The Unknown Errors of Our Lives
Stories

In nine poignant stories spiked with humor and intelligence, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni captures lives at crossroad moments—caught between past and present, home and abroad, tradition and fresh experience. A widow in California, recently arrived from India, struggles to adapt to a world in which neighbors are strangers and her domestic skills are deemed superfluous in the award-winning “Mrs. Dutta Writes a Letter.” In “The Intelligence of Wild Things,” a woman from Sacramento visits her brother in Vermont to inform him that back in Calcutta their mother is dying. And in the title story, a painter looks to ancient myth and the example of her grandmother for help in navigating her first real crisis of faith. Knowing, compassionate and expertly rendered, the stories in The Unknown Errors of Our Lives depict the eternal struggle to find a balance between the pull of home and the allure of change.

One Amazing Thing

An acclaimed novel by the author of The Mistress of Spices, and Before We Visit the Goddess. Jhumpa Lahiri praises: “One Amazing Thing collapses the walls dividing characters and cultures; what endures is a chorus of voices in one single room.” Late afternoon sun sneaks through the windows of a passport and visa office in an unnamed American city. Most customers and even most office workers have come and gone, but nine people remain. A
punky teenager with an unexpected gift. An upper-class Caucasian couple whose relationship is disintegrating. A young Muslim-American man struggling with the fallout of 9/11. A graduate student haunted by a question about love. An African-American ex-soldier searching for redemption. A Chinese grandmother with a secret past. And two visa office workers on the verge of an adulterous affair. When an earthquake rips through the afternoon lull, trapping these nine characters together, their focus first jolts to their collective struggle to survive. There's little food. The office begins to flood. Then, at a moment when the psychological and emotional stress seems nearly too much for them to bear, the young graduate student suggests that each tell a personal tale, "one amazing thing" from their lives, which they have never told anyone before. And as their surprising stories of romance, marriage, family, political upheaval, and self-discovery unfold, despite the urgency of their life-or-death circumstances, the novel proves the transcendent power of stories and the meaningfulness of human expression itself. From Chitra Divakaruni, author of such finely wrought, bestselling novels as Sister of My Heart, The Palace of Illusions, and The Mistress of Spices, comes her most compelling and transporting story to date. One Amazing Thing is a passionate creation about survival—and about the reasons to survive.

Queen of Dreams

Anchor From the bestselling author of Sister of My Heart comes a spellbinding tale of mothers and daughters, love and cultural identity. Rakhi, a young painter and single mother, is struggling to come to terms with her relationship with ex-husband Sonny, a hip Bay Area DJ, and with her dream-teller mother, who has rarely spoken about her past or her native India. Rakhi has her hands full, juggling a creative dry spell, raising her daughter, and trying to save the Berkeley teahouse she and her best friend Belle own. But greater challenges are to come. When a national tragedy turns her world upside down and Rakhi needs her mother’s strength and wisdom more than ever, she loses her in a freak car accident. But uncovering her mother’s dream journals allows Rakhi to discover her mother’s long-kept secrets and sacrifices—and ultimately to confront her fears, forge a new relationship with her father, and revisit Sonny’s place in her heart.

Stories of Your Life and Others

Knopf From the author of Exhalation, an award-winning short story collection that blends "absorbing storytelling with meditations on the universe, being, time and space ... raises questions about the nature of reality and what it is to be human" (The New York Times). Stories of Your Life and Others delivers dual delights of the very, very strange and the heartbreakingly familiar, often presenting characters who must confront sudden change—the inevitable rise of automatons or the appearance of aliens—with some sense of normalcy. With sharp intelligence and humor, Chiang examines what it means to be alive in a world marked by uncertainty, but also by beauty and wonder. An award-winning collection from one of today’s most lauded writers, Stories of Your Life and Others is a contemporary classic. Includes “Story of Your Life”—the basis for the major motion picture Arrival

Oleander Girl

Simon and Schuster Enjoying a sheltered childhood with adoring grandparents but troubled by the silence surrounding her parents’ deaths, Korobi is prompted by a love note among her mother’s possessions to travel from India to post-9/11 America in search of her true identity.

The Lives of Strangers

Abacus Software Weaving tales of India and of the new settlers in America, Chitra Divakaruni’s stories explore themes of solitude, expectations, love and betrayal, as well as other reflections on life in both the East and the West.

