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Memoir Celebrating Britain’s First Asian Female Lord Mayor to Be Published in 2026

A new memoir honouring the life and legacy of Manjula Sood MBE, the first Asian woman to serve as Lord Mayor in the United Kingdom, will be published in October 2026 by award-winning small press, Author In Me.

Titled *The Historical Mayor*, the book reflects on Sood’s extraordinary journey in public life and the barriers she broke during her years of service. Her appointment marked a historic milestone in British civic leadership and represented an important step forward for representation and diversity in public office.

Known for her dedication to community service and civic engagement, Manjula Sood spent decades working to strengthen community relationships and encourage greater participation in public life. Her leadership was defined by a commitment to inclusion, compassion and resilience.

Manjula Sood passed away in December 2025. The memoir now serves as a tribute to her remarkable life and a record of a historic chapter in British Asian history.

Through personal reflections and stories from her journey, *The Historical Mayor* celebrates the legacy of a woman who helped redefine what leadership looks like in modern Britain.

The book also reflects on the broader themes of perseverance, representation and the power of community service, offering readers insight into the experiences of a pioneering woman who helped shape civic life in the UK.

The Historical Mayor will be published in October 2026.

Pre-orders are now available:

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