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Unravel a thrilling murder mystery set against the breathtaking backdrop of the High Himalayas. This captivating novel plunges you into a world of intrigue and suspense as detectives navigate treacherous landscapes and uncover hidden secrets to solve a baffling crime. Experience the raw beauty and unforgiving nature of the Himalayas while following the twists and turns of this unforgettable story.

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A Death in the Himalayas: A Neville Wadia Mystery

Why would anyone kill a well-meaning foreigner like Clare Watson in a quiet neighbourhood in the foothills of the Himalayas? Yes, Clare was a fearless woman. But why would she venture into the dark forest after sundown knowing it fully well as leopard habitat? When a celebrity author-activist is found battered in a Himalayan forest spring, the event resounds internationally. India jumps into headlines once again as a country that is unsafe for women. Closer home, the tragedy divides the sleepy village into gentle folk who mourn the dreadful passing of their dear friend and the motivated elite who believe she was begging for trouble. As Neville Wadia picks his way through the blood-splattered hills of Birtola, he begins to unpack the deadly truth that killed Clare, only to realize there are other tender lives at stake. What kind of killer is at work here: a jealous lover, a dejected husband, a sharp land grabber, a wily politician or a disgruntled local? Tense and atmospheric, *a Death in the Himalayas* is a mesmerizing mystery about the little-known intimacies of an idyllic locale.

Fidali's Way

A thrilling, epic novel about a young American man who is arrested for murder in Pakistan and narrowly escapes through the Himalayas, experiencing war, love, and revelation along the way. Disillusioned with American life, Nicholas Sunder has spent months backpacking through South Asia, most recently in the company of a beautiful French woman he met in India. When the woman is found brutally murdered in the Tribal Areas of Pakistan, Nick is arrested and tortured by the Pakistani police, who are convinced he is the killer. Amazingly, Nick escapes their custody and heads off on foot through the steep mountains of Kashmir, the highest war zone on earth. Now a fugitive without papers, money, or a country that will welcome him, Nick is reduced to his most elemental human identity in an unforgiving mountainous landscape where his very survival is unlikely. Nick's fortune turns when he encounters an eccentric Kashmiri smuggler and his mysterious companion, Fidali. An enormous, nearly silent man, Fidali not only knows a hidden way through the mountains but makes a deep impression upon Nick through his sacrifices for others. In time, after barely surviving great violence, Nick reaches an idyllic mountain village in Indian-occupied Kashmir, where he is drawn to Aysha, a remarkable woman unlike any he has ever met, who operates a medical clinic in the remote region. It is there he will confront the divide between Islam and the West and be forced to ponder how he has reached such a place -- forced to consider, in other words, Fidali's way. Drawn from the author's own experiences trekking through Asia, *Fidali's Way* brims with George Mastras's deep knowledge of the Himalayan region. He has walked the lands, climbed the mountains, and met the diverse peoples who call the high Himalayas their home. Few American authors have traveled as extensively as Mastras has through these remote, dangerous, and unstable places, and his personal insight is evident on every page. Not only a powerful suspense story, *Fidali's Way* is a timely exploration of a politically complex region and a meditation on some of the most important issues of our time: the relationship between Islam and the West, the ruthlessness of fanatical religion, and the redemptive power of pure faith. Sweeping in its scope and moral complexity, *Fidali's Way* brings forth a story that only an ambitious, large-hearted novel can tell and introduces George Mastras as a major new American novelist.

War in High Himalaya

In 1953, English journalist Graham Peters is sent to Nepal to cover the attempt to conquer Mt Everest. Kathmandu is full of foreigners, including two textile merchants, who upon reading of the successful ascent – and the New Zealander who had “knocked the bastard off” – do some exploring of their own. Unfamiliar with the area, they misread their map and get lost. Stumbling through a valley, they find fragments of wreckage from a crashed plane, a German cargo plane. In hospital they are visited by Peters, who sees their hapless story as a good background piece for his Mt Everest article. During the interview, they describe the wreckage they had found. The article is published around the world, and is of interest to a lot of people, none more so than the German SS officer who led a Tibetan exploration team in 1938. Now living in Argentina, Kraus (aka Richard Smyth) sees this as his opportunity to regain the plundered treasure of Nazi gold that was lost on that fateful flight. Back in England, Peters researches why a German plane may have crashed in Nepal, and begins to uncover the truth. He returns to Nepal to find the wreckage, to right the wrongs of the past, and to expose Nazi atrocities perpetrated in Tibet just prior to WWII.