Arranged Marriage

Stories

Anchor Although Chitra Divakaruni’s poetry has won praise and awards for many years, it is her "luminous, exquisitely crafted prose" (Ms.) that is quickly making her one of the brightest rising stars in the changing face of American literature. Arranged Marriage, her first collection of stories, spent five weeks on the San Francisco Chronicle bestseller list and garnered critical acclaim that would have been extraordinary for even a more established author. For the young girls and women brought to life in these stories, the possibility of change, of starting anew, is both as terrifying and filled with promise as the ocean that separates them from their homes in India. From the story of a young bride whose fairy-tale vision of California is shattered when her husband is murdered and she must face the future on her own, to a proud middle-aged divorced woman determined to succeed in San Francisco, Divakaruni’s award-winning poetry fuses here with prose for the first time to create eleven devastating portraits of women on the verge of an unforgettable transformation.
The Mistress of Spices
A Novel

Anchor A classic work of magical realism, this bestselling novel by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni tells the story of Tilo, a young woman from another time who has a gift for the mystical art of spices. Now immortal, and living in the gnarled and arthritic body of an old woman, Tilo has set up shop in Oakland, California, where she administers curatives to her customers. But when she’s surprised by an unexpected romance with a handsome stranger, she must choose between everlasting life and the vicissitudes of modern society. Spellbinding and hypnotizing, The Mistress of Spices is a tale of joy, sorrow, and one special woman’s magical powers.

The Times of Our Lives

Hay House, Inc The true experiences that are featured in this book, introduced by best-selling author Louise L. Hay, have been culled from the writings of some of the most renowned writers and teachers in the fields of self-help, transformation, social consciousness, and spirituality. These are stories reflecting metaphysical miracles; momentous milestones; heartwarming, humorous, and sometimes heartbreaking reminiscences; and extraordinarily poignant personal accounts. In addition, there are many narratives that will actually make you sit back in your seat and exclaim, "Wow!" As you read this uniquely fascinating book, you’ll laugh, you’ll cry . . . and most of all, you’ll be reminded that truth is not only stranger than fiction—it’s infinitely more interesting!

Sister of My Heart
A Novel

Anchor From the award-winning author of Mistress of Spices, the bestselling novel about the extraordinary bond between two women, and the family secrets and romantic jealousies that threaten to tear them apart. Anju is the daughter of an upper-caste Calcutta family of distinction. Her cousin Sudha is the daughter of the black sheep of that same family. Sudha is startlingly beautiful; Anju is not. Despite those differences, since the day on which the two girls were born, the same day their fathers died—mysteriously and violently—Sudha and Anju have been sisters of the heart. Bonded in ways even their mothers cannot comprehend, the two girls grow into womanhood as if their fates as well as their hearts were merged. But, when Sudha learns a dark family secret, that connection is shattered. For the first time in their lives, the girls know what it is to feel suspicion and distrust. Urged into arranged marriages, Sudha and Anju’s lives take opposite turns. Sudha becomes the dutiful daughter-in-law of a rigid small-town household. Anju goes to America with her new husband and learns to live her own life of secrets. When tragedy strikes each of them, however, they discover that despite distance and marriage, they have only each other to turn to. Set in the two worlds of San Francisco and India, this exceptionally moving novel tells a story at once familiar and exotic, seducing readers from the first page with the lush prose we have come to expect from Divakaruni. Sister of My Heart is a novel destined to become as widely beloved as it is acclaimed.

The Mirror of Fire and Dreaming

Simon and Schuster As twelve-year-old Anand continues his studies to become a full-fledged member of The Brotherhood of the Conch, he journeys back to Moghul times, where he encounters powerful sorcerers, spoiled princes, noble warriors, and evil jinns. Reprint.

Stories of Us

Pan Macmillan Does saving your family’s honour trump personal happiness? Will the god be appeased if you overfeed him and not help the needy? Will the law protect the stray dog that tears an eight-year-old into shreds? Is a deceased manual scavenger just another statistic who risks his life for a cleaner future? In the voice of the common man, Bobby Sachdeva questions our everyday practices in an unorthodox manner in Stories of Us. From Rishi to Parth and Lata to Rajnath, the hard-hitting and honest narratives are sure to inspire the common person to rethink the values long etched in our belief system.

