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Beneath an Indian Sky

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Under the Jeweled Sky

Sourcebooks, Inc. **A breathtaking story of forbidden love and devastating consequences... The moment Sophie steps onto India's burning soil, she realizes her return was inevitable. But this is not the India she fell in love with ten years before in a maharaja's palace. This is not the India that ripped her heart out as Partition tore the country in two. That India, a place of tigers, scorpions, and shimmering beauty, is long gone. Drawing on her own family's heritage, acclaimed novelist Alison McQueen beautifully portrays the heart of a woman who must confront her past in order to fight for her future. Under the Jeweled Sky deftly explores the loss of innocence, the urgent connection in our stars, and how we'll go to find our hearts. "Beautiful and brave and bittersweet—a moving story of how love in all its forms binds us together and endures, in spite of everything."—Susanna Kearsley, New York Times bestselling author of *The Firebird* and *The Winter Sea* "Bursting with the evocative glow of long-forgotten India...lures you into a beautiful story of scandal, hope, and the kind of love that marks us forever."—Kathleen Grissom, New York Times bestselling author of *The Kitchen House***

The Girl in the Painting

A heartbreaking historical novel of family secrets,
betrayal and love

Bookouture **'LOVE LOVE LOVED this fabulous novel... I couldn't put it down... Stunning and beautifully written... Will transport you through time and across the world from England to India... Highly recommended.'** NetGalley reviewer
India, 1926: Margaret is in love, with her new husband and her new home, a sprawling villa amidst beautiful rolling

hills, the air filled with the soft scent of spices and hibiscus flowers. Yet she's unwelcome with the locals and grows close to Archana, her maid, who reminds Margaret of the beloved sister she lost in the great war. Overjoyed with her pregnancy, Margaret could stay forever, sipping tea, chatting with Archana, painting in the sun beside the stream full of water lilies. But when Archana finds herself in danger and Margaret makes the choice to save her, she doesn't realise the devastating consequences that will tear her and Archana apart, destroy her marriage, and haunt her for the rest of her life... England, 2000: Emma's relationship is falling apart, and her beloved grandmother, Margaret, is dying. Margaret has one last request: find Archana. It's the first time Emma has even heard the name, but desperate for an escape and to bring Margaret closure, she travels deep into the heart of the Indian hills, to a crumbling house overgrown with vines, searching for answers. The more Emma learns, the more she sees of herself in her grandmother, and the stronger her need to uncover Margaret's secret. But if she finds Archana and the truth is finally revealed - the story of a day spent painting by a stream, and a betrayal that tore three lives to pieces - can it help each woman find peace or are some rifts too deep to heal...? Discover the extraordinary secret of the girl in the painting, perfect for fans of Kathryn Hughes, Lucinda Riley and *The Storyteller's Secret*. What readers are saying about *The Girl in the Painting*: 'Oh boy, this book did not disappoint. The story was so well thought out, intricate and full bodied.... hooked right till the end... You get such a sense of each character, and your heart breaks for both of them... It just engrosses you, so you go on the journey with them... Side note, grab your tissues... I can't recommend this book enough. Renita is such a talented writer, and a great storyteller.' jth books, 5 stars 'BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN AND EMOTIONALLY GRIPPING... just took my breath away!... it was truly beautiful and I will gladly admit, that I shed a little tear.' Goodreads Reviewer 'I completely fell in love with the story and characters... utterly sucked in to the story... I cried, smiled, laughed and even felt the anger, relief and betrayal... amazing talent and her beautiful stories... one of the most beautiful and poignant stories I have ever read!' Curled Up with a Good Book, 5 stars 'Now where do I start with this absolutely stunning book? I was completely mesmerised by this entire story... heartbreaking and compelling... truly writing at its finest... a rich tapestry of imagery laced with struggles and strife. I loved every minute.' Stacy is Reading, 5 stars 'After reading the blurb, I already felt I was going to be swept away. Was my feeling right? I can say a big YES without a doubt!... between the sadness and heartache there was room for a lot of heartwarming moments as well... I flew through it.' B for Bookreview, 5 stars 'Stunningly amazing... exquisite perfection... intense drama, romance, family... This compelling read was very difficult to put down and I felt for all three women... their lives held such drama, and it felt so very real... definitely highly recommended.' Robin Loves Reading

Under an Amber Sky

HarperCollins UK **'Under an Amber Sky is simply Sublime. I was cast under a spell and was completely enthralled. Definitely a feast of different emotions. I loved it!' - Dash Fan, Blogger From the bestselling author of GARDEN OF STARS comes a heartwarming and emotional story of hope and second chances.**

