

## 100 Lyrics Gulzar

The poems in this collection contain the poet's reminiscences of his childhood, and regret the loss of its innocence with passage of time. They are about love, its complications, pains and joys.

*A Delightful History Of The Hindi Film Song And Its Hold Over Popular Psyche* &rsquo;De De Khuda Ke Naam Pe&rsquo; Sang Wazir Mohammed Khan In Alam Ara (1931), Giving Birth To A Phenomenon&mdash;The Hindi Film Song. Over The Years, The Hindi Film Song Has Travelled A Long Way, Influencing And Being Influenced By Popular Taste. Considered Downmarket Not So Long Ago, It Is Undoubtedly The Most Popular Musical Genre In India Today, Pervading Almost All Aspects Of Indian Life&mdash;Weddings, Funerals, Religious Festivals, Get-Togethers And Political Conventions&mdash;And Emerging As A Medium To Articulate Every Shade Of Joy And Sorrow, Love And Longing, Hope And Despair. *Bollywood Melodies Traces The Evolution Of The Hindi Film Song To Its Present Status As The Cultural Barometer Of The Country, Through An Evaluation Of The Work Of Over Fifty Outstanding Composers, Singers And Lyricists&mdash;From K.L. Saigal To Sonu Nigam, Naushad To A.R. Rahman, Sahir Ludhianvi To Javed Akhtar. Placing The Song In The Social Context Of The Times, Ganesh Anantharaman Looks At The Influences That Shaped It In Each Era: Rabindra Sangeet In The 1930S, The Folk-Inspired 1940S, The Classical Strains Of The Following Decade And The Advent Of Western Beats In The Late 1960S. The Author Also Chronicles The Decline Of Music In Hindi Films Over The Next Twenty Years Before A New Crop Of Musicians And Singers Gave The Film Song A New Lease Of Life. Erudite Yet Lively, And Including Insightful Interviews With Icons Like Lata Mangeshkar, Dev Anand, Gulzar, Manna Dey And Pyarelal, Bollywood Melodies Is Not Only A Treasure Trove Of Information For Music Lovers But Also An Invaluable Guide To Understanding The Nation&rsquo;S Enduring Love Affair With The Hindi Film Song.*

Gulzar reminisces about an old school poet - an eccentric man named Bhushan Banmali. Bhushan had a wife and a mother but at heart he was a nomad, and one day when their tug-of-war over him got too much, he packed his bags and moved in with Gulzar himself! Suddenly Gulzar found himself at parties full of rum and fried fish and kebabs, overflowing with poetry from dawn to dusk. One day Gulzar and Bhushan pack their bags to go to the mountains, and freezing and tired, they manage to find a spark of generosity to keep their cold nights hilariously warm. Taken from Gulzar's life, these stories will enthrall any fan with a universally heartwarming touch.

For no particular reason He had the blue cow tattooed on his right shoulder He would have been killed in the riots yesterday But they were good people- Seeing a cow, they let him go! Written in Gulzar's inimitable style, the poems in his newest volume of poetry reflect and comment, sometimes elliptically through a visual image, sometimes with breathtaking immediacy and directness, on the political reality in the country today. Powerful, poignant and impossible to ignore or gloss over, the fifty-two threads that make up *Suspected Poems* unfold across the entire political spectrum—from the disturbed climate in the country and the culture of intolerance to the plight of the aam aadmi, from the continued oppression of Dalits and minority communities to fluctuating Indo-Pak relations. Written with Gulzar's characteristic incisiveness and his unique perspective, and translated marvelously into English by Pavan K. Varma, *Suspected Poems*, made available in a special keepsake bilingual edition, will delight every reader of poetry and Gulzar's many fans.

