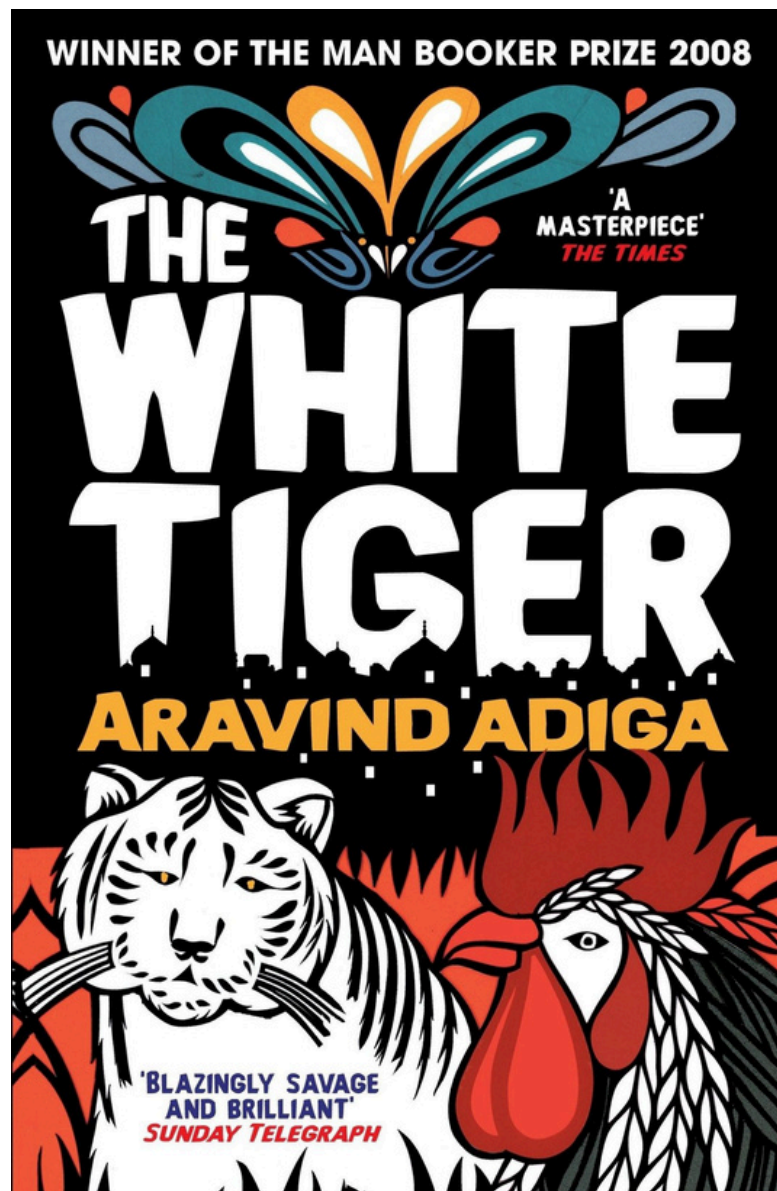




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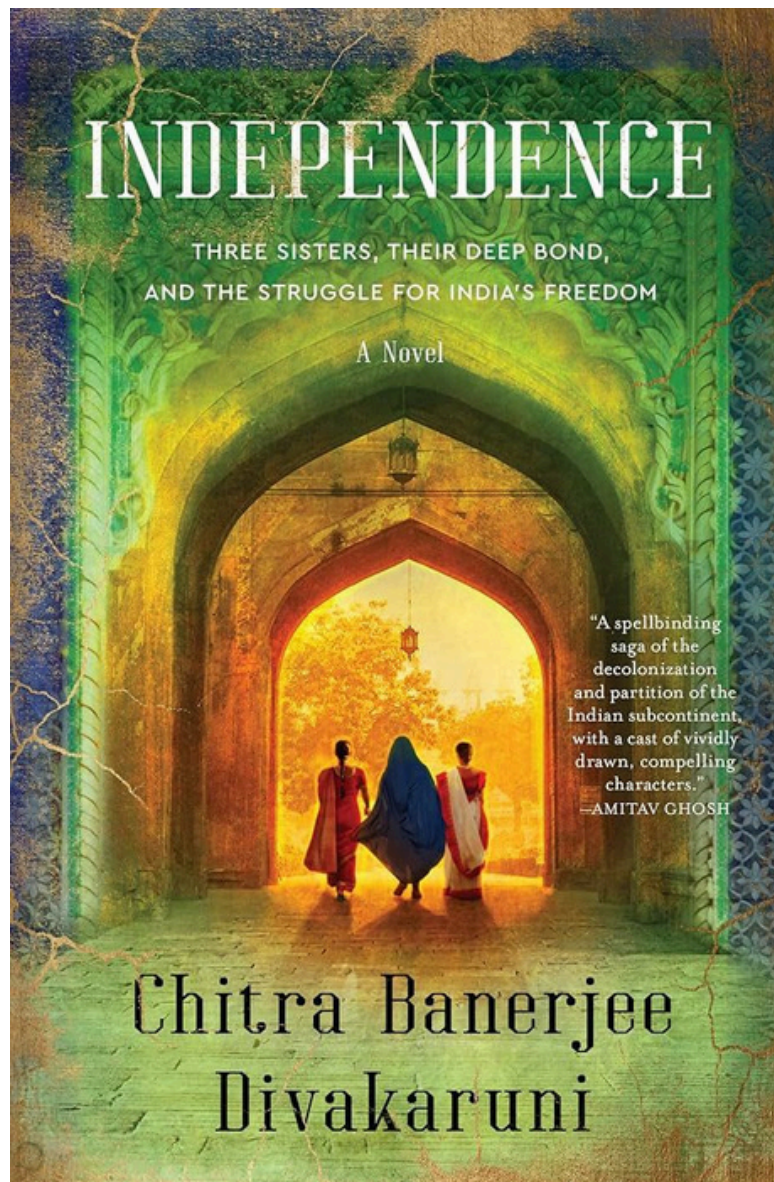
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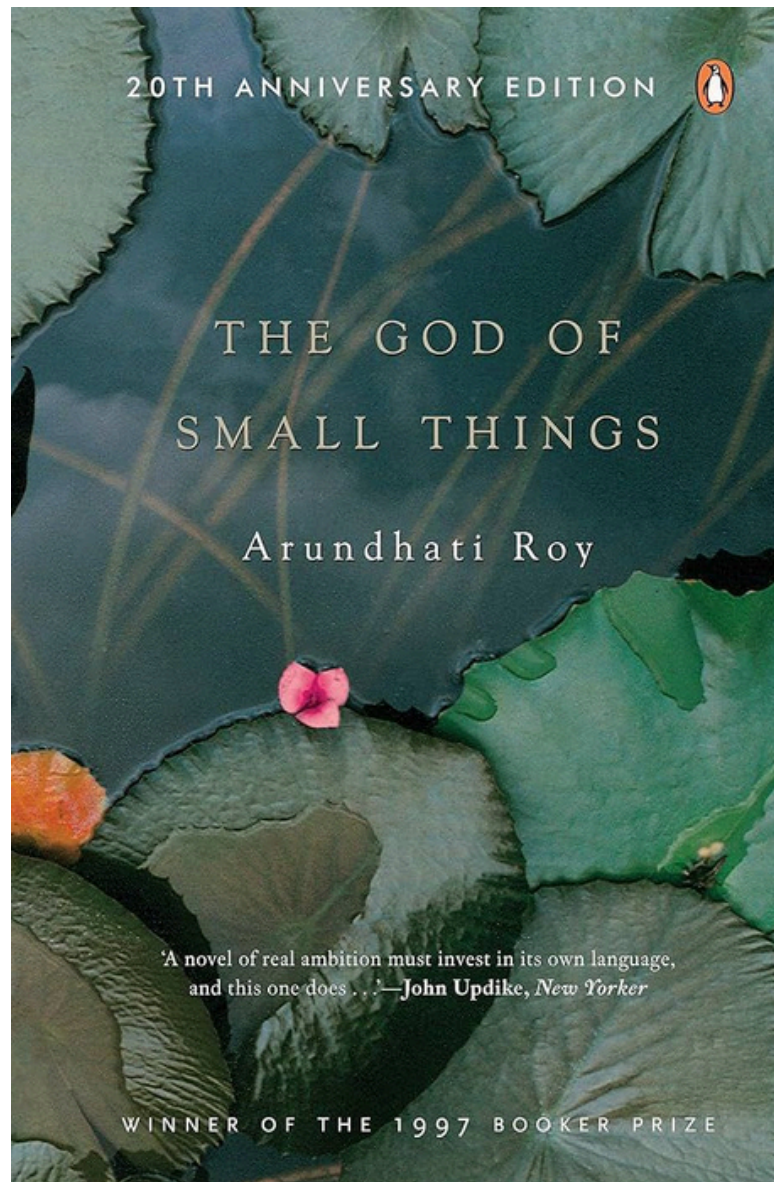
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3rd BOOK COVER:



Reference: Roy, A. (2017). *The God of Small Things* [Cover art by Sanjeev Saith]. Penguin. (Original work published in 1997)
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BIOGRAPHIES

1st BIOGRAPHY:

Aravind Adiga was born in 1974 in Madras and grew up in Mangalore. He was educated at Columbia University in New York and Magdalen College, University of Oxford. His articles have appeared in publications such as the *New Yorker*, the *Sunday Times*, *Financial Times* and the *Times of India*. His first novel, *The White Tiger*, won the Man Booker Prize in 2008. His second novel, *Last Man in Tower*, was published in 2011.

