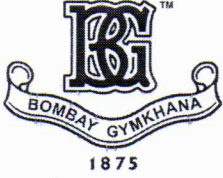


NEW BOOKS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025

Fiction

1. **A Guardian and a Thief by Megha Majumdar**
'An indelible piece of writing, in equal parts dazzling and devastating.' – Stacy Schiff
2. **A Neighbour's Guide to Murder by Louise Candlish**
'A queen of intelligent, classy thrillers.' – Mark Edwards
3. **Alchemy of Secrets by Stephanie Garber**
'As dazzling as a jewel box... No one does world building like Stephanie Garber.' – Erin A. Craig
4. **Buckeye by Patrick Ryan**
'I was taken in by this book, utterly transported.' – Emily Fridlund
5. **Eddie Winston is Looking for Love by Marianne Cronin**
A funny, uplifting story about the power of friendship and finding love in unexpected places.
6. **Exit Strategy by Lee Child and Andrew Child**
It is a new page-turning Jack Reacher thriller.
7. **Flesh By David Szalay**
'Brilliance on every page.' – Samantha Harvey
8. **Gone Before Goodbye by Harlan Coben and Reese Witherspoon**
It is a story of a woman trapped in a deadly conspiracy—where uncovering the truth could cost her everything.
9. **Lies and Weddings by Kevin Kwan**
'Every page left me giggling with glee' – Annie Lord
10. **My Grandfather, the Master Detective by Masateru Konishi**
It is an affectionate, cosy whodunit and a story of living your day to the fullest.
11. **Nash Falls by David Baldacci**
'A thriller writer of the ages.' – Gregg Hurwitz
12. **Railsong by Rahul Bhattacharya**
'A testament to the brilliance of this writer's craft.' – Vivek Shanbhag
13. **Real Americans by Rachel Khong**
'A book of rare charm.' – C Pam Zhang
14. **Remain by Nicholas Sparks and M. Night Shyamalan**
It is a gripping and thought provoking book.
15. **Soyangri Book Kitchen by Kim Jee Hye**
The heartwarming Korean bestseller.
16. **The Chola Tigers: Avengers of Somnath by Amish Tripathi**
'Creative, imaginative.' – Jeffrey Archer
17. **The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections by Eva Jurczyk**
'A rare treat for readers.' – Matthew Sullivan



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18. The Eleventh Hour by Salman Rushdie

'Rushdie is our Scheherazade.' – Ursula K. Le Guin

19. The Killer Question by Janice Hallett

'The modern queen of crime does it again. A wonderful ride.' – Ian Moore

20. The Marriage Monitoring Aunties' Association by Ola Awonubi

The story is witty, heartwarming and full of charm.

21. The Menu of Happiness by Hisashi Kashiwai

A comforting, food infused set of short tales about memory and healing.

22. The Only City: Bombay in Eighteen Stories by Anindita Ghose

'Eighteen strikingly restless Bombay stories, each with a distinct voice.' – Jayant Kaikini

23. The Portrait by Danielle Steel

A gifted portrait artist and a high-powered subject confront past wounds to embrace new love in this novel.

24. The Proving Ground by Michael Connelly

'It is the most relevant and compelling legal thriller of the decade.' – Ryan Steck

25. The Revolutionaries by Neena Nehru

It is a rare slice of modern Indian history.

26. The Widow by John Grisham

A classic, compulsive, taut and thrilling novel from one of the great storytellers of our time.

Non-Fiction

27. A Good Life: The Power of Palliative Care by Jerry Pinto

The author explores the world of palliative care through the real stories of patients, families and caregivers.

28. Dead and Alive by Zadie Smith

An illuminative new essay collection from one of the most distinctive, exciting and acclaimed writer.

29. Long and Short: 72 Stories by Groww to Unravel Stock Markets

Seventy-two compelling stories that simplify investing through real – world lessons.

30. Mafia Queens of India by S Hussain Zaidi

It is a portrait of a women who broke the rules, rewrote them and sometimes paid the ultimate price.

31. Mumbai: A Million Islands by Sidharth Bhatia

It delivers a powerful and unsettling portrait of a city caught in the grip of relentless transformation.

32. The Outsider: A Memoir of Misfits by Vir Das

It's a powerful reflection on how being a misfit can shape your identity.

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