*An Introduction to Urdu Poetry*

*The Cosmopolitan Mediations of Hindi Film Song*

*Gulzar Saab Ki Kavitaeyin*

*Another 100 Lyrics*

*Bollywood Sounds*

*The Boat-wreck*

**Gulzar is regarded as one of India's foremost Urdu poets today, renowned for his unusual perspectives on life, his keen understanding of the complexities of human relationships, and his striking imagery. After *Selected Poems*, a collection of some of his best poetry translated by Pavan K. Varma was extremely well received, Gulzar has chosen to present his next sixty poems in an inimitable way: labelling them *Neglected Poems*. 'Neglected' only in name, these poems represent Gulzar at his creative and imaginative best, as he meditates on nature (the mountains, the monsoon, a sparrow), delves into human psychology (when a relationship ends one is amazed to notice that 'everything goes on exactly as it used to'), explores great cities like Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Delhi and New York ('In your town, my friend, how is it that there are no homes for ants?'), and confronts the most telling moments of everyday life.**

**It's the winter of 1946. A truck leaves the village of Campbellpur after news of the impending Partition pours in. It is carrying people who don't know where they will go. They have just heard words like 'border' and 'refugee', and are struggling to understand how drawing a line might carve out Pakistan from Hindustan. As they reach the border, the caravan disperses and people go their own ways. Gulzar's first novel tracks the lives of the people in that truck right from 1946 up to the Kargil war. A novel on what the Partition entailed for ordinary**

people, Two is also a meditation on the fact that the division of India and the carnage that followed, once set into motion, kept happening inexorably and ceaselessly, and people like those who left their homes on that truck never found another home; they kept looking for a place called home, a place to belong to.

‘On the branches of these wild plants Some words occasionally sprout But never a full poem . . .’ One of the country’s best-loved poets and lyricists, Gulzar is renowned for his inimitable way of seeing things, his witty expressions, his quirky turns of phrase. All these creative talents come into play in delightful, unexpected ways in his new bilingual collection Green Poems, which celebrates his innate connection with nature. Gulzar writes about rivers, forests, mountains; snow, rain, clouds; the sky, the earth and space; a familiar tree, a disused well; Kullu, Manali, Chamba, Thimpu. Like glimpses of nature, the poems are often short, an image captured in a few words. And sometimes the image gives rise to a striking thought: ‘When I pass through the forest I feel my ancestors are around me . . .’ For those new to Gulzar’s work as well as his many fans, Green Poems will prove to be a true joy. Personal. Intimate. Deeply moving. An absolutely unputdownable memoir. Do memories ever fade away? They never ‘dry up’, says Gulzar Saab, ‘They keep floating somewhere between the conscious and the subconscious mind. It’s a great feeling to swim there sometime. Pick up a few bubbly moments and cherish them again.’ From Bimal Roy to Satyajit Ray, R.D. Burman, Kishore Kumar, Ritwik Ghatak, Hrishikesh Mukherjee, Pandit Ravi Shankar, Pandit Bhimsen Joshi, Mahasweta Devi and Samaresh Basu, among others, in this fascinating book, Gulzar Saab goes down memory lane to bring to light his relationship with the doyens of cinema, music and literature, who he had known and worked with over a long period of time. In his words, ‘It seems like a dream when I revisit my memories of such great gurus and colleagues, and I feel overwhelmed that I have really interacted with them. I have to pinch myself on realizing that actually . . . I met them.’ Chatty, anecdotal and deeply personal, this book of memories will chronicle Gulzar Saab’s life and career through different eras of Indian cinema as he successfully transcended commercial and critical arts. Studded with rare photographs, Actually .. I Met Them will be a treat for his huge and devoted fan base.

**The Life & Lyrics of Anand Bakshi**

**The Stories of Songs**

**A Memoir**

**IN OTHER WORDS**

**Calling Sehmat**

**In the Company of a Poet**

Have you ever been enchanted by the spoken cadence of an Urdu couplet but wished you could fully understand its nuances? Have you wanted to engage with a ghazal more deeply but were daunted by its mystifying conventions? Are you confused between a qataa and a rubaai, or a musadda and a marsiya? In Urdu Poetry, Raza Mir offers a fresh, quirky and accessible entry point for neophytes seeking to enhance their enjoyment of this vibrant canon—from the poems of legends like Mir Taqi Mir and Mirza Ghalib to the lyrics of contemporary game changers like Javed Akhtar and Gulzar. Raza Mir’s translation not only draws out the zest and pathos of these timeless verses, but also provides pithy insights and colourful trivia that will enable readers to fully embrace this world.