Himal Gold

High Hopes is the story of Tibetan education in India since the arrival of Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama in India in 1959. When His Holiness the Dalai Lama arrived in India, he came with his retinue

and many thousands of followers who arrived soon after. Their arduous journey was to a country about which most of them were ignorant. They came as deeply committed Buddhists and with a positive belief in the future. Other than the monks and high officials, most of them had little or no formal education or experience. They arrived into a country which was still emerging and forming its own identity, and still reeling from the 'Partition' and all of the related changes that had taken place after the departure of the British 'Raj'. This relatively small group of Tibetans were strangers in the political landscape of the sub-continent, with its millions. Somehow Nehru and the Indians found a way to accommodate the Tibetans. This book traces that story and the way that the Tibetans in-exile have been able to forge their own unique Buddhist way of life and to incorporate that into their path for future.

High Hopes

The importance of the Himalayan state of Nepal has been obscured by the international campaign to free Tibet and the vicissitudes of the Sino-Indian rivalry. This book presents the history of Nepal's domestic politics and foreign relations from ancient to modern times. Analysing newly declassified reports from the United States and Britain, published memoirs, oral recollections and interviews, the book presents the historical interactions between Nepal, China, Tibet and India. It discusses how the ageing and inevitable death of the 14th Dalai Lama, the radicalization of Tibetan diaspora and the ascendancy of the international campaign to free Tibet are of increasing importance to Nepal. With its position between China and India, the book notes how the focus could shift to Nepal, with it being home to some 20,000 Tibetan refugees and its chronic political turmoil, deepened by the Asian giants' rivalry. Using a chronological approach, the past and present of the rivalry between China and India are studied, and attempts to chart the future are made. The book contributes to a new understanding of the intricate relationship of Nepal with these neighbouring countries, and is of interest to students and scholars of South Asian studies, politics and international relations.

Nepal and the Geo-Strategic Rivalry between China and India

As we approach the sixtieth anniversary of China's 1959 invasion of Tibet—and the subsequent creation of the Tibetan exile community—the question of the diaspora's survival looms large. Beijing's foreign policy has grown more adventurous, particularly since the post-Olympic expansion of 2008. As the pressure mounts, Tibetan refugee families that have made their homes outside China—in the mountains of Nepal, the jungles of India, or the cold concrete houses high above the Dalai Lama's monastery in Dharamsala—are migrating once again. Blessings from Beijing untangles the chains that tie Tibetans to China and examines the political, social, and economic pressures that are threatening to destroy Tibet's refugee communities. Journalist Greg Bruno has spent nearly two decades living and working in Tibetan areas. Bruno journeys to the front lines of this fight: to the high Himalayas of Nepal, where Chinese agents pay off Nepali villagers to inform on Tibetan asylum seekers; to the monasteries of southern India, where pro-China monks wish the Dalai Lama dead; to Asia's meditation caves, where lost souls ponder the fine line between love and war; and to the streets of New York City, where the next generation of refugees strategizes about how to survive China's relentless assault. But Bruno's reporting does not stop at well-worn tales of Chinese meddling and political intervention. It goes beyond them—and within them—to explore how China's strategy is changing the Tibetan exile community forever.

Blessings from Beijing

Tibetan Subjectivities on the Global Stage: Negotiating Dispossession provides a comprehensive account of the ways Tibetans are reimagining their sense of belonging in the realms of politics, religion, literature, and development. By drawing on sources and examples from Tibet and its diaspora, the book offers an image of Tibetan identity as a multifaceted, living, and changing entity.

Tibetan Subjectivities on the Global Stage

China's Maritime Power dates back thousands of years. China has one of the oldest naval traditions in the world, dating from at least the end of the Warring States period in 221 BC. Nonetheless, China has historically been a continental state with a large ground force and only a coastal navy with limited blue water capability. The rise of modern day China raises considerable regional and security concerns, besides economic and political competition towards finding a rightful place in power politics of the South Asian Region and hence needs a critical analysis. There is a need to focus future strategies to deal with such challenges, both in the medium and long term. An effort to achieve the same has

been undertaken in this book. The book is sure to stimulate further discussions on China's navy and its ambitions. Foreword by Srikanth Kondapalli

China's Maritime Ambitions and the PLA Navy

An inside account of the Chinese invasion of Tibet told through the voices of three persecuted monks • Shares the true story of three monks' heroic escape from occupied Tibet and the subsequent rebirth of the Bön religion in exile • Introduces Bön, Tibet's oldest religion, and a traditional way of life extinguished by foreign occupation • Reveals details of the 1950 Chinese invasion of Tibet and the exodus of thousands of Tibetans to neighboring countries Providing an inside view into the Chinese occupation of Tibet and the tenets of Bön, one of the world's oldest but least known religions, this book chronicles the true story of three Bön monks who heroically escaped occupied Tibet and went on to rebuild their culture through incredible resilience, determination, and passion. After taking his vows to become a Bön monk and completing a pilgrimage around 22,000-foot Mt. Kailash, the holiest mountain in Tibet, Tenzin Namdak envisions a life of quiet contemplation at Menri, Bön's mother monastery. Instead, he finds himself fleeing for his life across the highest and most difficult terrain on the planet. After being joined by a CIA-backed warlord, Tenzin's escape party is ambushed and he is severely wounded. Narrowly escaping execution by Chinese soldiers, the dying Tenzin is taken to a concentration camp, where he is afforded special consideration because of his status as a monk. He overcomes his nearly fatal wound and makes an arduous escape from Tibet over the daunting Himalayas. The other monks, life-long friends Samten Karmay and Sangye Tenzin, witness Tibet's capital explode in a violent insurrection against Chinese rule. Escaping to Nepal, they worry about the survival of the Bön religion and begin collecting scattered works of Bön scripture. A chance meeting with British scholar David Snellgrove brings the three monks together again and dramatically changes their lives. Snellgrove invites Sangye, Samten, and Tenzin to spend three years in London on a Rockefeller Foundation grant. There, they hone their English and forge influential relationships, enabling Tenzin to answer the pleas for help from the Bön community by founding a settlement in exile in India. Sangye is chosen as the 33rd Menri Trizen, Bön's highest office, and together the three monks help rebuild the nearly extinct Bön religion. Aside from the escape of the Dalai Lama, no other Tibetan escape has been so consequential for so many.

Flight of the Bön Monks

After one of America's most accomplished mountaineers gives a talk at Seattle town hall, he is found dead in the men's bathroom. The media reports that Mr. Hawkins, an ageing mountain hero, died of a heart attack. But twenty-seven-year-old Marta, a big fan and eager mountaineer herself, discovers he was in fact murdered and makes it her mission to find out why. With help from Jose, a local police officer, and her best friend Sonia, she investigates the case further and their investigations take them to Pakistan and the high Himalayas. But what starts out as a stunning hike through the Karakoram Mountains, soon turns into a race against death.

Mountain Murder

When the deputy chairman of a world-leading oil company gets kidnapped in Hamburg, Peter Blair is urgently called in to lead the rescue mission. The captured Dr Braunschweig is a wealthy and powerful man, and a sizeable ransom demand seems certain. So it seems very strange when all the kidnappers desire in exchange for their hostage is a certain 17th Century Arctic map. But when the map is suddenly reported missing from its museum in Cambridge, it becomes clear there is much more at stake than a valuable relic. And with news that an oil expert has been murdered in the Arctic, an old map from the past threatens to have global consequences for the future... Death in a High Latitude is the final mystery starring the marvellous Peter Blair - and J.R.L. Anderson has saved his best investigation till last.

