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Indira Gandhi-Pupul Jayakar 2017-09-30 Indira Gandhi's life spanned over two-thirds of a century. By the time of her brutal assassination in 1984, she had established herself as the most significant political leader India had seen since the death of her father, Jawaharlal Nehru. In this book, written with the close cooperation of her subject, Pupul Jayakar seeks to uncover the many personalities that lay hidden within Mrs Gandhi. Much more than a political biography, the book reveals the complex personality of Indira Gandhi—her thoughts and feelings, her hates and prejudices, her insights and her faults, her loves and emotional entanglements. Full of startling insights, Indira Gandhi: A Biography paints a magnificent portrait—at once empathetic and unprejudiced—of one of the twentieth century's most remarkable women.

Indira Gandhi-Pupul Jayakar 1992-11-27 Indira Gandhi's Life Was Part Of The Unfolding History Of India, Intricately Woven With India's Past And Future. It (Became) Inevitable, Therefore, That Politics (Formed) A Backdrop To Her Public And Often Private Actions. Indira Gandhi's Life Spanned Over Two-Thirds Of A Century. By The Time Of Her Brutal Assassination In 1984, She Had Established Herself As The Most Significant Political Leader India Had Seen Since The Death Of Her Father, Jawaharlal Nehru. In This Book, Written With The Close Cooperation Of Her Subject, Pupul Jayakar Seeks To Uncover The Many Personalities That Lay Hidden Within Mrs Gandhi. Much More Than A Political Biography, The Book Reveals The Complex Personality Of Indira Gandhi—Her Thoughts And Feelings, Her Hates And Prejudices, Her Insights And Her Faults, Her Loves And Emotional Entanglements. Full Of Startling Insights, Indira Gandhi: A Biography Paints A Magnificent Portrait—At Once Empathetic And Unprejudiced—Of One Of The Twentieth Century's Most Remarkable Women. What I Am—Indira Gandhi 1986

J. Krishnamurti-Pupul Jayakar 2000-10-14 A classic biography of one of the greatest spiritual teachers of our times In 1909, when he was just fourteen, Krishnamurti was proclaimed the world teacher in whom Maitreya, the Bodhisattva of compassion, would manifest. The proclamation was made by Annie Besant, then president of the Theosophical Society, a movement that combined Western occult philosophy with Buddhist and Hindu teachings. Besant trained Krishnamurti in his role as the chosen one but twenty years later he chose to disband the order he was head of and set out alone on his endless journey— As a contemporary of Krishnamurti and one of his closest associates. Pupul Jayakar offers an insider's view of the fascinating life and thought of an extraordinary individual.

The Earth Mother-Pupul Jayakar 1989 On ritual arts of rural India.

Indira Gandhi-Sreelata Menon 2013-10-15 A loving daughter, a caring mother, an affectionate grandmother a confident globetrotter and finally prime minister, Indira slipped into each role with ease.' The story of India's first woman prime minister is no ordinary story. It is the story of a girl for whom sacrifice and loss came early. For whom growing up meant seeing her father drift in and out of jail and a mother in and out of hospital. Wearing khadi and organizing her own band of troops. Combating loneliness and giving up the things she loved for a bigger cause. With the freedom struggle playing out in the background Indira Gandhi's life was inextricably linked to the politics and destiny of her country. In this compelling biography, Sreelata Menon vividly recreates the life and times

of a young girl who goes on to become one of the most powerful and charismatic leaders of the world. Filled with little-known facts about Indira Gandhi's life this book is a fascinating read that brings to light the different facets of her personality.

Indira: The Life of Indira Nehru Gandhi-Katherine Frank 2010-07-08 The definitive and first non-partisan biography of one of the most formidable political figures of the twentieth century (voted Woman of the Millennium in a BBC poll, 2000)

The Emergency-Coomi Kapoor 2016-06-15 A searing indictment of the suspension of democracy In June 1975, a state of Emergency was declared, where civil liberties were suspended and the press muzzled. In the dark days that followed, Coomi Kapoor, then a young journalist, personally experienced the full fury of the establishment. Meanwhile, Indira Gandhi, her son Sanjay and his coterie unleashed a reign of terror that saw forced sterilizations, brutal evictions in the thousands, and wanton imprisonment of many, including Opposition leaders. This gripping eyewitness account vividly recreates the drama, the horror, as well as the heroism of a few during those nineteen months when democracy was derailed.