Who is the White Knight? He ruins fields so nothing can grow, burns down entire villages, and terrifies the people of Knox. People say it is the new queen’s fault that she is a bad ruler. They want to take her throne away and give it to someone else. But she is only been ruling for one month! When disaster strikes, can her nephew Beau save the throne for the queen and solve the mystery of the White Knight?

Ever been mesmerized by Gulzar’s songs? Delve into an unseen layer, a fresh perspective that brings new dimensions and meanings to his already powerful pieces of poetry. His rare verselets will make you fall in love once again.

A fascinating short story from the inimitable Gulzar Gulzar is one of India’s most renowned poets and lyricists. This e-single sees him turning his hand to another creative form at which he is equally adept – short-form prose narrative. This story is taken from Gulzar’s new collection Half a Rupee: Stories, which comprises twenty-five gripping tales available in English for the very first time. From real-life stories about well-known personalities to tales set in Kashmir, in the hinterland, in the modern megalopolis and on the LoC, from anecdotes of love and betrayal to fables of courage and conviction, these are enthralling stories told in Gulzar’s unique style; each story will delight you.

**A History of the Hindi Film Song**

**The Adjustment**

**Do Log**

**Quiver**

**Silences**

**The Taste of Words**

Serious, Moving, Funny And Ironic By Turns, These Stories Are Replete With The Perceptions Of A Man Who Has Viewed The World With Equanimity And Compassion.

Published on the occasion of Gulzar’s eightieth birthday, this special gift set showcases the very best of the renowned poet’s work in English translation. Selected Poems A selection from some of Gulzar’s best recent poetry. Neglected Poems Inimitably named by Gulzar, this collection features some lesser known but equally enthralling poems. 100 Lyrics Some of the most memorable lyrics

penned by Gulzar, accompanied by illustrations by the poet himself. Green Poems A collection of poems celebrating Gulzar's innate connection with nature.

From 'Mora gora ang lai le', his first film lyric written for Bimal Roy's Bandini in 1963, to the haunting 'Dil dhoondta hai' (Mausam) and 'Naam gum jayega' (Kinara), the unforgettable 'Humne dekhi hai un ankhon ki mehekti khushboo' (Khamoshi) and 'Is mod se jaate hain' (Aandhi), and the extraordinary 'Mera kuchh samaan' (Ijaazat) and 'Chupke se lag ja gale' (Saathiya), Gulzar has brought a rare poetic sensibility to popular Hindi film music over a five-decade-long career. His sensitive portrayal of the many nuances of human relationships, his sophisticated insights into psychological complexities, his ability to capture the essence of nature's sounds and spoken dialects in written words, and above all his inimitable-and often surprising-imagery have entertained his legions of fans over successive generations. The 100 lyrics in this volume, published to coincide with Gulzar's seventy-fifth birthday, are handpicked by Gulzar himself, and represent his most memorable compositions of all time. Included here are a selection of lyrics from his non-film albums as well as chartbusters like 'Chhaiyya Chhaiyya' (Dil Se), 'Kajra Re' (Bunty Aur Babli) and 'Jai Ho' (Slumdog Millionaire). A bilingual volume containing the original lyrics in Devnagari script alongside lucid and evocative English translations, and featuring anecdotes about the composition of the lyrics, as well as a wonderful introduction by Gulzar himself, this collection is full of nostalgic charm and poetic finesse, and will delight readers for hours on end.

100 Lyrics : Gulzar Penguin Books India

Half a Rupee

Suspected Poems

Poems and Ghazals

Border

Neglected Poems

Because He Is...