Beneath a Starless Sky

HarperCollins UK **'A gripping WW2 story of love, betrayal and courage...This novel will take you on a rollercoaster of emotions... A great read!' - Reader Reviewer** □□□□□ **Munich: Smoke filled the air.**

The Orphan's Gift

An absolutely heartbreaking historical novel

Bookouture **She allows herself to kiss her perfect child just once. She wraps the baby in her last gift: a hand-knitted cardigan, embroidered with a water lily pattern. 'You're better off without me,' she whispers and although every step breaks her heart, she walks away. 1910, India. Young and curious Alice, with her spun-gold hair, grows up in her family's sprawling compound with parents as remote as England, the cold country she has never seen. It is Raju, son of a servant, with whom she shares her secrets. Together, their love grows like roses - but leaves deep thorns. Because when they get too close, Alice's father drags them apart, sending Raju far away and banishing Alice to England... 1944. Intelligent and kind Janaki is raised in an orphanage in India. The nuns love to tell the story: Janaki's arrival stopped the independence riots outside the gates, as the men on both sides gazed at the starry-eyed little girl left in a beautiful hand-knitted cardigan. Janaki longs for her real mother, the woman who was forced to abandon her, wrapped in a precious gift... Now old enough to be a grandmother and living alone in India, Alice watches children play under the tamarind trees, haunted by the terrible mistake she made fifty years ago. It's just an ordinary afternoon, until a young girl with familiar eyes appears with a photograph and Alice must make a choice. Will she spend the rest of her life consumed by dreams of the past, or can she admit her mistakes and choose love and light at last? A stunning and**

heartbreaking novel about how a forbidden love can echo through the generations. Readers who love Lucinda Riley, Kathryn Hughes and *The Storyteller's Secret* will be captivated. Readers are falling in love with Renita D'Silva: 'LOVE LOVE LOVED this fabulous novel... I couldn't put it down... Stunning and beautifully written... Will transport you through time and across the world from England to India... Highly recommended.' NetGalley Reviewer 'OMG... The story takes on an unexpected, shocking twist... Just amazing, a rollercoaster of emotions, a kaleidoscope of colours... Tears running down my cheeks... That ending (WOW!) will remain imprinted on my mind for many years... Simply fantastic!!... Highly recommended!!' Relax and Read Reviews 'Wow... I am lost for words... Wonderful, beautiful... Very emotional story of passion, regret... You will fall in love... If I could give this book 100 stars I would.' Goodreads Reviewer 'My favourite book read this year... I cannot recommend this book highly enough... Taken me off to another world... Made me fall in love... You're going to LOVE this one.' Little Miss No Sleep 'BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN AND EMOTIONALLY GRIPPING... Just took my breath away!... It was truly beautiful and I will gladly admit that I shed a little tear.' Goodreads Reviewer 'I completely fell in love with the story and characters... Utterly sucked in... I cried, smiled, laughed and even felt the anger, relief and betrayal... Amazing talent... One of the most beautiful and poignant stories I have ever read!' Curled Up with a Good Book '5 out of 5 stars... I read it in one shot because I couldn't bear to stop... What I can promise you is that it is a great read... A book that was an absolute pleasure.' Any Excuse to Read

Beneath Another Sky

A Global Journey into History

Penguin UK 'He writes history like nobody else. He thinks like nobody else ... He sees the world as a whole, with its limitless fund of stories' Bryan Appleyard, *Sunday Times* Where have the people in any particular place actually come from? What are the historical complexities in any particular place? This evocative historical journey around the world shows us. 'Human history is a tale not just of constant change but equally of perpetual locomotion', writes Norman Davies. Throughout the ages, men and women have endlessly sought the greener side of the hill. Their migrations, collisions, conquests and interactions have given rise to the spectacular profusion of cultures, races, languages and polities that now proliferates on every continent. This incessant restlessness inspired Davies's own. After decades of

writing about European history, and like Tennyson's ageing Ulysses longing for one last adventure, he embarked upon an extended journey that took him right round the world to a score of hitherto unfamiliar countries. His aims were to test his powers of observation and to revel in the exotic, but equally to encounter history in a new way. **Beneath Another Sky** is partly a historian's travelogue, partly a highly engaging exploration of events and personalities that have fashioned today's world - and entirely *sui generis*. Davies's circumnavigation takes him to Baku, the Emirates, India, Malaysia, Mauritius, Tasmania, Tahiti, Texas, Madeira and many places in between. At every stop, he not only describes the current scene but also excavates the layers of accumulated experience that underpin the present. He tramps round ancient temples and weird museums, summarises the complexity of Indian castes, Austronesian languages and Pacific explorations, delves into the fate of indigenous peoples and of a missing Malaysian airliner, reflects on cultural conflict in Cornwall, uncovers the Nazi origins of Frankfurt airport and lectures on imperialism in a desert oasis. 'Everything has its history', he writes, 'including the history of finding one's way or of getting lost.' The personality of the author comes across strongly - wry, romantic, occasionally grumpy, but with an endless curiosity and appetite for knowledge. As always, Norman Davies watches the historical horizon as well as what is close at hand, and brilliantly complicates our view of the past.

