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Childscape, Mediascape

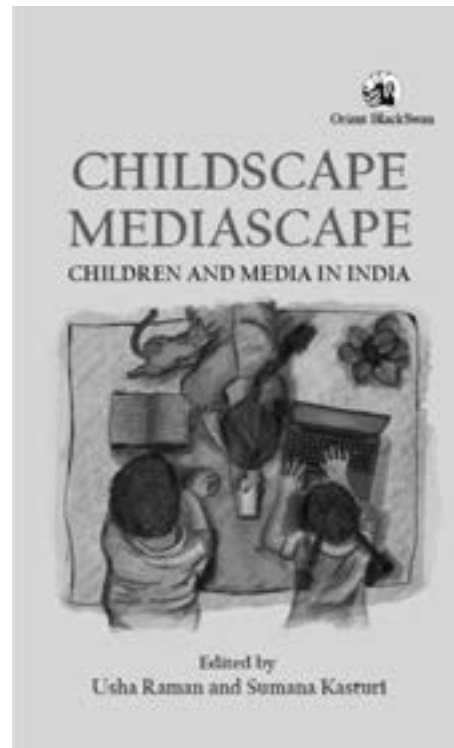
Children and Media in India

Edited by **Usha Raman**, Professor, Department of Communication, University of Hyderabad; and **Sumana Kasturi**, working in international education, and an independent researcher

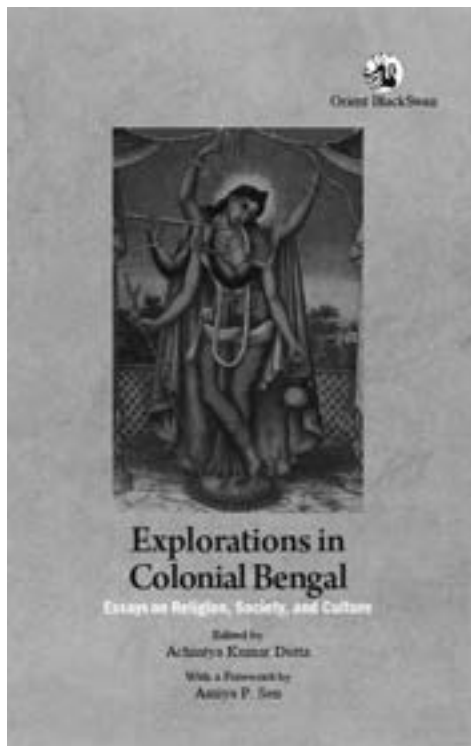
While there has been global research on children's media practices, in India, there has been very little critical work in this area. *Childscape, Mediascape* fills this gap by bringing together, for the first time, a variety of perspectives from media researchers, practitioners and those involved in secondary school education, with a focus on children, childhood and media. Questioning what it means to 'grow up digital' in twenty-first century India, this collection explores a variety of themes relating to children and the media landscape.

Selected Contents: I. Discourses II. Representations III. Interactions IV. Constructions V. Negotiations

Contributors: Vasuki Belavadi, Kiran Vinod Bhatia, Aditya Deshbandhu, Sumana Kasturi, Archana Kumari, Samina Mishra, Kamala Mukunda, Anita Sareen Parihar, Manisha Pathak-Shelat, Usha Raman, Nimmi Rangaswamy, Devina Sarwatay, Mehak Siddiqui, Deepa Sreenivas



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Explorations in Colonial Bengal

Essays on Religion, Society, and Culture

Edited by **Achintya Kumar Dutta**, Professor of History, the University of Burdwan, West Bengal

With a foreword by **Amiya P. Sen**

Explorations in Colonial Bengal sheds light on some important, yet relatively less-explored aspects of sociocultural changes that took place in Bengal in the colonial milieu. The essays engage with two major themes: Vaishnavism, and the society and culture of nineteenth and twentieth-century Bengal. The contributing authors show how Vaishnavism attracted the attention of multiple ethnic communities and institutions in contemporary society. They also study relatively unknown aspects of this culture, such as the role of women in the evolution of Bengali Vaishnava traditions.

Selected Contents: I. The Many Worlds of Bengali Culture II. Aspects of Bengali Politics, Society, and Economy

Contributors: Arun Bandopadhyay, Varuni Bhatia, Subhayu Chattopadhyay, Kailash Chandra Dash, Rajat Datta, Amit Dey, Santanu Dey, Achintya Kumar Dutta, Dipannita Dutta, Ranjeeta Dutta, Rila Mukherjee, Sujata Mukherjee, Bipasha Raha, Anuradha Roy

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Failed Masculinities

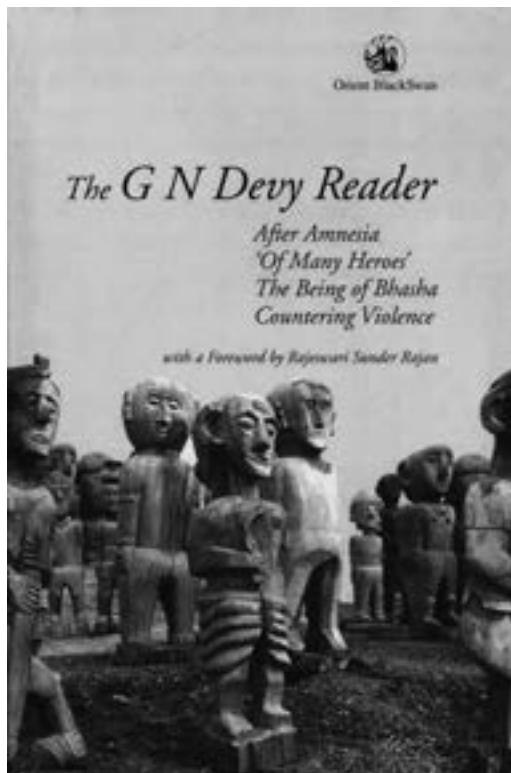
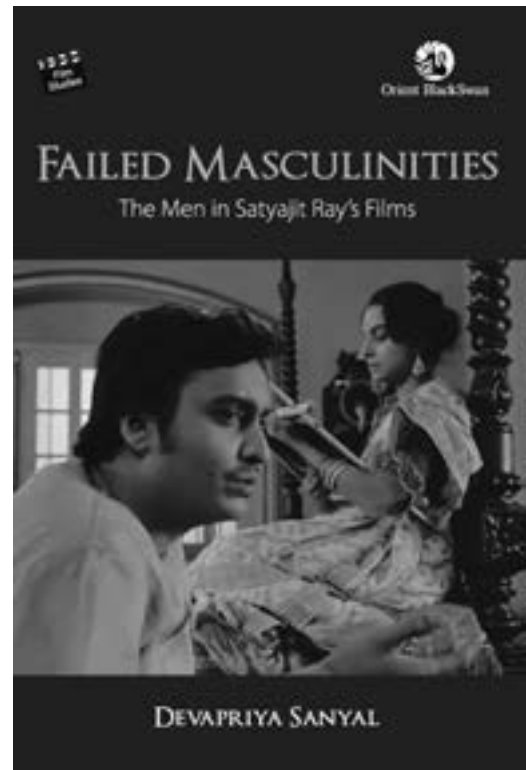
The Men in Satyajit Ray's Films

Devapriya Sanyal, Assistant Professor of English, Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru

One recognises in Ray's films Indians from the post-Independence era, members of the middle-class intelligentsia conscious of their worth as subjects of the Nehruvian nation. We can see them as models for the kind of educated citizenry that newly independent India was producing. Categorising these characters and relating them to the changing milieu is what *Failed Masculinities* sets out to do. The rationale behind the book is the argument that Ray's portrayal of men paints a picture of India's trajectory, from the colonial period to contemporary times.

Contents: 1. The Colonial and the Premodern: *Shatranj Ke Khiladi*, *Jalsaghar* and *Devi* 2. An Uncertain India: Early Nationalism in *Charulata* and *Ghare Baire* 3. Breaking with the Past: The Apu Trilogy 4. 'For all we have and are': The Post-Independence Bourgeoisie in *Kanchenjunga* and *Kapurush* 5. The Hollow Men: The Complacent 'Achiever' in *Nayak*, *Aranyer Din Ratri* and *Seemabaddha* 6. Trying Times: Aspiration and Failure in *Kanchenjunga*, *Mahanagar*, *Pratidwandi* and *Jana Aranya* 7. At Odds with the Nation: *Joy Baba Felunath*, *Hirak Rajar Deshe* and *Sadgati* 8. 'An Essay on Man': The Wise Person in *Ganashatru*, *Shakha Prosakha* and *Agantuk*

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G. N. Devy Reader, The

G.N. Devy, literary scholar and cultural activist, writes in three languages – Marathi, Gujarati and English, and has received prestigious literary awards for his works in all three languages. His academic and activist work shows a rare combination of a deep interest in India's classical literature and philosophy, as well as the threatened languages of Adivasis and nomadic communities, in higher education and in rural development

With a foreword by **Rajeswari Sunder Rajan**

The *G. N. Devy Reader* brings together Devy's ground-breaking work in the field of contemporary Indian thought. *After Amnesia* offers an incisive analysis of contemporary literary scholarship in Indian languages by demonstrating how modern Indian languages 'learnt to forget' that literary criticism had been rejected by them during the post-Sanskrit medieval centuries. It proposes the formulation of a relevant historiography. *'Of Many Heroes'* is an attempt to formulate such a historiography. The two other essays – *The Being of Bhasha* and *Countering Violence* – discuss the significance of dialects and vanishing languages in the making of civilisation, the place of silence and insanity in the making of meaning, and of language itself in the future of knowledge.

Contents: 1. After Amnesia 2. Of Many Heroes 3. The Being of Bhasha 4. Countering Violence

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Modernities and the Popular Melodrama

The Suchitra–Uttam Yug in Bengali Cinema

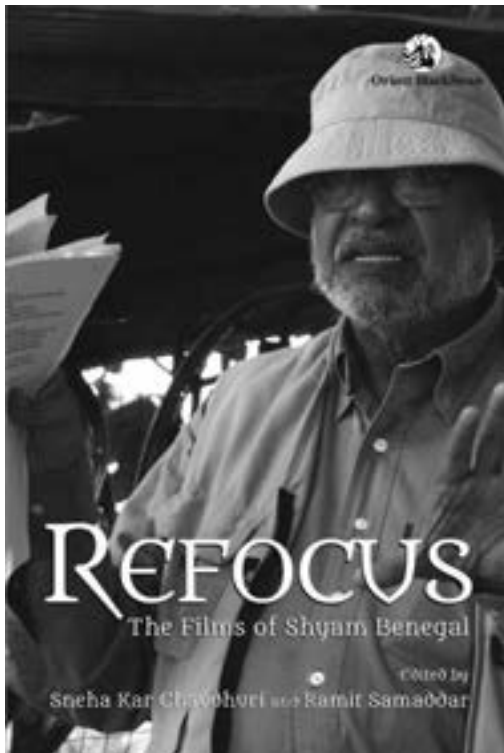
Smita Banerjee, Associate Professor, Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, University of Delhi

Modernities and the Popular Melodrama examines the film careers of Suchitra and Uttam, the media frenzy surrounding their public and private lives and selves, and the imprint they left on the popular imagination in newly independent India. Engaging with specific social and political concerns of the time, which both informed and defined the cinematic, the author asks: What can we understand about the desires and aspirations of newly-independent India through these two stars and their audiences? What made them emblematic of middle-class *bhadralok* ideas of love, life, and work?

Contents: 1. Screen Romance 2. The New Woman 3. The Female Star/ The Lonely Bhadramahila 4. Disenchanting Modernity 5. Afterlives



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ReFocus

The Films of Shyam Benegal

Edited by **Sneha Kar Chaudhuri**, Associate Professor of English at the West Bengal State University, Kolkata, and **Ramit Samaddar**, Assistant Professor of English at Jadavpur University, Kolkata

ReFocus: The Films of Shyam Benegal undertakes a closer look at Benegal's films and shows how the auteur, over the course of his forty-year career, used cinema as a potent medium to narrate the story of a nation in continuous transition. The book attempts to be as representative as possible in its scope by choosing to examine his 'major' as well as his 'minor' cinematic ventures.

Contents: 1. *Ankur* 2. *Nishant* and the New Dawn 3. Churning Out Change 4. Where Labour is Performed 5. Adaptation and Epistemic Redress 6. Cause and Kin 7. The Ascent in *Arohan* 8. From Fidelity to Creativity 9. *Mammo* and Projections of the Muslim Woman 10. Adapting Gandhi/Kasturba in *The Making of the Mahatma* 11. In Search of *Zubeidaa* 12. Subversive Heroism and the Politics of Biopic Adaptation in *Bose* 13. The Rural in the Glocal Intersection 14. Shyam Benegal in Conversation

Contributors: Sarani Ghosal Mondal, Nikhila H, Ritu Sen Chaudhuri, Suchitra Mathur, Ana Cristina Mendes, Somak Mukherjee, Partha Pratim Sen, Arunima Ray (Chowdhury), Sudha Shastri, Omar Ahmed, Vivek Sachdeva, Ramit Samaddar, Sneha Kar Chaudhuri, Aysa Iqbal Viswamohan, Sayanty Chatterjee, Anuradha Dingwaney Needham

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Urdu Crime Fiction, 1890–1950

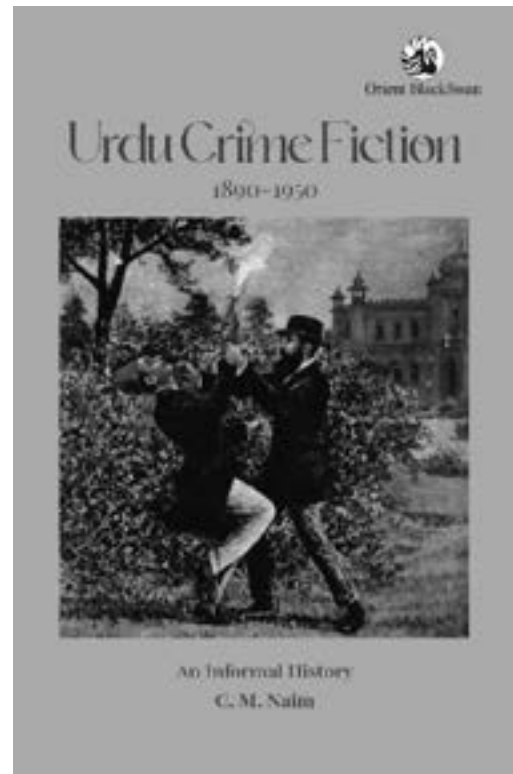
An Informal History

C. M. Naim, Professor Emeritus, Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, founded and edited the *Annual of Urdu Studies* from 1981 to 1991. His translation of the autobiography of the famous Urdu poet Mir was published as *Remembrances* in 2019 in the Murti Classical Library of India. He is the author of several books, including *A Most Noble Life* (2021).

Meticulously researched, this 'informal history' unravels how crime fiction first originated in Europe and North America in the nineteenth century, how Urdu writers responded to this new stimulus, and the rapid emergence of what then became the *jāsūsi adab* in Urdu. Described as 'wonder-inducing' and 'sleep-depriving,' bearing titles like *Khūnī Chhatrī* (The Murderous Umbrella), *Tilismī Burj* (The Magic Turret), and *Mistriz af Dihlī* (The Mysteries of Delhi), Urdu thrillers sold in the thousands.

Contents: 1. Prologue 2. The Magic-making *Mistar Rinalds* 3. *Mistriz* and *Asrar* 4. Zafar Omar I: Enter Bahram 5. The Extraordinary Translator 6. Zafar Omar II: Bahram Redux 7. The Other Bahrams 8. Mirza Fida Ali Khanjar 9. Nadeem Sahba'i Ferozepuri 10. Other Books, Other Writers 11. Holmes in Urdu 12. Epilogue

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Bangladesh

Writings on 1971, Across Borders

Edited by **Rakhshanda Jalil**, acclaimed writer, critic, literary historian, and translator from Urdu and Hindi; and **Debjani Sengupta**, teacher of English Literature, Indraprastha College for Women, New Delhi



The birth of Bangladesh, once a part of Pakistan, in many ways overturned the lessons of 1947 and laid bare the ironies and contradictions of history. Tracing the journey of a nation that has celebrated fifty years of its birth, the stories, poems and

'memory texts' collected here, from Bangla, Urdu and English, are varied in their understandings of and responses to 1971. This anthology probes the intersection of literature and history through the eyes of writers and poets on both sides of the borders who attempt to capture and recount those turbulent months of euphoria and trauma.

