

## Bengaluru

Legend has it that in 900 AD, Ballala II, ruler of the Hoysala Empire, during one of his hunting sojourns met an old lady who offered him *bendhe kalu* (boiled beans) to eat. The king was pleased with her and built a township called Benda Kalaru, the town of boiled beans. Over the course of time, it came to be known as Bangalore and now Bengaluru (Iyer, 2019; Ravindra, 2012).

**Inscriptions of Begur (580 - 625 CE)** (Puttaswamy, 2017, p. 25)

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Srimat naagata Ranamanevana Tiperleve shetti  
Bengalura kale Gadhol naaga Tarana magnum buttana  
Pati sattam.

The above inscription from the hero stone records the deaths of Buttanapati, son of the chieftain Nagattara, and Pervonasetti, Nagattara's 'house-son' (either an adopted son or an attendant), in the battle of Bengaluru. Thus, it shows that the word Bengaluru existed thousand years ago.

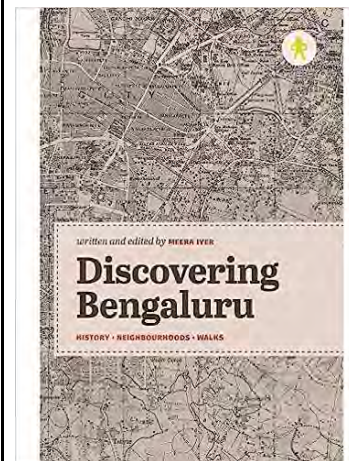
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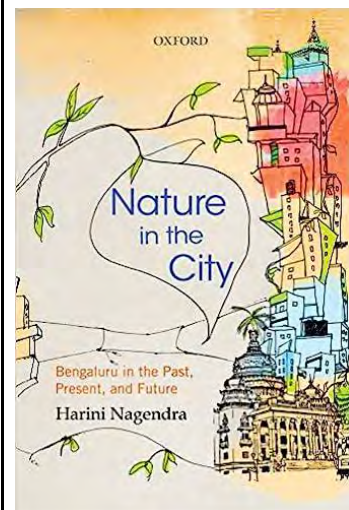


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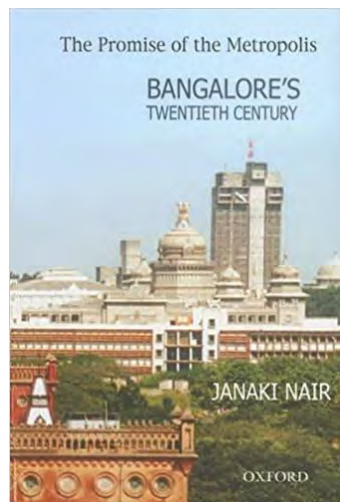