The Weight of Our Sky

Simon and Schuster **A music loving teen with OCD does everything she can to find her way back to her mother during the historic race riots in 1969 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in this heart-pounding literary debut. Melati Ahmad looks like your typical movie-going, Beatles-obsessed sixteen-year-old. Unlike most other sixteen-year-olds though, Mel also believes that she harbors a djinn inside her, one who threatens her with horrific images of her mother's death unless she adheres to an elaborate ritual of counting and tapping to keep him satisfied. A trip to the movies after school turns into a nightmare when the city erupts into violent race riots between the Chinese and the Malay. When gangsters come into the theater and hold movie-goers hostage, Mel, a Malay, is saved by a Chinese woman, but has to leave her best friend behind to die. On their journey through town, Mel sees for herself the devastation caused by the riots. In her village, a neighbor tells her that her mother, a nurse, was called in to help with the many bodies piling up at the hospital. Mel must survive on her own, with the help of a few kind strangers, until she finds her mother. But the djinn in her mind threatens her ability to cope.**

A Daughter's Courage

An utterly heartbreaking novel of family secrets, tragedy and love

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Under the Broken Sky

Henry Holt and Company (BYR) "Necessary for all of humankind, **Under the Broken Sky** is a breathtaking work of literature."—Booklist, starred review A beautifully told middle-grade novel-in-verse about a Japanese orphan's experience in occupied rural Manchuria during World War II. Twelve-year-old Natsu and her family live a quiet farm life in Manchuria, near the border of the Soviet Union. But the life they've known begins to unravel when her father is recruited to the Japanese army, and Natsu and her little sister, Cricket, are left orphaned and destitute. In a desperate move to keep her sister alive, Natsu sells Cricket to a Russian family following the 1945 Soviet occupation. The journey to redemption for Natsu's broken family is rife with struggles, but Natsu is tenacious and will stop at nothing to get her little sister back. Literary and historically insightful, this is one of the great untold stories of WWII. Much like the Newbery Honor book *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai, Mariko Nagai's *Under the Broken Sky* is powerful, poignant, and ultimately hopeful. Christy Ottaviano Books

Beneath a Burning Sky

A gripping and mysterious historical love story

Hachette UK *****THE EBOOK BESTSELLER***** 'Exotic and mysterious - I was gripped' Dinah Jefferies 'Beautifully described . . . A moving love story' Tracy Rees 'Emotional, evocative and enthralling.' Kate Furnivall **Beneath a Burning Sky** is a beautiful and gripping story of love, betrayal and mystery, set against the heat and intrigue of colonial Alexandria. Perfect for fans of Victoria Hislop, Lucinda Riley and Kate Furnivall. ********* The shores of Alexandria, 1891 Olivia Sheldon has travelled across the world to marry a man she does not love. Reluctant to leave England but coerced into the marriage, Olivia's reward is being reunited with her estranged sister, Clara. Her punishment is falling impossibly and illicitly in love with the enigmatic Captain Edward Bertram. Then one scorching day Clara is abducted from Alexandria's busiest street. Desperate to find her sister - and the truth about her disappearance - Olivia becomes embroiled in Egypt's shadowy underworld, risking both her life and future with Edward. Because, determined as Olivia is to find Clara, there are others who will stop at nothing to conceal what's become of her . . . Praise for Jenny Ashcroft: 'Evocative, absorbing, fascinating . . . A rich and satisfying read' Gill Paul 'A summer must-read' Red 'Completely entrancing . . . Perfect escapism, beautifully written.' Emma Rous 'It's impossible to put this book down.' Kate Riordan 'Brilliant; everything romantic historical fiction should be' Nicola Cornick 'The writing is beautiful and the setting absolutely glorious . . . lovely, lush and poignant' Nikola Scott 'Absolutely brilliant' Kerry Fisher 'First-class writing, brilliant characters, fascinating locations and gripping plots' Tracy Buchanan 'Exquisitely written . . . unputdownable and unforgettable' Iona Grey 'A wonderful novel, full of mystery that kept me gripped until the end' Rachel Burton