Contents: 1. With the Hamzapur Tigers 2. The Unputdownable 70s: Memory Matters 3. Between Remembering and Forgetting: 1971 and an

Inheritance of Loss 4. The Raincoat 5. Sleep 6. The Story of Amina and Madina 7. A Long Conversation between Cain and Abel 8. Durba Grass, Tin Roof and Alakananda 9. Versions of Truth 10. She Knew the Use of Powdered Red Chillies 11. The Dagger's Tongue 12. The Odd Bird of the Cage 13. Betel Leaf 14. The Green Card 15. Bingo 16. The Woman with the Matted Locks 17. The Beginning of the End 18. Breaking Links 19. Noor 20. Beyond Question 21. Mohenjodaro 22. Joshor Road 23. Upon Returning from Dhaka 24. The Hero of Our Nation 25. We Should Forget 26. What Answer Can I Give, Poetry? 27. Send Mercies upon Us, O Prophet Ji 28. The Poetry of 1971 29. He was a Fellow-Traveller But He and I were Never Compatible 30. The Bangla Victory

Contributors: Ali Ahmad, Razia Fasih Ahmad, Wasi Ahmed, Jan Nisar Akhtar, Shaheen Akhtar, Meher Ali, Rasheed Amjad, Masood Ashar, Trishna Basak, Moushumi Bhowmik, Alvira Burney, Tabinda J. Burney, Rimi B. Chatterjee, Afsan Chowdhury, Mainul Hasan Chowdhury, Alokeranjan Dasgupta, Subhoranjan Dasgupta, Kalyani Dutta, Akhtaruzzaman Elias, Faiz Ahmad Faiz, Bimal Guha, Kaiser Haq, Khalid Hasan, Raihana Hasan, Kamrul Hassan, Selina Hossain, Intizar Husain, Shehreen Aatur Khan, Sorayya Khan, Minar Monsur, Shabnam Nadiya, Sameena Nazeer, Zehra Nigah, Naushad Noori, Jhumur Panday, Jharna Rahman, Papree Rahman, Tariq Rahman, Manas Ray, Haider

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Bibi's Room

Hyderabadi Women and Twentieth-Century Urdu Prose

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Bibi's Room studies the lives and work of three women writers from Hyderabad who wrote in Urdu: Zeenath Sajida, Najma Nikhat, and Jeelani Bano. It addresses the absence of scholarship on Hyderabadi women writers in three ways: representative translations; short,

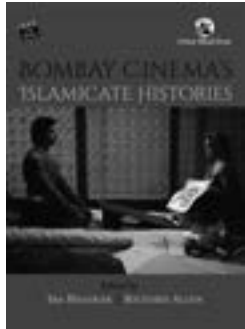
nuanced biographies; and critical analyses of their oeuvres—all framed against twentieth-century Hyderabadi history, politics, culture, and society. The three writers showcased here offer rich portrayals of Hyderabadi urban culture as well as critiques of gender and patriarchy.

Contents: I. Introduction II. Penning Politics, Shaping Selves III. If Allah Miyan Were a Woman IV. The Last Haveli V. God and I VI. Conclusion

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Bombay Cinema's Islamicate Histories

Edited by **Ira Bhaskar**, Professor of Cinema Studies, School of Arts & Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; and **Richard Allen**, Chair Professor, Film and Media Art and Dean, School of Creative Media, City University, Hong Kong



Comprising fourteen essays by major scholars, this collection presents an engaging account of the history and influence of cultural Islam on Bombay cinema. The first section charts the historical roots of South Asian Muslim cultures and the

precursors of Bombay cinema's Islamicate idioms in the Urdu Parsi Theatre; the courtesan cultures of Lucknow; the traditions of miniature painting; the literary, musical and performance traditions of north India; and various modes of Perso-Arabic story-telling. The second section discusses the ways in which these Islamicate histories have contributed to the distinctive stories, performance traditions, and iconography of Bombay Cinema that persist in Bollywood.

Selected Contents: 1. Islamicate Histories 2. Cinematic Forms

Contributors: Hilal Ahmed, Shohini Ghosh, Najaf Haider, Kathryn Hansen, Shweta Sachdeva Jha, Shikha Jhingan, Peter Knapczyk, Philip Lutgendorf, Ranjani Mazumdar, Sunil Sharma, Kavita Singh, Rosie Thomas

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Disciplines and Movements Conversations between India and the German-speaking World

Edited by **Hans Harder**, Professor, Modern South Asian Languages and Literatures, South Asia Institute, CATS, Heidelberg University; and **Dhruv Raina**, Professor, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

In India, the modern university as a 'teaching and examining body' was set up as an instrument of colonial governmentality in the late nineteenth century. At that time, while many disciplines were still fluid, there was a distinct movement towards the institutionalisation of disciplinary identities



in South Asia. *Disciplines and Movements* studies this historical period till a little after the end of colonialism in India through an exploration of a set of conversations and transnational encounters between Indian and German-speaking intellectuals and academicians at this time.

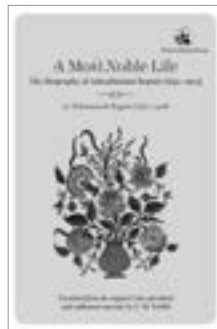
Contents: 1. Introduction 2. Sociological Entanglements 3. The German Connection in Indian Aeronautical Science and Technology 4. Late Colonial India and Weimar Germany 5. Sheldon Pollock and German Indology 6. Falling into a Brown Study 7. Ideas of Indian Philosophy in Nineteenth-century Germany 8. The Post-Historical Subject as Project 9. Indo-German/German-Indian Encounters in the Psychological Sciences 10. Colonial Bilinguality in Dialogue

Contributors: Rajendra Dengle, Martin Fuchs, Christiane Hartnack, Angelika Malinar, Axel Michaels, Roddam Narasimha, Dhruv Raina, Benjamin Zachariah

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Most Noble Life, A The Biography of Ashrafunnisa Begum (1840–1903) by Muhammadi Begum (1877–1908)

Edited and translated by **C. M. Naim**, Professor Emeritus, Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, where he taught for 40 years, and founded and edited the *Annual of Urdu Studies* from 1981 to 1991



A Most Noble Life is the extraordinary story of Ashrafunnisa Begum, who was born in an obscure village in Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh, taught herself to read and write, in secret, against the wishes of her elders and prevailing norms, and went on to teach and inspire generations of young girls

at the Victoria Girls' School—the first school for girls in Lahore. The author, Muhammadi Begum, is the first woman to edit a journal in Urdu, and a prolific writer of fiction and poetry for adults and children, and instructional books for women during her brief life.

Contents: I. A Most Noble Life II. Three Essays III. Three Essays on Victoria Girls' School, Lahore

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Cinemas Dark and Slow in Digital India

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Cinemas Dark and Slow in Digital India provides a sustained engagement with contemporary Indian feature films from outside the mainstream, including *Aaranaya Kaandam*, *I.D. Kaul*, *Chauthi Koot*, *Cosmic Sex*, and *Gaali Beeja*, to expand the scope of film studies that have focused so far

on the dominance of Bollywood. Through close readings of films and a deep investigation of film style, this book draws attention to the advent of digital technologies while remaining fully cognizant of 'the digital' and considering the change in the global circulation of film and finance.

Contents: 1. Opening 2. Minding the Gap 3. Slowing Down 4. Bombay Noir 5. Tamil New Wave 6. Road Movie 7. Untitled: Amitabh Chakraborty's Cinema 8. Time Out

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Nandshankar A Portrait in Nineteenth-century Surat

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Published in 1916, *Nandshankar Jeevan Chitra*, Vinayak Mehta's biography of his father Nandshankar Tuljashankar Mehta (1835–1905), Gujarat's first novelist and an eminent educationist and administrator, is the earliest modern father-son biography in Gujarati. Written at a time when

the advent of English education had led to a turbulent new stream of reform, agitating the old world of Surat, the period 1860–1880 was also the high tide of creativity when the young Nandshankar, along with luminaries like

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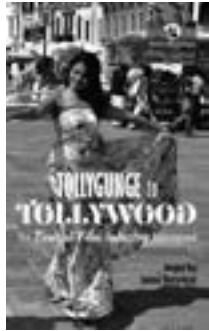
Narmadashankar, Navalram and Mahipatram, dominated the Gujarat literary scene.

Contents: I. Dawn II. Midday: The Teacher III. Midday: The Administrator IV. Midday: The Writer V. Sunset

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Tollygunge to Tollywood The Bengali Film Industry Reimagined

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In the post-liberalisation period, the Bengali film industry underwent a radical transformation, emerging as 'Tollywood' from the erstwhile 'Tollygunge'. The authors explore the 'crisis narrative' of Bengali cinema, and how the industry, which had been floundering since the death

of actor-superstar Uttam Kumar, was commercially revived by 'masala' films, much to the disdain of the *bhadralok* community. The Bengali 'parallel' film circuit comes in for its share of attention, not just from an aesthetic dimension, but by linking it to the processes of production, release, marketing and circulation.

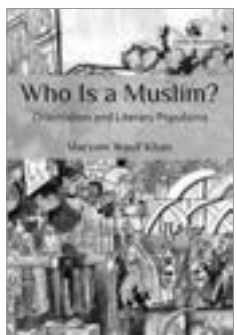
Contents: 1. The Transition of the Bengali Film Industry 2. The Consolidation of Tollywood and the Logic of Corporatisation 3. Situating the 'New Parallel' Bengali Cinema 4. Media Convergence and the Discursive Proliferation and Consolidation of Tollywood

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Who Is a Muslim?

Orientalism and Literary Populisms

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Who Is a Muslim? argues that modern Urdu literature—popular novels, short stories—from its inception in colonial institutions such as Fort William College, Calcutta, to its dominant iterations in contemporary Pakistan is formed around a question that has

historically been at the core of early modern and modern Western literatures. The question "Who is a Muslim?" was a constant concern within 18th century literary and scholarly orientalist texts. A multi-faceted project, this book provides a history of how a religion-national identity is constructed through literature, first in the colony, and subsequently in the postcolonial nation-state.

Contents: 1. Mahometan/Muslim 2. Hindustani/Urdu 3. Nation/Qaum 4. Martyr/Mujahid 5. Modern/Mecca

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DigiNaka

Subaltern Politics and Digital Media in Post-Capitalist India

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Differential and changing access to the Internet in India has led to an explosion of user-created content across various platforms and media. This turn to the digital also has political and economic consequences, as seen in the imposition of AADHAAR and demonetisation. While the digital divide

intensifies social hierarchies of caste, class and gender, it can also become part of post-capitalist ecologies, traversing the formal and informal sectors, even as the digital becomes central to social and political practices in different marginalised communities. The book explores this complex space of the digital from multiple perspectives and locations.

Selected Contents: I. Digital Politics II. Digital Negotiations III. Digital Affect

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Fear of the Visual?, The Photography, Anthropology and Anxieties of Seeing

Sasanka Perera, Professor of Sociology at South Asian University, New Delhi and Editor, *Society and Culture in South Asia*



The Fear of the Visual? explores the question of why photography is not taken seriously as a possible way of conducting research or as an object of research, through a study of the histories of anthropology/sociology and photography. The author studies past and present practices of photography – including contemporary

practices such as the 'selfie', and the framing of social / familial events such as wedding photography – and possibilities with regard to theorising the visual.

Contents: 1. Introduction 2. Imperial Power, Colonial Image-making and Photography 3. The Shadows of Two Histories 4. 'Selfies' and the Meanings of the Self 5. Framing and Performing Intimacy 6. Why Visual Anthropology and Visual Sociology 7. Photography, Research, and the Liminality of Ethics in Contemporary Times 8. Photography as a 'Fleeting, Casual and Unthinking' Practice 9. Fear of the Visual!

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Humanities at the Crossroads

Reflections on Theory, Culture and Resistance

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Against the backdrop of a neoliberal world in danger of being taken over by totalitarian forces, *Humanities at the Crossroads* calls for a second renaissance in the disciplines of humanities and the liberal arts. The author places on these the responsibility of leading the way towards a more progressive politics

and social advancement. The author argues that only when academics engage with social critique and resistance can literary and cultural theory emerge as powerful weapons in the battle against hegemony.

Selected Contents: I. Border Crossing II. Contemporary Debates III. In Defence of Art and Civilisation

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Textures of the Ordinary

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Doing Anthropology after Wittgenstein

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Veena Das proposes the notion of the anthropological tone which suffuses the writings of the philosophers Wittgenstein and Cavell. The notion of texture through which Das takes us to the everyday life of low-income families in urban India allows her to show how lives and

institutions are knitted together without imposing an external voice over on these lives. Das shows that doing anthropology after Wittgenstein does not mean taking over a new set of terms such as forms of life, language games, or private language from Wittgenstein's philosophy. Instead, we must learn to see what eludes us in the everyday precisely because it is before our eyes.

Contents: 1. Wittgenstein and Anthropology: Anticipations 2. A Politics of the Ordinary: Action, Expression, and Every Life 3. Ordinary Ethics: Take One 4. Ethics, Self- Knowledge, and Words Not at Home: The Ephemeral and the Durable 5. Disorders of Desire or Moral Striving? Engaging the Life of the Other 6. Psychiatric Power, Mental Illness, and the Claim to the Real: Foucault in the Slums of Delhi 7. The Boundaries of the 'We': Cruelty, Responsibility, and Forms of Life 8. A Child Disappears: Law in the Courts, Law in the Interstices of Everyday Life 9. Of Mistakes, Errors, and Superstition: Reading Wittgenstein's Remarks on Frazer 10. Concepts Crisscrossing: Anthropology and Knowledge-Making 11. The Life of Concepts: In the Vicinity of Dying

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Where Histories Reside

India as Filmed Space

Priya Jaikumar, Professor of Cinema and Media Studies at the University of Southern California

This book examines eight decades of films shot on location in India to write a magisterial history of the nation's filmed spaces. A broad idea of the space created by a camera's interaction with real



places underlies this history, which accounts for the spatiality of a film's screen fashioned by camera angles and edits, in conjunction with the socio-political dynamics of territory and geography. Whether discussing Jean Renoir's *The River* (1951), or Films Division

documentaries about India's mountainous borderlands, or Bollywood films today, Jaikumar demonstrates that filming a location always involves competing assumptions, experiences, and visual practices.

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Bhakti and Power

Debating India's Religion of the Heart

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Bhakti means many things to many people. It is private and public, personal and political, silently contemplative and loudly musical. Often it speaks in the marginalized voices of women and the oppressed, yet it has also played a role in perpetuating injustice. *Bhakti and Power* provides

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From Vidyasagar to Satyajit Ray

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Children's Games, Adults' Gambits studies how childhood was depicted by writers of note in Bengal, some of whom also wrote for children. Late 18th and early 19th century Bengali fiction for children was influenced by the reality of colonial India. Bengal saw the opening up of the metropolitan space of the West, and the Bengali

literate elite re-oriented their understanding of the world and of themselves in relation to these new Western spaces through books and textbooks that included depictions of new lands. Childhood thus became the foundation for building a new understanding of the world and the self.

Contents: 1. Rammohun Roy and Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar 2. Connections and Communications 3. Interrogating Fictivities in Gender Binaries 4. Masculine Locations through Masculine Optics in Colonial Bengal 5. Growing Spaces 6. Not Out of the Blue

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Countering Violence

G. N. Devy, thinker and cultural activist, winner of the Sahitya Akademi award, who led 'Dakshinayan', a resistance movement of writers and thinkers



Countering Violence presents a philosophical understanding of the sources of violence. It brings together the author's journal accounts of tribal riots in western India in the aftermath of the Gujarat riots of 2002, and the recent resistance movement of

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writers and artists, called Dakshinayan. It stresses the importance of a fearless and non-violent response to the dark clouds of hatred, intimidation and violence. The essays in this book are a result of the author's deep engagement with thought and action related to the question of non-violence.

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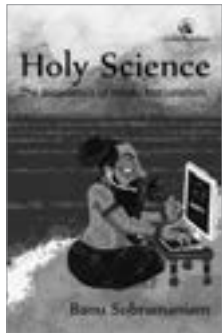
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Five Years that Transformed the Way India Communicates

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Changes in communication technologies are transforming our social environment. In India, ‘media convergence’ has brought together mainstream media and newer (digital) media, making India one of the most mediated societies in the world. *Media's Shifting Terrain* explores the social and political impacts of this media convergence between 2011 and 2015, through

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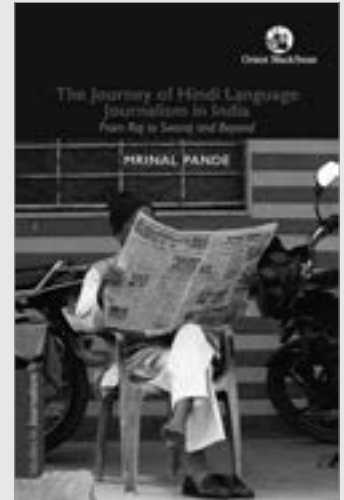
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Mrinal Pande, veteran journalist, television personality, and author, the first woman Editor-in-Chief of the multi-edition Hindi daily, *Hindustan*, the first woman to be Secretary-General of the Editors' Guild of India, the Founder-President of the Indian Women's Press Corps, Chairperson of India's public broadcaster Prasar Bharati from April 2010–March 2014, 2006 Padma Shri awardee for her services in the field of journalism

In India, the English-language media is considered the ‘national media’, while vernacular media remains ‘regional’. However, from the 1980s onwards, demographic changes and growth in literacy in the Hindi heartland broadened the market for Hindi newspapers. This book takes us through the history of Hindi-language journalism in India, and discusses its early days as nationalist newspapers in the colonial period; its subservience to the English print media in the early decades of independence; the fillip it received in the post-Emergency 1980s when an inclusive Hindi, propped up by regional dialects, became the best vehicle for furthering Indian democracy.