The Book of Unknown Americans
A novel

Vintage "Illuminate[s] the lives behind the current debates about Latino immigration." —The New York Times Book Review When fifteen-year-old Maribel Rivera sustains a terrible injury, the Riveras leave behind a comfortable life in Mexico and risk everything to come to the United States so that Maribel can have the care she needs. Once they arrive, it’s not long before Maribel attracts the attention of Mayor Toro, the son of one of their new neighbors, who sees a
kindred spirit in this beautiful, damaged outsider. Their love story sets in motion events that will have profound repercussions for everyone involved. Here Henríquez seamlessly interweaves the story of these star-crossed lovers, and of the Rivera and Toro families, with the testimonials of men and women who have come to the United States from all over Latin America. The Book of Unknown Americans is a stunning novel of hopes and dreams, guilt and love—a book that offers a resonant new definition of what it means to be American. Named a New York Times and Washington Post Notable Book, an NPR Great Read, The Daily Beast’s Novel of the Year, and a Mother Jones, Oprah.com, School Library Journal, and BookPage Best Book of the Year.

Stories of Karol

The Unknown Life of John Paul II

Gracewing Publishing  Countless biographies have been written about Pope John Paul II. In this volume a well-know Vatican insider reveals new details about Karol Wojtyla’s youth, from his birth to his election to the papacy. This short, readable book chronicles the young life and personal development of this popular and beloved man through stories about his family, his vocation, and his intellectual training. It is enjoyable for both for adults and young people. “Stories of Karol: The Unknown Life of John Paul II” originated as a 20-part radio program that aired from January to March 2001 and was narrated by the author himself. It was also the inspiration behind the Hallmark channel movie, “A Man Who Became Pope.”

Courage for the Unknown Season

Navigating What's Next with Confidence and Hope

NavPress  We all face seasonal changes. The passing years take us on journeys of change—whether we want it or not. In Courage for the Unknown Season, Jan Silvious acts as a wise guide for those who find themselves in new seasons of life, offering perspective and practical insights to encourage the soul and offer hope. Anyone facing an unexpected change in life or relationship will be drawn to this book as a guide for walking through the shifting seasons. They can make it through this time with courage, strength, and yes, even joy! “Life is too long to keep doing the things we need to stop and too short to miss the things we want to begin.” Scripture references and study questions make this a useful small-group resource.

The Vine of Desire

A Novel

Anchor  The beloved characters of Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni’s bestselling novel Sister of My Heart are reunited in this powerful narrative that challenges the emotional bond between two lifelong friends, as the husband of one becomes dangerously attracted to the other. Anju and Sudha formed an astounding, almost psychic connection during their childhood in India. When Anju invites Sudha, a single mother in Calcutta, to come live with her and her husband, Sunil, in California, Sudha foolishly accepts, knowing full well that Sunil has long desired her. As Sunil’s attraction rises to the surface, the trio must struggle to make sense of the freedoms of America—and of the ties that bind them to India and to one another.

The Palace of Illusions

A Novel

Anchor  Taking us back to a time that is half history, half myth and wholly magical, bestselling author Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni gives voice to Panchaali, the fire-born heroine of the Mahabharata, as she weaves a vibrant retelling of an ancient epic saga. Married to five royal husbands who have been cheated out of their father’s kingdom, Panchaali aids their quest to reclaim their birthright, remaining at their side through years of exile and a terrible civil war. But she cannot deny her complicated friendship with the enigmatic Krishna—or her secret attraction to the mysterious man who is her husbands’ most dangerous enemy—as she is caught up in the ever-manipulating hands of fate.

Before We Visit the Goddess

A Novel

Simon and Schuster  "A novel in stories, built around crucial moments in the lives of 3 generations of women in an Indian/Indian-American Family"--
Your New Story, Your New Life

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Rewrite a new story for your life. Learn how to think in a new way. Bo Sebastian, a Consulting Hypnotist, helps you retrain the neural pathways of your brain. Turn your dreams into reality by shifting your thoughts. Learn to manifest what you have been hoping for your entire life! This book teaches you simple steps to create a more balanced you.

The Measure

A Novel

HarperCollins

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER - The Read With Jenna Today Show Book Club Pick! "A story of love and hope as interweaving characters display: how all moments, big and small, can measure a life. If you want joy, love, romance, and hope—read with us." —Jenna Bush Hager

The Measure "The trees are a love story. Divakaruni accords Sita parity with Ram, revealing her innate strength. By giving primacy to her thoughts and feelings this also becomes the private tale of Shri and Shrimati Ramchandra Raghuvanshi, two wonderful people who loved each other but who broke up. To readers well-acquainted with that tragedy of modern times, the failed marriage, it will appeal. The ending, however, surpasses all expectations." — The Sunday Standard

The Forest of Enchantments

HarperCollins

'The success of both The Palace Of Illusions and The Forest Of Enchantments hinges acutely on the skill with which Divakaruni deploys the narratorial voice.' — Mint

