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A Quick Take on New Releases for Sunday, April 1, 2007

	TITLE	BASIC STORY	SAMPLE GRAB	WHAT YOU'LL LOVE	WHAT YOU WON'T	GRADE
BOOK	<b>Karma and Other Stories</b> By Rishi Reddi Harper Perennial \$12.95	Set primarily in Massachusetts, these seven stories chart the sometimes overlapping, sometimes divergent lives of Telugu-speaking Indian immigrants.	"He put down a suitcase filled with Indian sweets, coconut oil for her hair, homemade mango pickle, and white saris." <i>— A son brings his recently widowed mother into his American home</i>	Reddi writes softly but carries the proverbial big stick. While many of the stories seem simple, characters and plots linger long after you turn the page.	A standout tale of a vacationing Indian American girl's brush with Muslim-Hindu violence makes you wish the author had engaged in edgier fare throughout. <i>— Reviewed by Adriana Leshko</i>	B+