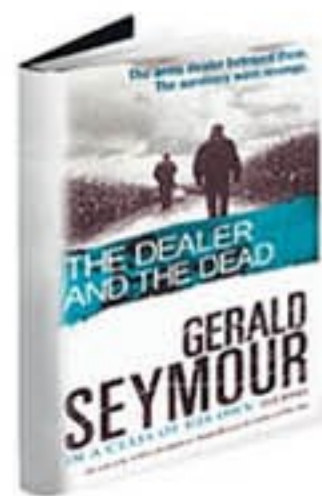


THRILLER

A bounty on his head



The Dealer And The Dead
Gerald Seymour
Hachette India
458 pages
Rs295

In Gerald Seymour's latest book, Harvey Gillott is an arms trader living a secluded life. Every thing is fine till an old deal he reneged on, catches up with him. The deal had been to provide a village with arms so that it could defend itself against a Serbian onslaught. He realises that the village never forgave him and that a contract has been placed on his head. Now he needs to protect himself from a professional hitman who is trying to kill him.

NONFICTION

Games people play



Sellotape Legacy
Boria Majumdar & Nalin Mehta
HarperCollins
302 pages
Rs450

In the book, Boria Majumdar and Nalin Mehta write about the politics behind the Commonwealth Games and what the Games mean to Delhi. It looks into how an original cost estimate of \$1.3 billion for hosting the event ballooned to over \$15 billion. The writers point out that the expense being incurred was never about sporting standards or results but rather about convincing the world that India is an economic superpower.

ANTHOLOGY

A few good interviews

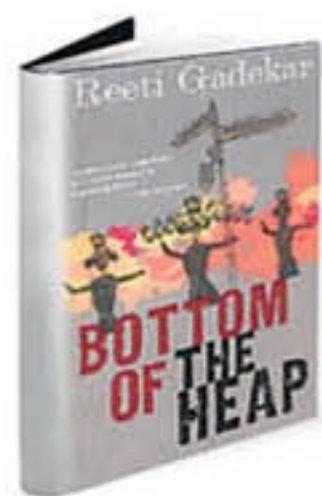


Idea Exchange
Edited by Uma Vishnu
Penguin
302 pages
Rs699

The book is a collection of 47 interviews of some of the country's biggest news-makers. It provides the opinions of these people, with a candour and eloquence that is often missed in the news coverage by both TV and print. Those interviewed come from varied backgrounds, like Amitabh Bachchan, Shashi Tharoor, etc. And some deal with contentious issues like Barkha Dutt defending her coverage of the 26/11 terror attacks.

FICTION

A policeman's tale



Bottom Of The Heap
Reeti Gadekar
Harper Collins
238 pages
Rs250

Cop Nikhil Juneja returns from the author's previous novel (*Families At Home*) and this time he is in the middle of a scandal. A constable under him is accused of raping a foreigner. But before he can deal with the case, he is dispatched to a village called Arse, to solve a road scam. There, Juneja stumbles upon scams, rapes, and deaths. The book depicts Juneja's dilemmas as he tries to do the right thing and not give in to temptations.