

OUT & ABOUT

INDIA INK
Candace Bushnell at last year's festival. *Insets, from top: Jonathan Safran Foer, Tom Stoppard, and Zoe Heller will be among this year's attendees. Right: The recently renovated Jal Mahal.*

LEISURE



shortlist

COFFEE

BEAN AROUND THE WORLD
Hugh Jackman—actor, Broadway star, Oscar host—can now add coffee entrepreneur to his long list of accomplishments. Inspired by a trip to Ethiopia, the birthplace of coffee, Jackman teamed up with two friends to launch Laughing Man, which purchases beans directly from an Ethiopian coffee union and donates all profits to the Harlem Village Academies charter school and World Vision, which supports children in developing countries. Jackman, who has two or three cups of black coffee a day, now has even more reason to stop by his company's new Tribeca outpost. "I know that as I'm drinking this coffee, I'm creating jobs and supporting growers," he says. *Purchase online at livelLaughingman.com.*



TRAVEL

TALKING FICTION IN JAIPUR

The newly spruced-up Indian city plays host to the literary world's hottest event.

PICTURE THE LOVE CHILD OF WOODSTOCK AND THE FRANKFURT Book Fair, add a sizable dose of pure spectacle, and you've got the **Jaipur Literature Festival**. Since it launched seven years ago, the annual extravaganza, which will run from January 20 to 24 and is expected to draw 60,000 people, has grown to be the largest book-fest in Asia and easily one of the most unconventional events of its kind on the planet. People watching doesn't get better than this,

with honchos from the global publishing industry mingling with Bollywood stars, students, rajas, professional polo players, and tourists whose travel arrangements happen to land them in Jaipur for these five frenetic days.

Word of mouth alone has multiplied the audience. A meager 100 people attended in 2006, of whom only 18 were authors. By 2011, Orhan Pamuk and Candace Bushnell were leading discussions, and this year more than 200 writers, including Annie Proulx, Jonathan Safran Foer, Zoe Heller, Umberto Eco, and Tom Stoppard, as well as a slew of top Indian writers, will head to the nation saddled with more illiterate people than any other—but also the world's third-largest English-language book market—to attend readings, panels, parties, and evening concerts on the sprawling grounds and in the ornamental rooms of the 19th-century Diggi Palace.

A tip: The design-besotted Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II made Jaipur enthralling to travelers back in the 18th century, and attendees of this year's festival who are weary of discussions of the personal versus the political in narrative fiction have a new place to escape to: the recently unveiled Jal Mahal water palace, erected by the maharaja around 1734. For the past century the palace, which appears to float on Mansagar Lake, had been a neglected, moldering derelict, but a five-year restoration of its intricate embellishments, plus the revival of a stunning jasmine-scented garden designed by American-born art historian and Jaipurite Mitchell Crites, makes it well worth the \$1 entrance fee. jaltarang.com **VICTORIA LAUTMAN**

MEMOIR

Haley's Comet

Is South Carolina's governor the next, next GOP hopeful?

NIKKI HALEY HAS RECUSED HERSELF FROM THE CURRENT Republican melee, but her new memoir—unmelodiously titled *Can't Is Not an Option* (\$27.95; Penguin)—suggests she'll be a contender come 2016. Haley sketches her early years growing up Sikh in South Carolina before exhaustively detailing the slings and arrows she suffered on the trail to becoming the nation's youngest governor. Her secret weapon? An uncanny knack for finding common ground where none should exist. She draws endorsements from unlikely bedfellows Mitt Romney and Sarah Palin, as well as from actual, now profoundly estranged bedfellows Mark Sanford and his long-suffering ex-wife, Jenny. **ASH CARTER**



ON THE WAY UP
Nikki Haley with her husband, National Guard officer Michael Haley, and their children.