Between Earth and Sky

Kensington Books In Amanda Skenandore's provocative and profoundly moving debut, set in the tragic intersection between white and Native American culture, a young girl learns about friendship, betrayal, and the sacrifices made in the name of belonging. On a quiet Philadelphia morning in 1906, a newspaper headline catapults Alma Mitchell back to her past. A federal agent is dead, and the murder suspect is Alma's childhood friend, Harry Muskrat. Harry—or Asku, as Alma knew him—was the most promising student at the “savage-taming” boarding school run by her father, where Alma was the only white pupil. Created in the wake of the Indian Wars, the Stover School was intended to assimilate the children of neighboring reservations. Instead, it robbed them of everything they'd known—language, customs,

even their names—and left a heartbreaking legacy in its wake. The bright, courageous boy Alma knew could never have murdered anyone. But she barely recognizes the man Asku has become, cold and embittered at being an outcast in the white world and a ghost in his own. Her lawyer husband, Stewart, reluctantly agrees to help defend Asku for Alma's sake. To do so, Alma must revisit the painful secrets she has kept hidden from everyone—especially Stewart. Told in compelling narratives that alternate between Alma's childhood and her present life, *Between Earth and Sky* is a haunting and complex story of love and loss, as a quest for justice becomes a journey toward understanding and, ultimately, atonement.

The Jasmine Wife

HarperCollins UK A gripping and stunning historical romance set in the British Raj for fans of Janet MacLeod Trotter, Dinah Jefferies and global bestseller Lucinda Riley

Below the Big Blue Sky

A heartbreaking, heartwarming, laugh-out-loud novel for fans of Jojo Moyes

Bonnier Zaffre Ltd. 'Brilliant, funny and immensely moving' Catherine Isaac, author of *You, Me, Everything* 'Well, that was a tearjerker! Anna McPartlin's *Below the Big Blue Sky* is a MORE than worthy follow-up to *The Last Days of Rabbit Hayes*' Marian Keyes *** There's no family quite like the Hayes, and yet they're just like any other - they love each other, they look out for each other and they drive each other mad. When their youngest, Rabbit, dies tragically at just forty, the Hayes are almost torn apart by their grief. Without her beloved mum, twelve-year-old Bunny is adrift; without Rabbit, there can be no Bunny. Her Granny is concerned when Bunny insists on being called by her real name, Juliet. Even surrounded by the noise and chaos of the Hayes, Juliet feels lost and alone. Meanwhile, Rabbit's sister Grace has something else on her mind. She's got the gene that made her sister ill, and she hasn't told anyone yet. All she can think about are the things she's always wanted to do, like fly a plane or climb a mountain, or watch her four

children grow up. She doesn't know how to share the news that may break her family, but she knows she needs their support, now more than ever. Despite squabbling over what Rabbit will wear at the wake and their dad burying himself in the past with his diaries, the Hayes family know there's only one way they'll get through this: together. This huge-hearted novel is about grief, family, the messiness of life and finding humour in the most unexpected of places. Below the Big Blue Sky will make you laugh, cry and fill you with joy. Look out for Anna McPartlin's new novel *Waiting for the Miracle*. ***What readers have been saying about *Below the Big Blue Sky**** 'Equally heartbreaking and hilarious' 'You will laugh, you will cry and you will laugh while crying' 'A real, raw, beautiful depiction of life, love and loss' 'The story has us laughing, crying and on the edge of our seats' 'A beautiful story, beautifully written' 'You'll howl laughing and bawl crying, even on the same page' 'A truly wonderful read' 'It is OK to laugh while grieving' 'Fantastically funny and heartbreaking in equal measure' 'Big-hearted, amusing, compassionate, emotional' '#RememberRabbitHayes' 'Moving, heartbreaking and funny' 'I love, love, love the Hayes family' 'Desperately sad, hilariously funny and incredibly moving all at the same time'

This Tender Land

A Novel

Atria Books **INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER!** “If you liked *Where the Crawdads Sing*, you’ll love *This Tender Land*...This story is as big-hearted as they come.” —Parade The unforgettable story of four orphans who travel the Mississippi River on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression. In the summer of 1932, on the banks of Minnesota’s Gilead River, Odie O’Banion is an orphan confined to the Lincoln Indian Training School, a pitiless place where his lively nature earns him the superintendent’s wrath. Forced to flee after committing a terrible crime, he and his brother, Albert, their best friend, Mose, and a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi and a place to call their own. Over the course of one summer, these four orphans journey into the unknown and cross paths with others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds. With the feel of a modern classic, *This Tender Land* is an enthralling, big-hearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole.

