

THE TOP TEN

Fiction

1

Prizes by Erich Segal. Bantam Books. Price: Rs 182.

A rivetting tale about brilliant doctors and scientists fighting for the Nobel Prize.

2

The Moor's Last Sigh by Salman Rushdie. Vintage Books. Price: Rs 195.

Rushdie takes his readers on a fantastic voyage which is at once comic and sad.

3

Contagion by Robin Cook. Pan Books. Price: 2.50 Pounds.

A doctor stumbles upon a conspiracy by a ruthless and profit-hungry corporation to kill off its patients.

4

Icon by Frederick Forsyth. Corgi Books. Price: Rs 182.

Vintage Forsyth fare featuring ex-CIA agents, and a secret Russian document that could destroy the civilised world.

5

The Last Don by Mario Puzo. William Heinemann. Price: 5 Pounds.

The creator of the legendary *Godfather* returns to his old territory with a new tale of Mafia life.

Non-fiction

1

The Intelligent Person's Guide To Liberalisation by Amit Bhaduri and Deepak Nayyar. Penguin. Price: Rs 150.

A serious reappraisal of the country's experiment with Liberalisation by two of India's leading economists.

2

Caste As Woman by Vrinda Nabar. Penguin India. Price: Rs 125.

Probes questions of gender, vis-a-vis the contemporary Indian woman.

3

Nature, Culture, Imperialism: Essays On The Environmental History Of South Asia edited by David Arnold and Ramachandra Guha. Oxford. Price: Rs 175.

Essays on man's changing relationship with the natural world.

4

Caste: It's Twentieth Century Avatar edited by M.N. Srinivas. Viking. Price: Rs 300.

The book discusses the more debilitating aspects of the caste system and ponders what shape it might assume in the future.

5

Travels Through Sacred India by Roger Housden. HarperCollins India. Price: Rs 195.

A study of the beliefs and practices that are interwoven into India's spiritual consciousness.