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## BOOK RACK

■ Calling Sehmat— A novel; Harinder S Sikka (Konark, 2008, pp 233, Rs 400) A thrilling saga of a spy who gave all of herself and that of her family in the service of our nation.

■ Wolf Totem; Jiang Rong (Hamish Hamilton, 2008, pp 527, Pounds 5.99) Wolf Totem celebrates a time when an age-old balance was maintained between nomads, their livestock and the wild wolves of the Inner Mongolian plains.

Happiness and other Disorders-Short Stories; Ahmad Saidullah (Penguin, 2008, pp 255, Rs 299) This book offers portraits of characters and societies torn apart by violence and oppression.

The Coffer Dams; Kamala Markandaya (First published in 1969, Penguin Books, 2008, pp 235, Rs 250) An absorbing tale about mechanical strength and spiritual weakness, physical certainties and moral doubts

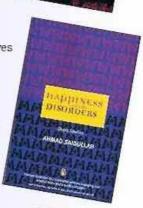
Patanjali's Yoga Sutra; Shyam Ranganathan (Penguin, 2008, pp 319, Rs 350) A contemporary interpretation of the foundational text for the practice of yoga.

Sting in the Tale—A Thriller; Rajeev Sharma (Kaveri, 2008, pp 342, Rs 195) There is a new player among the terrorist factions in Kashmir and Inspector General Dashamlav has vowed to stop him at all costs.

■ The Ramayana— Love and Valour in india's Great Epic; JP Losty (The British Library, 2008, Rs 895) An illustrated version of the Indian epic Ramayana.

The Painter of Shanghai; Jennifer Cody Epstein (Penguin Books, 2008, pp 486, Rs 450) Based on a true story, the book tells the captivating tale of one woman's journey from a life

Families at Home; Reeti Gadekar (HarperCollins, 2008, pp 266, Rs 295) A suicide turns out to be a murder and ADC Nikhil Juneja finds himself in the middle of a chaotic situation.



THE COFFER DAMS