Beneath The Texas Sky

Kensington Publishing Corp. **A pioneer woman searches for a happier life in this dramatic debut historical romance by the New York Times bestselling author of the Honey Creek novels. Texas Ranger Josh Weston is a stranger to Bethanie Lane—and her only chance to escape from her lecherous uncle’s grasp. Without hesitating, she strikes a deal with the rugged lawman to take her with him when he leaves San Antonio. And on the journey to his family’s ranch near Fort Worth, they forge a bond as powerful as it is unexpected. When Bethanie’s dream of a future with Josh falls apart, she’s forced to make a harrowing choice. Yet through every danger and revelation, one thing remains—a love worth living and dying for . . . Praise for Beneath the Texas Sky “Thomas managed quite creatively to follow the life of a woman who embodied all the characteristics of a survivor and yet still made her compassionate and vulnerable—quite a dichotomy. This is a story rich in details that draws you in from the first page and manages to create quite a few surprises along the way.” —Fresh Fiction**

The Color of Our Sky

A Novel

HarperCollins **In the spirit of Khaled Hosseini, Nadia Hashimi and Shilpi Somaya Gowda comes this powerful debut from a talented new voice—a sweeping, emotional journey of two childhood friends in Mumbai, India, whose lives converge only to change forever one fateful night. India, 1986: Mukta, a ten-year-old village girl from the lower caste Yellama cult has come of age and must fulfill her destiny of becoming a temple prostitute, as her mother and grandmother did before her. In an attempt to escape her fate, Mukta is sent to be a house girl for an upper-middle class family in Mumbai. There she discovers a friend in the daughter of the family, high spirited eight-year-old Tara, who helps her recover from the wounds of her past. Tara introduces Mukta to an entirely different world—one of ice cream, reading, and a friendship that soon becomes a sisterhood. But one night in 1993, Mukta is kidnapped from Tara’s family home and disappears. Shortly thereafter, Tara and her father move to America. A new life in Los Angeles awaits them but Tara never recovers from the loss of her best friend, or stops wondering if she was somehow responsible for Mukta's**

abduction. Eleven years later, Tara, now an adult, returns to India determined to find Mukta. As her search takes her into the brutal underground world of human trafficking, Tara begins to uncover long-buried secrets in her own family that might explain what happened to Mukta—and why she came to live with Tara’s family in the first place. Moving from a traditional Indian village to the bustling modern metropolis of Mumbai, to Los Angeles and back again, this is a heartbreaking and beautiful portrait of an unlikely friendship—a story of love, betrayal, and, ultimately, redemption.

The God of Small Things

Penguin UK Still, to say that it all began when Sophie Mol came to Ayemenem is only one way of looking at it . . . It could be argued that it actually began thousands of years ago. Long before the Marxists came. Before the British took Malabar, before the Dutch Ascendancy, before Vasco da Gama arrived, before the Zamorin’s conquest of Calicut. Before Christianity arrived in a boat and seeped into Kerala like tea from a teabag. That it really began in the days when the Love Laws were made. The laws that lay down who should be loved, and how. And how much.

Beneath a Burning Sky

A thrilling mystery. An epic love story.

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Under an Indian Sky

Ten Years in a Bihar Village

Penguin Group **An unflinching account of rural poverty in Bihar through the eyes of a young English nurse Janet Ganguli grew up in England listening to stories about her grandfather who had spent twenty-five years in India during the British Raj. After training as a nurse she journeyed overland to India, eventually making the small village of Titmoh in Bihar (now Jharkhand) her home for ten years. Unfazed by her new world peopled by poor villagers for whom survival was a daily struggle, she set about her task to provide them with basic health care and do what she could to help them improve their lives. She soon realized that this was going to be far from easy, observing close at hand how, besides the vicissitudes of nature, the villagers had to contend with moneylenders, quacks, contractors and callous or rapacious government officials. In *Under an Indian Sky* we see the portly moneylender waiting to collect sacks of rice from the family even as the malnourished five-year-old Anil lies dying beside him.**

Under the Moonlit Sky

Dundurn **It's the spring of 1984 in British Columbia, and life is just getting exciting for Esha. A secret that looms over her family has reinforced her proud resistance to her family's Indian identity. However, one day changes everything, and Esha's well-thought-out rebellion is put to the test. In the blink of an eye, she is forced to step up and fulfill her father's last wish, taking her thousands of miles away to a place she never dreamed of visiting: India. Forced to follow traditions she has denied her whole life and fighting the temptations of an unlikely love interest, Esha must now**

confront her new reality. As she comes to understand her heritage, she also becomes a victim of the highly unstable political climate in 1984 Delhi. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has just been assassinated, political tensions rise, and now only one chant can be heard: Blood for blood. Esha must fight to survive the three days of brutal chaos that erupts throughout Delhi in the aftermath of the prime minister's assassination.

Under a Sardinian Sky

HarperCollins UK Sometimes a family's deepest silences hide the most important secrets.