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Covering Deprivation in India

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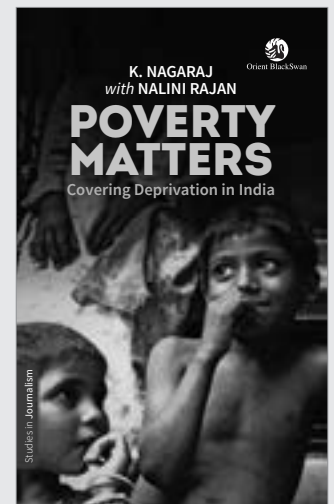
K. Nagaraj, Visiting Professor, Asian College of Journalism (ACJ), Chennai; **Nalini Rajan**, Professor and Dean of Studies, ACJ

This book envisions a primary role of the media in ensuring that the poor participate fully in the democratic processes of the country. It explains why deprivation is not merely economic but also cultural, social and political, and how the removal of deprivation leads to empowerment and access to material goods and welfare benefits. It describes the methods of measuring poverty and argues for the importance of considering various human development indices in studying deprivation.

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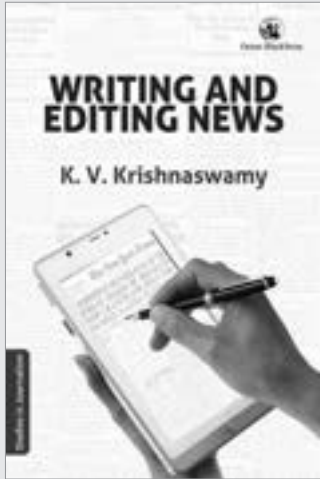
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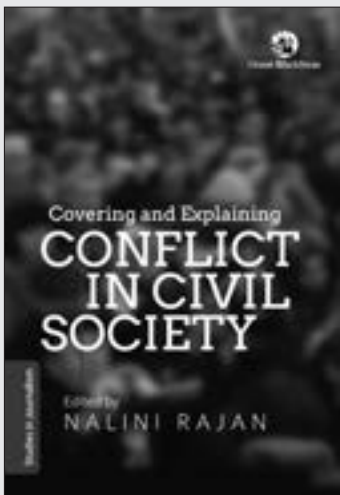
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Covering and Explaining Conflict in Civil Society

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Edited by **Nalini Rajan**, Professor, Asian College of Journalism, Chennai

This volume is a collection of essays that highlights issues of ethics specifically in journalism of conflict. The media takes an active interest in reporting cases of conflict as political unrest has a direct and immediate impact on people's lives. In the first part, this volume presents four such reportages; one each from Libya, Pakistan, Turkey and Khairlanji (India). Devoted to reportage, these case studies raise an important question: How far can a reporter prescribe and opine in her reportage? The authors explain, by their own example, the need for a journalist to be aware of this question during live reportage. The second part of this volume is a critical look at the contemporary media scene in India. The authors draw our attention to the vibrant civil society that shook the administration when allegations of corruption cropped up.



Contents: Part I: Covering Conflict in Civil Society; PART II: Explaining Conflict in Civil Society; PART III: Civil Society in Social Media

Contributors: Atul Aneja, Subarno Chattarji, Pavan Arvind Dahat, Arnav Das Sharma, Mahalakshmi Jayaram, Anjali Kamat, Sridivya Mukpalkar, Sukumar Muralidharan, Nalini Rajan, Usha Raman, Arvind Sivaramakrishnan, Nirupama Subramanian

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a study of five media-driven mobilisations that transformed India's public culture. These mobilisations made effective use of multiple media platforms and, taken together, constitute a turning point in the mediatization of the country, its society and politics.

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Mysteries of the Mundane The Films of Girish Kasaravalli

John W. Hood spent most of his life studying Indian culture and writing extensively on Indian art and independent cinema. He is the author of *The Films of Buddhadeb Dasgupta*, *The Essential Mystery*, and *Beyond the World of Apu*, among others, and a translator of Bengali literature.



This book presents an intensive discussion on Girish Kasaravalli's work including his diploma film, feature films, and two documentaries. Across fifteen chapters, the author closely analyses and interprets Kasaravalli's films, examining the stories, plots, characterisation, visual language and

aesthetics, and commenting on their socio-political symbolism and significance. He highlights Kasaravalli's ability to find deeper meaning in everyday life, which makes his films so inventive and exceptional, giving them a global appeal.

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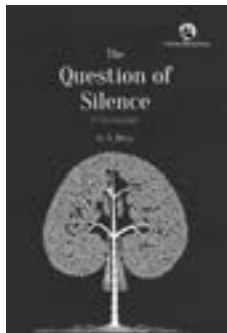
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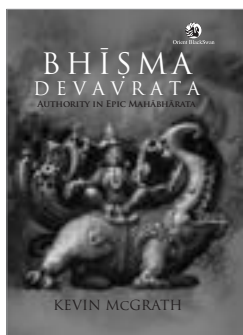
Bhīṣma Devavrata

Authority in Epic Mahābhārata

Kevin McGrath, an Associate of the Department of South Asian Studies, and Poet in Residence at Lowell House, Harvard University

This is the book to read to unlock the key to the riddle of Bhishma and the subtlety of dharma in the Mahabharata. McGrath explains with great insight why this epic hero has held the greatest moral authority for two thousand years in the charter myth of India.

Gurcharan Das, Author of *The Difficulty of Being Good*



Even today Mahābhārata's Bhīṣma, the eldest of the Kuru clan, stands tall as the face of moral authority. The author studies in microscopic detail the authority of this pitāmaha, 'grand-father'/patriarch, and explores why this is the case. Relying on close and careful readings of

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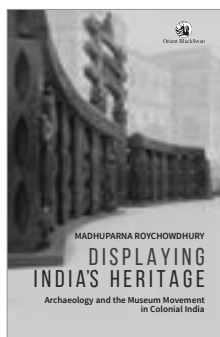
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Archaeology and the Museum Movement in Colonial India

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This book describes the history of museum-making in the Indian subcontinent in the 1800s and 1900s with special emphasis on the experience of Bengal. Based on strong archival research, this book highlights the connection between the museum movement and the broader political and

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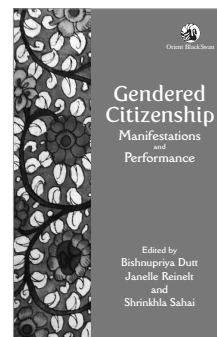
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Gendered Citizenship

Manifestations and Performance

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This book explores how citizenship is differently gendered and performed across national and regional boundaries. Using 'citizenship' as its



organizing concept, it brings together a collection of multidisciplinary approaches to the legal, socio-cultural and performative aspects of gender construction and identity: violence against women, victimhood and agency, and everyday issues of socialization in a globalized world.

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I am the Widow

An Intellectual Biography of Behramji Malabari

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A critical analysis of the life and works of Behramji Merwanji Malabari (1853–1912)—Parsi social reformer, journalist, poet, proto ethnographer-anthropologist, travel writer, and an important social catalyst who did much to shape the national reform discourse. An intellectual

biography that compares and analyses his diverse writings and concerns, *I am the Widow* reveals a society in transition in late nineteenth century, providing us with a vital understanding of this crucial, formative moment in Indian history. It also evaluates Malabari's lifelong commitment to working for the uplift of women, particularly widows, even as it explores the politics of representation that such a voicing entails.