*Gulzar, one of India's finest film-makers and lyricists and has always been a poet at heart. His oeuvre is steeped in a poetic sensibility, marked by a lyricism rare in the world of Hindi cinema. Today, Gulzar is regarded as one of India's foremost Urdu poets, unparalleled in his exploration of human relationships and the insight and sensitivity with which he addresses the many facets of daily life. The sophistication and cadences of Gulzar's work come alive in this bilingual edition of some of his best poetry, sensitively translated by Pavan K. Varma.*

*In this richly entertaining book, Gulzar shares his life and passions with inimitable charm and candour. Poet, storyteller, director, scriptwriter and lyricist, Gulzar is a towering figure of contemporary Indian literature and cinema. Ever since he wrote his first song the unforgettable Mora gora ang lai le for Bimal Roys Bandini (1963) he has won countless admirers with his nuanced, sensitive and quietly innovative work. From the endearing Lakdi ki kaathi, that a generation grew up singing, to the Oscar-winning Jai ho his songs have enthralled millions. His unique and much acclaimed contribution to the world of poetry continues to reflect our changing times, with fresh idiom and delicate turn of phrase. In this book of conversations with Nasreen Munni Kabir, Gulzar speaks with insight, candour and gentle humour about his life and work: his school days in Old Delhi, where he wrote his early poems; working in a garage in Mumbai before entering films; his association with legends such as Bimal Roy, Balraj Sahni, Sahir Ludhianvi, Meena Kumari, Shailendra, S. D. Burman, Hemant Kumar, Hrishikesh Mukherjee, Lata Mangeshkar and R. D. Burman among others; his love of tennis; and his deep connection with his wife, the legendary Raakhee, his daughter Meghna and his grandson Samay.*

*Gulzar is arguably the most well-known contemporary poet writing in Hindustani. He occupies a unique place by being a Progressive poet in a popular culture. His poetry appeals to all strata of society, without compromising either on literary merit or on its ability to convey the most exalted thought in an accessible idiom. In Chand Nigal Gayi, the Hindi translation of I Swallowed the Moon, Saba Bashir attempts to analyse what makes Gulzar the poet he is. She also draws a parallel between the poet's film and non-film poetry and points out how they are used interchangeably. This is a valuable addition to the corpus of work on a great poet.*

*The Book of Hindi Film Lyricists*

*Nagme, Kisse, Baatein, Yaadein*

*Green Poems*

*Jiya Jale*

*Bhushan Banmali*

*100 Great Poems for Children*

*The Kingdom of Kofu is ruled by the brave king Rissho. Its people are courageous and skilled in war. With one exception. Prince Kadis, the sixteen-year-old heir to the kingdom. He is not brave. He is not courageous. He is not skilled in war. Kadis knows in his heart that he does not fit in. That he is different. That he is a coward. Until one day, a seemingly chance encounter changes his life completely. Armed with the mystical sword of Kofu, the timid prince and his two young friends, embark on an epic trip to bring peace to the warring kingdoms of Kofu and Molonga. Will the young prince overcome his fears and will peace win against war? Will Prince Kadis discover that a sword doesn't make you brave, your heart does ...*

*The legendary lyricist, poet and filmmaker tells us of the art and stories behind the making of his best songs--some of the finest and most popular of Hindi Cinema--from 1963 to the present. A legend of Hindi cinema, Gulzar is among the Subcontinent's finest poets and lyricists, whose songs have touched millions. He remains as popular today, and as sensitive a chronicler of our emotions, as he was half a century ago. And throughout, his work has been gloriously distinctive--especially for the unforgettable images and the intimacy he brings to his songs. In this book of conversations with the*

acclaimed author and documentary filmmaker Nasreen Munni Kabir, Gulzar speaks about the making of his most enduring songs--from 'Mora gora ang lai le' (Bandini; 1963) and 'Dil dhoondta hai' (Mausam; 1975) to 'Jiya jale' (Dil Se; 1998) and 'Dil toh bachcha hai ji' (Ishqiya; 2010). He also discusses the songs of other greats, like Shailendra and Sahir Ludhianvi; his favourite music directors, like SD and RD Burman, Hemant Kumar and AR Rahman; and several playback singers, among them, Lata Mangeshkar, Mohammed Rafi, Asha Bhosle, Vani Jairam, Jagjit Singh and Bhupinder Singh. Full of insight, anecdote and analysis--and containing over 40 songs, in roman script and English translation--this book is a treasure for students and lovers of Hindi cinema, music and poetry.