Fire in the Mind-Pupul Jayakar 1995 Published on the birth centenary of J. Krishnamurti, Fire in the Mind is a book of important discussions conducted with Krishnamurti. Held from the end of the 1960s to 28 December 1985, seven weeks before his death on 17 February 1986, these dialogues cover a vast ocean of human concerns—fear, sorrow, death, time, culture, ageing and the renewal of the brain. They also explore subjects that are central to scientific research today, such as the questions of biological survival, the nature of consciousness, artificial intelligence, computers and the mechanical mind. J. Krishnamurti needs no introduction. A sage, a seer, a religious revolutionary and a teacher of profound compassion, Krishnamurti negated all spiritual authority. He sought freedom from the Guru, the book, tradition and the authoritarian voice of another. 'Truth is within you', he said, and to discover that truth in the luminous light of perception was to transform the very nature of thought and consciousness. It was to awaken intelligence, insight and an abundant compassion. The total responsibility lay with the individual. No one could free another from bondage. These dialogues reveal Krishnamurti's approach to self-knowing and his way of investigation into the brain, the mind and the consciousness. In a world brought to the edge of the abyss by growing violence, soaring religious fundamentalism, the desecration of nature and a massive assault on human integrity, they provide a new direction to those of us seeking an alternative way of life.

Indira Gandhi-H Y Sharada Prasad 2013-01-15 Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India for over sixteen years, was a brave freedom fighter and a passionate patriot, deeply committed to the honour and integrity of India. She was also a devoted mother and grandmother, who was great fun to be with—she loved books, nature, art, sports and puzzles. Born into the illustrious Nehru family in Allahabad, Indira Priyadarshini Gandhi was educated at Santiniketan, Geneva and Oxford, and was determined since childhood to serve the people of India. This biography, with a foreword by Rajiv Gandhi, and illustrated with rare photographs, portrays very simply but eloquently the life of the 'Iron Lady of India' from her birth on 19 November 1917 to her assassination on 31 October 1984.

24 Akbar Road [Revised and Updated]-Rasheed Kidwai 2013-08-30 Now updated with a new chapter on Rahul Gandhi The Congress party has always stayed one step ahead of the opposition by constantly reinventing and re-aligning itself to stay in sync with the political realities of the day. Its president, Sonia Gandhi, pulled off a master-coup in 2004 by declining the prime-ministership, while the incumbent Congress Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh is the first prime minister since Nehru to lead the party into two Union government terms. In 2013, Rahul Gandhi was elevated to the post of Congress vice-president amid much fanfare and optimism. Tasked with reviving the grand old party, the young politician remains, in the minds of many, the best hope to lead the Congress into the next century, marking a new moment in the Congress's concept of 'continuity with change'. In his bestselling book 24 Akbar Road, seasoned journalist and veteran Congress watcher Rasheed Kidwai puts together an incisive and engaging account of the Congress's shape-shifting nature and its tenuous hold at the Centre, providing a dispassionate observer's glance at affairs within the Congress. Kidwai brilliantly tracks the story of the contemporary Congress in the years after the Emergency, using the Congress seat of power at 24 Akbar Road as his vantage to draw a compelling account of the Congress leadership from Indira, Sanjay and Rajiv Gandhi to Narasimha Rao and Sitaram Kesri, to the present-day trinity of Sonia Gandhi, Manmohan Singh and Rahul Gandhi. In this revised and updated edition, Kidwai analyses Rahul Gandhi's appointment to assess what the Congress needs to do to remain India's nerve of power in the coming years, and whether the new vice-president can rally the party to a third consecutive victory at the Centre.'