The Orphan Sky

Sourcebooks, Inc. Set at the crossroads of Turkish, Persian and Russian cultures under the red flag of Communism in the late 1970s, *The Orphan Sky* reveals one woman's struggle to reconcile her ideals with the corrupt world around her, and to decide whether to betray her country or her heart. Leila is a young classical pianist who dreams of winning international competitions and bringing awards to her beloved country Azerbaijan. She is also a proud daughter of the Communist Party. When she receives an assignment from her communist mentor to spy on a music shop suspected of traitorous Western influences, she does it eagerly, determined to prove her worth to the Party. But Leila didn't anticipate the complications of meeting Tahir, the rebellious painter who owns the music shop. His jazz recordings, abstract art, and subversive political opinions crack open the veneer of the world she's been living in. Just when she begins to fall in love with both the West and Tahir, her comrades force her to make an impossible choice.

Under a Painted Sky

Penguin "In 1845, Sammy, a Chinese American girl, and Annamae, an African American slave girl, disguise themselves as boys and travel on the Oregon Trail to California from Missouri"--

Beneath a Marble Sky

McPherson In 1632, the Emperor of Hindustan, consumed by grief over the death of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal, ordered the building of a grand mausoleum to symbolize the greatness of their love. Against scenes of unimaginable wealth and power, there were murderous sibling rivalries and cruel despotism. In *Beneath a Marble Sky*, Princess Jahanara tells the story of how the Taj Mahal came to be, and describes her own life as an agent in its creation and as a witness to the fateful events surrounding its completion. As a princess and a mother, a sister and a daughter, Jahanara faces impossible choices and discovers the real meaning of her regal birthright.

Under the Crimson Sky

Partridge Publishing *Under the Crimson Sky* is a book on micropoetry. It interprets love, heartbreak, and life. The poems make us visualize our own lives. In this book, Neha Taneja pens down the human emotions of love, loss, and sense of belongingness. The poems follow the trail of our contemporary and modernized lives.

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A Sister's Promise

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Under Heaven

HarperCollins UK **An epic historical adventure set in a pseudo 8th century China, from the author of the 2008 World Fantasy winner, Ysabel. Under Heaven is a novel of heroes, assassins, concubines and emperors set against a majestic and unforgiving landscape.**

The Athenaeum

The Only Plane in the Sky

An Oral History of 9/11

Avid Reader Press / Simon & Schuster **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER “This is history at its most immediate and moving...A marvelous and memorable book.” —Jon Meacham “Remarkable...A priceless civic gift...On page after page, a reader will encounter words that startle, or make him angry, or heartbroken.” —The Wall Street Journal “Visceral...I repeatedly cried...This book captures the emotions and unspooling horror of the day.” —NPR “Had me turning each page with my heart in my throat...There’s been a lot written about 9/11, but nothing like this. I urge you to read it.” —Katie Couric**
The first comprehensive oral history of September 11, 2001—a panoramic narrative woven from the voices of Americans on the front lines of an unprecedented national trauma. Over the past eighteen years, monumental literature has been published about 9/11, from Lawrence Wright’s *The Looming Tower*, which traced the rise of al-Qaeda, to The 9/11 Commission Report, the government’s definitive factual retrospective of the attacks. But one perspective has been missing up to this point—a 360-degree account of the day told through the voices of the people who experienced it. Now, in *The Only Plane in the Sky*, award-winning journalist and bestselling historian Garrett Graff

tells the story of the day as it was lived—in the words of those who lived it. Drawing on never-before-published transcripts, recently declassified documents, original interviews, and oral histories from nearly five hundred government officials, first responders, witnesses, survivors, friends, and family members, Graff paints the most vivid and human portrait of the September 11 attacks yet. Beginning in the predawn hours of airports in the Northeast, we meet the ticket agents who unknowingly usher terrorists onto their flights, and the flight attendants inside the hijacked planes. In New York City, first responders confront a scene of unimaginable horror at the Twin Towers. From a secret bunker underneath the White House, officials watch for incoming planes on radar. Aboard the small number of unarmed fighter jets in the air, pilots make a pact to fly into a hijacked airliner if necessary to bring it down. In the skies above Pennsylvania, civilians aboard United Flight 93 make the ultimate sacrifice in their place. Then, as the day moves forward and flights are grounded nationwide, Air Force One circles the country alone, its passengers isolated and afraid. More than simply a collection of eyewitness testimonies, *The Only Plane in the Sky* is the historic narrative of how ordinary people grappled with extraordinary events in real time: the father and son working in the North Tower, caught on different ends of the impact zone; the firefighter searching for his wife who works at the World Trade Center; the operator of in-flight telephone calls who promises to share a passenger's last words with his family; the beloved FDNY chaplain who bravely performs last rites for the dying, losing his own life when the Towers collapse; and the generals at the Pentagon who break down and weep when they are barred from rushing into the burning building to try to rescue their colleagues. At once a powerful tribute to the courage of everyday Americans and an essential addition to the literature of 9/11, *The Only Plane in the Sky* weaves together the unforgettable personal experiences of the men and women who found themselves caught at the center of an unprecedented human drama. The result is a unique, profound, and searing exploration of humanity on a day that changed the course of history, and all of our lives.

