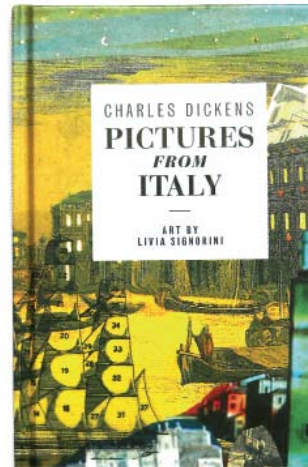


LITERARY PICTURES



Inspired by Charles Dickens's travelogue of the same name, *Pictures from Italy* (Tara Books) is a pictorial reworking of the original book. Italian artist Livia Signorini presents pictures and illustrations that mirror Dickens's enduring vision of the time he spent there. This tome not only recreates the magic of the city, but also pays obeisance to one of the greatest authors of all times in the 200th anniversary of his birth.

STORY HOUSES

Dak bungalows and circuit houses (*Roli Books*) is *Rajika Bhandari's* tribute to India's architecture and all its varied facets—from the romantic 15th-century monuments of Mandu to the imperial British buildings of Lutyen's Delhi. This tome is sure to delight those who are allured by old-world dwellings.



PHOTO FRAMED

As part of his unique series of beauty books, which includes *Alex Box* and *Caroline Saulnier*, the renowned photographer Rankin has now associated with avant-garde makeup artist Ayami Nishimura to present a collection of beauty portraits in *Ayami Nishimura* (Rankin Photography). This collection of enchanting and distinctive beauty portraits highlights the talents of the two forward thinkers who transcend the boundaries of high art. ■



The art of makeup captured in *Ayami Nishimura*

Compiled by **Juhi Baveja and Sheetal Raghav**



Rating the best cupcakes in the city



BPB's guide to shopping in Mumbai



Kanika Parab and Mansi Poddar of BPB



BPB's branded collectibles



The book lists the city's breweries, pubs, and lounges

BAG OF SECRETS

Secret scouters Mansi Poddar and Kanika Parab of the lifestyle website BROWN PAPER BAG give readers an insight into a hidden Mumbai in their upcoming book

They are the ones responsible for delivering the best deals every week in your inbox—from information about eclectic shopping places and the best gourmet delicacies, to the coolest cultural haunts. Mansi Poddar and Kanika Parab, the secret scouters of Brown Paper Bag, are solely responsible for introducing unexplored aspects of Mumbai (and recently Delhi) to all those interested in experiencing the different facets of the city. *A Secret Mumbai: The Mumbai You Never Knew* (Roli Books), their new book, is a distillation of their website's best secrets about Mumbai's lifestyle scene. The authors have ensured that there is an exhaustive amalgamation of underground artists, plethora of novel services, and a list of niche chefs, in their maiden book. There are also a host of fun additions not available on the website (www.bpbweekend.com), including recommendations from famous Mumbai contributors on the best places for music, art, film, fashion, food, and drink. What this book gives is a different take on Mumbai—all its quirky intricacies, the street culture that defines it, and the quaint stores and boutiques. However, they confess that there are still neighbourhoods and information vines left to tap.

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