusual clan in a story of identity, family, belonging and all-transcending love. Set in August 1968, Babo Patel leave Madras for London in a flight for further education. He falls for a creamy-skinned girl from Wales, Sian Jones, and theirs is a mixed-up love in a topsy-turvy world.

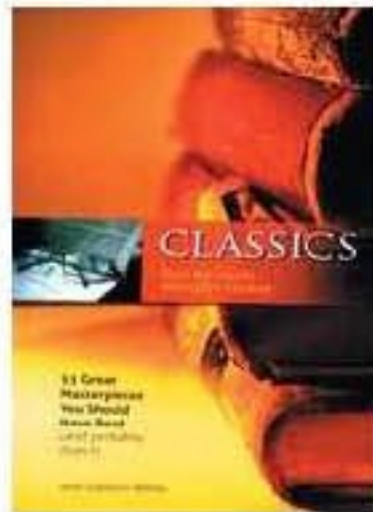


## CLASSICS

Jane Gleeson-White

Orient Publishing, 2010, pp 254, Rs 295

This is a selection of some of the best books ever written and published. It represents a small cosmos of 2500 years of our literary heritage. It is your invitation to those great works you always wanted to read, gateway to fulfilling pursuit of understanding of human culture by exploring some of the most enduring writings of the world.



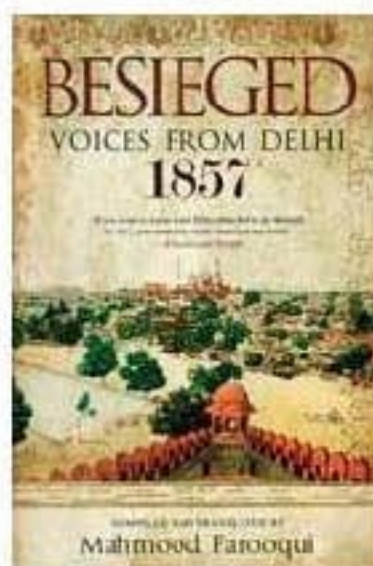
## BESIEGED

VOICES FROM DELHI 1857

Compiled and Translated by Mahmood Farooqui

Penguin, 2010, pp 458, Rs 699

This book reflects the times when Delhi lay under siege for five harrowing months in the summer of 1858, the people of the city described the event as *ghadar*—a time of turbulence. *Beseiged* offer a view of how rebel government of Delhi organised the essential requirements of war— food, labour, arms, etc but this evocative book reveals the hopes, beliefs and failures of a people who lived through the tragic end of an era.

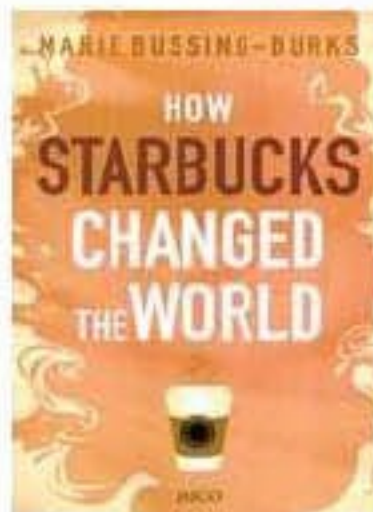


## HOW STARBUCKS CHANGED THE WORLD

Marie Bussing-Burks

Jaico Books, 2010, pp 154, Rs 195

This is the remarkable story of how a single retail outlet became the world's largest chain of coffeehouses—one of the largest franchises of any kind—with over \$10 billion in sales. The book also looks at how 'Starbucks' is coping with the global economic downturn, including shifting to healthier food, and reembracing its coffee-centred, customer-based roots.

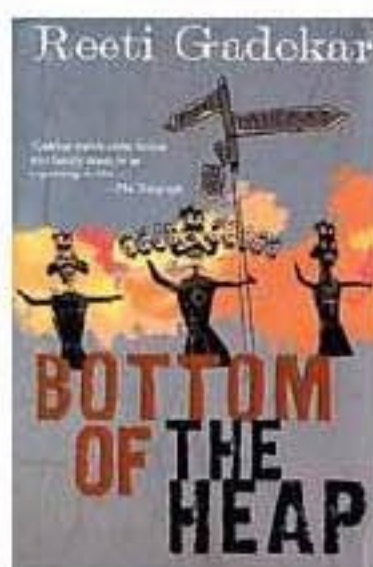


## BOTTOM OF THE HEAP

Reeti Gadekar

Harper Collins, 2010, pp 238, Rs 250

This is a novel based on crime. 'As Additional Commissioner Juneja battles his personal demons—middle-age angst, a father he does not get along with, a girlfriend he often finds himself questioning the worth of, the death of a beloved grandmother, a favoured subordinate being investigated on rape charges and a head that often refuses to walk the well-trodden path of sanity—he is dispatched to a remote village to solve the mystery of a road scam'.



## A JOURNEY FOREVER

ISKILAAAR AND OTHER STORIES

GA Kulkarni translated from Marathi by Vilas Salunke

Frog books, 2010, pp 332, Rs 350

It is collection about a man's journey for answers to troubling questions after the loss of a loved one, or about the search of one's own destiny in an attempt to understand if there is a way out of life's misery.