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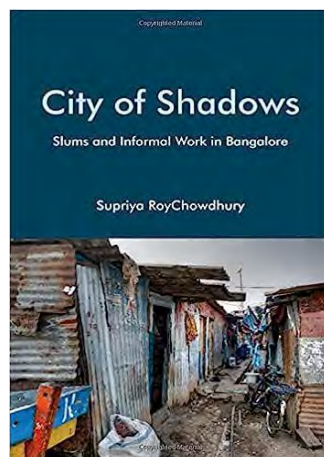
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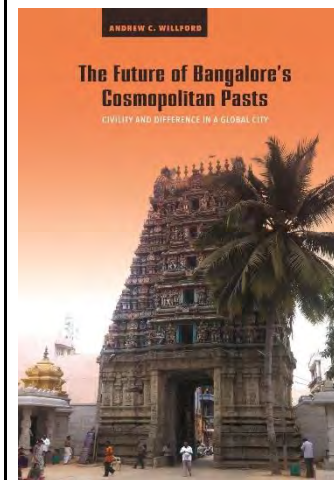
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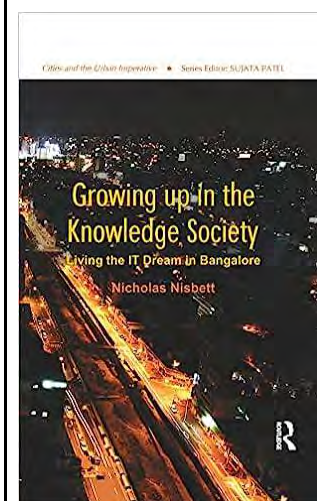
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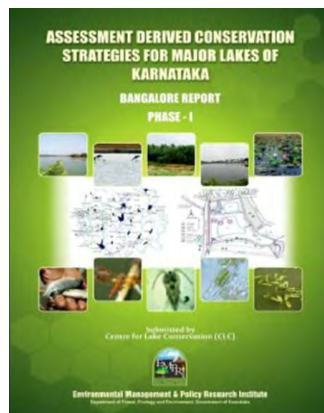
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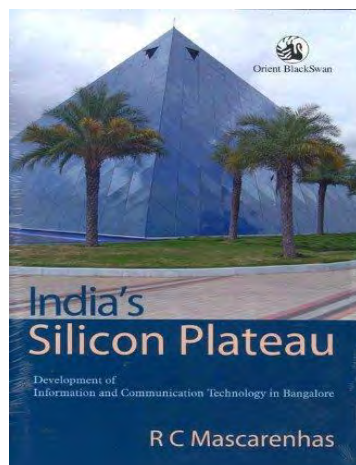
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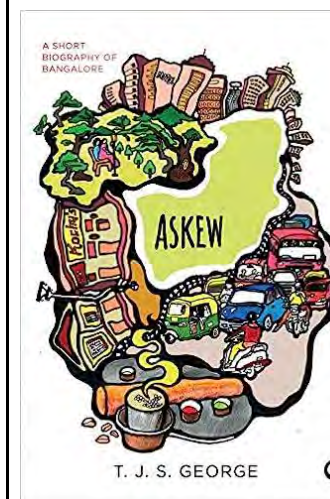
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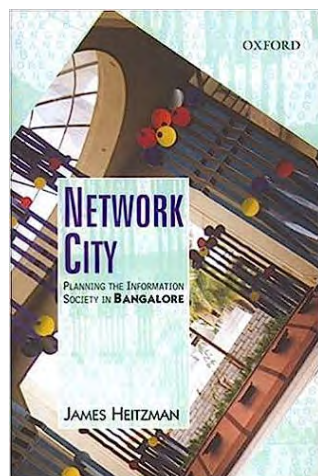
