

Ancient Books

Book	Author	Description
The Anabasis of Alexander	Arrian	Invasion of India by Alexander
Indica	Megasthenes	Indian society and culture during the period of Chandragupta Maurya
Periplus of Erythraean Sea	William H Schoff	Information about Indian coasts
Natural History	Pliny	Indian Geography and exports from India to Rome
Geographia	Ptolemy	Geography of India - Shape, Peninsula, Coastlines
Ashtadhyayi	Panini	Book on Sanskrit grammar
Ahananuru	Mamulanar	Sangam Tamil Poetry on love
Arthasastra	Kautilya	Treatise on statecraft and public administration
Milindapanho	Nagasena	Discussion between Menander I and Nagasena on Buddhism
Buddhacharita	Asvaghosha	Biography on Gautama Buddha
Tolkappiyam	Tholkappiyar	Sangam Tamil grammar work
Silappathikaram	Elango Adigal	Epic Tamil literature after Sangam
Manimegalai	Seethalai Sathanar	Epic Tamil literature (Buddhism)
Devichandraguptam	Visakhadatta	Play about the early life of Chandragupta II.
Mudrarakshasa	Visakhadatta	Ascent of the king Chandragupta Maurya
Mrichchhakatika	Sudraka	Love affair between Charudatta and Vasantasena

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Kiratarjuniya	Bharavi	Combat between Arjuna and Lord Shiva at Indrakeeladri.
Kavyadarsa	Dandin	Treatise on poetics
Dasakumaracharita	Dandin	Adventure of ten young man's love
Malvikagnimitra	Kalidasa	Love story of King Agnimitra
Abhigyan Shakuntalam	Kalidasa	Love of Dushyant and Shakuntala
Vikramorvasiya	Kalidasa	Love of Pururavas, the king of Pratishthana, and Urvasi
Meghaduta	Kalidasa	Sanskrit poem
Pancha Siddhantika	Varahamihira	Mathematical astronomy
Brihadsamhita	Varahamihira	Astronomy and Planetary motions
Harshacharita	Banabhatta	Biography of Harsha
Kadambari	Banabhatta	Love of Chandrapeeda and Kadambari
Ratnavali	Harshavardhana	Love of Udayana and Ratnavali
Mattavilasa Prahasanam	Mahendra Varman I	One-act Sanskrit play
Devaram	Nayanmars	Treatise by worshippers of Shiva
Nalayradivyaprabandam	Alwars	Treatise by worshippers of Vishnu
Kavirajamarga	Amoghavarsha I	Kannada poem
Shah Nama	Firdausi	Arab conquest of Iran
Kitab-ul-Hind	Al-Beruni	Indian society during Ghazni
Tarikh-i-Firoz Shahi	Ziauddin Barani	History of Tughlaq Dynasty
Tabaqat-i-Nasiri	Minhaj-us-Siraj	History of Muslim Dynasties upto 1260

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Sabaq-i-Hind	Amir Khusrau	Persian Poetry
Khazain-ul-Futuh	Amir Khusrau	Conquest of Alauddin Khalji
Tughlaq Nama	Amir Khusrau	Rise of Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq
Gnaneswari	Gnanadeva	Commentary on Bhagavad Gita
Amuktamalyada	Krishnadevaraya	Wedding of Lord Vishnu and Aandal (Devadasi System)
Madhuravijayam	Gangadevi	Conquest of the Madurai Sultanate by Vijayanagara Empire
Manucharitram	Allasani Peddanna	Caste system in Vijaynagar empire.
Ain-i-Akbari	Abul Fazl	Akbar's administration
Akbar Nama	Abul Fazl	Reign of King Akbar
Ramcharitmanas	Tulsidas	Hindi version of Ramayana
Rajatarangini	Kalhana	Narrative of Kashmir's history