Under a Wartime Sky

Pan Macmillan *Under a Wartime Sky* is an enthralling historical novel by Liz Trenow, based on real-life events at a top-secret wartime research station. Telling the story of the heroes behind the discovery of radar, it's perfect for readers of Kate Furnivall and Rachel Hore. Bawdsey Manor holds a secret. 1936: the threat of war hangs over Europe. Churchill gathers the brightest minds in Britain at a grand house in Suffolk. Bound to complete secrecy, they work together on an invention that could mean victory for the Allies. Among them is Vic, a gifted but shy physicist who, for the first time, feels like he belongs. Local girl Kathleen wants to do more than serving tea and biscuits to 'do her bit'. So when

the Bawdsey team begin to recruit women to operate their top secret system, she dedicates herself to this life-or-death work. Kath and Vic form an unlikely friendship as the skies over Britain fill with German bombers. Little does Kath know just whose life she will change forever, one fateful night . . . Based on the real history of Bawdsey Manor, *Under a Wartime Sky* is a novel about courage, belonging and hope. Praise for Liz Trenow: 'The characters shine . . . Fabulous' - Dinah Jefferies 'It was a wrench to put the book down after the last beautifully written page' - Gill Paul 'Trenow's exquisite novel puts a real focus on the characters' journeys' - Woman

Hunted by the Sky

Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR) Exploring identity, class struggles, and high-stakes romance, Tanaz Bhathena's *Hunted by the Sky* is a gripping adventure set in a world inspired by medieval India. Gul has spent her life running. She has a star-shaped birthmark on her arm, and in the kingdom of Ambar, girls with such birthmarks have been disappearing for years. Gul's mark is what caused her parents' murder at the hand of King Lohar's ruthless soldiers and forced her into hiding to protect her own life. So when a group of rebel women called the Sisters of the Golden Lotus rescue her, take her in, and train her in warrior magic, Gul wants only one thing: revenge. Cavas lives in the tenements, and he's just about ready to sign his life over to the king's army. His father is terminally ill, and Cavas will do anything to save him. But sparks fly when he meets a mysterious girl—Gul—in the capital's bazaar, and as the chemistry between them undeniably grows, he becomes entangled in a mission of vengeance—and discovers a magic he never expected to find. Dangerous circumstances have brought Gul and Cavas together at the king's domain in Ambar Fort...a world with secrets deadlier than their own.

We Own The Sky

An Incredibly Powerful Novel You Won't Be Able to Put

Down

Hachette UK **How far would you go to save the one you love? "Anyone who wishes David Nicholls would write faster needs to grab this with both hands." Jill Mansell An emotional page-turner with a heart-pounding dilemma. Fans of Jodi Picoult, David Nicholls and Jojo Moyes will love We Own The Sky. Anna and Rob were the perfect couple with their whole lives in front of them. When beautiful baby boy Jack came along, their world seemed complete. But when tragedy strikes they are faced with an impossible choice. They have one chance to save their child, but at what cost? "...a touching narrative of first love and fatherhood" The Sunday Times **** Praise for We Own The Sky 'A beautiful, hugely emotional story.' - The Sun 'A heartbreaking read about love and loss.' - Bella Magazine 'Prepare to have your heart wrenched by this emotion-drenched story.' - Sunday Mirror 'This tender depiction of a father's love for his son is utterly heartbreaking and will stay with you long after the book has finished.' - The Express 'Deeply affecting. A beautiful, remarkable book.' - Lucy Diamond, author of The Secrets of Happiness Utterly beautiful, heartbreaking and ultimately uplifting. - Rachael Lucas, author of The State of Grace What an incredible book this is - such gut-wrenching honesty and depth of emotion. Anyone who wishes David Nicholls would write faster needs to grab this with both hands. It's a truly stunning achievement. - Jill Mansell Beautifully rendered and profoundly moving, We Own the Sky illustrates the lengths we'll go to for those we love. Luke Allnutt is a major new talent in fiction and his debut is not to be missed. - Camille Pagán, bestselling author of Life and Other Near-Death Experiences ***** What readers are saying about We Own The Sky: 'Prepare to weep - I defy anyone to read this and not have a tear in their eye.' reviewer, 5 stars Emotional and moving. - 5* review, Amazon This is a truly beautiful story told from the heart and written with such great feeling. - 5* review, Amazon I loved this book for its honesty, it's rawness and for its abundance of pure love. It made me laugh, it made me cry, and it will, I know, stay with me for a very long time. - 5* review, Amazon**