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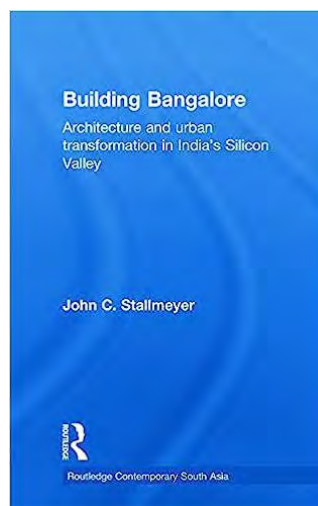
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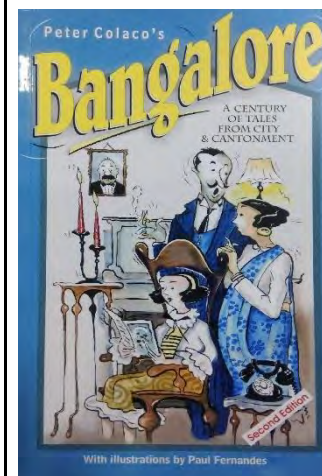
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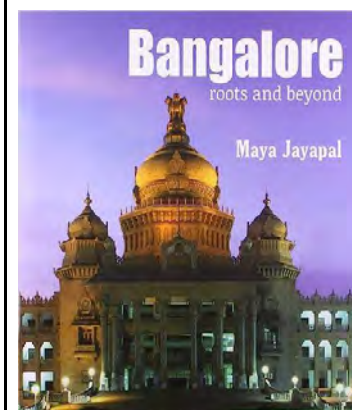
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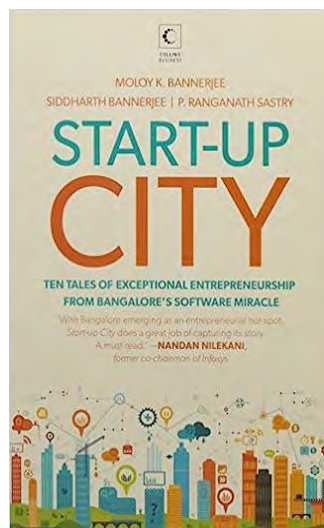
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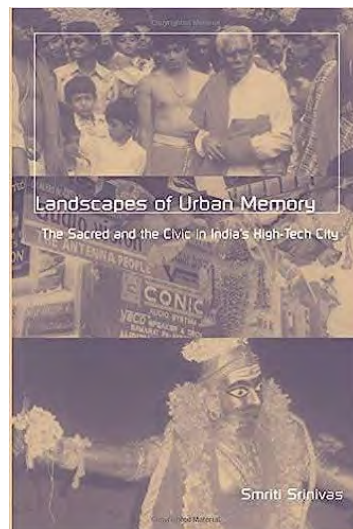
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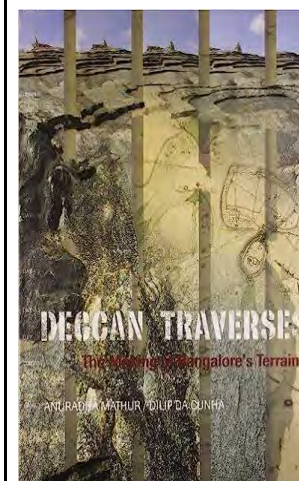