'In the village below, there are a lot of men whose houses are on this side but their farms on the other,' Majeed began to stutter in answer. 'There are men in a similar situation in villages on the other side too whose houses and farms are thus divided. Families and relations too. So . . .' Gulzar writes with poignant power on the horrors of Partition, exploring the lives of those who have lived on the border made heartbreakingly complex with a sudden, arbitrary line whose scar spans generations. Major Kulwant has grown up in the valley, and he now returns as a soldier to guard it. What happens when he finds out that his old childhood friend is an enemy across the line? A touching story on how friendship and hope blooms in defiance of nationalism brought to life with the joys of a childhood in Punjab.

Perceptions of Rahul Gandhi have ranged from the great Indian hope to that of an over-promoted dynastic scion. Everyone has an opinion, but the man himself remains opaque, his public persona confined to positions on political events, policies or programmes. Who is Rahul Gandhi--the real man--beneath the hype and the hatchet jobs? What are the ideas and influences that propel him? Who are his advisers? And how will he tackle his new responsibilities as his mother, Sonia Gandhi, makes way for him? Two young journalists, Jatin Gandhi and Veenu Sandhu, trace the evolution of the Rahul brand and explore the fascinating relationship between modernity and dynasty in this incisive political biography.

100 Lyrics : Gulzar

A Scenario

Chand Nigal Gayi

My Poetry Collection

I Swallowed the Moon

A comprehensive analysis of the work of one of India's foremost poets Gulzar is arguably the most well-known contemporary poet writing in Hindustani. As a poet he occupies a unique place being a Progressive poet in a popular culture. His poetry appeals to all strata of society, without compromising either on literary merit or on its ability to convey the most exalted thought in an accessible idiom. In 'He Swallowed the Moon', Saba Bashir attempts to analyse what makes Gulzar the poet he is. What is his signature style? What are the issues that concern his poetry and what are the recurrent images in it? She also draws a parallel between the poet's film and non-film poetry and points out how they are used interchangeably. Including the most comprehensive list of all Gulzar's poems, film and non-film songs, this is a valuable addition to the corpus of work on a great poet.

'Tagore picks up the flotsam of a love story from the Ganga and narrates it like only he can. An eternal human story.'- GulzarAfter a boat-wreck overturns his life, Rameshchandra Chowdhury mistakes young Kamala for his newly wedded bride. They move away from Calcutta to start a domestic life together, even as Ramesh is unable to forget Hemnalini, whom he was always in love with, but could not marry. Meanwhile, Hemnalini must steel her heart, while her hypochondriac father and hot-headed brother seek grooms for her. When Nalinaksha, a serene and influential doctor, enters the scene, fate decides to rock the boats again. Initially serialized in Bangadarshan magazine between 1903 and 1904, and then published as a novel in 1906, Nougadoobi was Tagore's exercise in psychoanalytical probing of an ensemble cast of characters, to reveal not just their individual pains and passions, but also the collective consciousness of the society of the period. Narrated in warm tones that reveal the tenderness of everyday life, and translated gracefully by Arunava Sinha, here is a story about love and sacrifice, faith and resilience that is timeless.

Screenplay of a popular Hindi motion picture.

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Mera Kuchh Samaan

Mystery of the White Knight

The Poetry of Gulzar

Conversations with Mani Ratnam

Selected Poems

100 Lyrics

Mani Ratnam's *Nayakan* is among Time's '100 Best Movies Ever'; and Roja launched A.R. Rahman. This book, unique to Indian cinema, illuminates the genius of the man behind these and eighteen other masterly films. For the first time ever, Mani Ratnam opens up here, to Baradwaj Rangan, about his art, as well as his life before films. In these freewheeling conversations—candid, witty, pensive, and sometimes combative—many aspects of his films are explored. Ratnam elaborates in a personal vein on his choice of themes, from the knottiness in urban relationships (*Agni Natchatiram*) to the rents in the national fabric (*Bombay*); his directing of children (*Anjali*); his artful use of songs; his innovative use of lighting; as also his making of films in Hindi and other languages. There are fond recollections of collaborations with stalwarts like Balu Mahendra, P.C. Sreeram, Thotta Tharrani and Gulzar, among many others. And delectable behind-the-scenes stories—from the contrasting working styles of the legendary composer Ilaiyaraaja and Rahman to the unexpected dimensions Kamal Haasan brought to the filming of *Nayakan* to what *Raavan* was like when originally conceived. In short, like Mani Ratnam's films, *Conversations* surprises, entertains and stimulates. With Rangan's personal and impassioned introduction setting the Tamil and national context of the films, and with posters, script pages and numerous stills, this book is a sumptuous treat for serious lovers of cinema as well as the casual moviegoer looking for a peek behind the process.