The Red Sari-Javier Moro 2015

Indira Gandhi, Letters to a Personal Friend-Indira Gandhi 1991 By a former prime minister of India to P.D. Tandon, chiefly on the Indian political situation.
R.N. Kao-Nitin A Gokhale 2019-11-18 Somewhere deep in the archives of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) in the heart of New Delhi lies a set of papers that researchers and historians interested in recording the history of Indian intelligence, would love to get their hands on. Alas, those documents-transcripts of tape-recorded conversations with RN Kao, the legendary spy chief-are not going to be available until 2025, according to instructions left by him, months before he passed away in 2002. So until those tapes and papers are made public, any biography of Rameshwar Nath Kao or 'Ramji' to friends, colleagues and family would have to depend on personal memories of a vast array of individuals who knew him in different capacities and their interpretation of his personality and contribution.

My Truth-Gandhi 2007-02-01 Based on interviews and other source material My Truth is a rare and vitally important book; the story of much of Indira Gandhi's life in her own words. First published in India and France in 1980 when Mrs Gandhi was out of power, it now assumes an extra importance in view of her tragic and untimely death. Told simply and warmly, the book unfolds the life of a gifted person born into a remarkable family. There are evocative passages of her recollections of her grandfather and the days spent in Allahabad, of the heroes of her childhood, the books she admired, of Jawaharlal exhorting her to take to physical activities, of holidays in the hills, a dream, like childhood abruptly altered as her father plunged into the freedom movement.

Indiraji Through My Eyes-Usha Bhagat 2005 Author's memoirs on Indira Gandhi, 1917-1984, former prime minister of India.

The Dynasty-S. S. Gill 1996 The first 40 years of post-independence India were dominated by the Nehru-Gandhi family. This biography covers this era in all its bewildering diversity and shows the decisive contribution made by the dynasty towards the shaping of modern India.

Feroze-Bertil Falk 2016

Mother India-Pranay Gupte 2012-02-15 The first major biography of Indira Gandhi covers the breadth and scope of 20th-century India and the woman who left her indelible mark on that troubled country. Both widely supported and bitterly opposed, she was eventually removed from office, only to make a stunning comeback.

Bhartrhari and the Buddhists-Radhika Herzberger 2012-12-06 The Viikyapadiya of Bhartrhari and the Pramii1Jasamuccaya of Dignaga • are seminal texts in the history of ancient Indian philosophy. One text deals with grammar, the other with logic, both are the work of committed metaphysicians. Written within a span of less than a hundred years, between the fifth and the sixth centuries A.D., these texts have generally been treated separately, as representing independent schools of thought. This essay attempts to interpret these texts jointly, as a dialogue between a grammarian and a logician. This way of approaching these texts highlights unexpected facets of Bhartrhari's and Dignaga's theories of language and is intended to identify the individual achievements of each. Above all, this treatment is an exercise in writing the intellectual history of a period in time, rather than a history of a school of philosophy. The prevailing view of Bhartrhari holds that his linguistic techniques are not intrinsic to his metaphysics. The conclusions reached in the present essay are that Bhartrhari's metaphysics underlie his linguistic techniques and articulate their presuppositions. The prevailing view of Dignaga maintains that for him language deals with illusory entities and must falsify what is real. The conclusions reached in the present essay are that Dignaga's logical rules are designed to ensure that in using language one is not committed to a belief in fictional entities. My debt to modern scholarship in the field is considerable.

Eternal India-Indira Gandhi 1980

Autumn Of The Matriarch: Indira Gandhi's Final Term In Office-Diego Maiorano 2015-07-01 Indira Gandhi's last years in office as India's prime minister ran from January 1980 to her assassination in October 1984, but until now no book has been devoted to her final term. Among the principal themes discussed in this innovative volume are how Indian politics and society changed in the 1970s, including the Emergency (1975-77), Congress's response to insurgency in Punjab, Assam and Kashmir, the rise of new forms of political mobilization in the early 1980s and the prime minister's relationship with the key institutions of state. Maiorano also reveals how Mrs Gandhi's policies in the 1980s impacted on the big industrialists, the middle class, the rich peasantry and the poor, thereby crucially re-orienting India's economic strategy. Autumn of the Matriarch is the first major study of Mrs Gandhi's last years in power, an important juncture in India's recent history, as it saw the emergence of trends that influenced the country for the next three decades.