'The Forest of Enchantments is one of the simplest and most beautiful retellings of Sage Valmiki's epic.' — Jetwings

'Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni turns the Ramayana around by telling it in the voice of Sita ... this inversion is a gift - it presents us a with a way to know an already well-known story better and to love an already beloved story more' — Arshia Sattar

'This inspired evocation of the goddess Sita is an epic song of strength and solidarity told with joy and intensity. It brings to life the personalities and predicaments of the Ramayana' — Namita Gokhale

'Among the many, many Ramayanas there are now even - thankfully - some "Sitayanas", but I know of none with the special magic that Chitra Divakaruni ... brings to the telling' — Philip Lutgendorf" — "Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's Sita is an epic song of strength and solidarity told with joy and intensity. It brings to life the personalities and predicaments of the Ramayana" — Namita Gokhale

Between the two, it is not just a retelling of a much-told epic, rather it is a book that tells it like it is - balanced and non-judgmental.' — Huffpost

'Arnold's 'A work ... of pluralities and possibilities ... This is the Sitayan we will give to our daughters, that they may imbibe Sita's strength, and even more proudly to our sons, who will learn how a woman is to be treated' — The Wire

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'Her spin on the most pivotal moment of Sita's life, theagnipariksha episode, is a moment of feminist brilliance. Her Sita answers all the questions we would have had when listening to the Ramayana while leaving us with plenty of food for thought.' — "The New Indian Express"
and say, 'Enough!'

The Story of Our Lives
A Novel

Harlequin

They think nothing can tear their bond apart, until a long-buried secret threatens to destroy everything. Every year they have met up for a vacation, but their time away is much more than just a bit of fun. Over time, it becomes a lifeline, as each of them struggles with life’s triumphs and tragedies. Sophie, Emily, Amy and Melissa have been best friends since they were girls. They have seen each other through everything—from Sophie’s private fear that she doesn’t actually want to be a mother despite having two kids, to Amy’s perfect-on-the-outside marriage that starts to reveal troubling warning signs, to Melissa’s spiraling alcoholism, to questions that are suddenly bubbling up around the paternity of Emily’s son. But could a lie that spans just as long as their friendship be the thing that tears them apart?

We Are Not from Here

Penguin

A poignant novel of desperation, escape, and survival across the U.S.-Mexico border, inspired by current events. A Pura Belpré 2021 Young Adult Honor Book! A BookPage Best Book of 2020! A Chicago Public Library Best of the Best of 2020! A School Library Journal Best Book of 2020! A New York Public Library 2020 Top 10 Best Book for Teens! Pulga has his dreams. Chico has his grief. Pequeña has her pride. And these three teens have one another. But none of them have illusions about the town they’ve grown up in and the dangers that surround them. Even with the love of family, threats lurk around every corner. And when those threats become all too real, the trio knows they have no choice but to run: from their country, from their families, from their beloved home. Crossing from Guatemala through Mexico, they follow the route of La Bestia, the perilous train system that might deliver them to a better life—if they are lucky enough to survive the journey. With nothing but the bags on their backs and desperation drumming through their hearts, Pulga, Chico, and Pequeña know there is no turning back, despite the unknown that awaits them. And the darkness that seems to follow wherever they go. In this striking portrait of lives torn apart, the plight of migrants at the U.S. southern border is brought to light through poignant, vivid storytelling. An epic journey of danger, resilience, heartache, and hope. Praise for We Are Not From Here: “A fierce and tender story...Relevant, timely, and perceptive.” --Margarita Engle, winner of the Pura Belpré Award and Newbery Honor "With poignant, exhausting lyricism and heart wrenching poetic prose, Jenny Torres Sanchez digs deep and shows us the throbbing, aching corazón—the hopeful, unbreakable spirit of the embattled immigrant. A book for the starving, lost soul.” --Guadalupe Garcia McCall, Pura Belpre Award-winning author of Under the Mesquite “An incredibly powerful, soul-searing YA. [It]important and necessary.... I could not put this book down.” --Padma Venkatraman, award-winning author of The Bridge Home “One of the most relevant and needed young adult novels of the year, a must-read.” --Jennifer Mathieu, critically acclaimed author of The Liars of Mariposa Island and Moxie "An achingly beautifully story...masterfully told...Jenny Torres Sanchez is a true leader within young adult fiction.” --Christina Diaz Gonzalez, award-winning author of The Red Umbrella "We Are Not From Here is absolutely stunning. It’s raw and real, gritty and gorgeously told. A story that’s painfully relevant today, and told with such precision and beauty, you can feel it. It’s breathtaking and left me absolutely breathless.” --Lauren Gibaldi, author of This Tiny Perfect World “[This] is a book that will mark your heart. Jenny Torres Sanchez challenges us to feel, empathize and understand. A searing, necessary and ultimately beautiful book.” --Alexandra Villasante, critically acclaimed author of The Grief Keeper "A brutally honest, not-to-be-missed narrative...gripping, heart-wrenching, and thrilling.” --Kirkus Reviews, STARRED REVIEW " A candid, realistic story that will leave readers thinking about the characters—and about our own world—long after the last page.” --SLJ, STARRED REVIEW " Gripping, poignant...this soul-shaking narrative [recalls] the works of Gabriel García Márquez.” --Booklist, STARRED REVIEW " A devastating read that is difficult to put down, this unforgettable book unflinchingly illuminates the experiences of those leaving their homes to seek safety in the United States.” --Publishers Weekly, STARRED REVIEW

