

Books and Authors

Book Name

Author

Importance

① Malvikagnimitra

Kalidasa

Love story of a Junga King
Sanskrit poetry mentioning 6
seasons of India

② Ritusamhara

③ Meghaduta

Uma & Shiva marriage, Kashi birth

④ Kumar Sambhava

⑤ Raghu vamsa

⑥ Vikramorvasya

History of Ikshvaku Kings
Sanskrit Play - love story b/w
King Pururava and Alsa Urvasi

⑦ Devichandraguttam

early life of CG2; Play involves Shaka
Vishakhadutt rivalry

Ascent of Chandragupta
Maurya in Mudra Rakshas

⑧ Mudra Rakshas

⑨ Mricchakatika

Sudrakia

love affair - Young Brahmin
Charudatta & wealthy
courtesan

⑩ Madhyam - Vya yoga

⑪ Svapnavasavadatta

⑫ Urubhanga

⑬ Dutaghatotkacha

(Probable context -
Madhyam Pandav - Bhim related story)

Bhasa

(Sanskrit Playwrights)

1st BCE - late Mauryan

Duryodhan & Bhima fight
Based on Mahabharat but dramatized
in good light

⑭ Natya Shashtra
(b/w 200 BCE - 200 CE)

Bharat Muni

Source book of art of
drama, dance, music

⑮ Ashtadhyayi

Commentary of Ashtadhyayi
in Mahabhashya

Panini (5th BCE)

⑯ Mahabhashya

Patanjali
(Cont. of BCE)

(Nanda time)

Sanskrit grammar

⑰ Buddha Charita

Commentary of Buddha Charita
in Mahabhashya

Ashvaghosha

Buddhist writer in Sanskrit
(Kanishka court)

⑱ Soundararanda

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⑲ Kirtajuniga

Bharavi
(Simhalishnu of
Kallava time)

Conflict between Kallava
& Shiva

⑳ Kavyadarsha

① Dasakumaracharita
दशकुमारचरित

Dandin
(Court of Kallava - Rajasimha)

Systematic treatment
of Poetics in Sanskrit

② Vasavadatta

Subandhu
(No clear timeline
b/w by Bindusara)

Sanskrit
romantic tale

Vishnu Sharma

③ Panchtantra

Amar Simha (Buddhist
author)

④ Amar Kosa

Aryabhatta

Mathematics &
Astronomy
Solar & lunar eclipse

⑤ Anyabhatiya

⑥ Panch Siddhantika

Varaha Mihira

Five astronomical
system

⑦ Brihad Samhita

⑧ Brihad Jataka

work in Sanskrit lit
std work on astrology

⑨ Ashtang Sangraha
(आष्टांगसंग्रह)

Vagbhata

Summary of the eight
branches of medicine

⑩ Harshcharita

Banabhatta

Biography of Harsha

⑪ Kadambari

⑫ Ratnavali

⑬ Priyadarshika

⑭ Nagananda

Harsha

Harshvardhan reign

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Sangam Age	1) Silappadigaram	Elango Adigal	Love story Kannagi
	2) Manimekalai	Sittalai Sattanar	
	3) Tolkappiyam	Tolkappiyar	Tamil grammar, Ability, socio-economy of Sangam
	4) Ettutogai	divided into Aham (Love) Iruam (War)	8 anthologies
	5) Pattu Pattu		10 Idylls
	6) Pathinenkilkanakku		18 work dealing with ethics & morals
	↓		
	7) Thirukkural	Thiruvalluvar	
	8) Gathasaptasathi	Hala (17th Satvahana king)	Book in Paktit
Pallava Period	9) Milind Pantho	Nagasena (Buddhist)	Pali work, questions of milinda (Menander)
	10) Mattavilasastranam	Mahendra Varman I	Sanskrit Play
	11) Devaram (Thevaram)	Nayanar Saints [Narhi Thirumurai]	Songs by Appar, Sundara, Sambandar
	12) Nalayadi Prabandham	Alwar Saints [Nathamuni]	4000 Tamil verses composed by 12 Alvars
	13) Bharatha Varba	Perundevanar	Tamil translation of Mahabharat

