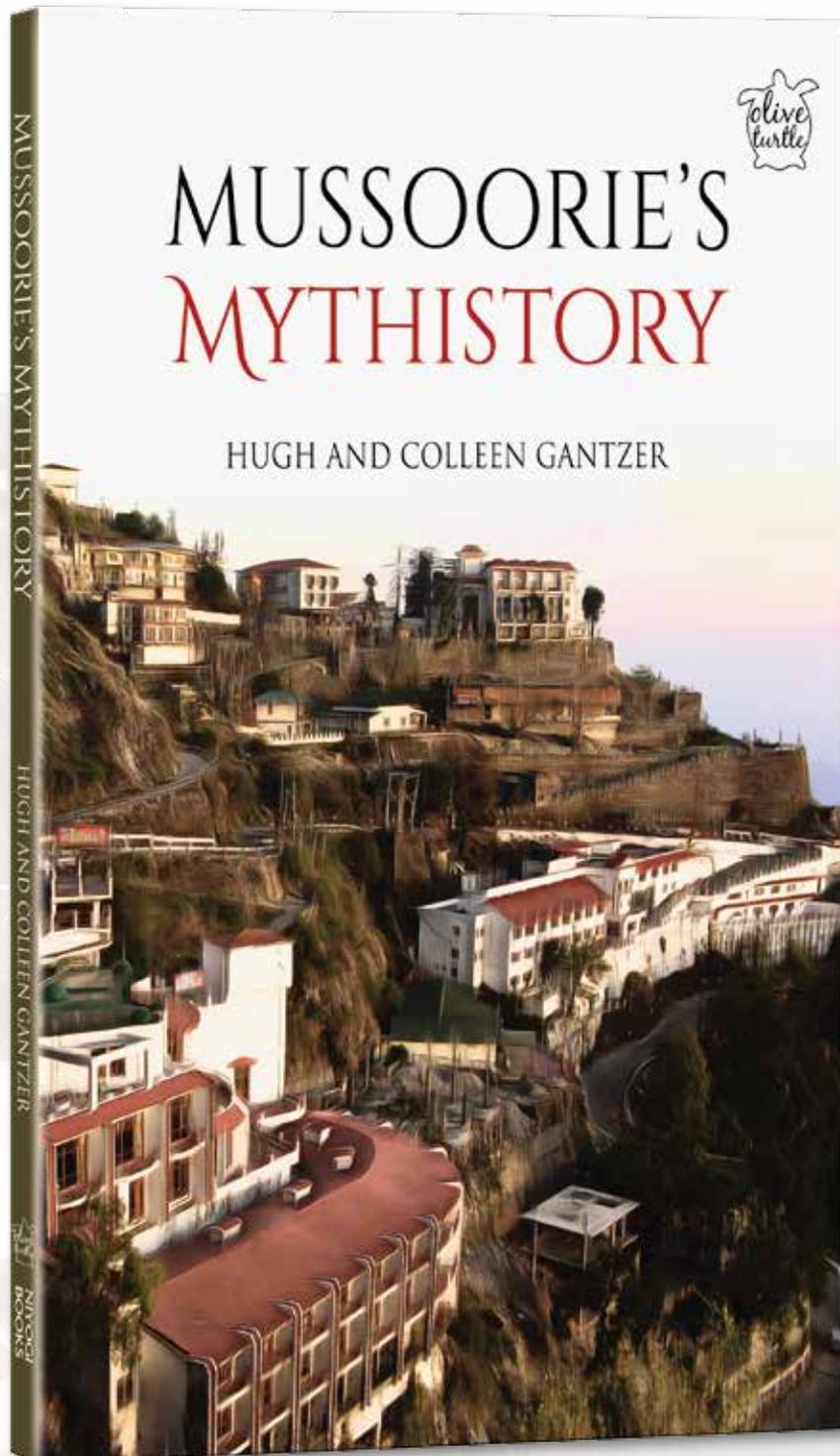


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These stories reflect the eclectic mix of the society of Mussoorie as well as the imaginative power of the minds that created and established the mythistory of the town.