The Unseen Indira Gandhi-K. P. Mathur 2016

Intertwined Lives-Jairam Ramesh 2018-06-19 This is the first definitive biography of arguably India's most influential and powerful civil servant: P.N. Haksar, Indira Gandhi's alter ego during her period of glory. Educated in the sciences and trained in law, Haksar was a diplomat by profession and a communist-turned-democratic socialist by conviction. He had known Indira Gandhi from their student days in London in the late-1930s, even though family links predated this friendship. They kept in touch, and in May 1967, she plucked him out of his diplomatic career and appointed him secretary in the prime minister's Secretariat. This is when he emerged as her ideological beacon and moral compass, playing a pivotal role in her much-heralded achievements including the nationalization of banks, abolition of privy purses and princely privileges, the Indo-Soviet Treaty, the creation of Bangladesh, rapprochement with Sheikh Abdullah, the Simla and New Delhi Agreements with Pakistan, the emergence of the country as an agricultural, space and nuclear power and, later, the integration of Sikkim with India. This power and influence notwithstanding, Haksar chose to walk away from Indira Gandhi in January 1973. She, however, persuaded him to soon return, first as her special envoy and later as deputy chairman of the Planning Commission where he left his distinctive imprint. Exiting government once and for all in May 1977, he then continued to be associated with a number of academic institutions and became the patron for various national causes like protecting India's secular traditions, propagating of a scientific temper, strengthening the public sector and deepening technological self-reliance. Successive prime ministers sought his counsel and in May 1987, he initiated the reconstruction of India's relations with China. He remained an unrepentant Marxist and one of India's most respected elder statesman and leading public figures till his death in November 1998. Drawing on Haksar's extensive archives of official papers, memos, notes and letters, Jairam Ramesh presents a compelling chronicle of the life and times of a truly remarkable personality who decisively shaped the nation's political and economic history in the 1960s and 1970s that continues to have relevance for today's India as well. Written in Ramesh's inimitable style, this work of formidable scholarship brings to life a man who is fast becoming a victim of collective amnesia.

Indira Gandhi : The Story Of A Leader-Shahana Dasgupta 2004-03 Asked to work on a school project on Indian women, thirteen-year-old Priya decides to write about Indira Gandhi

Displaying Time-Rebecca M. Brown 2017-05-31 From the fluttering fabric of a tent, to the blurred motion of the potter's wheel, to the rhythm of a horse puppet's wooden hooves—these scenes make up a set of mid-1980s art exhibitions as part of the U.S. Festival of India. The festival was conceived at a meeting between Indira Gandhi and Ronald Reagan to strengthen relations between the two countries at a time of late Cold War tensions and global economic change, when America's image of India was as a place of desperate poverty and spectacular fantasy. *Displaying Time* unpacks the intimate, small-scale durations of time at work in the gallery from the transformation of clay into ceramic to the one-on-one, personal encounters between museum visitors and artists. Using extensive archival research and interviews with artists, curators, diplomats, and visitors, Rebecca Brown analyzes a selection of museum shows that were part of the Festival of India to unfurl new exhibitionary modes: the time of transformation, of interruption, of potential and the future, as well as the contemporary and the now.

Indira Gandhi-Sara Schupack 2013-08-01 Indira Gandhi remains the only female that ever served as Prime Minister of India. She was considered a hero by her supporters and used her power and influence to direct the course of major political events and spearheaded social change on an international scale. This humanitarian leader introduced programs that helped to make India self-sufficient in food grains and provided refuge for ten million Pakistani civilians who fled their country. This book examines Ms. Gandhi's childhood, education, early influences and reviews their goals and achievements. A timeline of events is included along with a glossary of terms which defines history-specific terms. This important volume includes primary source photos, quotes and excerpts about highly influential and worldly individual.