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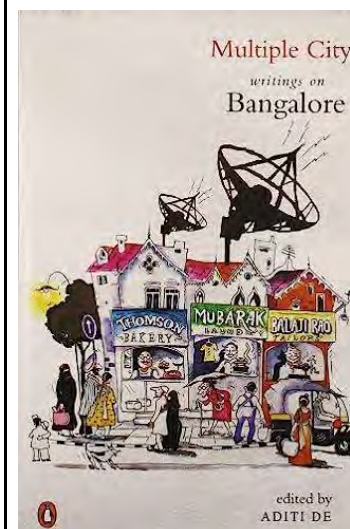
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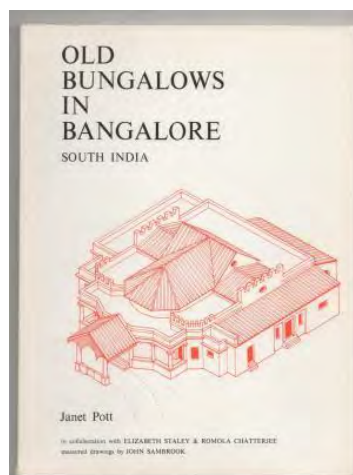
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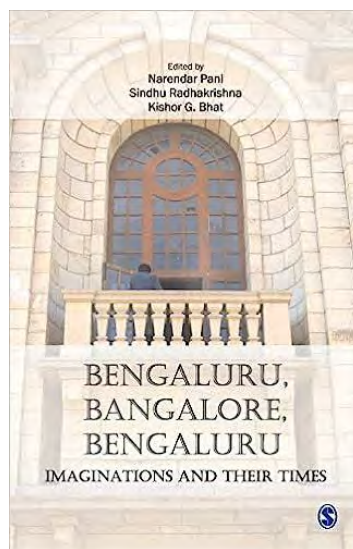
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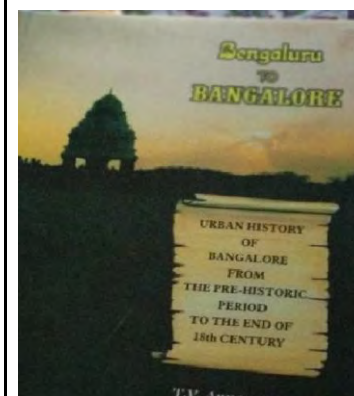
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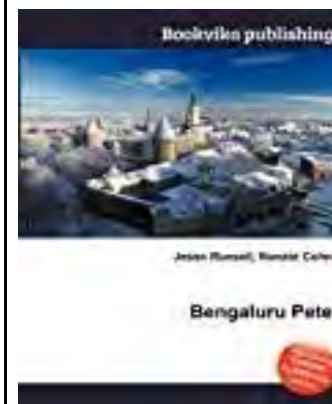
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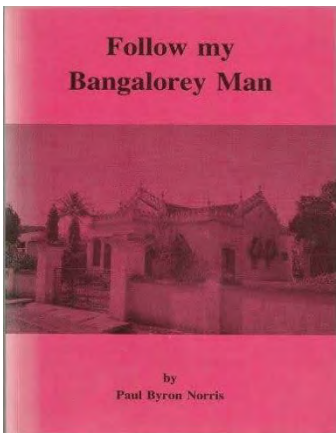
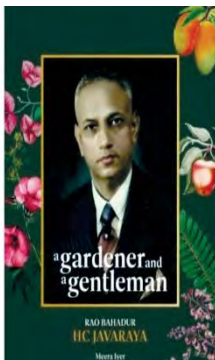
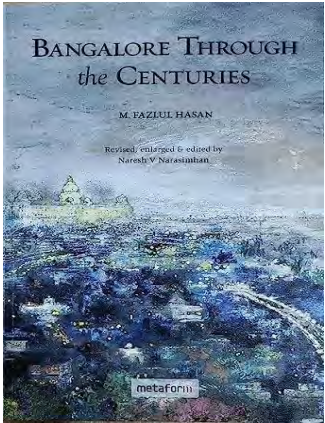