Death in a High Latitude

Reproduction of the original: Himalayan Journals by Joseph Dalton Hooker

Into the Untravelled Himalaya

Having failed to acquire the legendary golden Inca idols on Aconcagua in South America, Scott Devlon is hot on their trail. Kira Stern, former wife of Quentin, has murdered to steal them and is now headed

to Punta Arenas, Chile where she hopes to sell them to Robert Ainsworth, a crazed international arms dealer. Joined by Quentin, Scott soon finds himself in Antarctica, compelled to join the expedition about to attempt an unprecedented winter climb of Vinson Massif, the highest mountain on the world's most inhospitable continent. Murder and treachery once again abound as the high tech expedition braves the Antarctic night with temperatures falling below minus 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Old friends and fresh enemies die as Scott seeks the lost idols and in the end all perish save two. Join Scott Devlon in *Murder on Vinson Massif*, the most thrilling, and fascinating, Summit Murder Mystery yet. The Summit Murder Mystery Series explores murders set on each of the Seven Summits, the highest and deadliest mountains on the world's seven continents. Join authors Charles G. Irion and Ronald J. Watkins for this extraordinary journey of daring exploits and murder.

Himalayan Journals

This collection of crime and detection stories sets out various complex crimes and the ingenuity of Detective Inspector Samsher Brahma and his team, in solving them. There are murders of rage, vengeance, and greed. A killer creates a fictitious persona, poisons are used innovatively, and exceptional alibis are crafted through TVs and voice mimics. Successions of enormous wealth spawn unique crime motives, and mobile phones make a one-of-a-kind background for butchery. Meandering confessions, detections through "timings of crimes," a schizophrenic man's murder, a mythical werewolf's killings, and uncovering an assassin in subtle supernatural circumstances, round up these amazing stories. Every story has its own inimitable experience of use of intellectual efforts and meticulous investigation.

Himalayan Journals

Focusing on the geographies between the Mekong and the Indus, this book brings objects to the centre of enquiry in the understanding of modern Asian frontiers. It explores how a range of objects have historically been significant bearers and agents of frontier making. For instance, how are objects connected to aspects of state making, social change, everyday life, diplomacy, political and ecological worlds, capital, forms of violence, resistances, circulations, and aesthetic expressions? This book seeks to interrogate and understand the dynamism of frontiers from the vantage point of objects such as salt, rubber, tea, guns, silk scarves, horses, and opium. It attempts to explore objects as sites of encounter, mediation, or dislocation between the social and the spatial. The book not only locates objects in the specificities of frontier spaces, but it also looks at how they are produced, circulated, and come to be intricately linked to a wide range of people, institutions, networks, and geographies. In the process, it explores how objects traverse and come to inhabit multiple historical, cultural, and geographical scales. This book will be of interest to researchers and academics working in areas of history, social and cultural anthropology, Asian studies, frontiers and borderland studies, cultural studies, political and economic studies, and museum studies.

Himalayan Journals, Or, Notes of a Naturalist in Bengal, the Sikkim and Nepal Himalayas, the Khasia Mountains, &c

Personal accounts of the author's travels to the Himalaya Mountains undertaken from 1969 to 1991.