Indira Gandhi-Jairam Ramesh 2017-06-10 From an acclaimed economist and politician, a unique, never-before-seen look at the life of one of India's most well-known prime ministers—Indira Gandhi—and her work to protect the environment and champion the preservation of nature and the climate. Indira Gandhi, prime minister of India for sixteen years, was as charismatic as she was controversial—both admired and criticized for her political judgments and actions. Yet what has never been fully revealed is her lifelong commitment and love for nature and how that defined her very being. Weaving personal, political, and environmental history, politician and scholar Jairam Ramesh presents a compelling portrait of an extraordinary public figure. He chronicles how and why she made a personal passion a public calling; how her views on the environment remained steadfast even as her political and economic stances evolved; how her

friendships with conservationists led to far-reaching decisions to preserve India's biodiversity; how she urged, cajoled and persuaded her colleagues in making significant decisions regarding forests and wildlife; and how her own finely developed instincts and initiatives resulted in landmark policies, programs, and laws that have endured to this day. Drawing extensively from unpublished letters, notes, messages and memos, *Indira Gandhi: A Life in Nature* is both a lively, engaging narrative about the little-known parts of Indira Gandhi's life, and also sheds important light on climate change and sustaining the environment—today's most pressing global issues.

Nehru-Shashi Tharoor 2011-10-17 Shashi Tharoor delivers an incisive biography of the great secularist who—alongside his spiritual father, Mahatma Gandhi—led the movement for India's independence from British rule and ushered his newly independent country into the modern world. The man who would one day help topple British rule and become India's first prime minister started out as a surprisingly unremarkable student. Born into a wealthy, politically influential Indian family in the waning years of the Raj, Jawaharlal Nehru was raised on Western secularism and the humanist ideas of the Enlightenment. Once he met Gandhi in 1916, Nehru threw himself into the nonviolent struggle for India's independence, a struggle that wasn't won until 1947. India had found a perfect political complement to her more spiritual advocate, but neither Nehru nor Gandhi could prevent the horrific price for independence: partition. This fascinating biography casts an unflinching eye on Nehru's heroic efforts for, and stewardship of, independent India and gives us a careful appraisal of his legacy to the world.

The Earthen Drum-Pupul Jayakar 1980

J. Krishnamurti: A Life of Compassion beyond Boundaries-Roshen Dalal 2020-06-25 Among the most famous visionaries of our times, J. Krishnamurti (1895-1986) continues to transform thought, lifestyles, and education across continents more than three decades after his death. In this new biography, tracing the nine long decades of his life, from his growing-up years, his relationships to his writings and talks, Roshen Dalal provides a much-needed corrective – an objective and balanced view of his legacy. Adopted by Theosophists at the age of fourteen, and proclaimed a world teacher and messiah, in 1929, Krishnamurti dissolved the Order of the Star created for him and went on to develop his own philosophy. What is it about his ideas that draws the following of generations of people? Delivered to a divided world then, what makes his message so relevant now? While his ideas on education are idealistic, why do they continue to be everlasting in their contribution and appeal? Krishnamurti's vision is of a world without boundaries or wars, a world where compassion and goodness predominate, and his message is that such a world can be arrived at only through individual transformation. B24 There is no direct path to transformation, yet through intense perception and understanding, it is possible to achieve this goal. Carefully reconstructing the events and extracting the essence of his talks, Dalal dispels several myths, explains his teachings, and reveals the underlying theosophical and occult influence in Krishnamurti's life. Here is the most complete biography yet, of one of the greatest thinkers of the twentieth century.