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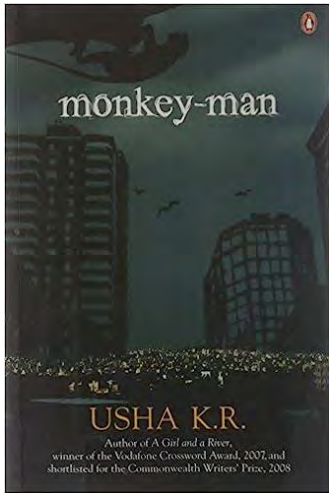
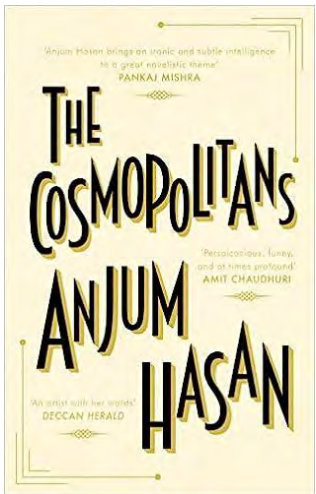
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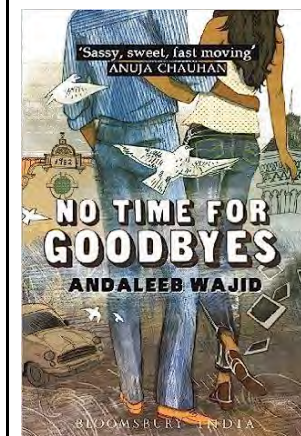
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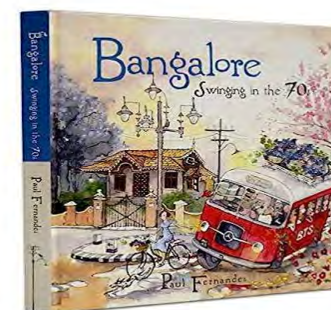
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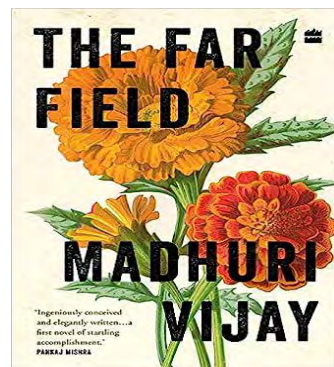
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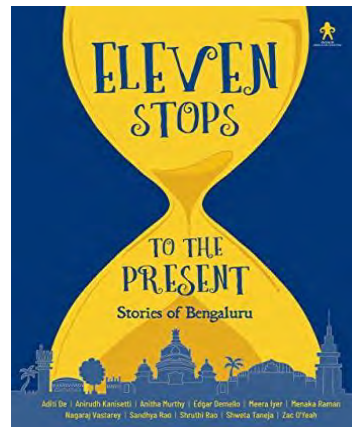
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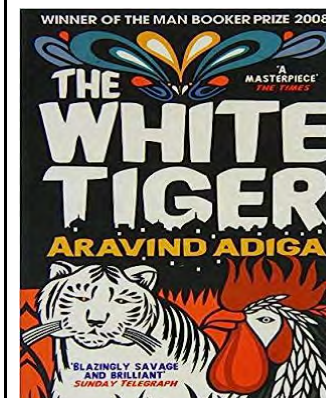
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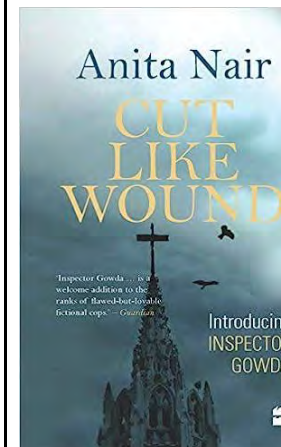
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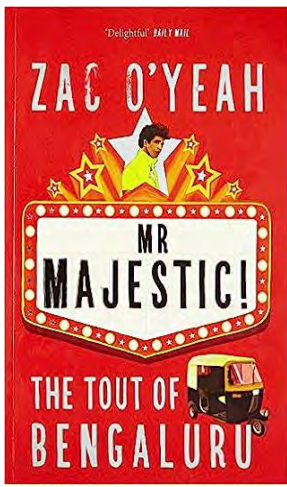
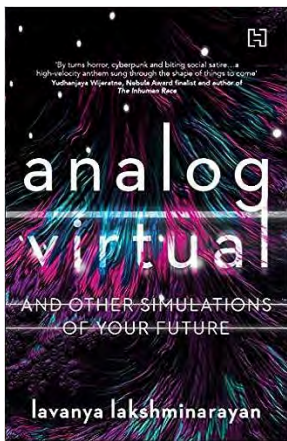
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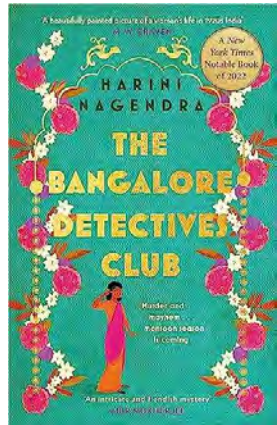