The Economist

THE SENSATIONAL TRUE CRIME STORY THAT SHOOK ICELAND - COMING TO NETFLIX THIS YEAR. It is the most shocking miscarriage of justice in European history. And now - in the most stunning true crime narrative you will read this year - *OUT OF THIN AIR* spotlights Iceland's strangest ever murder case. Iceland, 1974. In two separate incidents, two men vanished into thin air. Then, out of it, came 6 murder confessions and 6 convictions. Yet, in the decades that followed, these too would dissolve... Fuelled by a personal obsession with the case, Ant Adeane traces its bizarre developments across five decades: exposing the mistakes that were made, the lives that were ruined, the confessions that were coerced, the questions that remain unanswered, and the injustices that remain unaddressed. And it all began in January 1974, when a young man went to a nightclub . . . 'Reads like a great thriller. Incredibly interesting' Ragnar Jonasson 'Extraordinary . . . utterly compelling' Sunday Times 'Riveting' Metro 'What a fabulous read . . . fascinating' Jo Spain

Murder on Vinson Massif

The Rough Guide to China covers all of mainland China and Tibet, as well as the lesser known administrative regions of Hong Kong and Macau. The Rough Guide provides all the information you need, whether you want to explore the sophisticated nightlife of Beijing and Shanghai, chill out in the mellow travellers' havens of Dali and Yangshuo, or roam the streets of wonderfully historical towns such as Lijiang. Up-to-date descriptions provide you with the low-down on famous sights such as Beijing's Forbidden City, the Terracotta Army outside Xi'an, limestone peaks around Guilin and the cruise through the mighty Three Gorges along the Yangzi. There's also full practical information on where to drink, sleep, party and eat - from streetside snack stalls to luxurious Beijing Duck restaurants. Detailed maps and comprehensive practical information help you get under the skin of China, whilst the guide's stunning photography and a full-colour introduction make this your ultimate travelling companion. Make the most of your time on earth with The Rough Guide to China.

Murder in High Places

Paul Wood is trekking with another backpacker in the Annapurna Range of the Himalayas when they find the still-warm body of a Canadian with his skull smashed in and a swiss army knife plunged into each eye. An extraordinarily brutal and unusual crime, except that Paul has seen such a death before. His girlfriend was murdered in Cameroon two years before and her eyes had been mutilated in an identical way. Another terrible similarity: the local authorities are not interested in investigating a murder of and by foreigners and the crimes are barely reported. And if Paul has been a witness to two murders, how many more victims are there lying in the third world who have not been discovered? Using every means he can, Paul tries to uncover the killer. But it may be someone he knows. And that means the killer could find him first...

TEN X MURDERS FOR THE MIND

Corporate hijinks mar the breathtaking scenery of the Himalayas—and set the stage for murder—in this Golden Age mystery from the author of *Bengal Fire*. A construction overseer for Blenn Engineering Works, Paul Woodring, thinks he's below the notice of Calcutta business mogul Alexander Blenn, but his singular skills are needed for a delicate mission: renewing a twenty-year-old concession that gives Blenn exclusive rights to develop mechanical transportation and resources in an Indian state near Darjeeling. But before Woodring steps on the train to the mountain city, Blenn goes missing and his general manager is murdered. Enter Insp. Leonidas Prike of the British CID . . . Aboard the train climbing its way to Darjeeling is Prike and a raft of suspects including Woodring, Blenn's niece and sole heir, a German botanist and Nazi party defector, an inveterate drunk, a Russian count, an engineering superintendent, and a mysterious dark-eyed woman. It will take all of Prike's deductive skills to discover a motive and means for murder at the top of the world . . .

Objects and Frontiers in Modern Asia

When young Sarah Parrish takes a skiing holiday in Gulmarg, a resort high above the fabled vale of Kashmir, she anticipates an amusing but uneventful stay. But the discovery of the grotesque corpse of grey-haired, sociable Mrs Matthews casts a dark shadow over the party. On learning the real truth about her death, Sarah is plunged into a deadly intrigue of secret messages, mysterious rendezvous - and murder. A delicious blend of menace and romance set against the background of M. M. Kaye's beloved India.

High Himalaya, Unknown Valleys

When we say "Shangrila"...we think of a place we step into and find happiness. Usually it's a personal thing...and the rest of the world be damned. But if we want it to be there for everyone, it probably will have at least two conditions, that of "proper justice"

Out of Thin Air

In Nepal, Oliver Faulkner is pursued by a murderer. Oliver is on his way to Changri La (La meaning "Pass") pronounced Shangrila. So also the murderer goes to Shangrila, or "the top" of the journey. Changri La is an empty pass. There, the murderer enters a part of "the tragic" allowed by "light in the darkness" in this case two locks of hair.