Sonia Gandhi-Rani Singh 2011-09-13 Sonia Gandhi's story represents the greatest transformational journey made by any world leader in the last four decades. Circumstance and tragedy, rather than ambition, paved her path to power. Born into a traditional, middle-class Italian family, Sonia met and fell in love with Rajiv Gandhi, son of future Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi and grandson of Jawaharlal Nehru, while studying English in Cambridge. Cruelly tested by the assassinations of her mother-in-law and of her husband, Sonia grew into a strong, authoritative but always private figure, now president of a coalition ruling over a billion people in the world's largest democracy. Through exclusive interviews with members of Sonia's party, political opponents and family friends, Rani Singh casts new light on Sonia. In the first mainstream biography of this inspirational figure, the author's compelling narrative retraces the path of the brave and beautiful Sonia Gandhi, examining what her life and legacy mean for India.

Sonia-Rasheed Kidwai 2011 Sonia Gandhi's transformation from an unsure Congress party president to the unchallenged political chief of the ruling United Progressive Alliance government happened with some speed in the aftermath of the Congress-led coalition's surprise victory in the 2004 general election. Her renunciation of the prime minister's post enhanced her moral stature in the public eye, but it is her skilled handling of the equation with the Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh, that indicates the emergence of a self-confident politician, secure in her position at the helm of national affairs. In this fully revised and updated biography, Rasheed Kidwai tracks the evolution of the new Sonia Gandhi against the backdrop of the Congress party's return to power after years in the Opposition. The last five years have witnessed the Congress president's growing assurance in her dealings with party stalwarts, with coalition partners and

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Opposition leaders. Drawing on his long experience as a political journalist, Kidwai chronicles how Rahul Gandhi's smooth passage into the front rank of the party's leadership was achieved and gives a vivid account of how Sonia Gandhi navigated such critical moments as the 'office of profit' crisis, the presidential election, the Indo-US nuclear deal and the vote of confidence. In *Sonia, A Biography*, Rasheed Kidwai tells the extraordinary story of one of India's most enigmatic women, whose journey from the small Italian town of Orbassano to 10 Janpath, New Delhi, is one of the most fascinating in contemporary India.

Rediscovery Of India, The (pb)-Desai

Jawaharlal Nehru-Nayantara Sahgal 2010 About the Book : - Written by Nayantara Sahgal, prize-winning novelist and political commentator, Jawaharlal Nehru presents an intimate view of the influences, encounters and defining historical moments that forged the vision of India's first prime minister. Drawing from the Nehru and the Vijayalakshmi Pandit Papers, and from Nehru's letters to Sahgal, his niece, this book combines history with personal recollections to show how Nehru helped navigate India's transition from a colony to an influential, modern nation. Discussing the significant issue of independent India's foreign policy characterized by the non-alignment principle and the establishment of relations with the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and China Sahgal reveals much about Nehru's political astuteness, realism and aversion to rigid economic doctrines, as well as the profound impact India's non-aligned policy had on the world of the time. Perceptive, original and stimulating, Jawaharlal Nehru draws much-needed attention back to the man and his unmatched ability to engineer a consensus among seemingly irreconcilable sides. About the Author : - Nayantara Sahgal is the author of nine novels, five non-fiction works and wide-ranging literary and political commentary. She has received the Sahitya Akademi Award, the Sinclair Prize and the Commonwealth Writers Prize for Eurasia. She is a Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and has held fellowships in the United States at the Bunting Institute, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the National Humanities Center. A resident of Dehradun, she has been awarded the Doon Ratna, and has also received the Distinguished Alumna Award from Wellesley College, Massachusetts, in 2003 and from Woodstock School, Mussoorie, in 2004.

The Story of Shikhandi-Devdutt Pattanaik 2018-09-10 Mahabharata is a unique epic because even the smallest character and his singular actions have consequences that affect generations. Shikhandi's arrival seems quite inconsequential at first but it is him that brings about the biggest turning point in the war between the Pandavas and the Kauravas. However, outside of the war, what were the circumstances that led to Shikhandi's actions? Was he the first instance of gender transformation in mythology? If not for Shikhandi, would the Pandavas have lost the war at Kurukshetra? Read on to find out as Devdutt Pattanaik answers these questions—and more—in *The Story of Shikhandi*.