'Papi says it is wrong of parents to presume that they know better, or know more than their child does. They may be biologically older than their child, but in their experience as parents, they're of the same age. So if I was his two-year-old daughter, he was my two-year-old father. And we were both learning and evolving together -- he as my father and me as his daughter.' All of us know Gulzar as a film-maker, screenplay and dialogue writer, lyricist par excellence, author and poet. *Because He Is...* presents a facet of the icon that none of us are aware of -- as a father. In iridescent prose, his daughter, Meghna, documents his life, revealing the man behind the legend: in every way a hands-on father, who prepared her for school without fail every day, braiding her hair and tying her shoelaces, and who despite his busy career in cinema, always made it a point to end his workday at 4 p.m. because her school ended at that time, and who wrote a book for her birthday every year till she was thirteen. From her earliest memories of waking up in the morning to the strains of him playing the sitar to him writing the songs for her films now, Meghna presents an intimate portrait of a father who indulged her in every way and yet raised her to be independent and confident of the choices she made. She also records his phenomenal creative oeuvre, the many trials and tribulations of his personal and professional life, through all of which she remained a priority. Beautifully designed and illustrated with never-before-seen photographs, *Because He Is...* offers an incredible insight into the bond between a father and a daughter.

What is it about poetry that a verse you read in your childhood stays with you for the rest of your life? Open the pages of this book and go on a mesmerizing journey through 100 great poems.

Chosen specially for children, these poems touch a whole world of emotions and ideas. There are poems about mothers and fathers and new baby brothers and sisters; about grandparents and cats and trees and living in treehouses. Not only will you find the well-loved classic ones like 'Jabberwocky', 'If', 'Coromandel Fishers' and 'My Heart Leaps Up...' there are many new delightful poems like 'Cyber River', 'The Ghost', 'The Roti's Grudge' and 'Hip Hop Nature Boy'. Featuring poets from India and abroad, this collection explores the works of T.S. Eliot, Rabindranath Tagore, Robert Browning, Gulzar, Ruskin Bond, Jerry Pinto, Anushka Ravishankar, Keki Daruwalla and many other voices. Dip into 100 Great Poems for Children and enjoy these poems, relish the music of the words, whisper or shout them aloud, explode with laughter as you read them or wipe away a tear.

An intimate peek into the life of the soldier-turned-lyricist Anand Bakshi, from his formative years in undivided Punjab to eventually moving to Bombay and landing his first film *Bhala Aadmi* in 1958. Along the way, he lost his mother, his place of birth, and his home and wealth, but his zeal to stand up and walk after every stumble and his desire to become a film artist never abated. He eventually rose to become one of the most revered and sought-after lyricists in Hindi cinema, writing nearly 3300 songs in about 630 films over the next five decades. Written by his son, this is an inspiring story of faith, dreams, success and, above all, human values.

Main Shayar Toh Nahin

Raavi Paar and Other Stories

Two

(Penguin Petit)

Nirmala

Susanna's Seven Husbands

*Javed Akhtar's poetry speaks of the urban milieu that envelops him. Helplessness, hunger and homelessness, crowds and solitude, filth and crime, fame and obscurity, rock-strewn footpaths and glass-studded skyscrapers: this cosmopolitan world he inhabits seeps into the tone and tenor of his writing. Akhtar's sharply observed poems stretch across time and space, articulate the extremities of hot and cold seasons, of walking barefoot on live-hot embers and the tenderness of kissing fingers drenched in dew. These are bit tersweet verses from a man who has felt firsthand the sharpness of sensation. The themes he speaks of are universal, yet the timbre of Akhtar's poetry is unique; it is not the echo of other voices. - Dr. Gopi Chand Narang*