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In the Hall of Mirrors

Reflections on Indian Democracy

Peter Ronald deSouza, Professor, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi

With a Foreword by **Shiv Visvanathan**



Should we be pragmatic or principled, realistic or idealistic, intellectuals or activists, interpreters or changers of our society? With courage and caution, Peter deSouza ushers us into a realm of “reflections” where we feel an obligation to be both. These reflections

are important, but as J. L. Austin reminded us, importance is not important, truth is. They ring true.

Arindam Chakrabarti, Lenney Distinguished Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Hawaii

A nuanced rendering of the liberal predicament in post-Independence India, the book turns the spotlight on a society that is seeking to bridge the demands of constituents simultaneously occupying different, sometimes irreconcilable, mental universes. The essays here should force serious introspection, both among political and thought leaders.

Harsh Sethi, Consulting Editor, *Seminar*, New Delhi

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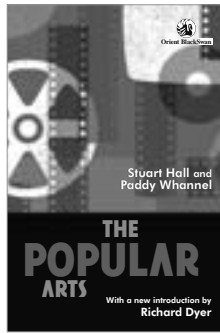
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Popular Arts, The

Stuart Hall (1932–2014) was one of the most prominent and influential scholars and public intellectuals of his generation. Hall appeared widely on British media, taught at the University of Birmingham and the Open University, was the founding editor of *New Left Review*, and served as the director of Birmingham’s Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies; **Paddy Whannel** (1922–1980) was a film scholar, educator at the British Film Institute, and Associate Professor of Film at Northwestern University

With a new Introduction by **Richard Dyer**

When it first appeared in 1964, Stuart Hall and Paddy Whannel’s *The Popular Arts* opened up an almost unprecedented field of analysis and inquiry into contemporary popular culture. In contrast



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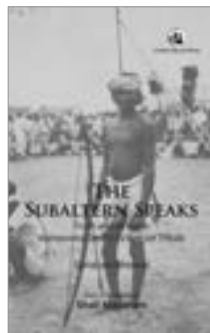
Subaltern Speaks, The

Truth and Ethics in Mahasweta Devi’s Fiction on Tribals

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With a foreword by **Shail Mayaram**



A critique of Mahasweta Devi’s major fictional writings on tribals, *The Subaltern Speaks* addresses some primary concerns of Subaltern Studies historians and explores the representation of tribals as ‘subaltern’. Adivasis have only seemed to appear in recorded history when resisting the state, and their

‘consciousness’ has been reduced to this identity along with their politics. Sanatan Bhowal draws upon leading thinkers like Badiou, Levinas, Foucault, Deleuze, Lacan and Zizek to address Gayatri Spivak’s question: Can the subaltern speak? He re-reads Devi’s ethical representation of adivasis, underlining the need to unthink conventional discourses before any genuine understanding of tribal consciousness can be arrived at.

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of curricula, in the writing and recall of history, in reading literature and cinema, and in the practice of culture in theatre and urban spaces.

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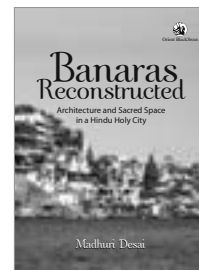
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Banaras Reconstructed

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Architecture and Sacred Space in a Hindu Holy City

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Between the late sixteenth and early twentieth centuries, Banaras, the iconic Hindu centre in northern India that is often described as the oldest living city in the world, was reconstructed materially and imaginatively, and embellished with temples,

monasteries, mansions, and *ghats*. Aristocrats, priests, and pilgrims from across South Asia invested in Banaras and created a city that could realize and enhance textual prescriptions.

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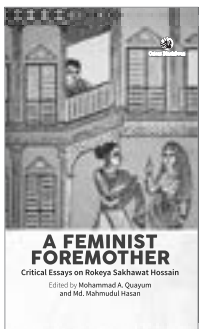
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Feminist Foremother, A

Critical Essays on Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain

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This volume looks at the life and works of Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain (1880–1932), arguably Bengal's earliest and boldest feminist, revered as a crusader for the emancipation and advancement of women, in particular, Bengali Muslim women. Through her spirited writings and activism, Rokeya challenged

the two pillars of patriarchy—hierarchical family structures and religious dogma. This collection of essays places Rokeya within the socio-cultural and historical context of her times to better appreciate her literary and social contributions, and also to understand why the extraordinary vision she had for an ideal, more gender-just society continues to be as radical, powerful and relevant today, almost a century after her death.

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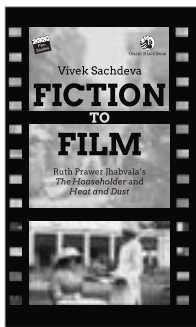
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Fiction to Film

Ruth Praver Jhabvala's *The Householder* and *Heat and Dust*

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The book examines the relationship between literature and films and attempts to understand three allied areas of study: narratology, adaptation and film studies. It studies the changes that a narrative undergoes when a novel is adapted into a film. In other words, how a narrative is ruptured, deflected or dislocated in time and space, and how the discourse is constituted in both mediums. To



illustrate, it looks at two of Ruth Praver Jhabvala's novels—*The Householder* and *Heat and Dust*—made into films of the same titles by Merchant Ivory Productions. These two texts were chosen so as to see how the author, who is also the screenwriter, reinvents her narratives to suit the requirements of the new medium.

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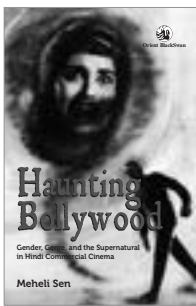
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Haunting Bollywood

Gender, Genre, and the Supernatural in Hindi Commercial Cinema



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Hindi commercial cinema has been invested in the supernatural since its earliest days. However, only a small segment of these films has been adequately explored in scholarly work. *Haunting Bollywood* addresses this gap. From Gothic ghost films of the 1950s to snake films of the 1970s and 1980s to today's

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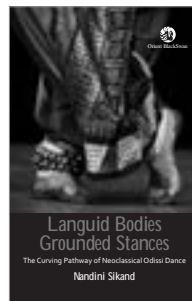
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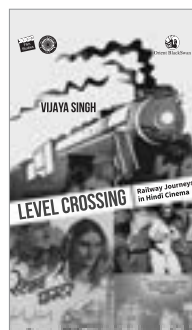
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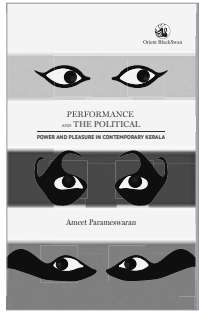
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Power and Pleasure in Contemporary Kerala

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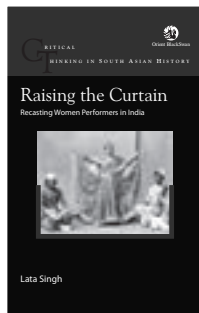
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Recasting Women Performers in India

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Raising the Curtain discusses women performers in colonial and independent India, and covers a wide range of genres and forms in theatre. The study highlights how the roles, agency, issues, concerns and lives of the women performers differ significantly because of their different social and cultural

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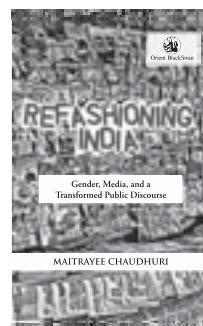
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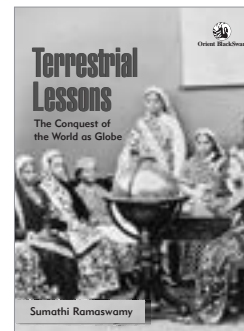
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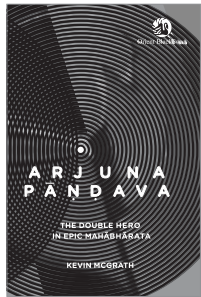
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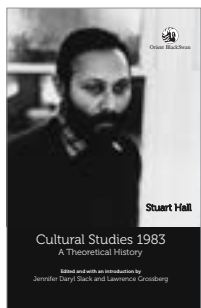
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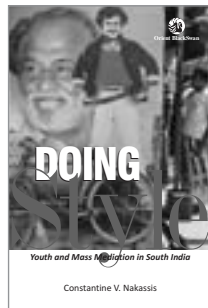
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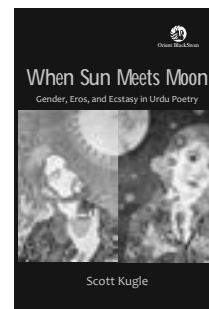
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Cinema of Enchantment Perso-Arabic Genealogies of the Hindi Masala Film

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In establishing popular Hindi cinema's aesthetic and thematic difference from mainstream Euro-American cinema, film scholars have largely focused on its Hindu Sanskritic sources and proposed a theory for interpreting and understanding Indian cinema drawn from Hindu

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‘Cinema Of Enchantment ... goes beyond slaking personal curiosities. This is an important work that seeks to acknowledge the Perso-Arabic genealogical influences on Hindi cinema without undermining the influence of Hindi mythologies, epics and the styles of representation to the craft of storytelling in this genre.’