Napoleon Hill's *The Road to Success*-Napoleon Hill 2011 Are you lacking in a sense of direction? Unable to chart a course for success in your life? Uneasy as to whether or not you are following the correct route to your destination? Study this guidebook for your life's journey. This book provides only time-tested advice for you to follow. In fact, Napoleon Hill created the first GPS system decades ago in the form of billboards that positioned his students on the Road to Success. What was true then is true now and you will benefit immediately by applying his success coordinates in your life. When you have the "how to" it becomes easy to follow the signposts that deliver you to your destination right on time. Are you ready to begin? The Master Teacher Napoleon Hill awaits you. Open this book for your success itinerary and travel the footsteps he has placed on the pathway. You will not lose your way!

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environment—today's most pressing global issues.

Lives in the Shadow with J. Krishnamurti-Radha Rajagopal Sloss 2011-08-31 For nearly half a century the charismatic, strikingly handsome spiritual teacher J. Krishnamurti gathered an enormous following throughout Europe, India, Australia and North America. From the age of eighteen he was the forerunner of the type of iconoclasm that would bring immediate fame to cult figures in the late twentieth century. Yet recent biographies have left large areas of his life in mystifying darkness. This, however, is no ordinary study of Krishnamurti, for it is written by one whose earliest memories are dominated by his presence as a doting second father—tolerant of pranks and pets, playful and diligent. For over two decades in their Ojai California haven, where Aldous Huxley and other pacifists found respite during the war years, 'Krinsh' developed his philosophical message. He also placed himself at the centre of her parents' Rosalind and Rajagopal's marriage. In a spirit of tenderness, fairness, objective inquiry, and no little remorse, the author traces the rise of Krishnamurti from obscurity in India by selection of the Theosophical Society to be the vehicle of a new incarnation of their world teacher. Breaking from Theosophy, Krishnamurti inspired his own following, retaining the dedication of his longtime friend Rajagopal, himself highly educated, to oversee all practicalities and the editing and publication of his writings. How this bond of trust was breached and became clouded in confusion with a new wave of devoteeism lies at the heart of this extraordinary story. So does a portrait of intense romantic intimacy and the conundrum of Krishnamurti's own complex character.

Indira Gandhi-Inder Malhotra 2014-02-01 A definitive, incisive and no-holds-barred account of the life and times of one of India's most charismatic and prominent leaders who has left a distinctive stamp on history For almost two decades, Indira Gandhi stood out the world's most powerful woman. In India, there is hardly a neutral opinion about her. She is either adored or abused. Inder Malhotra's biography explores objectively this highly complex and very private person - right from her childhood to her last days - who lived under constant public gaze and learnt to adjust her demanour to the occasion, rigorously concealing her true self and real feelings. This comprehensive work recounts her unusual and unhappy 'love marriage' to Feroze Gandhi and examines the ambivalent influence of her father, Jawaharlal Nehru, on her career. It also focuses on her relationship with her sons: Sanjay, her chosen heir, and his elder brother Rajiv, who, ironically, succeeded her as the prime minister of India. The author traces Indira Gandhi's own evolution from a 'dumb doll' to the 'empress of India' and her downfall, the seeds of which were sown when she imposed the Emergency on 25 June 1975. This phase marked a dark period in the post-independence era. Her party (the Congress) lost the March 1997 general election and she was out of power for nearly three years. The author also describes the later revival in her fortunes, when she returned as prime minister in January 1980. During her second term, she had to order the Indian Army to enter the Golden Temple in Amritsar (the holiest shrine of the Sikhs) to flush out the militants hiding there. This move led to her being assassinated by her own Sikh bodyguards on 31 October 1984. In the revised and updated edition, Inder Malhotra throws light on the impact that Indira Gandhi had (and continues to have) on Indian politics after her death when her mantle fell on members of her family, including Rajiv Gandhi first and Sonia Gandhi later. This is not only a compulsive and gripping narrative about a remarkable personality but also a fascinating study of India after independence.E41

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