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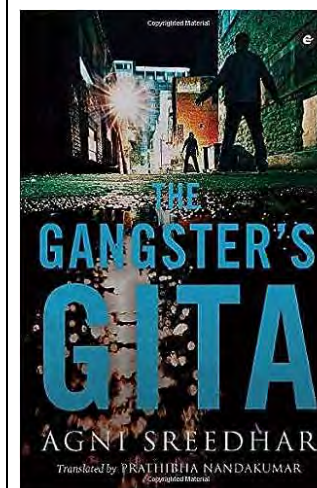
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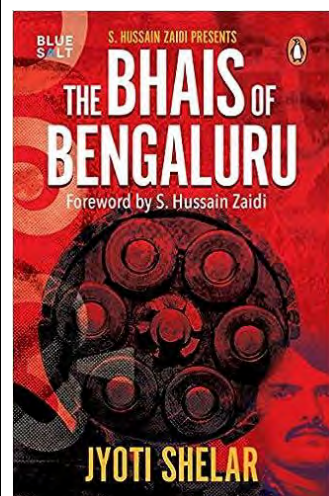


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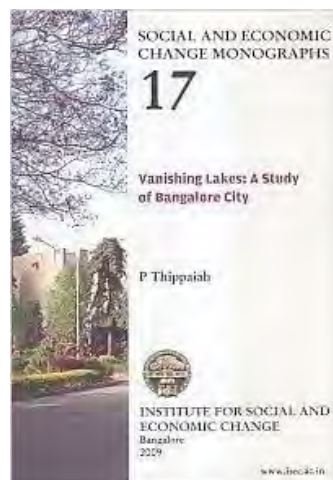
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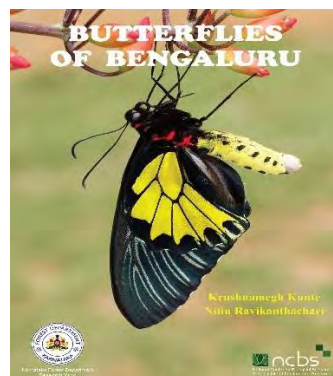
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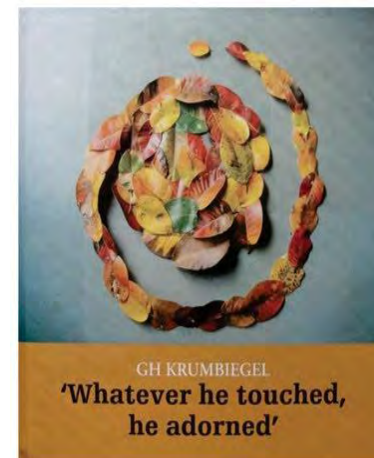
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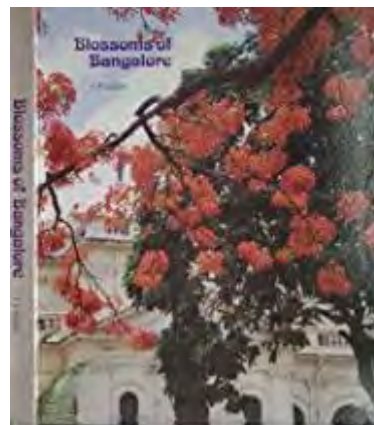
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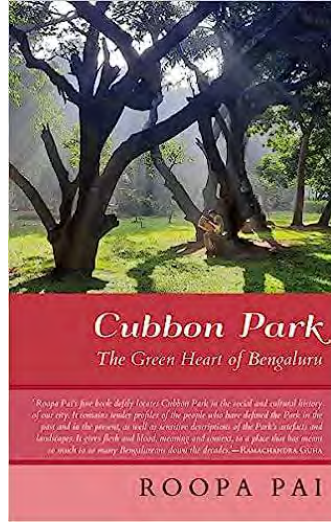
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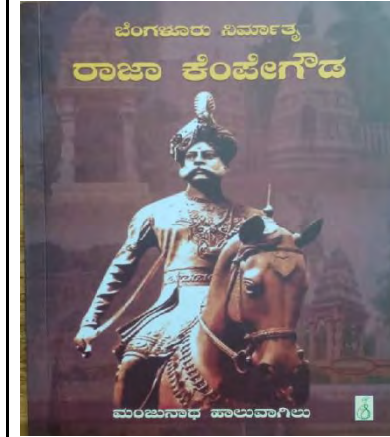
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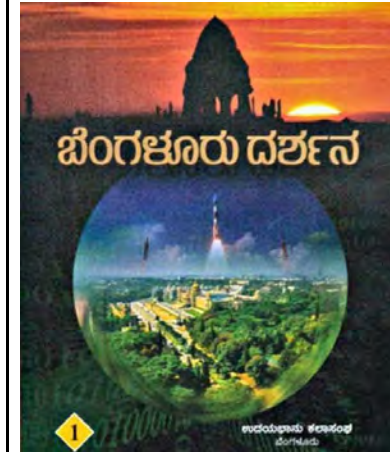
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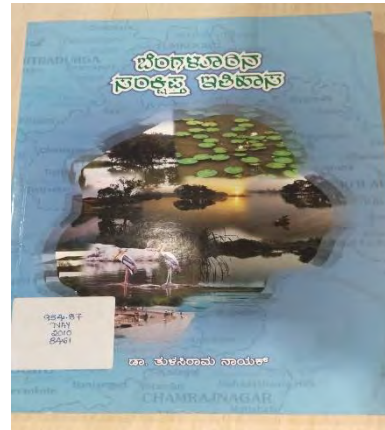