Mahatma Gandhi

Facts and Surprising Unknown Stories

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GANDHI: FACTS AND LITTLE KNOWN STORIES ABOUT THE INDIAN THAT SHOOK THE WORLD Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was not born with the physical qualities of a leader. A weak, shy and introverted child like him with the fear of both God and man would be expected to be soon absorbed into the collective consciousness and belief systems shared by the - almost half a billion - Indians of his time: not trying to make a change, but trying to make a living. What happened to Mohandas? Where did that fearful child find the courage to think differently, and most importantly, to act differently? In his book, Mahatma Gandhi Facts and Surprising Unknown Stories, Barry Powell, using storytelling, sheds light on Mohandas Gandhi’s personality as well as the emotional adventures that contributed to the shaping of his unique leadership style. Everything you Ever Wanted to Know About Gandhi is in this Book! Mahatma Gandhi Facts and Surprising Unknown Stories is a compilation of the most interesting stories and facts from Gandhi’s biographical timeline, which sheds light on the human side of this almost supernatural
leader and gives us answers to hundreds of hot questions. Amongst them: - What are the two sins that Gandhi committed when he was a teenager? - Why did Gandhi try to commit suicide? - What happened the night of his father's death, which haunted him and filled him with guilt throughout his lifetime? - Was Gandhi a vegetarian by choice or by religion? - What happened that completely destroyed his career as a lawyer before it even started? - How did he find himself in Africa shortly after? - What happened in Africa that shaped his destiny to become a freedom fighter? - What were Gandhi's true feelings for his wife Kasturba? - Who was the fascinating woman that bewitched Gandhi while he was married to Kasturba? - What happened shortly after he founded his Ashram, which almost led them to bankruptcy? - What was Gandhi's main argument against the use of machines? - Which important personality gave the title of Mahatma (Great Soul) to Gandhi? - When and why did Gandhi deny his Western clothes and started appearing in his white Indian loincloth? - What astonishing thing did he say about the Bible? - If he admired Jesus, why didn't he become a Christian? - What were his feelings about all living beings of creation? - What did Gandhi say the moment that Kasturba died in prison? - Why didn't Gandhi celebrate on India's Independence Day? - What exactly happened on the day of his assassination? - Who was the man that killed Gandhi? - Much much more! An inspiring and touching book about everything you ever wanted to ask about Gandhi! 1 2 sampletm
Christmas Days
12 Stories and 12 Feasts for 12 Days

Grove/Atlantic, Inc. Holiday stories and recipes by the New York Times bestselling author of Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?—“otherworldly and wickedly funny” (The New York Times Book Review). For years Jeanette Winterson has loved writing a new story at Christmas time, inspired by the mysteries and traditions of the season. Here she brings together twelve of her funny and bold tales, along with twelve delicious recipes for the Twelve Days of Christmas. From jovial spirits to a donkey with a golden nose, a haunted house to a SnowMama, Winterson’s original and imaginative stories encompass the childlike and spooky wonder of Christmas. These tales pair perfectly with Winterson’s original recipes, or ones contributed by literary friends including Ruth Rendell, Kathy Acker, and others. Enjoy the season of peace and goodwill, mystery, and a little bit of magic with this “holiday treasure...to be pulled out on a December night, fireside, and read aloud” (The New York Times Book Review). “If you crave the mystery, the family rituals, and the special victuals of Christmastime, you’ll savor...bold, revelatory feminist writer Jeanette Winterson’