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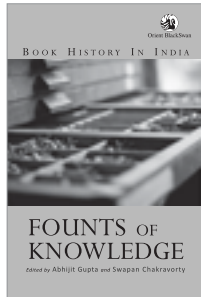
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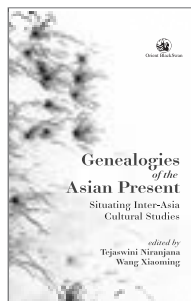
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Bombay Before Bollywood

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This book offers a fresh, alternative look at the history of Bombay cinema. Eschewing the conventional focus on India's social and mythological films, it foregrounds the subaltern genres of fantasy, costume and stunt films popular in the B- and C-circuits in the decades before and

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influence of this 'other' cinema on the big-budget masala films of the 1970s and 1980s, before 'Bollywood' erupted onto the world stage in the mid-1990s. The book reminds us that a significant stream of Bombay cinema has always revelled in cultural hybridity, engaging with global popular culture and transcultural flows of cosmopolitan modernity and postmodernity.

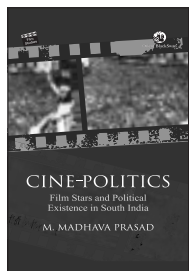
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This volume brings together a series of essays that investigate figures, representational modes that can be read as figural, and in some instances, the limits of figurability in Indian cinema. Cinematic traditions in India have always relied on eclectic ways of figurations that

combine signs of desire and abomination. That is, incarnations often emerge at critical interfaces between good/bad, Indian/western, self/other, virtue/vice, myth/reality and so on. Such figures are products of discontinuous assembling processes that cut through dyadic arrangements and pass the same character/body/identity via different, often contradictory, moral economies and sign systems.

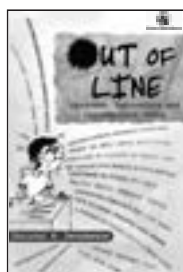
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Out of Line

Cartoons, Caricature and Contemporary India

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Out of Line offers an engaging and thoughtful look at the career of graphic satire in India, focusing on newspaper cartoons in prominent English-language dailies during the post-independence period. Through a detailed exploration of the work of well-known satirists like Shankar Pillai, R. K. Laxman,

Abu Abraham, O. V. Vijayan and the collaborative team of Jug Suraiya and Ajit Ninan, Christel Devadawson interprets the genre of graphic dissent as a form of national 'lifewriting'—the autobiographical recording of self, memory and

experience—that brings to light the trials and travails of democracy in the young nation-state.

“Devadawson has diligently tracked the works of some of the country's best cartoonists, or graphic artists, as they would be known today. There is rich insight into the kind of situations that the artists were responding to.... The book ... marks an entry point for taking caricature more seriously on social, cultural and political terms in India. It has the potential to spark off discussions that can lead to future research, and for that, it needs to be on the bookshelves of scholars evaluating contemporary India.”

—**Sucharita Sengupta**

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Public-Interest Journalism A Guide for Students

SERIES: STUDIES IN JOURNALISM

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In the context of increasing corporatisation of the media, this volume shows why public-interest journalism is crucial to a healthy democracy. It also introduces aspiring journalists to the main methods of the craft. Those methods are sorely needed in the contemporary news media, and will be an asset

for those interested in public-interest writing or broadcasting. The author begins by setting the context in English-speaking countries. Pressures on the media to reduce public-interest work stem from governments, from the increasingly corporatised and cartelised news media, and from journalists' own professional techniques. Furthermore, media organisations in the public and the private sector often cut staff to save money or increase profits, but that makes the news media progressively more dependent on official and corporate sources and press releases. One consequence is that the news media severely reduce their coverage of significant public issues, such as global warming, mass poverty, policy failures, corporate illegalities and corruption.

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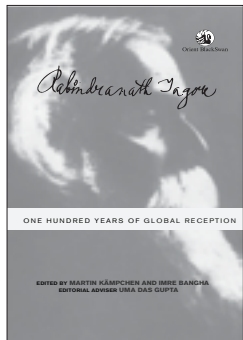
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Rabindranath Tagore

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One Hundred Years of Global Reception

Edited by **Imre Bangha**, Associate Professor in Hindi at the University of Oxford; **Martin Kämpchen**, author, biographer, researcher and translator; and **Uma Das Gupta**, author and biographer



Rabindranath Tagore: One Hundred Years of Global Reception brings together thirty-five essays on how the world reacted to the Bengali author's winning the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913, the first non-European to do so, and Tagore's subsequent standing in

the world of letters. His was assumed to be the voice of India; or indeed of Asia and the colonised world.

The collection presents some familiar names in international Tagore scholarship...but it also includes several others who deserve to be read more extensively. Tagore's reception in some areas—Europe, America, China and Japan, for instance—is already well documented, but in this book, one reads with surprise and delight the Tagore connection in unexpected locations such as Tibet, Angola, Mozambique, Latvia and Costa Rica.

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Towards Social Change

Essays on Dalit Literature

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Dalits are increasingly entering the field of literature, and gaining recognition for their work. Their writings are aimed at social change, while their struggles imbue their work with intellectual clarity and self-confidence. Such literature must be judged as art not merely for art's sake

but for the sake of a life of dignity. The essays in this collection discuss many important themes. Thus, barring one essay on an Indian English text, all others dwell on the regional flavour of Dalit writing: a piece on the dilemmas that a translator faces delves into the problems and politics of representation of the subaltern in an Amitav Ghosh novel; another chapter makes a comparative study of Dalit and Holocaust literatures which share experiences of subjugation, suffering and torture; and an analysis of Narendra Jadhav's memoir *Outcaste* that travels from 'bitter memories' to 'better dreams' across three generations finds Dalits attaining recognition and success against tremendous odds.

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Censorium

Cinema and the Open Edge of Mass Publicity

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In the world of globalised media, provocative images trigger culture wars between traditionalists and cosmopolitans, censors and defenders of free expression. But are images censored because of what they mean, what they do, or what they might become? And must

audiences be protected because of what they understand, what they feel, or what they might imagine? *Censorium* is an innovative analysis of Indian film censorship. William Mazzarella argues that we must go beyond understanding the regulation of Indian cinema as a violation of free speech, a colonial hangover, a symptom of repressive moralism, or a struggle between liberals and conservatives.

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Representing a Contested Time on Indian Screen (1920s–1960s)

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Wars and nationalism, colonisation and decolonisation, economic depression, and more recently globalisation, have affected perceptions of contemporary as well as past worlds. Cinema—a popular medium directed to the broadest possible audience—has reacted to,

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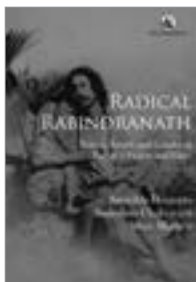
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Radical Rabindranath

Nation, Family and Gender in Tagore's Fiction and Films

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Radical Rabindranath is a post-colonial reading that focuses on areas that have been marginalised because of the more dominant and compelling desire in the West to establish Tagore as a transcendent visionary and poet-philosopher. The volume breaks new ground as it critiques Tagore's non-conformism, radical outlook and occasional ambivalence as seen in his novels and short stories and films based on them.



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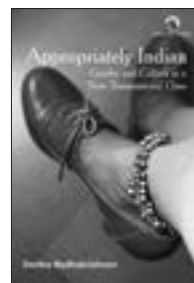
The Sun Never Sets presents the work of a generation of scholars who have shifted the orientation of American scholarship on South Asia. In its early years, the work centred on literary and cultural analyses, and focused predominantly on the immigrant professionals who arrived in the United States after changes in immigration laws in the 1960s. Here, the contributors focus on the political economy and long history of South Asian migrations to the U.S.—the lives, work and activism of often unacknowledged migrant populations—in ways that

[This volume] enables the reader to envision Tagore with a new perspective that envisions Tagore and his magnificent persona with a very humanistic approach. It recognizes Tagore as a radical thinker because of his ability to be a conscious human who was able to

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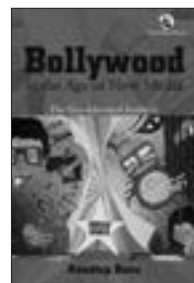
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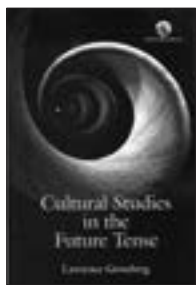
liberalization and the inauguration of a global media ecology in India.