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Rashtrakuta Period	14) Nalachampu	Tiruvikrama	Sanskrit work during reign of Vishnu III (Rashtrakuta)
	15) Kavirahasya	Hala Yudha	
	16) Parsvabhudaya	Jinasena (teacher of Amoghavasha)	Biography of 23rd Jain Tirthankar Parsava
	17) Adipurana	Gunabhadra	Life stories of various Jain saints
	18) Amogavibithi	Sakatyana	Grammar work
	19) Granitasaram	Vishacharya	Mathematics
	20) Kavirajamarga	Amoghavasha	1st poetic work in Kannada
	21) Vikramasenavijaya [Vikrama arjuna vijaya]	Pampa (Jain poet)	Kannada version of Mahabharat
	22) Santipurana	Ponna (Jain)	Life of Shanti natha (16th Jain Tirthankar)
	23) Civika Cintamani (Sivikasintamani)	Thiruthakkadavar	Jain work
Chola Period	24) Kundal Kesi	Nathakuthanar	Tamil Buddhist epic
	25) Ramavataram (Ramayana)	Kambar	Ramayana in Tamil
	26) Periyavalarnam (Tiruttondarvarnam)	Sekkilar	Tamil poetic account defining lives of 63 Nayanar
	27) Kallinga Thupparani	Jayankondar	Kaling war fought by Kulotunga I

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Chola	63 Moovarula	Ottakuttar	depicts life of 3 Chola Kings
	64 Nabavenba	Pugalendi	Story of King Nala & Damayanti
	65 Kalladam	Kalladanaar	work on Tamil grammar
	66 Yallerungalam	Amirthakayar	← Tamil grammar
	67 Nannul	Payanandi	
	68 Virasoligam	Buddharibba	

Vijayanagara (KPD time)	69 Monucharitam	Atiasari Peddanna [Andhakavita Pitamaha]	existence of 4 Caste in Vijayanagara
	70 Harikatha Saranam		
	71 Amuktamalyudha	Krishna Deva Raya (Andhra Bhoja)	Telugu work
	72 Jambavati Kalyanam		Sanskrit
	73 Ushakinarayam		" - "
	74 Maduravi Jayam	Gangadevi	Kumarakama's expedition to Madurai

75	Vikraman Kadevcharita (विक्रमानकादेवचरित)	Bilhana (11th CE)	Life & achievements of Chola King Vikramaditya Chalukya VI
76	Shishupala Vadha	Magha	Sanskrit Poetry in 7th - 8th CE
77	Rajtarangini (sanskrit)	Kathana (12th CE)	History of Kashmir
78	Abhinaya Darpan	Nandikeshwara (5th-11th BCE)	Treatise on dance

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78	Arthashastra (sanskrit)	Kautilya	15 books, 180 chapters, 3 parts - ① King & his council ② Civil & criminal law ③ Diplomacy & War
79	Indica	Megasthenes (Greek ambassador)	Details about Mauryan administration
80	Dipavamsa		Ceylonese chronicles, info about role of Ashoka in spreading Buddhism in Srilanka
81	Maha Vamsa		
82	Prithviraj Raso	Chand Bardai	Baibhasha poem on life of Prithviraj
83	Ramayana	Tulsidas (Contemporary Akbar)	Hindi version of Ramayana
84	Prabandh Chintamani (1304 compiled)	Meerutunga (Jain)	→ battle of Taran info During Waghela Kingdom of Gujarat - collection of biographies
85	Hammira Mahakavya (15th CE)	Nayachandrar Suri (Jain)	Biography of 13th CE Chahmana King Hammira
86	Nihivahyamiba	Somadeva Suri (Jain)	Work on ethics, politics & social norms (sanskrit)
87	Gita Govinda	Jayadeva (Loka poet) [in the court of Lakshmi Sena]	Sanskrit Poetry - Radha-Krishna relationship
88	Prithviraj Vijaya	Janaka	
89	Navyalankar (Chalukya)	Bhamaha (7th CE) Dandin (Contemp)	Ornaments of poetry