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*With the advent of sound, Hindi songs acquired a grammar of their own, thanks to the introduction of songs as a part of the narrative - a tradition that is unique to Hindi cinema.*

*This gave rise to a class of professionals who acquired a star status that was in the league of the actors themselves - the lyricists. Rajiv Vijayakar's book chronicles the journeys of*

*leading film lyricists - from D.N. Madhok and Pandit Pradeep to Amitabh Bhattacharya and Irshad Kamil, including stalwarts like Shakeel Badayuni and Sahir Ludhianvi, Majrooh Sultanpuri and Anand Bakshi, Gulzar and Javed Akhtar - who have woven magic with the written word. Filled with trivia and never-before-heard-of anecdotes, Main Shaayar Toh Nahin is an introduction to the contribution made by some of the finest wordsmiths to the Hindi film industry.*

*Since his childhood; Arun has secretly been in love with Susanna; his dangerously alluring neighbour; who becomes his friend despite the wide difference in their ages. But Susanna has a weakness for falling in love with the wrong men. Over the years; Arun watches as Susanna becomes notorious as the merry widow who flits from one marriage to another; leaving behind a trail of dead husbands. It is only a matter of time before he too begins to wonder if there is any truth to the slanderous gossip surrounding the woman he is in love with. In this gripping new novella of love and death; Bond revisits his previously published short story of the same name; included here in an appendix. This edition also features the screenplay Saat Khon Maaf; based on this novella and written by award-winning film-maker Vishal Bhardwaj and Matthew Robbins.*

*The Coward And The Sword*

*Aandhi*

*Bollywood Melodies*

*Rahul*

*Gulzariyat - Gulzar's Songs: Discover What's Beneath*

*Actually ... I Met Them*

The year is 1971 Tension is brewing between India and Pakistan One secret could change the course of history . . . It's now up to her When a young college-going Kashmiri girl, Sehmat, gets to know her dying father's last wish, she can do little but surrender to his passion and patriotism and follow the path he has so painstakingly laid out. It is the beginning of her transformation from an ordinary girl into a deadly spy. She's then married off to the son of a well-connected Pakistani general, and her mission is to regularly pass information to the Indian intelligence. Something she does with extreme courage and bravado, till she stumbles on information that could destroy the naval might of her beloved country. Inspired from real events, Calling Sehmat . . . is an espionage thriller that brings to life the story of this unsung heroine of war.

Bollywood Sounds focuses on the songs of Indian films in their historical, social, commercial, and cinematic contexts. Author Jayson Beaster-Jones takes readers through the highly collaborative compositional process, highlighting the contributions of film directors, music directors (composers), lyricists, musicians, and singers in song production. Through close musical and multimedia analysis of more than twenty landmark compositions, Bollywood Sounds illustrates how the producers of Indian film songs have long mediated a variety of musical styles, instruments, and performance practices to create a uniquely cosmopolitan music genre. As an exploration of the music of seventy years of Hindi films, Bollywood Sounds provides long-term historical insights into film songs and their musical and cinematic conventions in ways that will appeal both to scholars and to newcomers to Indian cinema.

A delightful new collection from the master lyricist After the great success of 100 Lyrics, this new volume contains a hundred more of Gulzar's marvellous compositions, complete with anecdotes and photographs making it a true collector's item. Gulzar has brought a rare poetic sensibility to popular Hindi film music over a five-decade-long career, and this collection showcases some of his best work, from early lyrics like 'Ganga aaye kahan se' (Kabuliwala) and 'Koi hota jisko apna' (Mere Apne) to classics such as 'Tere bina jiya jaye na' (Ghar), 'Do naina aur ek kahani' (Masoom) and 'Roz roz ankhon taley' (Jeeva) and later blockbusters like 'Goli maar bheje mein' (Satya), 'Beedi jalai le' (Omkaara), 'Dhan te nan' (Kaminey), 'Dil toh bachcha hai ji' (Ishqiya), 'Challa' (Jab Tak Hai Jaan) and 'Bismil' (Haider). In addition, Another 100 Lyrics contains some brilliant poems from non-film albums like Dil Padosi Hai, Marasim, Ishqa Ishqa and Koi Baat Chale.

World of Sir Kaye Stories