The Rough Guide to China

For three years, a serial killer has been targeting employees of Santa Fe's Indian Bend Hotel and Casino by first abducting them and then burying them alive in the vast high desert of New Mexico's Yiqua Indian Reservation. That's the conclusion of Detective Clay Bryce of the Santa Fe Criminal Investigation Unit and Chief Jacoby Johnstone of the Yiqua Pueblo Tribal Police. The two combine forces and expertise to solve the murders. Among the suspects are Denver Stennet, roommate of two of the victims, and John Grainger, Operations VP at the Indian Bend. Still others emerge with motives of their own in this perverse tale of death in the desert.

Trail of the Dead

Stanley Stevens brings new ecological and historical perspectives to his study of a subsistence society in ever-increasing contact with the outside world. The Sherpas of the Mount Everest region, famous for their mountaineering exploits, have frequently been depicted as victims of the world's highest-altitude tourist boom. But have the Sherpas and their homeland been transformed by tourism? He is the first to analyze the complex interaction of local environmental knowledge, cultural beliefs, and socio-economic and political conditions in changing sherpas subsistence strategies, land use practices, and local resources management institutions. Claiming the High ground is must reading for all those interested peoples and concerned about the conservation of the earth's high places.

Red Snow at Darjeeling

This is the story of a mass-murder that divided a nation. It's a story that began in a rickety old home on a cold June morning in 1994, where five members of a seemingly ordinary New Zealand family were gunned down. There were two suspects. One lay dead from a single bullet to the head. The other was the only survivor: David Bain. Since then the country has asked: Who killed the Bain family? David, or his father Robin? And why? Award-winning journalist Martin van Beynen has covered the Bain story closely for decades. His 2017 Stuff podcast, *Black Hands* - based on the manuscript for this book - was a runaway success in New Zealand and overseas, downloaded more than 4 million times and topping the charts in New Zealand and around the world. Now, van Beynen brings the story up to date for 2020, exploring the case from start to finish, picking through evidence old and new, plumbing the mysteries and motives, interviewing never-before-spoken-to witnesses and laying out the complex police investigation and judicial processes, seeking to finally answer the question: Who was the killer? *Black Hands* is a riveting read from the first word to the last, by a skilled writer who knows his subject inside out. "If anyone can pass judgement it can only be those who sat through the whole trial." - David Bain in *New Idea*

Death in Kashmir

The Himalaya are world-renowned for their exquisite mountain scenery, ancient traditions, and diverse ethnic groups that tenaciously inhabit this harsh yet sublime landscape. Home to the world's highest peaks, including Mount Everest, and some of its deepest gorges, the region is a trove of biological and cultural diversity. Providing a panoramic overview of contemporary land and life in the Earth's highest mountains, the *Illustrated Atlas of the Himalaya* is the first full-color, comprehensive atlas of the geography, economics, politics, and culture of this spectacular area. Drawing from the authors' twenty-five years of scholarship and field experience in the region, the volume contains a stunning and unique collection of maps utilizing state-of-the-art cartography, exquisite photography, and engagingly-written text to give accurate coverage of the Himalaya. The volume covers the entire 2,700-kilometer length of the mountain range, from the Indus Valley in northern Pakistan and India, across Nepal and Bhutan, to the hidden realms of northeast India. The *Illustrated Atlas of the Himalaya* not only offers detailed explanations of geological formations, climate, vegetation, and natural resources but also explores the human dimension of the region's culture and economy. The authors devote special attention to discovery and travel, including exploration, mountaineering, and trekking. Packed with over 300 easy-to-read, custom designed full color maps and photographs and detailed text and map indexes, the *Illustrated Atlas of the Himalaya* is a superb collector's volume and an essential reference to this vast and complex mountain region.