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Digital Cool

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Life in the Age of New Media

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This book examines life in the age of New Media. From Facebook to internet dating, from 'condensed' networked cities to mobile phones, from iPads to iPhones, transgenic art to robotics, Twitter and cyberspace avatars to Wikis—it traces how human lives are not

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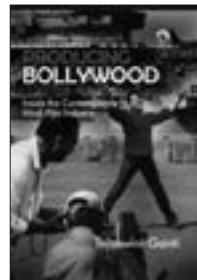
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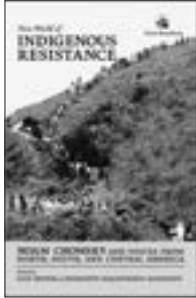
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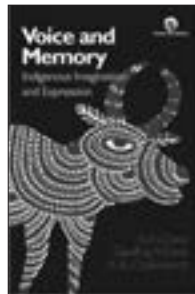
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The Visual Culture of Cinema and Politics in South India

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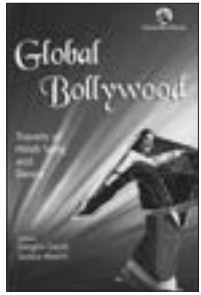
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Global Bollywood

Travels of Hindi Song and Dance

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Global Bollywood describes the many roots and routes of the Bollywood song and dance spectacle. Examining the reception of Bollywood music in places as diverse as Indonesia and Israel, the essays offer a stimulating redefinition of globalisation, highlighting the cultural influence of Hindi film

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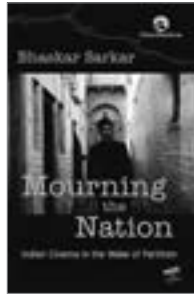
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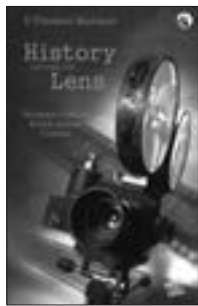
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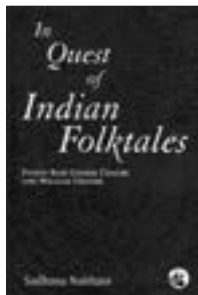
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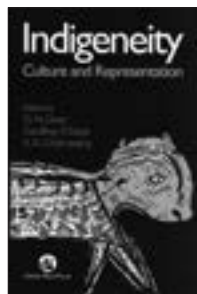
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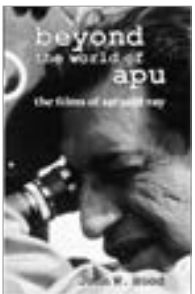
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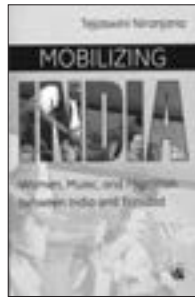
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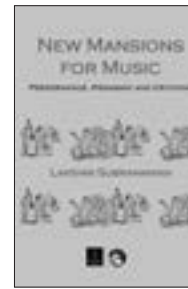
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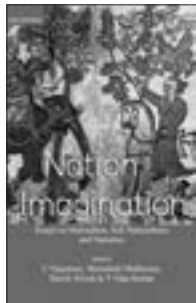
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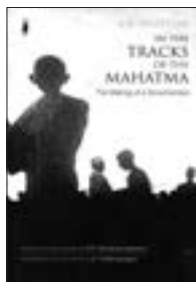
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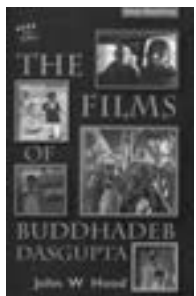
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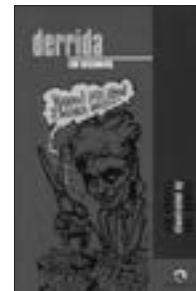
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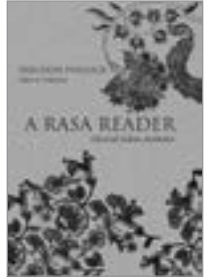
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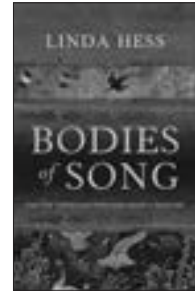
of a new idiom of mass politics. Looking in particular at the career of Andhra Pradesh's best-known film star Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR), S. V. Srinivas reveals how the Telugu cinema redefined ideas of linguistic identity and community feeling within a non-literate public in South India.

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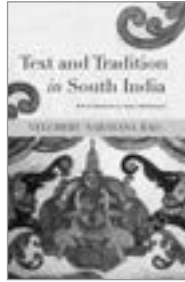
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Introduction by **Sanjay Subrahmanyam**



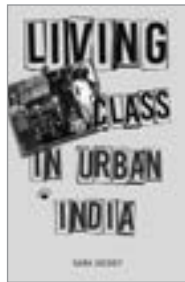
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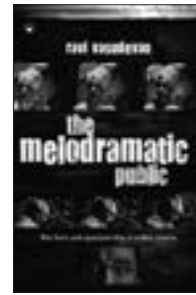
English, and a domestic worker. Drawing from over thirty years of fieldwork, she considers how class is determined by both subjective perceptions and objective conditions, documenting Madurai residents’ palpable day-to-day experiences of class while also tracking their long-term impacts. Along the way, *Living Class in Urban India* reveals the myriad ways that class status is interpreted and performed, embedded in everything from cell phone usage to religious worship.

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The Melodramatic Public explores how Indian films have addressed issues of cultural and political transformations, ideas of nation and region, and matters of social difference and conflict. At the same time, it deploys the category of melodrama to navigate this variegated field. Drawing on debates in film studies, it reveals how melodrama



relates the public and the private, as well as modes of aesthetic expression, in different historical and cultural settings. Vasudevan explores significant crossovers and comparative registers in Indian and American cinema, as well as changes in the nature of Indian cinema and

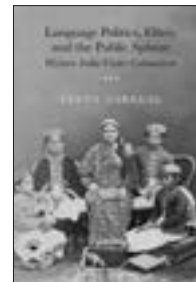
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Western India under Colonialism

Veena Naregal has a PhD from SOAS, London



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Kesavan's viewpoints can veer from being scrupulously rational to extravagantly funny. Regardless of the tone he adopts, his observations are acute, his analysis of what he notices Orwellian. The perspective and worldview that emerges is that of a truly global intellectual who is both admirably idiosyncratic and secular to the point of being hidebound, a combination which makes this essay collection quite exceptional.

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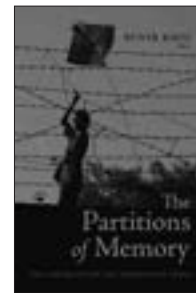
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measures provided to Partition refugees; and the Dalit claim, at the prospect of Partition, to a political community differentiating them from caste-Hindus. The power of 'national' monuments to evoke a historical past, and the power of letters to evoke more immediately poignant pasts, are themes in some of the other essays.

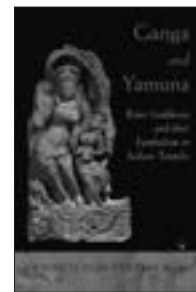
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Indian Popular Films as Social History

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This book makes an important contribution to the field of Asian film criticism, Indian film history, cultural studies, and gender studies. *The Cinematic*

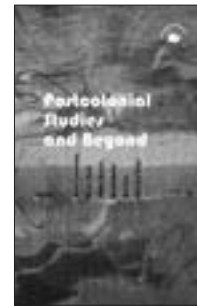
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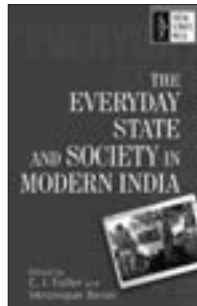
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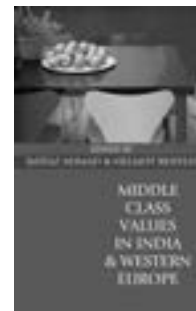
transformation that Karnatik music underwent as it encountered the forces of modernisation and standardisation. It also gives us insights in modernity in India through the prism of music.

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