Reference: Goldman, L. (2021, October 6). Aravind Adiga | The Short Story Project. The Short Story Project.

2nd BIOGRAPHY:

Arundhati Roy is the author of several books, including *The God of Small Things*, which won the Booker Prize in 1997 and has been translated into more than forty languages. She was born in 1959 in Shillong, India, and studied architecture in Delhi, where she now lives. She has also written several non-fiction books, including *Field Notes on Democracy*, *Walking with the Comrades*, *Capitalism: A Ghost Story*, *The End of Imagination*, and most recently *Things That Can and Cannot Be Said*, co-authored with John Cusack. Roy is the recipient of the 2002 Lannan Foundation Cultural Freedom Prize, the 2011 Norman Mailer Prize for Distinguished Writing, and the 2015 Ambedkar Sudar award.

Reference: Arundhati Roy: books, biography, latest update. (n.d.). Amazon.es.

3rd BIOGRAPHY:

Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni is an award-winning and bestselling author, poet, activist and teacher of writing. Her work has been published widely, in magazines and anthologies, and her books have been translated into twenty-nine languages. Several of her works have been made into films and plays.

Her last novel was the award-winning bestseller, *The Last Queen*, film rights to which have been bought by a major production house. She lives in Houston with her husband, Murthy, and has two sons, Anand and Abhay. She teaches in the internationally acclaimed Creative Writing programme at the University of Houston.

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SUMMARIES

ABOUT THE 1st BOOK:

The stunning Booker Prize-winning novel from the author of *Amnesty* and *Selection Day* that critics have likened to Richard Wright's *Native Son*, *The White Tiger* follows a darkly comic Bangalore driver through the poverty and corruption of modern India's caste society. "This is the authentic voice of the Third World, like you've never heard it before" (John Burdett, *Bangkok 8*). The white tiger of this novel is Balram Halwai, a poor Indian villager whose great ambition leads him to the zenith of Indian business culture, the world of the Bangalore entrepreneur. On the occasion of the president of China's impending trip to Bangalore, Balram writes a letter to him describing his transformation and his experience as driver and servant to a wealthy Indian family, which he thinks exemplifies the contradictions and complications of Indian society. Recalling *The Death of Vishnu* and *Bangkok 8* in ambition, scope, *The White Tiger* is narrative genius with a mischief and personality all its own. Amoral, irreverent, deeply endearing, and utterly contemporary, this novel is an international publishing sensation—and a startling, provocative debut.

Reference: *The White Tiger*. (n.d.). Book by Aravind Adiga | Official Publisher Page | Simon & Schuster. <https://www.simonandschuster.com/books/The-White-Tiger/Aravind-Adiga/9781416562603>

ABOUT THE 2nd BOOK:

Arundhati Roy's poetic debut novel tells the story of twins Estha and Rahel, and the shocking consequences of a pivotal event in their young lives.

Set in Kerala in the 1960s, the novel paints a vivid picture of life in a rural Indian town, the thoughts and feelings of the two small children, and the complexity and hypocrisy of the adults in their world. It is also a poignant lesson in the destructive power of the caste system and moral and political bigotry in general.

Reference: *The God of Small Things* | The Booker Prizes. (1997, January 1). <https://thebookerprizes.com/the-booker-library/books/the-god-of-small-things>



ABOUT THE 3rd BOOK:

India, 1947. In a rural village in Bengal live three sisters, daughters of a well-respected doctor.

Priya: intelligent and idealistic, resolved to follow in her father's footsteps and become a doctor, though society frowns on it.

Deepa: the beauty, determined to make a marriage that will bring her family joy and status.

Jamini: devout, sharp-eyed, and a talented quiltmaker, with deeper passions than she reveals.

Theirs is a home of love and safety, a refuge from the violent events taking shape in the nation. Then their father is killed during a riot, and even their neighbours turn against them, bringing the events of their country closer to home.

As Priya determinedly pursues her career goal, Deepa falls deeply in love with a Muslim, causing her to break with her family. And Jamini attempts to hold her family together, even as she secretly longs for her sister's fiancé.

When the partition of India is officially decided, a drastic--and dangerous--change is in the air. India is now for Hindus, Pakistan for Muslims. The sisters find themselves separated from one another, each on different paths. They fear for what will happen to not just themselves, but each other.

Reference: Independence : Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee, Mathan, Sneha: Amazon.es: Libros. (n.d.). <https://www.amazon.es/Independence-Chitra-Banerjee-Divakaruni/dp/BOBDHJ217F>