The illustrated history of the British empire in India and

the East ... to the suppression of the Sepoy mutiny in 1859. With a continuation [by another author] to the end of 1878

The Blue Sky

Milkweed Editions **A boy's nomadic life in Mongolia is under threat in a novel that "captures the mountains, valleys and steppes in all their surpassing beauty and brutality" (Minneapolis Star-Tribune). In the high Altai Mountains of northern Mongolia, a young shepherd boy comes of age, tending his family's flocks on the mountain steppes and knowing little of the world beyond the surrounding peaks. But his nomadic way of life is increasingly disrupted by modernity. This confrontation comes in stages. First, his older siblings leave the family yurt to attend a distant boarding school. Then the boy's grandmother dies, and with her his connection to the old ways. But perhaps the greatest tragedy strikes when his dog, Arsylang—"all that was left to me"—ingests poison set out by the boy's father to protect his herd from wolves. "Why is it so?" Dshurukawaa cries out in despair to the Heavenly Blue Sky, to be answered only by the wind. Rooted in the oral traditions of the Tuvan people, *The Blue Sky* weaves the timeless story of a boy poised on the cusp of manhood with the story of a people on the threshold. "Thrilling. . . . Tschinag makes it easy for his readers to fall into the beautiful rhythms of the Tuvans' daily life." —Los Angeles Times Book Review "In this pristine and concentrated tale of miraculous survival and anguished loss, Tschinag evokes the nurturing warmth of a family within the circular embrace of a yurt as an ancient way of life lived in harmony with nature becomes endangered." —Booklist**

Under a War-Torn Sky

Usborne Publishing Ltd Shot down on a mission, 19-year-old pilot Henry is alone in a treacherous land. Desperate to get back to his family and the girl he loves, he is forced to rely on the cunning of the French Resistance. But in his battle to survive the deadly journey across Nazi-occupied Europe, he must face a terrible choice: can he take a life to save his own? "A brilliantly paced, action-packed story with some breathtaking moments" - Primary Times

Under a Sacred Sky

The Wessex Astrologer Under a Sacred Sky is a treasure trove of essays by the author on the ancient art of astrology. This far-reaching collection is drawn from articles and interviews ranging from discussions of its use in our personal lives to its value for understanding historical cycles and patterns. It also includes a fascinating chapter on planetary stations, a topic rarely covered in other astrological literature. Along the way Ray Grasse interjects with some of his own personal experiences in the discipline, while exploring its broader implications for subjects like synchronicity, spirituality, and the yogic concept of the chakras. This book includes interviews with Rick Tarnas and Laurence Hillman and is suitable for both beginner and advanced students of the subject.

Under a Desert Sky

Redefining Hope, Beauty, and Faith in the Hardest Places

Baker Books There comes a time in life when we find ourselves in the desert place of burning questions. Why? Why me? But even as we shake our fist heavenward, the heart whispers another question. Who? Who are you, God? It is a question of relationship, a question we all murmur in the hardest places. Against the backdrop of the Sonoran Desert, Lynne Hartke asks her own hard questions as cancer arrives like a thief with one goal: to take it all. Hair. The contents

of a stomach. A marriage. A life. As her days become a blur of doctors' appointments, treatments, and surgeries, she wrestles with a tumble of tangled emotions, a shaken faith, and self-doubt. Cancer is now not only threatening her own life, but, in a surprising twist, the lives of both her parents as well. Through her raw, lyrical words, Hartke invites fellow sojourners to discover that in life's hardest places, they are not alone in their fear, they are not foolish to hope, and they are never forgotten by a loving, pursuing God. Never.

Anna Karenina

CCEL A married woman falls blindly in love with a handsome military officer. Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way. States Leo Tolstoy in his great modern novel of an adulterous affair set against the backdrop of Moscow and St. Petersburg high society in the later half of the nineteenth century. A sophisticated woman who is respectably married to a government bureaucrat, Anna begins a passionate, all-consuming involvement with a rich army officer. Refusing to conduct a discreet affair, she scandalizes society by abandoning both her husband and her young son for Count Vronsky--with tragic consequences. Running parallel is the story of the courtship and marriage of Konstantin Levin (the melancholy nobleman who is Tolstoy's stand-in) and Princess Kitty Shcherbatsky.