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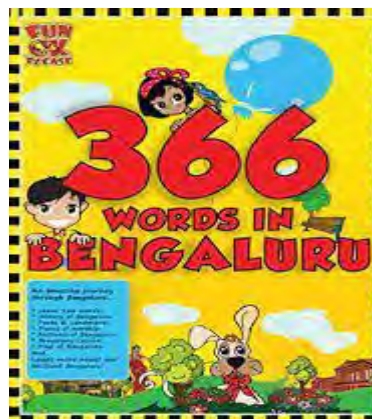
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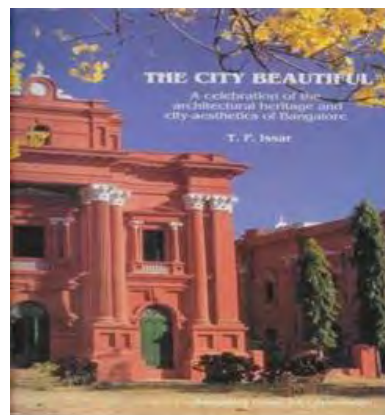


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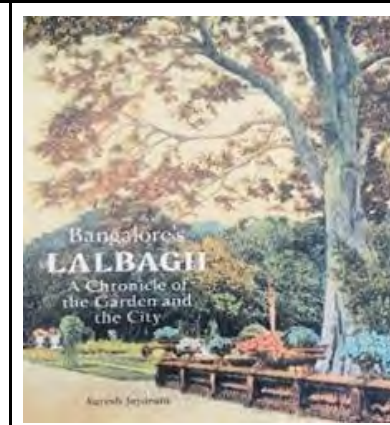
[Bengaluru / Bangalore: In First Person Singular](#) by Mahesh Bhat  
Call Number: 954.87 BHA 002621  
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Publication Date: 2012



[The City Beautiful: A Celebration of the Architectural Heritage and City-Aesthetics of Bangalore](#) by T. P. Issar  
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[Bangalore's Lalbagh: A Chronicle of the Garden and the City](#) by Suresh Jayaram  
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## Reports and Data

[Assessment Derived Conservation Strategies for Major Lakes of Karnataka: Bangalore Report, Phase I](#)  
Call Number: 551.482095487 CEN 011674  
Publication Date: 2013

[The Bangalore Development Authority Manual](#) edited by Sathpal Puliani  
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[Report of the Expert Committee for Preservation, Restoration or Otherwise of the Existing Tanks in Bangalore Metropolitan Area](#)  
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Publication Date: 1987

[Pathetic Status of Wetlands in Bangalore: Epitome of Inefficient and Uncoordinated Governance](#) by Energy & Wetlands Research Group, Centre for Ecological Sciences of Indian Institute of Science  
Call Number: 577.68095487 RAM 007187  
Publication Date: 2015

[BBMP Restructuring: Expert Committee Preliminary Report](#) by BBMP Restructuring Expert Committee, Government of Karnataka  
Call Number: 320.85 BBM 012032  
Publication Date: 2014