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① Fatawa-i-Jahandari	book about Babbar (Navai, Parbhos, Sildah)	
② Tarikh-i-Firoz Shahi	Ziauddin Barani (patronized by Firoz Tughlaq)	History of Tughlaq dynasty
③ Tabaqat-i-Nasabi	Mirkat-us-Siraj (patronized by Iltutmish)	General history of muslim dynasty upto 1260
④ Khazain-ul-Futuh	Amir Khusrau	Alauddin's conquest
⑤ Tughlaq Nama		Rise of Ghiyassuddin Tughlaq
⑥ Kitab-ul-Hind	Al Beruni	History and culture of India
⑦ Ain-i-Akbari Akbarnama	Abul Fazi	Details of Akbar reign- administration etc
⑧ Tuzuk-i-Jahangir	Jahangir	Autobiography
⑨ Padshahnama	Abdul Hamid Lecheri	Shahjahan's administration
⑩ Shah Jahan Nama	Inayat Khan	
⑪ Taj-ul-Masir	Hasan Nizami (patronized by A. Aurangzeb)	1st official history of Delhi sultanate written in Persian
⑫ Kitab-ul-Ikhlaf	Ibn Batuta	Qazi in Md. bin Tughlaq court
⑬ Shah Nama	Firdausi	History of Iran
⑭ Rajavineda	Udayaraja	Biography of Sultan Muhammad Begada (patronized by Sultan Muhammad Begada) (Patronized by Sultan Muhammad Begada) Challenge Portuguese

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⑮ Tuzuk-i-Babari (Turkic language) Translated in Persian by - ↳ Babarnama	Babar Abdur Rahim Khan	1st true autobiography in the Islamic literature
⑯ Humayunama	Gulbadan Begum	Half sister of Humayun; wrote during Akbar
⑰ Muntakhab-ul-Tawarikh	Abdul Qadir Badauni	Critique of religious policies of Akbar
⑱ Iqbalnamah-i-Jahangiri	Mutarrad Khan	Jahangir's administration
⑲ Siir-e-Akbar	Dasa Shikoh (Lion Prince)	Translation of upanishada in Persian
⑳ Majma-ul-Bahrain		Affinities b/w sufic & vedantic tradition
㉑ Muntakhab-ul-Iubab	Khafiz Khan	administration & conquest of Aurangzeb
㉒ Munis-ul-arwah	Jahanara Begum	biography of Khwaja Muminuddin Chisti (Persian)
㉓ Muraqq-i-Delhi	Dargah Quli Khan	wrote about Nasiruddin Chiragh-i-Delhi - Also abt III of Delhi during Muhammad Shah
㉔ Padmavat	Malik Muhammad Jaisi	Awadhi - Padmini & Rana Ratan Singh
㉕ Chachnama (Arabic)	Ali Kufi (written in 13th CE)	Md. bin Qasim - #2 Sindh ∴ History of Sindh
㉖ Fata nama (Persian)		1st book on criticism
㉗ Kashf al-Mahjub	Ali al-Hujwili (11th CE book)	History of Ghaznavid empire
㉘ Tarikh-i-Bayhaqi	Abul-Fadl Bayhaqi (11th CE)	Discussing 4 different professions that kings need to have
㉙ Chahar Maqala (4 discourses)	Nizami Urzi	

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Importance

- ③ Shajara-yi-ansab
- ③ Adab al harb wa-i Shaj'a
(dedicate to Iltutmish)

Fakhr-i Mudabbir
(Mubarak Shah)
(1157 - 1236)
Court of Ghazni, Ghori, Delhi sultanate

Tree of genealogy
War etiquette

* Sarangdhar Samhita - Acharya Sarangdhar
12th CE

Book on Ayurveda (cos)

Keywords from themes book

- Shaman — people with magical/healing power
- Dhama mahamatta — spl. elites to spread Dhamma by Ashoka
- Grahapati — small peasants, large landholders / Head of house (Pali)
- Vellalar — large landowner
 Uzharar — ploughment
 Adimai — slave
- Agaraka — land granted to Brahman
- Puhar — Near coast (Tamil Nadu)
- Shreni-Guild — organisation of merchants
- Masattuvan — Tamil
- Setthis & Sattavaras — Pakiti
- Successful merchants (seafarers, rich)
- Yaudheya — Tribal republic Punjab
- Pattivedaka — Reforters
- Ahichchhaba — Uttar Pradesh
- Lata — Gujarat
- Vanik — merchants
- Sarthraha — merchant
- Kutagashala — hut where traveller rested — philosophical discussion
- Theris — respected women (Buddhism)
- Arhat/Arhant — People far advanced along the path of enlightenment but who may not have reached full Buddhahood.
 Trying to follow buddhism & achieve liberation (slightly different from Bodhisattva)