Murder in the Highest Places

Nominated for an Edgar Award "Exceptionally authentic."—Jill Leovy, *The New York Times Book Review*
In the late 1980s and early 1990s, the Bronx had one of the country's highest per capita homicide rates. As crack cocaine use surged, dealers claimed territory through intimidation and murder, while families

were fractured by crime and incarceration. Chronicling the rise and fall of Sex Money Murder, one of the era's most notorious gangs, reporter Jonathan Green creates a visceral and devastating portrait of a New York City borough and the dedicated detectives and prosecutors struggling to stem the tide of violence. Drawing on years of research and extraordinary access to gang leaders, law enforcement, and federal prosecutors, Green delivers an engrossing work of gritty urban reportage. Magisterial in its scope, Sex Money Murder offers a unique perspective on the violence raging in modern-day America and the battle to end it.

Murder in the Highest Places

Eight people sit down for dinner at a young singer's success party, but only seven live to see the next day. When Suhana Sethi, a debutante Bollywood singer, receives a mysterious call during her party, life for the Sethi family of Mussoorie stumbles off the rails. The next morning, a family member is found dead. Murdered. On the other side of the neighbourhood, battling with depression and a sickening habit of self-mutilation, is Mrs Sheetal Gupta, a widowed lady of the most maniacal personality who is suspected of shielding a secret — a secret that might not live long. What is this secret and what does her world bring to the wealthiest family in Mussoorie is a question that irks many. Amidst all this are Dev, a retired policeman, and Vikram, a struggling writer, who take it upon themselves to sieve false from the truth before the family's dark, dysfunctional side alters the case completely, and the murderer strikes again . . . and again . . .

Murders in the High Desert

THE THRILLING NEW MYSTERY FROM THE AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR OF MIDNIGHT AT MALABAR HOUSE Bombay, 1950 When the body of a white man is found frozen in the Himalayan foothills near Dehra Dun, he is christened the Ice Man by the national media. Who is he? How long has he been there? Why was he killed? As Inspector Persis Wadia and Metropolitan Police criminalist Archie Blackfinch investigate the case in Bombay, they uncover a trail left behind by the enigmatic Ice Man - a trail leading directly into the dark heart of conspiracy. Meanwhile, two new murders grip the city. Is there a serial killer on the loose, targeting Europeans? Rich in atmosphere, the thrilling third chapter in the CWA Historical Dagger-winning Malabar House series pits Persis against a mystery from beyond the grave, unfolding against the backdrop of a turbulent post-colonial India, a nation struggling to redefine itself in the shadow of the Raj. Praise for the Malabar House series: 'This is a crime novel for everyone; for those who love traditional mysteries there are clues, codes and ciphers, but it also had a harder edge and a post-war darkness' Ann Cleeves 'Outstanding. I've always been a fan of Vaseem Khan but this latest offering is something special and something new' Imran Mahmood 'This is historical crime fiction at its best - a compelling mix of social insight and complex plotting with a thoroughly engaging heroine. A highly promising new series' Mail on Sunday 'This is historical crime fiction at its sharpest, set on the brink of independence and during a dramatic period of the subcontinent's history' Sunday Times

The Virginia Quarterly Review

A woman relishes the last cries of her husband on the phone as he is brutally murdered by her lover. A teenager poisons her family for the love of her tutor. A woman driven by greed ruthlessly bludgeons eight members of her family. A beautician gangs up with her lover to rob a house, killing innocent women from three generations of a family. A practising lawyer strangles her lawyer husband with the cord of a mobile charger. A friendly and jovial teacher commits at least six murders over fourteen years in a sleepy town down south. DEATH SERVED COLD is a painstakingly researched collection of true, blood-curdling accounts of gruesome murders committed by India's most dangerous women over the last three decades. These stories explore the dark recesses of the female psyche and challenge popular stereotypes by revealing shocking excesses of sadism and aggression rarely associated with women.

Claiming the High Ground

Black Hands