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Publication Date: 2013

[Comprehensive Development Plan \(Revised\) Bangalore Report, Vol. I & II](#)  
Call Number: 307.76095487 COM 012189  
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Publication Date: 2013

[Bangalore 2000: Some Imperatives for Action Now by The Times Research Foundation](#)  
Call Number: 307.1216095487 BAN 19847  
Publication date: 1987

[Bengaluru Lakes Data and Reports](#)  
This report lists 211 lakes within the BBMP boundary limits as of 2020. The report shows that the lakes and tanks in the Greater Bengaluru Metropolitan Area and the Urban district of Bengaluru that were constructed centuries ago by various dynasties and empires for rainwater harvesting are now reservoirs of varying sizes.

[BBMP Restructuring Committee Ward Master Data](#)  
This is the final report by the BBMP Restructuring Committee which recommends to split the BBMP into five corporations and integrate them under an umbrella institution called the Greater Bengaluru Authority.

[Bengaluru Public Transport Infrastructure](#)  
This report shows that transport in Bengaluru consists of several intra-city commute modes such as BMTC buses, Namma Metro rail services, taxis, and auto rickshaws, as well as several intercity forms of transports such as Government operated KSRTC, NWKRTC, KKRTC, other states RTC buses, Private bus operators, trains, and flights.

[Pathetic Status of Wetlands in Bangalore Report](#)

This report shows the after-effects of unplanned rapid urbanisation post 2000 that caused destruction to the hydrological regime, vegetation, water yield, ecological integrity, disappearance of marine life, increment of disease vectors and hampered ecological functioning of the lakes and environment.

#### [Revised Master Plan for Bengaluru 2031 \(Draft\)](#)

This master plan is a detailed guide that shows the evolution of Bengaluru in all the aspects such as mobility, inclusive growth, ecological sustainability and streamlined government.

### Maps, Atlas and Images

[Bangalore Images at British Library Online Gallery](#): Discover more than 160 images of Bangalore dating back to the 17th century.

[National Atlas & Thematic Mapping Organisation](#): Complete details of Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru Rural district.

[BBMP and Governance Data](#): More than 200 data sets related to governance, city services, mobility and infrastructure.

[Bangalore Revised Master Plan 2015 Land Use Maps](#): Series-wise maps series - 1:7 maps, series - 2:31 maps and series - 3:39 maps.

[BBMP Revenue Maps](#): Revenue maps covering nearly all areas of Bangalore.

[BBMP GIS Enabled Property Tax Information System](#): A BBMP internal portal that provides comprehensive mapping of all properties within BBMP jurisdiction. This system was developed to establish a GIS-based database along with specific applications

and update facility relating to properties, streets with ward and zone boundaries.

[Maps of India - Bangalore](#): A wide variety of Bengaluru-related maps such as city maps, district maps, metro maps, weekend getaway maps, and so on.

### Films

#### [When Shankar Nag Comes Calling \(Shankar Nag Kelcond Bandaaga\)](#)

Directed by Sushma Veerappa  
Call Number: A00404, A00403  
Publication Date: 2012

#### [Our Metropolis \[video recording\] \[see trailer\]](#)

Directed by Gautam Sonti and Usha Rao  
Call Number: A00404, A00403  
Publication Date: 2014

#### [My Bangalore: Portraits from Hakki Pikki Colony](#)

Directed by Pankaj H. Gupta  
Call Number: A00136  
Publication Date: 2011

#### [Coding Culture: Bangalore's Software Industry](#)

Directed by Gautam Sonti, in collaboration with Carol Upadhya  
Call Number: A00184, A00018  
Publication Date: 2006

#### [The Maharaja's German Gardener | G. H. Krumbiegel | Documentary](#)



Presented by Consulate General of the Federal Republic of  
Germany, Bengaluru and MINDIA Films  
Publication Date: 2021

[Water and a City](#)

Directed by Swati Dandekar  
Publication Date: 2012

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