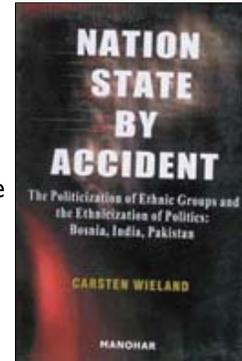


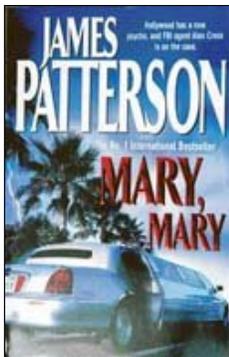
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Nation State by Accident
by Carsten Wieland. Manohar.
Pages 455. Rs 850



IN this comparative study of Muslim nation-building and so-called 'ethnic conflicts,' the author reveals stunning parallels between the collapse of Tito's Yugoslavia and the ethno-national separation of colonial India. In both cases, Muslims ended up in a nation state of their own without the majority of them wanting one. There were no mass movements that demanded a new 'homeland', which contradicts modernisation-theory approaches of nationalism. Wieland digs below the surface and sketches historic developments that triggered the construction and instrumentalisation of 'ethnic groups' in both cases.

He concludes that the term ethnicity has lost its academic value because it suffers from inconsistencies and strong political implications.

Mary, Mary
James Patterson. Headline. Pages 312. Rs 395.



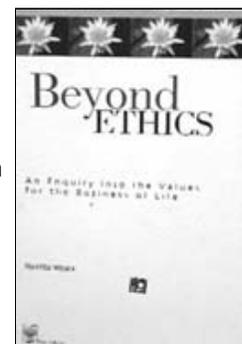
FBI agent Alex Cross is on vacation in Disneyland when he gets the call. A well-known actress has been shot outside her home in Beverly Hills. Shortly afterwards, an editor for the Los Angeles Times receives an email recounting the murder in shocking detail, signed Mary Smith.

The authorities fear this is only the beginning. More killings follow, with emails immediately after. Mary Smith is targeting Hollywood stars and powerbrokers, and she is getting better every time. Right from the beginning, this case is like nothing Alex has ever confronted. People make enemies easily in Hollywood. Is this the plan of an obsessed fan or a spurned actor, or is it part of something much more terrifying?

To track down a merciless killer, Alex must navigate a world where the stars and players sip mineral water at the Ivy as hopefuls hover around studio gates armed with cameras.

Beyond Ethics
by Shashi Misra.
Full Circle. Pages 621. Rs 695

The book addresses itself to the reader who is looking for answers and guidance to lead a life of exuberance and harmony, both inner and outer. The contents are based on a proven framework. Known and universally acclaimed texts like the *Bhagavadgita*, the *Bible*, the *Koran* and inspired writings over the ages have formed the basis for the principles set out in this book. Above all this framework stands validated by everyone's own individual experience. *Beyond Ethics* takes you through a journey — an insight into how to honour one's own experience, to make a resolve to follow it regardless of commonplace views and opinions, and to commit oneself to this resolve.



This book, therefore, looks beyond ethics, the scope of which is limited to interactions. *Beyond Ethics* leads the reader into the innerscape of the human being, which is the domain of values.

The framework given in the book has found acceptance as a module in training events for young professionals, including administrators and students. It was commissioned by the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy for Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie.