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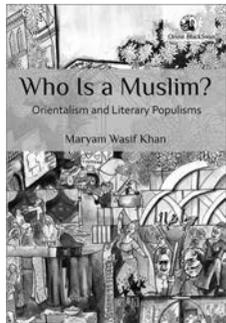
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Who Is a Muslim?

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Orientalism and Literary Populisms

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Who Is a Muslim? argues that modern Urdu literature—from its inception in colonial institutions such as Fort William College, Calcutta, to its dominant iterations in contemporary Pakistan—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 religious-national identity is constructed through literature, first in the colony, and subsequently in the postcolonial nation-state.

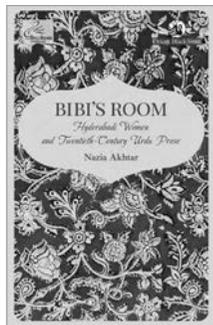
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Bibi's Room

Hyderabad 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 Hyderabad women writers in three ways: representative translations, short, nuanced biographies, and

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

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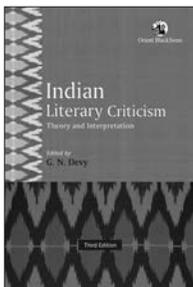
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Indian Literary Criticism

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Theory and Interpretation

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This volume takes a step towards providing teachers, students and scholars-in-the-making easy access to some of the key concepts and ideas in the Indian tradition of literary theory. In doing so it brings together in one volume some of the most significant literary thinkers of the last two thousand years.

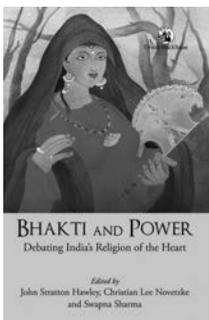
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Bhakti and Power

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 an accessible entry into these issues, presenting voices and vignettes from the sixth century to the present.

Contents: 1. Affect and Identity in Early Bhakti 2. Religious Equality, Social Conservatism 3. Caste and Women in Early Modern India 4. All the Valmiki's Are One 5. The Political Theology of Bhakti 6. Bhakti as Elite Cultural Practice 7. Lover and Yogi in Punjabi Sufi Poetry 8. Illuminating the Formless 9. Bhakti as Relationship 10. Bhakti the Mediator 11. Bhakti and Power from the Inside 12. Fall from Grace? 13. The Ties That Bind 14. Waterscape and Memory 15. Bhakti in the Classroom

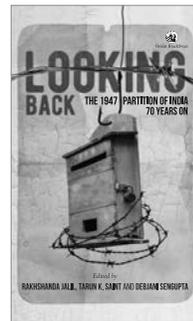
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Looking Back

The 1947 Partition of India, 70 Years On

Edited by **Rakhshanda Jalil**, writer, critic, translator and literary historian; **Tarun K. Saint**, independent scholar; and **Debjani Sengupta**, teacher at Indraprastha College for Women, Delhi University



On the 70th anniversary of India's Independence and Partition, this anthology of essays, memoirs, short fiction, poetry, graphic narrative, reportage and drama collects fresh reflections on the continuing impact of 1947, and its afterlife, in South Asia. It also features translations from Hindi,

Punjabi, Urdu, Bangla—across India, Bangladesh and Pakistan—of older, lesser-known works together with new writing that narrates unheard and forgotten stories. In times when India-Pakistan relations are fraught, when we remain as divided by religion as by how we imagine the nation, this is an effort to cast new light on our fractured and conjoined past and to help us reflect on it with humanity.

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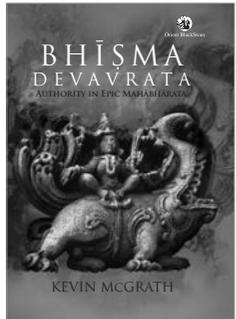
Bhīṣma Devavrata

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 the Bombay and Pune Critical editions of the grand epic, and drawing mainly on the text of the latter, this book describes the manner in which Bhīṣma negotiates the tortuous path of honourable and principled living. It describes how Bhīṣma's express decisions pave the way for the collapse of his clan and the partition of the kingdom, despite his consistent efforts to prevent it.

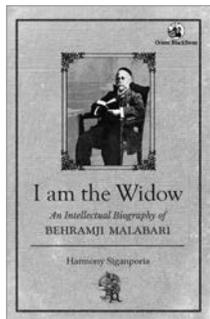
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I am the Widow

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 the 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.

Selected Contents: Introduction; I. Setting the Stage: A Biographical Sketch of the Early Years 2. Gujarat and the Gujaratis: The Reformer as Ethnographer and Creator of the Template Colonial Textbook 3. Engagement with the Women's Question: From the Rukhmabai Case and Notes, to the Passing of the Age of Consent Act (1884–1891) 4. The Indian Eye on English Life: Reversing the Colonial Gaze 5. The Pamphlets Re-considered: The Indian Problem, and India in 1897; Conclusion: Sedition Charge as Recompense for a Lifetime's Loyalty; Appendix: Native Publications in India—Charge against Mr Malabari

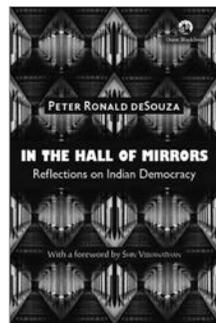
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In the Hall of Mirrors

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.

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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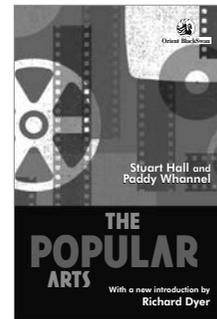
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Popular Arts, The

Stuart Hall (1932–2014), one of the most prominent and influential scholars and public intellectuals of his generation; and **Paddy Whannel** (1922–1980), a film scholar, educator at the British Film Institute, and Associate Professor of Film at Northwestern University

With an 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 to prevailing views of the time, Hall and Whannel recognised popular

culture's social importance and considered it worthy of serious study.

This edition includes a new introduction by Richard Dyer, who situates *The Popular Arts* within the history of cultural studies and outlines its impact and enduring legacy.

Contents: Introduction to 2018 Edition by Richard Dyer; Introduction; PART I: DEFINITIONS 1. The Media and Society 2. Minority Art, Folk Art, and Popular Art 3. Popular Art and Mass Culture; PART II: TOPICS FOR STUDY 4. Popular Forms and Popular Artists 5. Violence on the Screen 6. The Avenging Angels 7. Falling in Love 8. Fantasy and Romance 9. Friends and Neighbours 10. The Young Audience 11. The Big Bazaar; PART III: SOCIAL THEMES 12. The Institutions 13. Mass Society: Critics and Defenders

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Subaltern Speaks, The

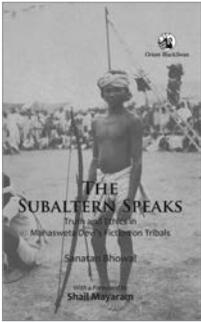
Truth and Ethics in Mahasweta Devi's Fiction on Tribals

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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

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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.

Contents: Preface by Snehal Shingavi; Introduction: A Review of Subaltern Representation and Theory; 1. The Subaltern Speaks from History: The Right of the Forest, Hulmaha, To the Call of Shalgira 2. Contingent Resistance of the Subaltern: Chotti Munda and His Arrow 3. The Subaltern Speaks the Political: Bashai Tudu 4. The Silent Voice of the Subaltern: Pterodactyl 5. Voices of Subaltern Women: Draupadi, Douloti, Dhoul, Mary Oraon, The Mother of Hulmaha, Shanichari 6. The Small Subaltern Voices: Witch, Salt, Little Ones, Sagoana; Conclusion

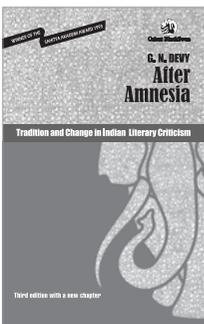
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After Amnesia

Tradition and Change in Indian Literary Criticism

THIRD EDITION

G. N. Devy, Founder, Bhasha Research and Publication Centre, Baroda



This reissue of *After Amnesia* celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of its winning the Sahitya Akademi award. It includes a new chapter in which the author discusses the effects of the momentous changes that took place since the book was first published in 1992, and their impact on languages and

linguistic creativity in India. He also details the nature of the profound changes that natural memory is undergoing due to the information technology and points to its impact on the nature of literary imagination. This volume is an original analysis of literary criticism in India. It describes what is recognised by common agreement as a crisis in Indian criticism, and explains it in historical terms.

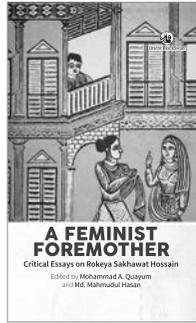
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Feminist Foremother, A

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.

Contributors: Barnita Bagchi, Sarmistha Dutta Gupta, Md. Rezaul Haque, Md. Mahmudul Hasan, Fayeza Hasanat, Srimati Mukherjee, Mohammad A. Quayum, Bharati Ray, Mahua Sarkar

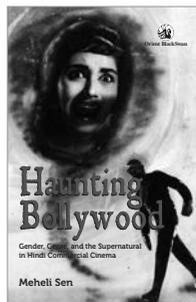
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Haunting Bollywood

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 globally influenced zombie and vampire films,

Meheli Sen explores what the supernatural is and the questions it raises about film form, history, modernity, and gender in South Asian public cultures.

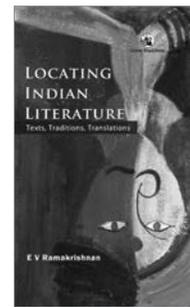
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Locating Indian Literature

Texts, Traditions, Translations

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Locating Indian Literature attempts to explore the category of 'Indian literature' in relation to emerging discourses of marginality, region, resistance and the role of translation in the making and unmaking of literary traditions. Interrogating theoretical positions that essentialise

Indian literature as a category, it emphasises the pluralistic and performative elements of Indian literatures.

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Mobilizing Krishna's World

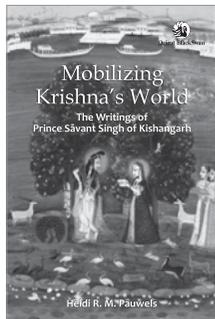
The Writings of Prince Sāvant Singh of Kishangarh

Heidi R. M. Pauwels, Professor of Asian Languages and Literature at University of Washington

Pauwels lucidly explains one of the most complex phases of Indian history. She makes the 18th century come alive as a time of shifting political and military alliances, an evolving Hindu ecumene and tremendous cultural inventiveness.

Kavita Singh,

Professor & Dean, School of Arts and Aesthetics, JNU



Sāvant Singh (1694–1764), the Rajput prince of Kishangarh, is famous for commissioning beautiful works of miniature painting and composing Krishna *bhakti* poetry under the *nom de plume* Nagaridas. Behind the idyllic world of the poetry and paintings lies a tragic life story: while designated

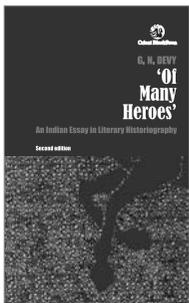
the crown prince by his father, he never managed to ascend the throne, losing it to his younger brother.

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'Of Many Heroes'

An Indian Essay in Literary Historiography



'Of Many Heroes' explores literary history in India over the past two thousand years. It examines various historiographical statements issued in ancient, medieval and modern India. A brief account of some major twentieth-century theories of literary history in the West is presented in this volume, in juxtaposition with

an account of historiographical approaches to

literature in contemporary India. The volume also studies theoretical questions related to para-literature, literary translation and oral traditions, and argues for their inclusion in literary canons described by literary history.

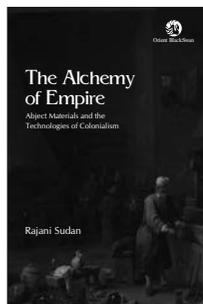
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Alchemy of Empire, The

Abject Materials and the Technologies of Colonialism

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The Alchemy of Empire explores the non-European origins of Enlightenment science. Focusing on mundane materials of empire-building, this study traces the history of substances like mud, mortar, ice, and paper, as well as forms of knowledge like inoculation. It demonstrates how East

India Company employees deployed the field of alchemy in order to make sense of the new worlds they confronted, often resorting to analogy as reason when analysis failed.

[*The Alchemy of Empire*] ... is characterized by intellectual rigour and breadth of coverage, of discourses, texts and geographies.... [It] is a useful work to consult for imperial discourse studies, European intellectual history and colonial politics.

—**Pramod K. Nayar** in *Rupkatha*

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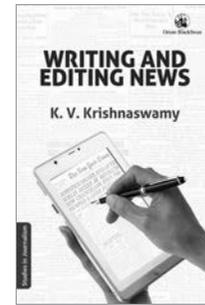
Writing and Editing News

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SERIES: STUDIES IN JOURNALISM

K. V. Krishnaswamy, former Deputy Editor, The Hindu, Chennai, and Associate Professor, Asian College of Journalism, Chennai

The frenzied pace at which news is generated today makes it a challenge to produce error-free



content. This book addresses this challenge; it describes the basics of news writing, reporting and editing. It details the different formats of news writing, news list preparation, news budgeting and evaluation, headline and lead writing, and design. It argues for the continuing importance of

editing as a skill and the values of maintaining objectivity and ethics in reporting. Drawing on the author's long career, this book provides illustrations, commentaries and an appendix of carefully-chosen exercises in writing and editing news.

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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 philosophical and religious practices such as

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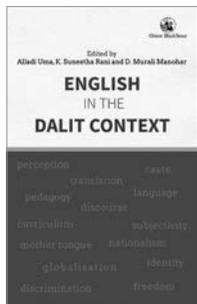
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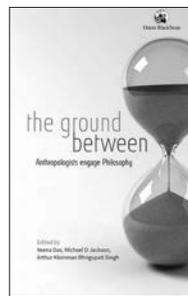
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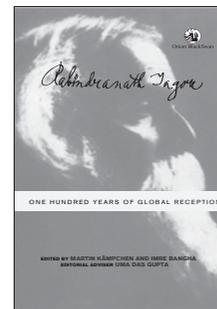
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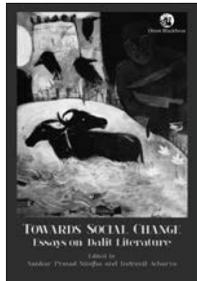
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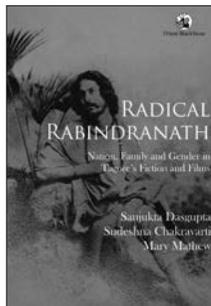
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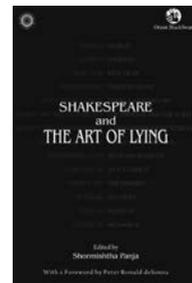
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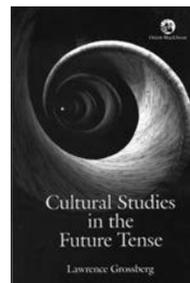
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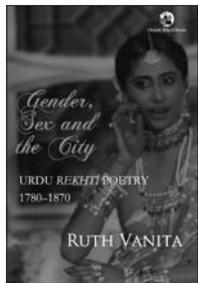
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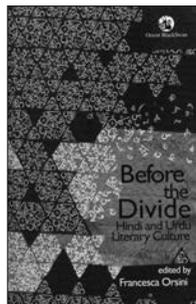
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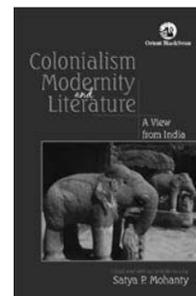
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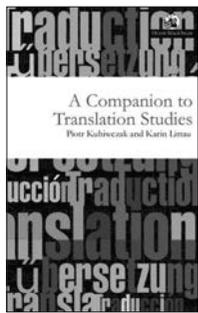
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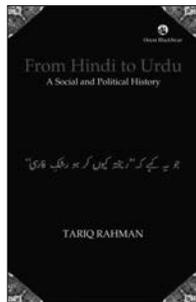
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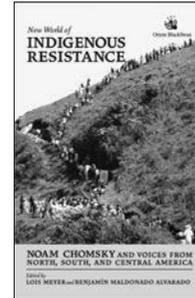
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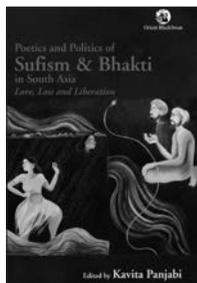
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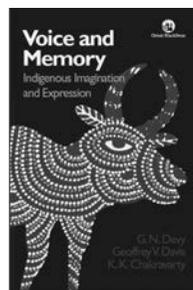
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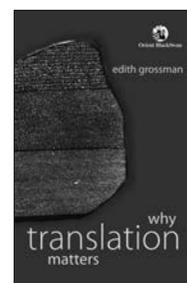
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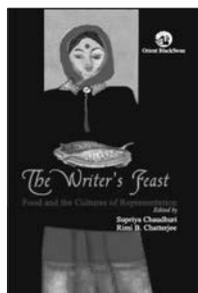
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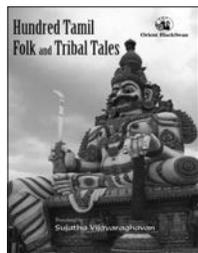
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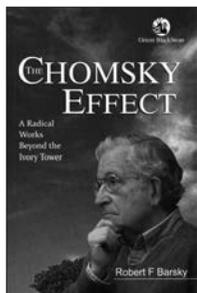
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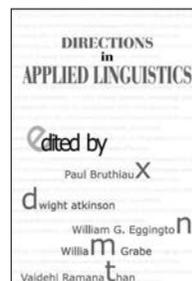
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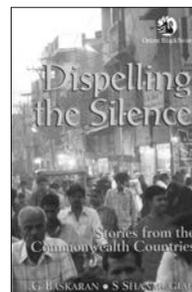
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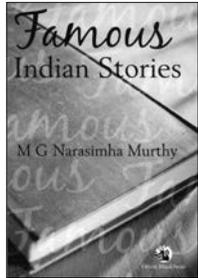
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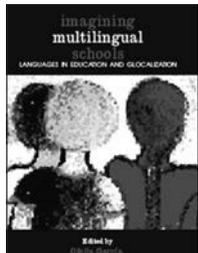
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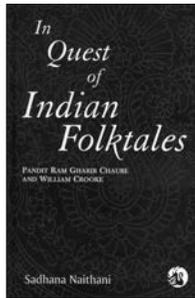
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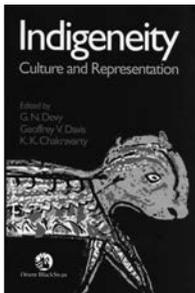
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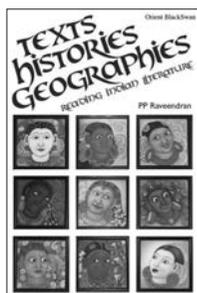
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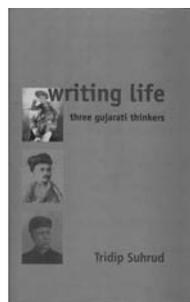
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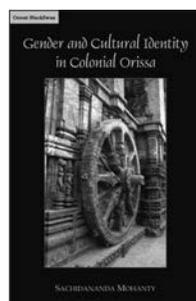
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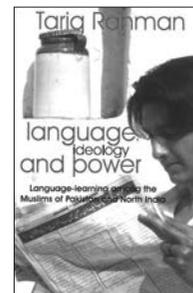
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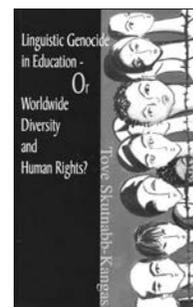


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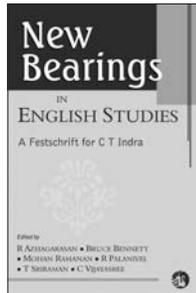
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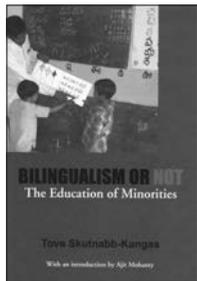
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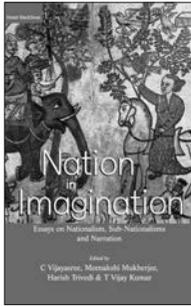
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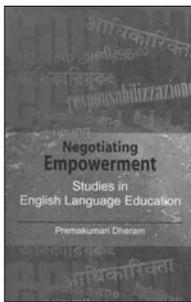
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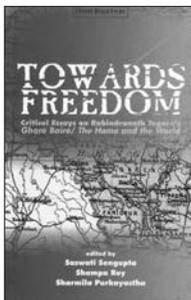
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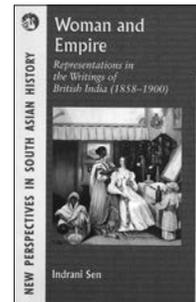
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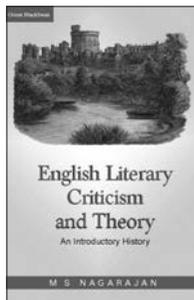
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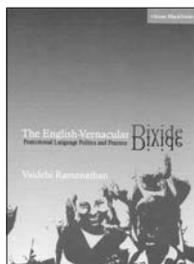
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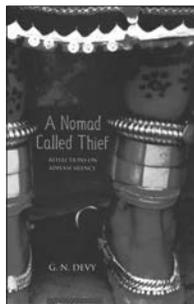
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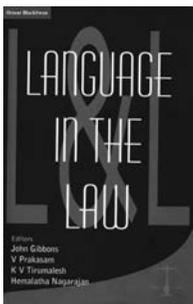
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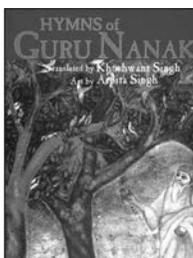
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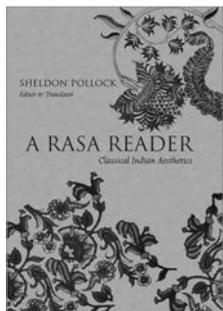
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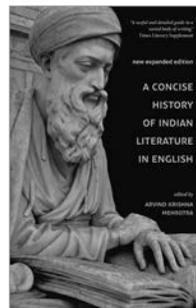
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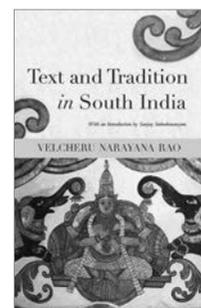
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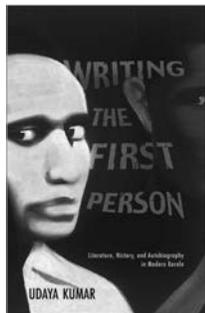
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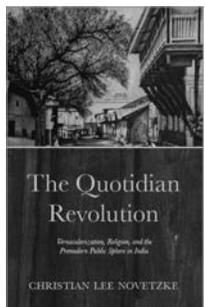
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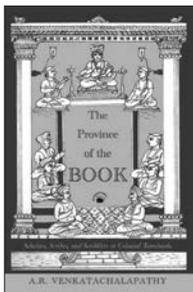
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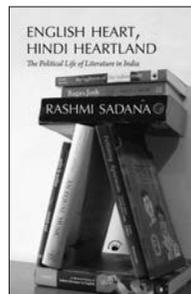
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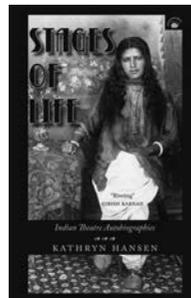
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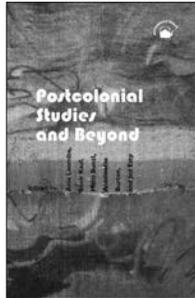
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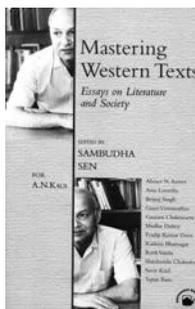
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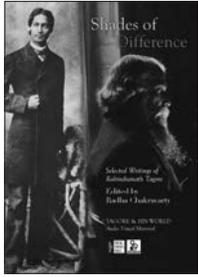
—Somdatta Mandal in *The Statesman*

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Selected Writings of Rabindranath Tagore
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Edited by **Radha Chakravarty**, writer, critic and translator



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Writing Histories of Modern Indian Languages

Edited by **Hans Harder**, Professor, Modern South Asian Languages and Literatures, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany



This book argues that in many parts of India, literary histories play an important role in creating a cultural ethos. They are closely linked with nationalism in general and various regional 'sub-nationalisms' in particular. The contributors to this volume look at many aspects of the historiography of modern

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Life of a Dalit

Viramma, a Tamil agricultural labourer who belonged to an 'untouchable' caste

Translated by **Josiane Racine**, Researcher, Popular Culture in South India; and **Jean-Luc Racine**, Senior Fellow, Centre for Indian Studies, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris



This is the first Indian edition of this remarkable book, which created a great impact in France and was subsequently translated into English and Italian. **Viramma**, an untouchable woman by birth, and listed as one of the authors, narrated the story of her life over a period of ten years to Josiane Racine, a Tamil-born

ethnomusicologist educated in France. This book is the result of that conversation.

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AURUM BOOKS

Opium Poppy

Hubert Haddad, winner of the Prix Renaudot Poche 2009 and the Prix des cinq continents de la Francophonie 2008

Translated by **Renuka George**

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Four Chapters

Rabindranath Tagore (1861–1941), India's first Nobel Laureate, a polymath, philosopher, poet, painter, musician, novelist, essayist, playwright, educationist and more, a central figure of the Bengal Renaissance, and one of the most influential and creative minds of India

Translated by **Sekhar Bandyopadhyay**, Emeritus Professor of History, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, and **Subhransu Maitra**, poet, translator, ex-Superintendent (Publication), Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata

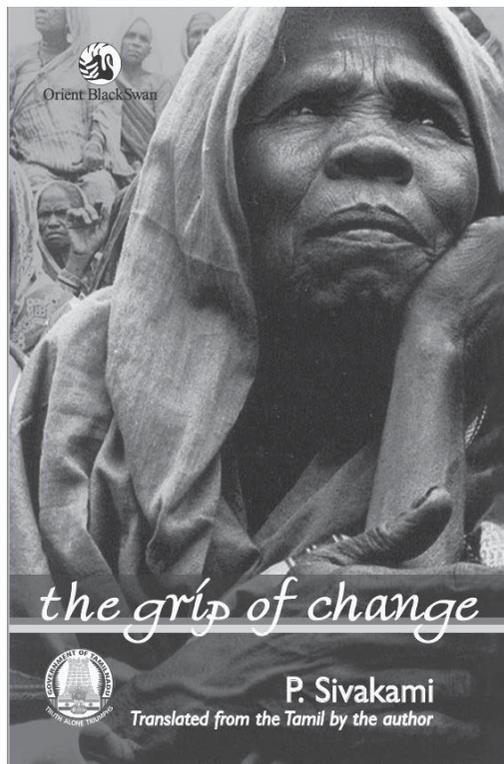
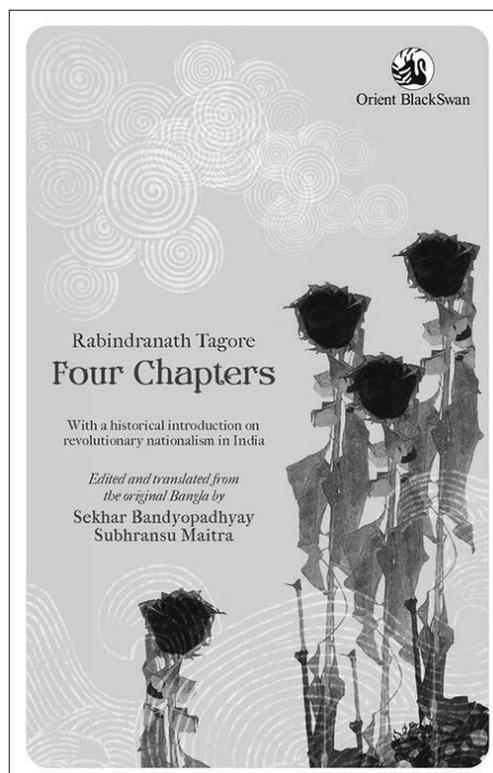
With an Introduction by **Sekhar Bandyopadhyay**

A controversial book at the time of its publication in 1934 and a subsequent classic of Bengali literature, *Four Chapters* tells the tragic love story of Ela and Atin, both members of a revolutionary Indian nationalist group fighting for independence from British rule. As a result of political and ethical differences that emerge between them, their love for each other is tested against their love for the nation.

Through this intensely emotional personal drama set against 1930s' Bengal, Tagore presents a trenchant and sobering critique of nationalism that places the nation above humanity, compassion, and love.

Selected Contents: Preface; Introduction; *Four Chapters*

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Grip of Change, The

P. Sivakami, a member of the Indian Administrative Service, a regular contributor to the literary magazine *Pudiyu Kodangi* and an author with four novels and four short-story collections to her name

Translated by **the author**

The Grip of Change is the English translation of *Pazhainya Kazhithalum*, the first novel by P. Sivakami and the first Tamil novel by a Dalit woman. It tells the story of how a Parayar leader works the state machinery and the village caste hierarchy to achieve something resembling justice for a Parayar woman who is beaten up by the relatives of her upper-caste lover. Going beyond condemning casteism, the book, while engaged in the search for solutions, is critical of the Dalit movement and Dalit patriarchy. This translation also features *Asiriyar Kurippu*, the sequel in which Sivakami revisits her work.

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Lavanyadevi

Kusum Khemani, writer, critic, translator and social activist

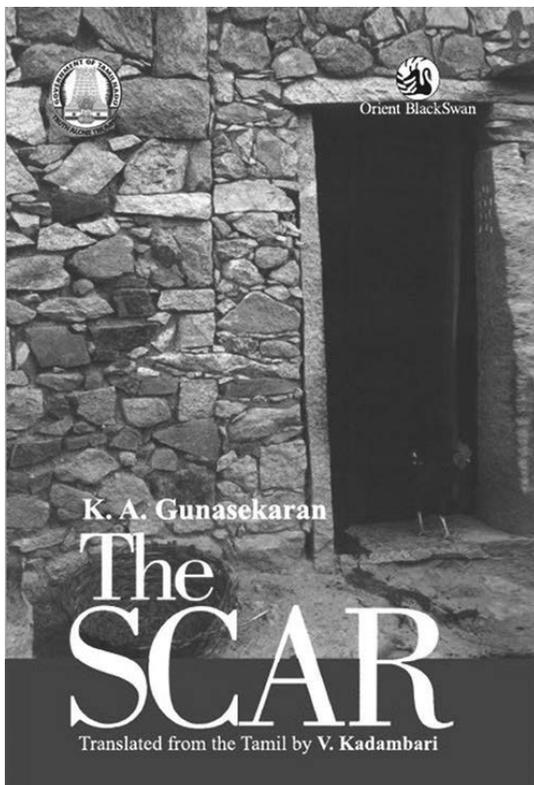
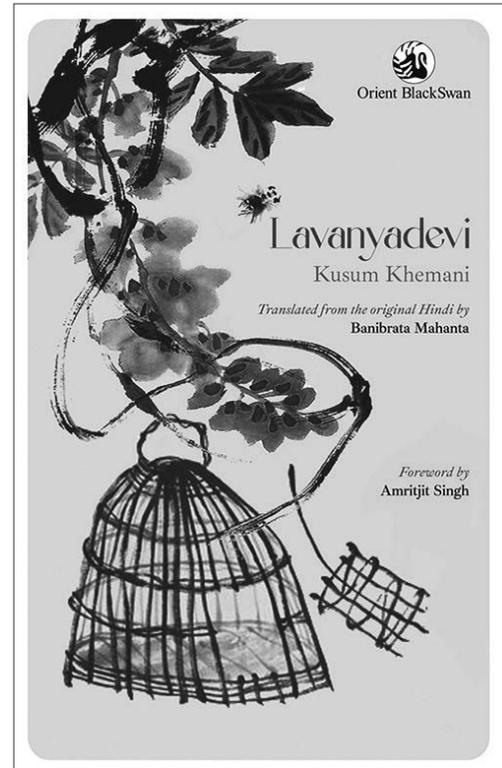
Translated by **Banibrata Mahanta**, Professor of English, Banaras Hindu University, winner of 2021 PEN/Heim (PEN America) Translation Fund Grant (for this translation)

With an Foreword by **Amritjit Singh**, Langston Hughes Professor Emeritus of English, Ohio University

Lavanyadevi, the award-winning novel by Kolkata Marwari Kusum Khemani, blurs the schisms between 'Bengali' and 'Marwari', revealing a delightfully plural and composite Indian ethos. Spanning five generations of a zamindar family, *Lavanyadevi* is a story about women and their search for self, about shared laughter and friendships that endure across generations, beliefs, and cultures. The jury of the PEN/Heim Translation Grant 2021 called it an 'ambitious, far-reaching' novel, lauding Khemani's 'energetic prose, deadpan sense of humor, and exquisite control' and Banibrata Mahanta's translation, which 'stretches and manipulates language to produce a vivid text'. A must-read for fans of Indian literature.

Selected Contents: Foreword; Translator's Introduction; Lavanyadevi's Family and Friends; *Lavanyadevi*

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Scar, The

K. A. Gunasekaran, a teacher, folk artist, dramatist and researcher who served as the dean of the School of Performing Arts at Pondicherry University and the director of the International Institute of Tamil Studies

Translated from the Tamil by **V. Kadambari**, Adjunct Professor of English, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNID), and former Director, Centre for Women's Studies (UGC funded), Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai

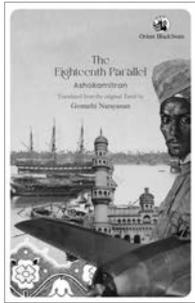
Considered the first modern Dalit autobiography in Tamil, *The Scar* narrates a moving tale of caste oppression and prejudice in a village in Tamil Nadu. Having been born into the Parayar caste, K. A. Gunasekaran captures the innocence, cruelty and drama of village life with earthy, colloquial anecdotes that ridicule the grievously unjust practices of the 'upper' castes and reveal how the 'low' caste negotiate in different ways with Hindus, Muslims and Christians. *The Scar* highlights the layered caste consciousness that pervades Indian villages and the importance of quality education in the larger context of Dalit emancipation.

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Eighteenth Parallel, The

Ashokamitran (1931–2017), pioneer of modern Tamil literature whose published works include a play, eight collections of short stories, eight novels, novellas, and several edited anthologies, essays, literary criticism and reviews

Translated from the original Tamil by **Gomathi Narayanan**, writer, researcher and translator whose articles and literary translations from Tamil have appeared in *Indian Literature* and other periodicals



One of Ashokamitran's finest works, *The Eighteenth Parallel* revolves around Chandru, adolescent, vulnerable and guileless, growing up through the turbulence before and after 1947, when Hyderabad was the Nizam's state. This forms the narrative's charged political backdrop, closely interwoven with

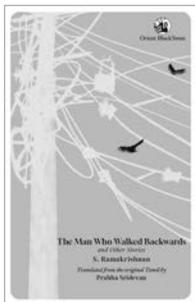
Chandru's life at home, at college, and his coming of age on the streets of Hyderabad.

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Man Who Walked Backwards and Other Stories, The

S. Ramakrishnan, influential writer of modern Tamil literature and Sahitya Akademi awardee whose writings have been translated and published in English, Malayalam, Hindi, Bengali, Telugu, Kannada and French

Translated from the original Tamil by **Prabha Sridevan**, award-winning translator, retired judge of the Madras High Court (2000–2010)



The Man Who Walked Backwards and Other Stories is an anthology of eighteen short stories by S. Ramakrishnan, the popular and critically acclaimed master of modern Tamil writing. The stories in this collection are a celebration of eccentricities: they feature characters who defy conventions, and who listen

to their inner selves instead of conforming to familial and societal norms. There is a mother who swims endlessly to escape domesticity and abuse, an exceptional father and husband who leaves on a quest for selfhood, a thief who heals dogs and trees, and many others who, in the author's words, 'do not face big challenges, they do not seek big victories. They are the dice that Time plays with.'

Contents: 1. Amma's Last Swim 2. No One Like Appa 3. The Dolls with No Eyebrows 4. Gandhi on Their Shoulders 5. Gauthama's Dreams 6. The Man Who Walked Backwards 7. Fire Never Forgets 8. A Beast Called Home 9. Sitridazh 10. The Smell of Kerosene 11. The House Where No One Lived 12. The Death of Thidiyan 13. The Rain Diary 14. The Pigeons Flew into His Soul 15. The Price of an Angel's Wings 16. No Ordinary Thief 17. In Search of Gandhi 18. Remember, You Are Thirty-Four Now

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When the Kurinji Blooms

Rajam Krishnan (1925–2014), prolific and versatile writer whose work includes fiction, plays, essays, biographies, short stories and travelogues

Translated from the original Tamil by **Uma Narayanan**, librarian at the Alliance Française in Chennai for years; and **Prema Seetharam**, who translates from French and Tamil



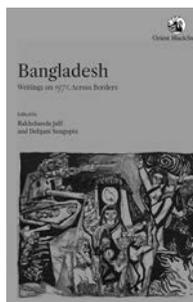
When the Kurinji Blooms narrates the family saga of three generations of Badagas, who inhabit the Nilgiris and have for long remained untouched by modernity. Then, as the winds of commerce and change invade their tranquil and sheltered lives, innocence and harmony are replaced by conflict and tragedy that herald new beginnings. The struggles and emotional turmoil of a close-knit people who live close to nature and their transition from a traditional way of life towards modernity are chronicled using the motif of the kurinji, which symbolises the passage of time.

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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**, faculty member, Department of English, Indraprastha College for Women, New Delhi



Tracing the journey of a nation that has celebrated fifty years of sovereignty, the Bengali-, Urdu-, and English-origin stories, poems and 'memory texts' collected here 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. It is also an homage to all those who fought and lived through the aftermath, trying to shape modes of reconciliation and peace.

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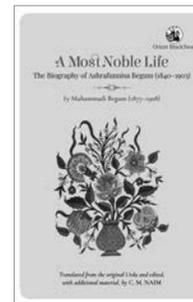
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Most Noble Life, A

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, founder and editor (1981–1991) of the *Annual of Urdu Studies*



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. Her unusual life was written about with great poignancy by Muhammadi Begum—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.

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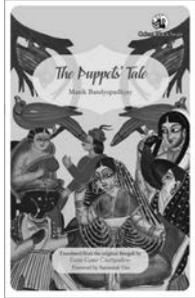
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Puppets' Tale, The

Manik Bandyopadhyay (1908–1956), considered a founding father of modern Bengali fiction and one of the most influential and original writers of Bengali literature

Translated from the original Bengali by **Ratan Kumar Chattopadhyay**, whose published translations include *Selections from Galpaguccha*, an anthology of short stories by Rabindranath Tagore in three volumes (2010), and *The Boatman of the Padma* by Manik Bandyopadhyay (2012)

With a foreword by **Samantak Das**



Putulnacher Itikatha (1936) tells the story of a village in colonial Bengal at a time of sharp socio-cultural contrasts: modern medicine versus traditional systems; rationalism versus age-old beliefs; city versus village. Specifics of the rural Bengal landscape—Kayetpara hamlet, Gaodiya ghat, the palm grove where people go

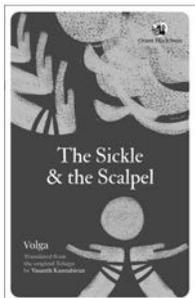
for private conversation or just some quiet—are captured vividly. A 'heartfelt protest' against those who play with human lives as if they were puppets, Manik Bandyopadhyay's richly imagined and finely wrought world has much to offer readers.

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Sickle & the Scalpel, The

Volga, pen name of **Popuri Lalitha Kumari**, a leading Telugu writer, poet and one of the most influential figures in contemporary Telugu literature, and Executive Chairperson and founder member of Asmita Resource Centre for Women, Secunderabad

Translated by **Vasanth Kannabiran**, veteran civil and women's rights activist, and a loved and well-known teacher, writer and translator



The Sickle & the Scalpel, translated from *Gamaname Gamyam*, is a novel based on the extraordinary life and times of Dr Komarraju Acchamamba (1906–1964)—one of the first doctors in the country, member of the Communist Party of India, and a pioneer for women's emancipation in Andhra. Capturing the

period of social reform in pre-independence Andhra, through the freedom struggle, it foregrounds the rise of the modern Indian woman and her struggle for rights and recognition, alongside the rise of communism and the Left in the newly formed nation.

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DALIT LITERATURE IN TRANSLATION

Almond Flowers and Other Stories, The

Anil Gharai, writer from Midnapore, West Bengal who authored seventy-four books focusing on the lives of the marginalised in rural Bengal and received the Sanskriti Puraskar, Bharat Excellency Award, Tarasankar Puraskar, Sopan Sahitya Puraskar, Bankim Puraskar and many other awards

Edited by **Indranil Acharya**, Professor and Head of the Department of English, Vidyasagar University, West Bengal, author, editor and translator of several books and the Chief Editor of *Janajati Darpan*, an international multilingual series on indigenous studies

Translated by **Anuradha Sen**, translator and teacher; and **Arun Pramanik**, Assistant Professor of English at Gour Mahavidyalaya

With a foreword by **Sayantan Dasgupta**

The Almond Flowers and Other Stories, a collection of thirteen short stories by Anil Gharai in translation, highlights the experiences of marginalisation and oppression of communities at the periphery of our society. Set in coastal Bengal, Odisha and the forest kingdom of southwest Bengal, Anil Gharai's fiction authentically captures Dalit voices from the eastern part of the nation. Exploring themes of injustice, destitution, resilience, and the desire for love and for revenge, these stories centre on the lives of the most disempowered and vulnerable, and give voice to a hitherto invisibilised section of society.

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Shanti Parav

Treatise on Peace

Des Raj Kali, acclaimed Punjabi writer, historian and columnist and editor of a literary quarterly called *Lakeer*

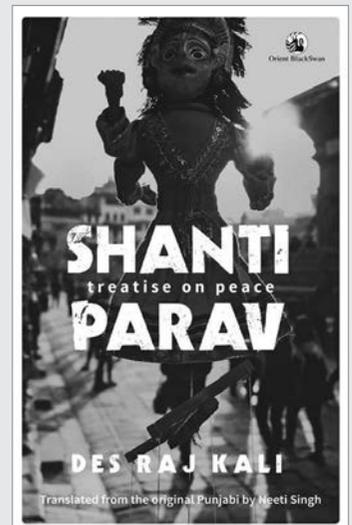
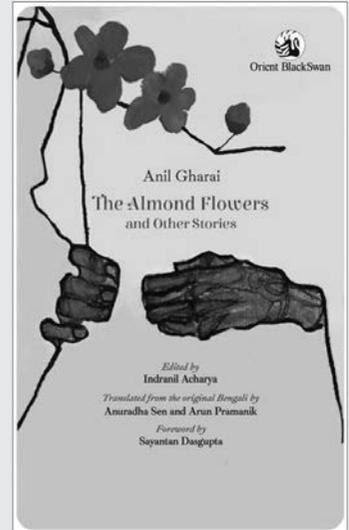
Translated by **Neeti Singh**, poet, accomplished translator, and Associate Professor of English, Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda

With an introduction by **Manmohan**, an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, poet, writer, scholar, critic and translator of Punjabi literature whose debut novel *Nirvaan* won the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2013

A post-Independence novel set in the heartland of Punjab, *Shanti Parav* doubles up as a study of post-colonial socio-political dynamics in India from a Punjabi Dalit perspective. It locates the Dalit within the caste–religion–power nexus, and furnishes alternate narratives of the freedom struggle, terrorism, state violence, development, capitalism and democracy. Boldly experimental, the novel has a dual narrative which playfully challenges the reader to find new ways of reading and interpreting a text.

Contents: Introduction: Shanti Parav: A Post-modern Dalit Narrative; Translator's Note; About the Novel; *Shanti Parav*; Writings from the Soil of Wounds: A Mulaquat with Des Raj Kali

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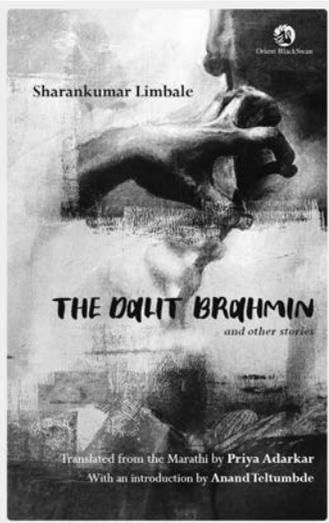
DALIT LITERATURE IN TRANSLATION

Dalit Brahmin and Other Stories, The

Sharankumar Limbale, one of Maharashtra's foremost Dalit writer-activists, and the author of more than forty works, including several novels and short story collections

Priya Adarkar, a well-known writer, critic and translator

With an Introduction by **Anand Teltumbde**, award-winning bilingual writer, civil rights activist and political analyst



In the mirror held up by Sharankumar Limbale, everything looks sharp, new and different. The anti-Dalit logic of reserved constituencies, the strange predicament of Dalit writing, the fallout of communal violence for those at the margins, the implications of festivals like Ganesh Chaturthi, the horrors of the institution of schooling. Family, childhood, friendships, love, sexuality—all take on dark new hues. Many of these twenty-eight stories are told in the first person and carry in their direct address and unadorned style the authority of testimony. Yet they are not merely experiences recounted, but carefully crafted cultural texts that are designed to map a hitherto largely unexplored human geography.

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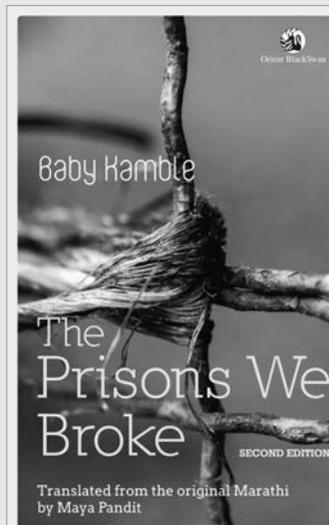
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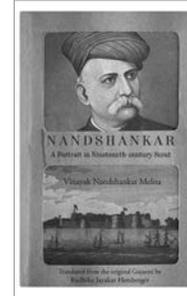
Nandshankar

A Portrait in Nineteenth-century Surat

Vinayak Nandshankar Mehta, author of *Nandshankar Jeevan Chitra* and *Ko Jagari*, member of Indian Civil Service who was posted in Eastern United Provinces, writer of an important report on the peasant revolt of 1919–1920

Translated by **Radhika Jayakar Herzberger**, Indologist, educationist, writer, and former Director, Rishi Valley Education Centre, Andhra Pradesh

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.



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Contents: Translator's Introduction; Author's Preface; Nandshankar: A Portrait in Nineteenth-Century Surat; Appendix: In Remembrance

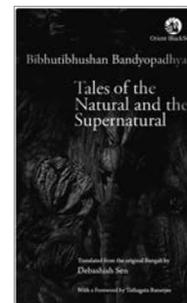
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Tales of the Natural and the Supernatural

Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay (1894–1950), author of eighteen novels and nearly 250 stories, indisputably one of Bengal's greatest and most loved writers, and a principal architect of modern Bangla fiction and realism

Translated by **Debashish Sen**, writer, translator, literary scholar specialising in nineteenth-century English literature

With a foreword by **Tathagatha Banerjee**, Associate Professor of English Literature at Bangabasi College, literary critic, writer and translator of Bangla fiction, grandson of Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay



This is a selection of fifteen short stories and an extract from a novel by the iconic Bengali writer Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay. An eclectic mix of stories pertaining to the natural world and the supernatural that straddle his two abiding concerns—

Man and Nature. Some depict urban and mofussil life in big cities like Calcutta; others, set in remote pockets of rural Bengal and tribal areas bordering Jharkhand and Bihar, depict the unadorned, rustic ways of life there, testament to Bibhutibhusan's boundless love for India's forests.

Contents: Foreword; Translator's Note; 1. A Strange Malady 2. Kashinath's Tale 3. A Day 4. The Tiger Mantra 5. Master Vidhu 6. The Medal 7. The Mountains of Kushal 8. The Bodiless 9. Grandma 10. A Mystery 11. The Hunter 12. Illusion 13. Ghost 14. In the Jungle of Bomaiburu 15. Doctor Moni 16. The Intoxicant

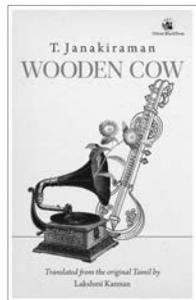
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Wooden Cow

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T. Janakiraman (1921–82), iconic Tamil writer and winner of the Sahitya Akademi Award (1979) for his short story collection *Sakthi Vaithiyam*

Translated by **Lakshmi Kannan**, well-known contemporary bilingual writer and poet who has published twenty-seven books that include novels, several collections of short fiction, poems, and translations



Wooden Cow, a translation of T. Janakiraman's path-breaking novel *Marappasu*, is the coming-of-age story of a young, beautiful, intelligent, fiercely independent, yet deeply emotional woman who does not believe in the institution of marriage, or in human bondage of any kind, and her unconventional and

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Translated by **Subrata Basu**, writer and translator

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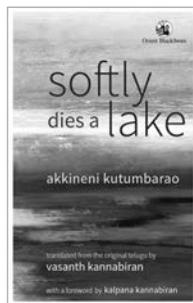
Softly Dies a Lake

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Akkineni Kutumbarao, reputed Telugu film director, producer, writer, whose work has won several awards, including the National Film Award for Best Feature Film for *Bhadram Koduko* (1992)

Translated by **Vasanth Kannabiran**, veteran civil and women's rights activist, educationist and writer

With a foreword by **Kalpana Kannabiran**, who teaches and writes on law, literature, society, and human rights from an insurgent feminist perspective



An elegy to Kolleru, one of India's largest freshwater lakes, Akkineni Kutumbarao's novel *Kolleti Jadolu* vividly brings alive the villages and people whose lives are woven inseparably with the lake, located in Andhra Pradesh. This is the precarious life-world of a people in a constant struggle to survive in an

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With an Introduction by **Maya Pandit**, poet, translator, academic and activist involved with the

Indian women's movement and alternative theatre movement in Maharashtra for the last three decades and a professor at the English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad



A collection of five short stories and a novella by a three-time Maharashtra State Award winner, *Of Closures and New Beginnings* explores the struggles of the modern urban Indian woman to assert her individuality amidst societal pressures and expectations. The stories address her predicament as she chooses

between career and family life, freedom and bonds that tie her down, and relationships that are nameless yet important to her.

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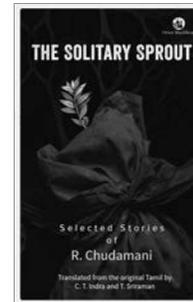
Solitary Sprout, The

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Selected Stories of R. Chudamani

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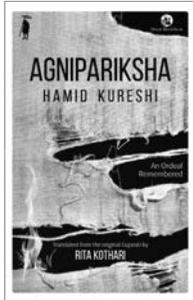
Agnipariksha

An Ordeal Remembered

Hamid Kureshi (1927–2016), an eminent Gujarat High Court advocate and Gandhian, previously the chairman of the Sabarmati Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust, Ahmedabad

Translated from the original Gujarati by **Rita Kothari**, Professor of English, Ashoka University, Sonapat, Haryana

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A memoir of trauma and hope set against the 1969 riots of Ahmedabad, *Agnipariksha* recounts the experiences of a Gujarati lawyer who lived in word and spirit a life of religious and cultural pluralism. This matter-of-fact, restrained yet poignant first-person account provides the landscape of a violence-

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With a Foreword by **Scott Slovic**

Mayilamma (1940–2007) was an illiterate Adivasi woman whose iconic leadership of her community against the unrestrained extraction and pollution of water by Coca-Cola put the tiny village of

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Selected Contents: Foreword; Introduction; The Plachimada Story: A Time Line; *Mayilamma: The Life of a Tribal Eco-warrior*; A Dark Night's Poem; The Unblinking Eye of the Peacock Feather; Notes from Plachimada; An Interview with Jothibai Pariyadath; An Interview with *Mayilamma's* son, Thangavelu, and his wife, Mini; An Interview with Mariyappan; An Interview with Vilayodi Venugopal, Chairman of the Plachimada Anti-Coca-Cola Agitation Committee, in January 2016

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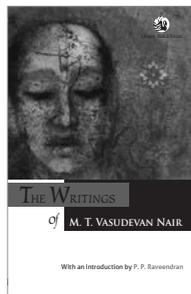
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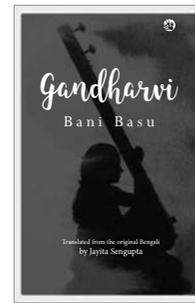
Life of a Musician

Bani Basu, Sahitya Akademi Award-winning pre-eminent author of Bengali fiction

Translated by **Jayita Sengupta**, Associate Professor of English at Sikkim University

“The translator has done a commendable job in maintaining lucidity of style and the book is recommended to anyone interested in learning about the world of classical music.”

—Somdatta Mandal in *The Statesman*



Gandharvi: Life of a Musician is the story of Apala, a gifted singer of Hindustani classical music, who was born into a middle-class family in Calcutta. To her family, her music meant little; her husband 'chose' her for her music but then ignored it. Her children grew up learning to be indifferent to their mother's

gifts. Shorn of freedom, love and, above all, music, Apala's life moved towards a tragic end. Apala's story is surrounded by the interlinked lives of other practitioners of music and classical art, intersecting with Apala's in ways that profoundly affected all of them. A thinly veiled depiction of the classical music scene of Calcutta in the 1960s, and written in a lilting prose that draws on the idioms of Hindustani classical music, this book is a celebration of the indomitable spirit of music.

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To Surju, With Love

Jaiwanti Dimri, a bilingual writer, critic, translator and former professor of English at Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla

Translated by **the author**



A translation of Jaiwanti Dimri's Hindi novella, *Surju Ke Naam*, by the author, this is the story of Sukurmani, a young tribal woman from Jharkhand who migrates to Bhutan with her four-year-old son, Surju, in search of livelihood, stability and peace. Set in the scenic hill town of Kanglung, much of the story is told through a dialogue between

Sarasvatichandra (Parts I to IV)

Govardhanram Madhavram Tripathi (1855–1907), author of *Snehmudra* (1889), *The Classical Poets of Gujarat and Their Influence on Society and Morals* (1894), and *Lilavati Jivankala* (1905)

Translated by **Tridip Suhrud**, who works at the Sabarmati Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Part I: Buddhidhan's Administration

“It was this novel that shaped [the] intellectual consciousness of Gujarat and laid the foundation of modern Gujarati literature....”

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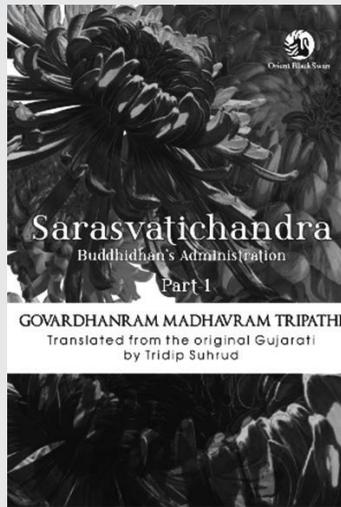
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A novel of epic proportions, written in four parts from 1887 to 1901, *Sarasvatichandra* is both an enactment and the embodiment of the life philosophy of one man and his sole mission.

Part I: Buddhidhan's Administration, narrates the story of one individual's extraordinary rise from poverty to power. The East India Company's growing presence in Indian princely states provides the setting for the rivalry between Buddhidhan and the ruling Karbhari of Suvarnapur, Shathrai, and the royal intrigue involving Bhupsinh, claimant to the throne of Suvarnapur. The parallel story threading through all four parts is of an unusual and abiding love between Sarasvatichandra and Kumud who, betrothed young, fall in love before marriage—through an exchange of letters, words and worlds.

Contents: Translator's Introduction; Preface I; Preface II; An Offering; *Buddhidhan's Administration*

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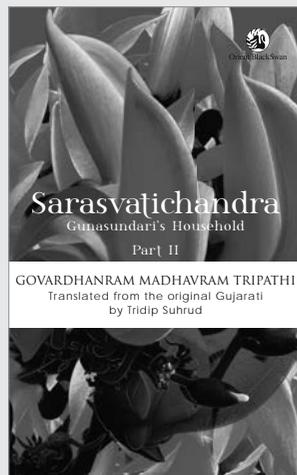


Part II: Gunasundari's Household

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Part II details the complex dynamics of a Hindu joint family. Gunasundari and Vidya Chatura, Minister of Ratnanagari, were married as children. Intelligent and eager, Gunasundari learns from her husband to share his pleasures—literature, poetry, philosophy. But this blissful aesthetic conjugality is disrupted when his relatives come to live with them. She must suddenly manage a household of fourteen individuals, each with different needs and idiosyncracies. Govardhanram's acute, often delightfully wry observations on human nature and household dynamics and sharp characterisation and descriptions of a pregnant Gunasundari trying to keep the family 'joint' and content are perceptive and thought-provoking.

Contents: Translator's Introduction; Preface I; Preface II; *Gunasundari's Household*



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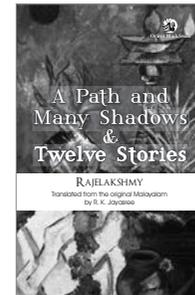
Sukurmani and her Memsaab. We witness Sukurmani's many struggles as a single mother, an illiterate labourer and illegal migrant in an alien land. We also see her as a resilient woman living her own life with willful little Surju, who trails her like a shadow and shares all his mother's joys and sorrows. A poignant, thought-provoking story, simply told.

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Path and Many Shadows & Twelve Stories, A

Rajelakshmy, a Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award-winning novelist, short story writer and poet

Translated by **R. K. Jayasree**, former Associate Professor, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, Kerala



This book is a collection of twelve short stories and a novel by Rajelakshmy, one of Kerala's prominent women writers of the 1960s. The novel narrates the story of a girl growing up in southern India, in a society that is deeply patriarchal, and how she blossoms as an individual.

We read about her choices and mistakes, her desires and failings, and the ultimate realisation that liberation lies in pursuing what one's heart desires, come what may. These timeless and relevant stories revolve around the themes of questioning faith, battling oppression, facing desire and choosing death.

“[Rajelakshmy's] influence since [the 1960s] has only grown and she is now acknowledged as one of the pioneers of post-colonial modernism in prose in India.... The novel *A Path and Many Shadows*, for which she won the Akademi award, is extraordinary....”

—**Nikhil Govind** in *Scroll*

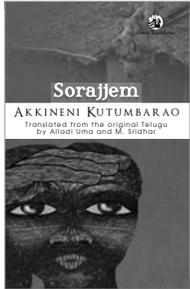
Contents: Rajelakshmy, my Cheriamma; Introduction: Rajelakshmy, the Tale and the Teller; SHORT STORIES: 1. Suicide 2. The Apology 3. The Defeated One 4. A Teacher is Born 5. Daughter 6. A Pretty Girl and Her Pals 7. The Curse 8. A Winding Sheet for Mathai 9. In the Abode of God 10. History Did Not Repeat Itself 11. Mistakes 12. Handkerchief; NOVEL: *A Path and Many Shadows*; On Translating Rajelakshmy

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Sorajjem

Akkineni Kutumbarao, a national award-winning filmmaker, scriptwriter and director of Telugu films

Translated by **Alladi Uma**, Retired Professor, Department of English, University of Hyderabad; and **M. Sridhar**, Retired Professor, Department of English, University of Hyderabad



This book is a translation of a Telugu novel of the same name. It captures the life of a Dalit girl born on the night of India's Independence. As we see the growth of the title character Sorajjem, we also witness the brutal reality of her social background—the grinding poverty, hunger, disease and death. This novel sketches the first sixteen years of India's freedom, its meaning for the Dalits of a village, and the way seeds of revolution are sown in Dalit lives.

“ [This book] has chronicled an amazing ethnography of the socio-politics of rural India. The English translation ... has kept close to the linguistic and cultural sensitivities of the original in Telugu, considerably enriching the novel's authenticity. ”

—Deccan Chronicle

“ This masterful translation captures the lived reality of inhumanity and alienation faced by the Dalits. ”

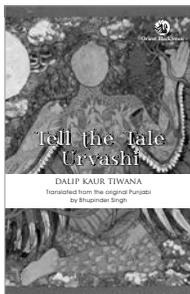
—The Hindu

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Tell the Tale, Urvashi

Dalip Kaur Tiwana, a Padma Shri awardee

Translated by **Bhupinder Singh**, former professor of sociology, Punjabi University, Patiala, who occasionally publishes poetry under his pen-name Sarvan Minhas

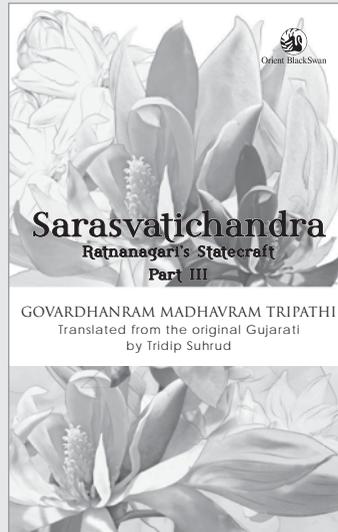


The long-awaited English translation of the popular Punjabi novel *Katha Kaho Urvashi* by Sahitya Akademi Award-winning novelist and distinguished academic Dalip Kaur Tiwana, *Tell the Tale, Urvashi* is the tragic intergenerational saga of a landed Sikh family in late 20th-century Punjab.

Exploring the dynamics of family life, human relationships, the evolving roles of women, and the social structures within which they are rooted against the backdrop of a wider cultural

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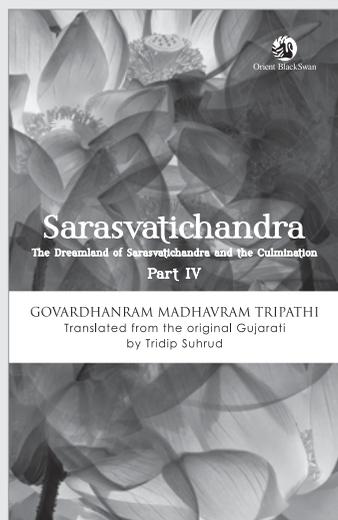
Part III details the efforts of Maniraj, the enlightened young ruler of the princely state of Ratnanagari, and his able minister, Vidya Chatura, to create a responsible and inclusive polity in times of general decay. Though feudal, Ratnanagari has survived British expansion because of the strength and vision of its rulers. Showing rare courage and candour for his times, Govardhanram discusses at length the import of British rule in the context of the 1857 Revolt. We also travel with Sarvasvatichandra to the monastery of Yadu Shruna, set in the high mountains of Sundargiri and headed by the enigmatic and erudite Swami Vishnudas.

Contents: Translator's Introduction; Preface I; Preface II; Elegy for a Sister; *Ratnanagari's Statecraft*

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“ Sarvasvatichandra reads as one of the great Indian novels of the 19th century in this translation and provides a world view of India with the same breadth and sweep as would find in a Charles Dickens or Thomas Hardy novel. ”

—Mint

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disorientation, Urvashi addresses questions of identity and alienation, tradition and modernity, hauntingly capturing the search for the meaning of life, loss and death.

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—The Tribune

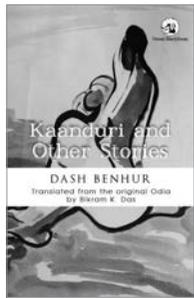
Contents: Translator's Note: Tell the Tale, Urvashi; Book 1: The Tale of the Dark Path; Book 2: The Tale of Kalyug; Book 3: The Tale Untold; Book 4: The Tale of a Sigh; Book 5: A Tale of Time and Eternity; Book 6: And Thus the Tale Was Told

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Kaanduri and Other Stories

Dash Benhur, retired Reader in Political Science, and a well-known and prolific writer of short stories in Odia

Translated by **Bikram Keshari Das**, retired Professor of English, a lexicographer, volume editor of English textbooks, and an award-winning translator of Odia fiction



The tales in *Kaanduri and Other Stories*, selected from the writings of Dash Benhur, reveal his wide range. Small surprises and poignant discoveries about relationships account for the appeal of these stories, which convey the flavour of life among the middle and lower classes of Odisha.

Contents: 1. Do Not Come Down, Oh Rain! 2. The Apartment 3. Arrogance 4. The Blankets Are Really Warm! 5. The Book Review 6. Clouds 7. Freedom Fifty Saloon 8. God's Creation 9. Gold 10. Gurudakshina 11. The Harmonium 12. Kaanduri 13. Rebati 14. Responsibility 15. Sukanti's House 16. The Bicycle 17. The Noose 18. The Picture 19. The Rickshaw-wallah

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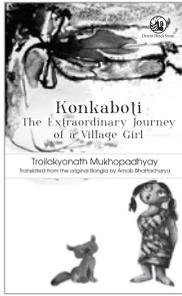
Konkaboti

The Extraordinary Journey of a Village Girl

Troilokyonath Mukhopadhyay (1847–1919), one of the foremost writers of fiction in nineteenth-century Bengal

Translated by **Arnab Bhattacharya**, well-known author and translator

Konkaboti, written in Bengali, is Troilokyonath's first novel (1892). It begins with the childhood



years of the eponymous heroine and Khetu, a boy from her village. In time, their mothers want them to marry, but Konkaboti's father plans her wedding with an aged zamindar. The prospect appals her and she falls ill. Konka and Khetu then undergo amazing experiences leading to their

'death'. But matters are resolved through a twist in the narrative. The novel contains satirical references to prevalent social practices such as sati.

Contents: Translator's Preface; A Biographical Note on the Author; A Note on the Translation; *Konkaboti*; Conclusion; Afterword from the Translator; About the Novel

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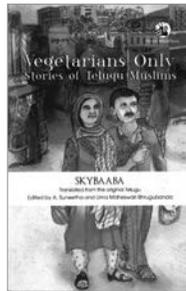
Stories of Telugu Muslims

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Skybaaba, writer, poet, activist and freelance journalist

Edited by **A. Suneetha**, Senior Fellow and Coordinator, Anveshi Research Centre for Women's Studies, Hyderabad; and **Uma Maheswari Bhrugubanda**, Assistant Professor, Department of Cultural Studies, EFL University, Hyderabad

Translated by **R. Akhileshwari, Uma Maheswari Bhrugubanda, Christopher Chekuri, Kiranmayi Indraganti, Rama S. Melkote, A. Suneetha, and D. Vasanta**



A translation of twelve short stories titled *Adhure: Muslim Kadhalu, Vegetarians Only* introduces the reader to the life-world of Telugu Muslims, their dreams, sorrows and predicaments, presenting moving portraits of people battling indigence, prejudice and isolation with dignity and courage. The stories also

evocatively foreground the friendships and camaraderie between rural and small-town Telugu Muslims and Dalits and invite us to share the emotional journeys that Skybaaba creates for each of his characters.

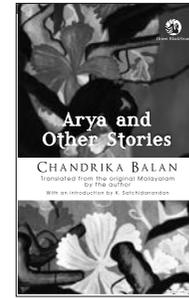
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Arya and Other Stories

Written and translated by **Chandrika Balan**, an award-winning writer of prose in Malayalam and English

Introduction by **K. Satchidanandan**, a major poet and critic



Arya and Other Stories is a collection of twelve stories translated into English. All of them feature women protagonists and reflect social reality. The inner strength of the woman, problems of career women, harm perpetrated by visual media, feminine creativity, the complex feminine

psyche, and ecology are some of the prominent themes engaged with. The stories are filled with humour and are sharp critiques of the values and mores of our patriarchal society, providing a deep insight into social situations and relationships in contemporary Kerala.

Her fictional response to women's issues is couched in satire and humour but that does not in any way take away from the sharpness of the response. The stories are valuable for their incisive insights into human behaviour, male and female alike; and it is to the writer's credit that many of them leave us smiling at the weakness rather than fuming at the lapses of mankind.

—Mini Chandran

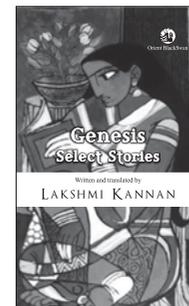
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—Deccan Herald

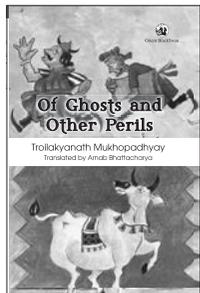
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Troilokyanath Mukhopadhyay (1847–1919), one of the foremost writers of fiction in nineteenth-century Bengal

Translated by **Arnab Bhattacharya**, well-known author and translator



This collection of seven short stories originally written in Bengali by Troilokyanath Mukhopadhyay is based in a world where the laws of nature do not always operate. In 'Birbala', a young man appears to lose his identity in a dream but wins the hand of the girl he

had had a vision of. 'Lullu' is a ghost who steals a Muslim man's wife from Delhi and hides her in a chamber below a lake, but Amir, her husband, with the help of a weaver-singer, an astrologer, an exorcist, and sundry other ghosts, rescues her by enslaving Lullu to opium. 'Nayanchand's Business' is a tale of a bull wreaking havoc (under orders from its ex-owner) in the palace of Yama, the god of the netherworld. Troilokyanath's fictional prose is also replete with social criticism and light satire. These tales of fantasy will enthrall the young as well as the old.

Arnab Bhattacharya does a commendable job in translating the stories.

—The Book Review

This is one of the first books I have come across from the archive of Indian literature in translation that spells out so unambiguously the stance of the translator on the foreignisation-domestication debate in the Indian context.... More importantly, it tries to actualise the theoretical position in practice. The translator deserves to be lauded for that.

—Indian Literature, May/June 2014

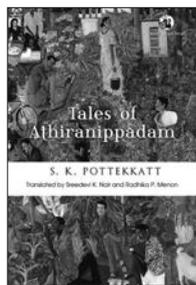
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Tales of Athiranippadam

S. K. Pottekkatt, one of the pre-eminent Malayalam writers of the twentieth century

Translated by **Sreedevi K. Nair**, Professor, Department of English, NSS College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram; and **Radhika P. Menon**, Associate Professor, Department of English, Fatima Mata National College, Kollam



Translated from the Malayalam *Oru Desathinte Katha*, *Tales of Athiranippadam* is the fictionalised autobiography of S. K. Pottekkatt. Sreedharan, the protagonist, offers us a glimpse of the author's personal reality, rooted in the little corner of the earth,

Athiranippadam, where he was raised. The narrative uses an interesting mix of street gossip, fairy tale and recorded history, filtered through a perspective that is at once involved and detached. The novel was first published in 1971 in Malayalam, and won the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1973 and the Jnanpith Award in 1980.

Selected Contents: Introduction; Translator's Note; The Reservoir; *Tales of Athiranippadam*

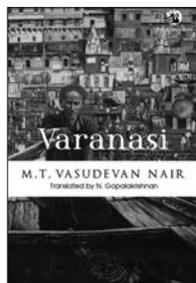
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Varanasi

e-book

M. T. Vasudevan Nair, author, screenwriter, film director, and Padma Bhushan awardee

Translated by **N. Gopalakrishnan**, a well-known writer and translator, and recipient of the Kendriya Sahitya Akademi Award in 2007



Varanasi is M. T. Vasudevan Nair's last novel. The novel narrates in non-linear fashion the journey of an aged man, Sudhakaran, through the historic city of Varanasi, and simultaneously chronicles his life through his reminiscences. As a commentary on the human condition, the novel

explores among other things the pervasiveness of lust and desire and the essence embodied in the culture of Varanasi. Translated by Sahitya Akademi Award winner N. Gopalakrishnan, this work

masterfully retains the flavour of the original Malayalam.

Selected Contents: Translator's Introduction; *Varanasi*

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Bahadur Shah and the Festival of Flower-sellers

Mirza Farhatullah Beg, a renowned research scholar and distinguished writer and humorist

Translated by **Mohammed Zakir**, former Professor of Urdu, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi



This book is an account of the *phoolwalon ki sair*, or the festival of flower-sellers, and its history. It is an interesting and vivid account of this annual secular celebration that in fact is still observed in Delhi.

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Boatman of the Padma, The

Manik Bandyopadhyay (1908–1956), considered a founding father of modern Bengali fiction and one of the most influential and original writers of Bengali literature

Translated by **Ratan K. Chattopadhyay**, a translator of *Selections from Galpaguchha*, an anthology of short stories by Tagore in three volumes



An English translation of Manik Bandyopadhyay's popular novel *Padma Nadir Majhi* (1936), this is an immaculately painted document of the fishing community in a remote sleepy village of Bangladesh nurtured by the river known as Padma, the lifeline of the country. It deals with

the impact of the fiercely beautiful Padma on the lives of the riparian people. The reality of communal life on the one hand and the desires and aspirations of individual life on the other—all in conformity with the pace of the river—are evoked beautifully in this sensitive translation.

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Magic Web and Other Stories, The

Ashapura Debi on the Widow and Her World

Ashapura Debi (1909–1995), one of the most prolific creative writers in Indian literature, awarded the Padma Shri in 1976 and the Bharatiya Jnanpith Award in 1977

Translated by **Jharna Sanyal**, Professor of English, University of Calcutta



This is a collection of eighteen of Ashapura Debi's short stories on the lives of widows. Through these stories, we are introduced to ritual-oriented drudges and gossip-mongering women, and to unbecoming women who refuse to hear the voice of everyday morality and silence the promptings of received values.

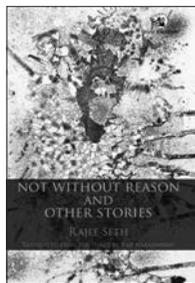
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2012 978-81-2504-708-7 ₹1380 244 pp Paperback

Not Without Reason and Other Stories

Rajee Seth, an acclaimed Hindi writer of fiction, poetry and criticism

Translated by **Raji Narasimhan**, a well-known translator



Rajee Seth's writings are critically lauded for being a qualitative bridge between the classicist and modernist styles of writing in Hindi. A warm humanism marks these nine stories by her, some of which are vibrantly feminist. In Raji Narasimhan's precise and vivid translations from their

Hindi originals, the stories truly come alive.

[Rajee Seth] usually picks up seemingly simple subjects and through them addresses larger social issues. She has done this once again in [this] ... collection.... It's the realistic touches that make these everyday stories a delight to read. Of course, the brilliant translation also helps.

—The Hindu

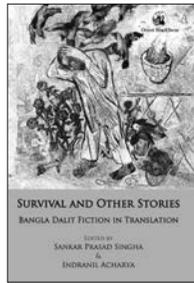
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2012 978-81-2504-512-0 ₹760 136 pp Paperback

Survival and Other Stories

Bangla Dalit Fiction in Translation

Edited by **Sankar Prasad Singha**, Professor; and **Indranil Acharya**, Assistant Professor, both at the Department of English, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, West Bengal



Drawing on the works of Dalit writers, *Survival and Other Stories* is a collection of eighteen translated Bengali stories that paint insightful and perceptive portraits of Dalit lives lived on the edge and of suffering, negation and revolt. The translations retain the rhythms and idioms of the

original Bengali narratives.

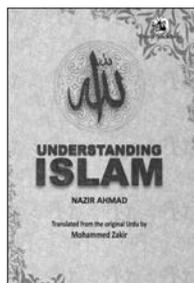
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Understanding Islam

Nazir Ahmad, leading Urdu writer, and a social and religious reformer

Translated by **Mohammed Zakir**, retired Professor of Urdu, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi



Understanding Islam is a translation of *Ijtihad* (Striving), a work that grew out of the question 'Why am I a Muslim?' Written in the form of a dialogue between a student and a teacher, this book is a valuable introduction and guide to the essence of one of the world's major

religions.

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Nandanvan and Other Stories

Written and translated by **Lakshmi Kannan**, poet, novelist and short story writer

Lakshmi brings the sensibility of a poet to her stories.

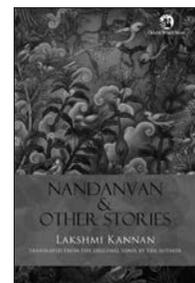
—The Deccan Herald

The crafting of the stories as well as the turn of phrase that evokes the abstractions vividly in tangible forms is finely nuanced and delicately poised. This collection is valuable in that it brings to us contemporary *bhasha* literature translated into English, bridging seemingly effortlessly, the gap between the cultures of the two languages.

—The Book Review

Powerful messages, descriptive and evocative prose, arresting dialogues and soliloquies, incredibly strong and never-say-die characters ... dot the Lakshmi landscape of the book. The writer has ... captured the idioms and finer nuances of the Tamil world with admirable precision.

—The Hindu



Nandanvan & Other Stories is a collection of seventeen of Kannan's own stories, originally written in Tamil. As vividly imagined as they are realistic, the stories in this collection are reflections on gender, sexuality, filial piety, construction of identity, cultural institutions and the individual existing 'within' and 'outside'.

Contents: SHORT STORIES: 1. Nandanvan 2. Ejamaanar 3. Please, Dear God 4. Muniyakka 5. Nagapushpam 6. Zeroing In 7. Savvyasachi Square 8. The Maze 9. Just Think About It 10. Simone de Beauvoir and the Manes 11. A Word with you, Father 12. A Guava with a Red Heart 13. A Political Colour 14. Because 15. A Sky All Around 16. Maria; NOVELLA: Another Hour, Another Hue

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Old Playhouse and Other Poems, The

Kamala Das

With an Introduction by **V. C. Harris**, Professor of English, School of Letters, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam

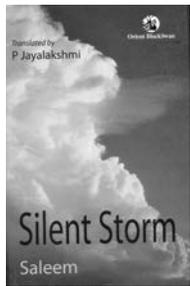
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Silent Storm

Syed Saleem, a popular contemporary writer who has published short stories, poetry and novels in Telugu

Translated by **P Jayalakshmi**, former Associate Professor, Department of English, Nizam College, Osmania University, Hyderabad



Silent Storm interweaves the stories of Nagamani, an illiterate and poor woman, and Kumar, a well placed white collar employee of a bank. Nagamani is ostracised by the community when it discovers that she is infected with HIV. By sheer grit and determination she successfully educates herself

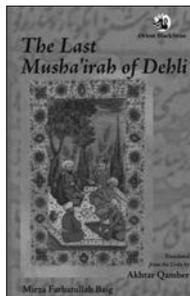
through the efforts of Positive People's Care and soon she lends support to many others around her, especially those from high-risk groups such as sex workers. This book is a translation of the Telugu novel *Kaalutunna Poolathota*, which won the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2010.

2011 978-81-2504-205-1 ₹475 176 pp Paperback

Last Musha'irah of Delhi, The

Mirza Farhatullah Baig, distinguished humorist

Translated by **Akhtar Qamber**, Professor, Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, and Miranda House, Delhi



Drawing upon living memory, manuscripts and other documents, Mirza Farhatullah Baig Dehalvi wrote *Delhi ki Akhri Shama*, a fictional account of what is said to be the last great musha'irah held in Delhi under the patronage of Bahadur Shah 'Zafar', the last Mughal emperor. This book is the first-ever English

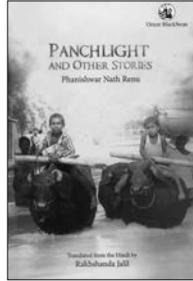
translation of Farhatullah Baig's classic, accompanied by a long introduction, textual and other annotations, and an extensive glossary.

2010 978-81-2503-967-9 ₹1290 192 pp Paperback

Panchlight and Other Stories

Phanishwar Nath Renu, a stalwart in the Nayi Kahani (New Story) movement

Translated by **Rakhshanda Jilil**, Media and Cultural Coordinator, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi



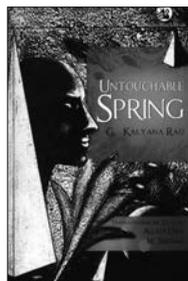
The diversity of the stories in this collection is representative of the works of Renu (1921–77). One of the foremost writers in Hindi, Renu's world is rural Bihar. The characters in his stories are the landless and the marginalised. He writes about a crumbling social order, the universality of his work coming from his ability to look deep into the human heart.

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Untouchable Spring

G. Kalyana Rao, an important functionary of Virasam or the Viplava Rachayitala Sangham (Revolutionary Writers' Movement)

Translated by **Alladi Uma** and **M. Sridhar**, both at the Department of English, University of Hyderabad



Untouchable Spring, a memory text, is a family/community saga, a novel and a historical document rolled into one. Using the oral story-telling tradition, Rao has brought to the fore not just the social and cultural life of generations of Dalits, but also their art forms.

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Westward Traveller, The

e-book

Durgabati Ghose accompanied her husband on a trip to Europe in 1932 and wrote about her experience in *Paschimjatriki*

Translated by **Somdatta Mandal**, Professor and Chairperson, Department of English and other Modern European Languages, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

With a Foreword by **Ashis Nandy**

An interesting fact about this travelogue is that even within its set pattern, it offers nuggets of history.... To translate this depiction of Europe in colonial times through the eyes of a modernizing



Bengali woman has been a "labour of love" for translator Somdatta Mandal. Simple and lucid in style, the work ... is faithful to the intention of the narrative.

—Scholars without Borders

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First Promise, The

e-book

(Second Edition)

Ashapura Debi, well-known author who wrote in Bengali

Translated by **Indira Chowdhury**, former Professor of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata



Ashapura tells the story of the struggles and efforts of women in nineteenth-century colonial Bengal in a deceptively easy and conversational style. Indira Chowdhury's confident translation, with its conscious choice of Indian English equivalents over British and American colloquialisms, carries

across the language divide the flavour of Ashapura's unique idiomatic style. This edition includes the translator's reflections on the process of translation itself.

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Nazir Ahmad in His Own Words and Mine

e-book

Mirza Farhatullah Beg, distinguished humorist

Translated by **Mohammed Zakir**, former Professor of Urdu, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi



Mirza Farhatullah Beg takes the reader through the bylanes of old Delhi from Churiwalan, through Hauz Kazi and Khari Baoli to Gali Batashan Wali and the home of his tutor—a doyen of Urdu prose and one of the pioneers of modern fiction in Urdu. In a narrative that is as funny as

it is respectful, there emerges an eloquent and evocative portrait that honestly captures the relationship between an erudite tutor and his loving and impudent pupil. Rich in historical detail, the work also records eyewitness anecdotal

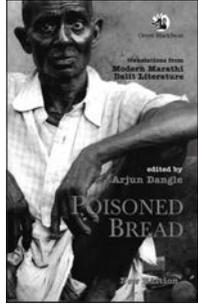
accounts of the Mutiny of 1857 and paints a vivid picture of a fading world.

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Poisoned Bread

Translations from Modern Marathi Dalit Literature (New Edition)

Edited by **Arjun Dangle**, an important name in the politics and literature of Maharashtra



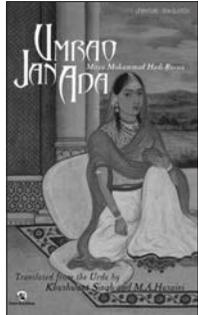
When published in 1992, *Poisoned Bread* was the first anthology of Dalit literature. The writers—more than eighty of them—presented here in English translations, are nearly all of the most prominent figures in Marathi Dalit literature. This new edition includes an essay by Gail Omvedt, a distinguished scholar-activist working on new social movements.

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Umrao Jan Ada (Revised Edition)

Mirza Mohammed Hadi Ruswa, renowned Urdu prose writer

Translated by **Khushwant Singh**, writer and editor of several journals and newspapers, and **M. A. Husaini**, one of the best Urdu prose writer



Umrao Jan Ada was first published in 1899. Based on the life of a courtesan of Lucknow—a woman of great charm with a reputation as a very fine poet and singer—the novel recreates the ambience of old Lucknow and takes the reader on a fascinating journey through the palaces of wealthy nawabs, the

hideouts of vagabonds, to the luxurious abodes of the city's courtesans. It captures the culture and decadence of a lifestyle that has now vanished forever. This translation preserves the full flavour of the original narrative.

2009 978-81-250-3750-7 ₹495 188 pp Paperback

Samidha

e-book

Sadhana Amte, writer and activist

Translated by **Shobha Pawar**, lecturer, S. P. College, Pune

A fairy-tale romance and a blueprint for anyone who wants to venture into social service, this autobiography of Sadhanatai Amte—a woman who



chose to marry a frenzied man and a dreamer, **Baba Amte**—is also a tale of her willing surrender in love without the slightest loss of her identity. It is a document of the dreams they dreamt for humankind and their struggle to put life into them. These memoirs present the portrait of a woman beside a man; a perfect consort who has the ability to tame the living storm, **Baba Amte**.

2008 978-81-250-3404-9 ₹850 296 pp Paperback
E-ISBN: 978-81-250-5953-0

Government Brahmana

Aravind Malagatti, well-known Kannada writer

Translated by **Dharani Devi Malagatti**, recipient of the Karnataka Sahitya Akademi award (2004)



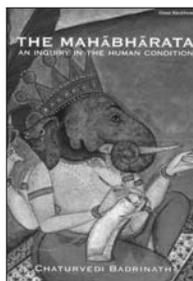
Government Brahmana is the English translation of the Kannada autobiography of **Aravind Malagatti**. It reflects on specific instances from **Malagatti's** childhood and student days that illustrate the cruelty practised by caste Hindu society on dalits. We encounter all the tropes of (male) Dalit life: his

isolation in school, where even drinking water is an ordeal and life in the village, where Dalits perform the filthiest tasks but are denied access to common wells and cannot step into shops and therefore have their purchases thrown at them, to name a few.

2007 978-81-2503-216-8 ₹675 148 pp Paperback

Mahabharata, The An Inquiry in the Human Condition

Chaturvedi Badrinath, philosopher and member of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS)



This book is a scholarly treatise on Indian philosophy written by one of its best-known proponents. **Badrinath** shows that the concerns of the *Mahabharata* are the concerns of everyday life—of dharma, artha, kama and moksha. This book dispels several false claims about

what is today known as 'Hinduism' to show us how individual liberty and knowledge, freedom, equality, and the celebration of love, friendship and relationships are integral to the philosophy of the *Mahabharata*. **Badrinath** received the Sahitya Akademi award in 2010 for this book.

2007 978-81-2503-238-0 ₹1765 704 pp Paperback

Mirage

Kokilam Subbiah, former Professor of Tamil Language and Literature, University of Chicago, USA

Translated from the Tamil by the author



Set in the tea plantations of Sri Lanka, *Mirage* traces the lives of **Valli** and her family, migrants from a village in Tamil Nadu in search of a better livelihood. The novel depicts the lives of indentured labourers working in these plantations and explores the social structure and the norms of plantation life—an arena

defined by economic and sexual exploitation. Through **Valli's** world, we gain insight into the complex social relationships—between husband and wife, parent and child, worker and supervisor, friend and neighbour—in these remote plantations.

2007 978-81-2503-070-6 ₹740 200 pp Paperback

Moon Mountain

Bibhutibhushan Bandopadhyay, renowned Bengali novelist and writer

Translated by **Pradeep Kumar Sinha**



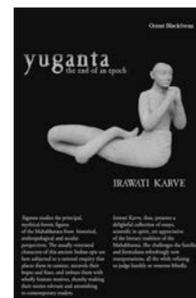
Set in India and Africa in the early twentieth century, *Moon Mountain* is a classic of the Bengali 'kumar-sahitya' genre or young-adult literature that smoothly blends narrative elements of the thriller, the fantasy and the travelogue into an action-packed adventure story. The language of

Pradeep Sinha's translation is fast-paced and contemporary without compromising in the least either the charm of the old world it narrates or the flavour of the Bangla original.

2007 978-81-2503-069-0 ₹625 200 pp Paperback

Yuganta The End of an Epoch

Irawati Karve, renowned sociologist and writer, who wrote in both English and Marathi



Yuganta studies the principal, mythical-heroic figures of the *Mahabharata* from historical, anthropological and secular perspectives. The usually venerated characters of this ancient Indian epic are here subjected to a rational enquiry that places them in context, unravels their

hopes and fears, and imbues them with wholly human motives, thereby making their stories relevant and revelatory to contemporary readers.

... presents a fascinating case of humanity (rather than spectacles) as the driving force of narratives.
—*The Free Press Journal*

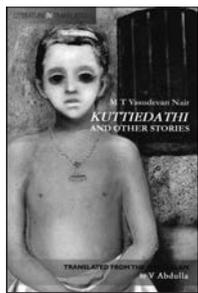
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Kuttiedathi and Other Stories

e-book

M. T. Vasudevan Nair, author, screenwriter, film director, and Padma Bhushan awardee

Translated by **V. Abdulla**, who was awarded the Yatra Award (1995) and the Sevarathna Award (1996) for translation



Kuttiedathi and Other Stories is a collection of ten short stories. This collection brings together some of M. T. Vasudevan Nair's most well-known stories, fairly representative of his literary works. Written over a broad span of time from 1962 to 2000, the stories collected here

reflect the built-in variety of his fictional concerns and the changing tones of his narration.

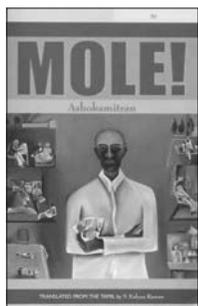
2004 978-81-2502-597-9 ₹675 204 pp Paperback
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Mole!

e-book

Ashokamitran, pioneer of modern Tamil literature whose works include a play, eight collections of short stories, eight novels, novellas, and several edited anthologies, essays, literary criticism, and reviews

Translated by **N. Kalyan Raman**



The fictional events narrated in *Mole!* take place within a period of seven months, nearly all of them in the American Midwest. The narrator, a culturally rooted writer from Chennai, is transplanted amidst a motley group of fellow-writers from distant parts of the world, all of them as dangerously

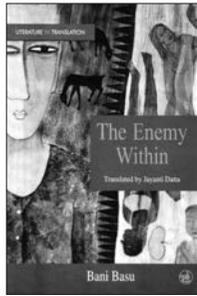
dislocated as him. Deprived of the language that has brought them fulfilment and distinction, these writers struggle to retain their place of precarious honour in a strange, unfamiliar and sometimes hostile environment. And in the background looms the endearing, if exasperating, landscape of twentieth-century America.

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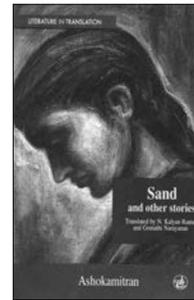
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Ashokamitran, pioneer of modern Tamil literature whose works include a play, eight collections of short stories, eight novels, novellas, and several edited anthologies, essays, literary criticism, and reviews

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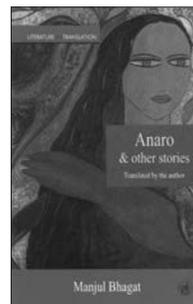
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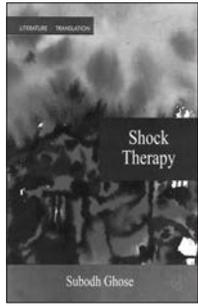
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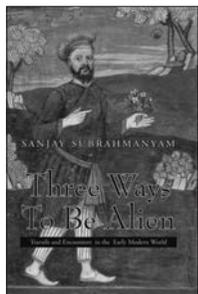
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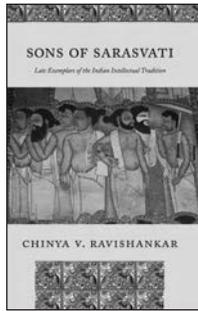
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Late Exemplars of the Indian Intellectual Tradition

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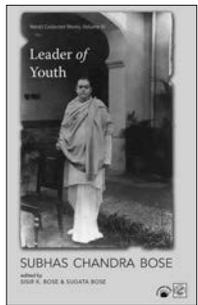
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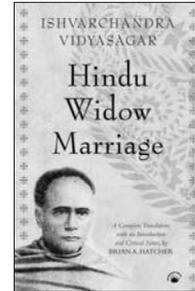
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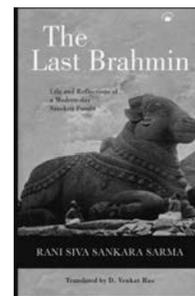
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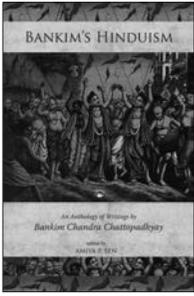
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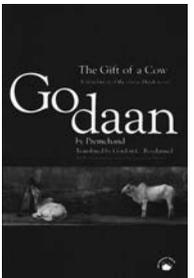
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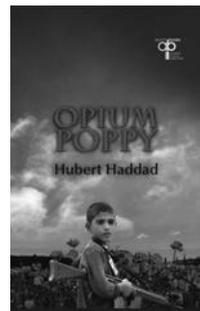
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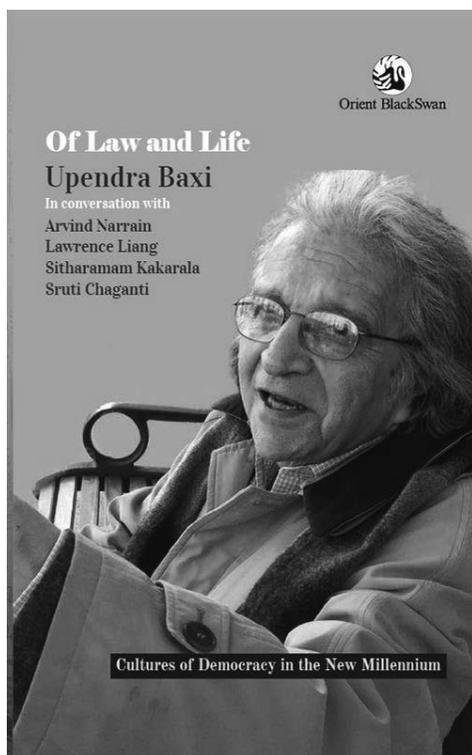
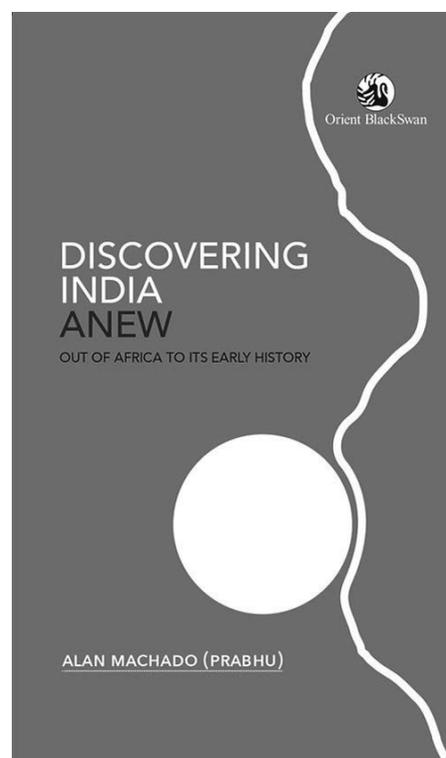
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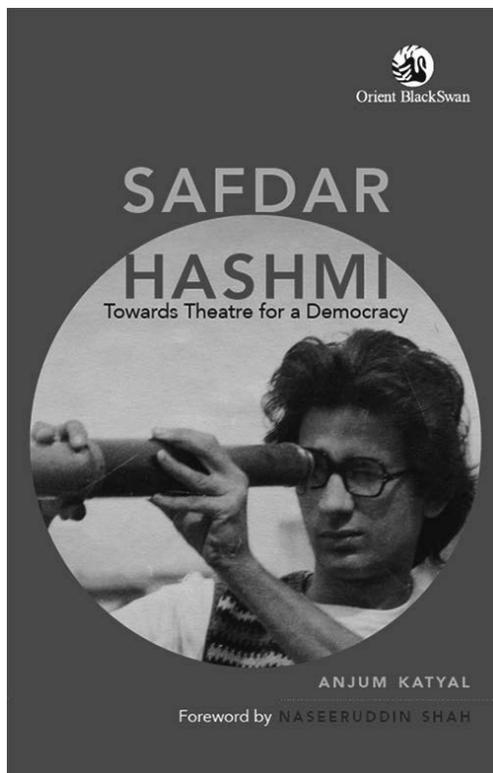
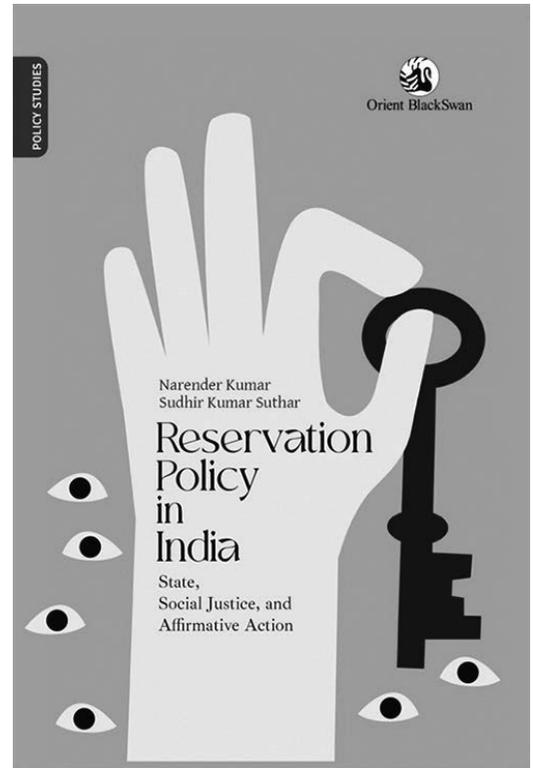
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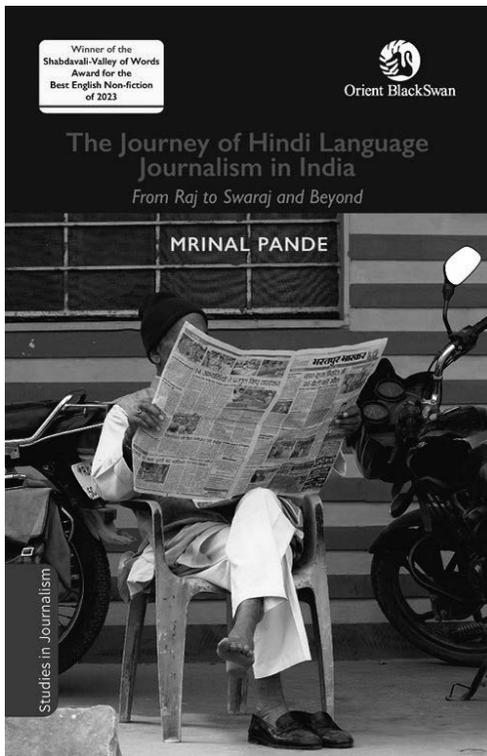
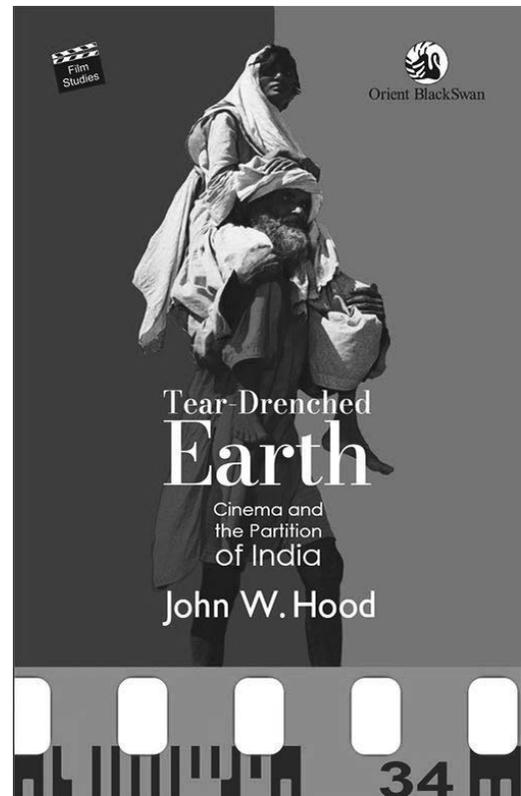
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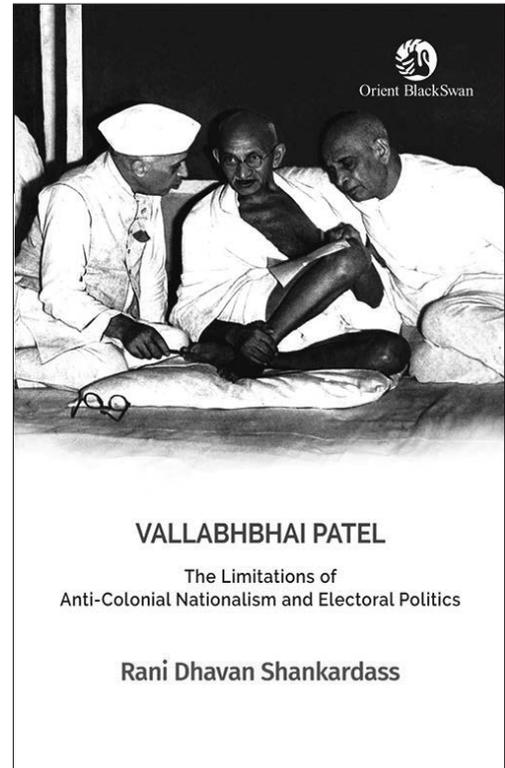
Rani Dhavan Shankardass, historian, author, activist, and director, Penal Reform and Justice Association (PRAJA), New Delhi

Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel was an archetypal leader of the Indian freedom struggle, one whose idea of nationalism led him to single-mindedly, often singlehandedly, and sometimes manipulatively, achieve a much-needed political unity for India. This book focuses on the man and his politics, neither sparing the great statesman's oversights nor withholding credit for the consolidated territorial map that emerged from his efforts.

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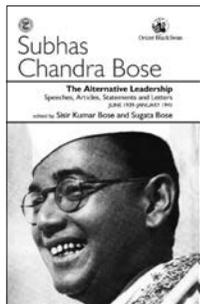


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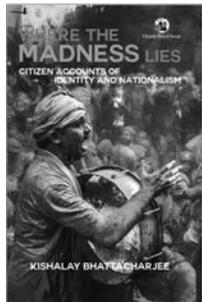
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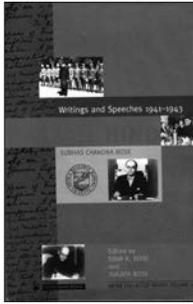
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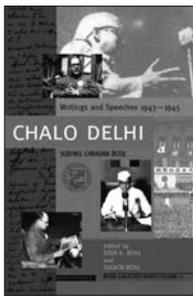
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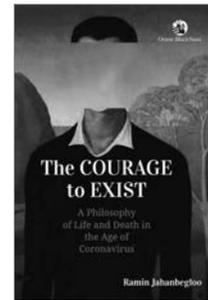
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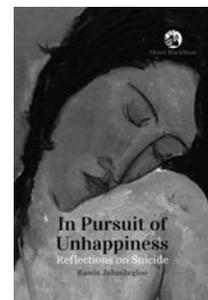
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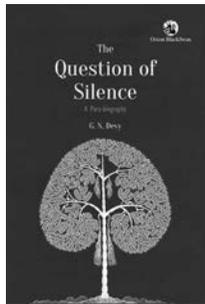
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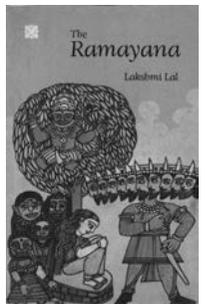
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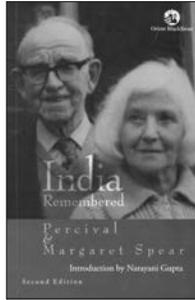
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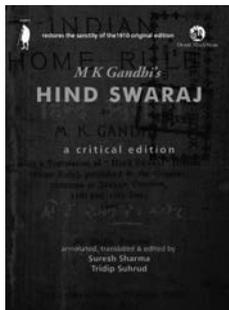
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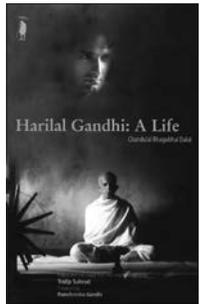
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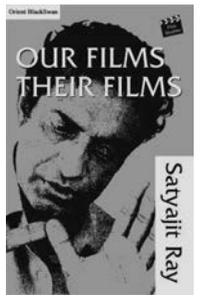
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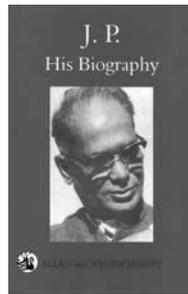
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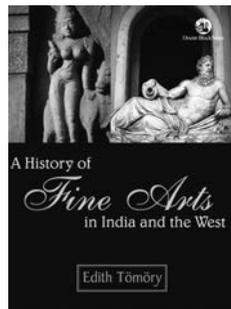
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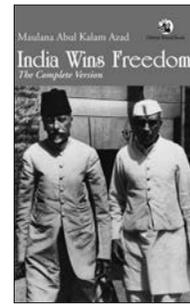
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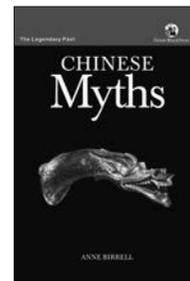
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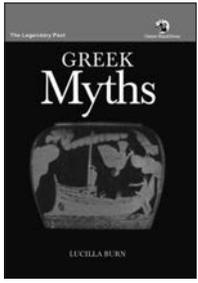
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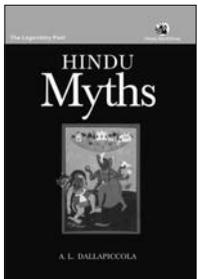
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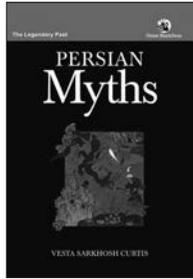
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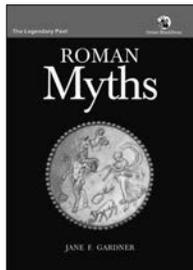
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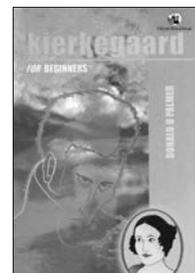
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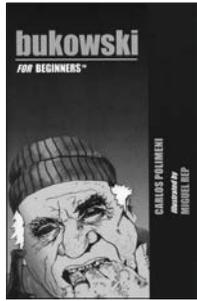
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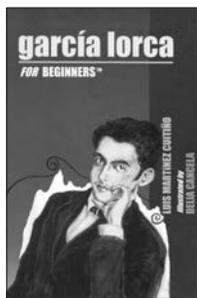
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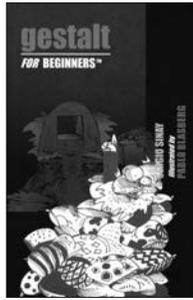
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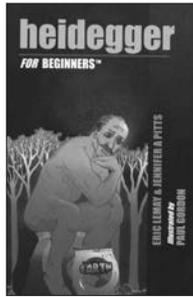
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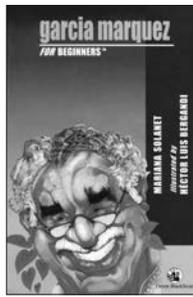
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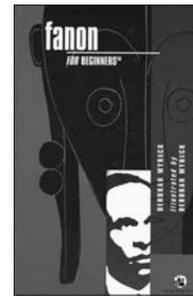
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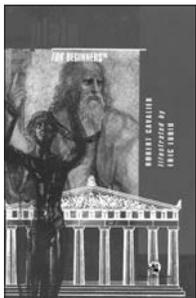
This guide serves as a lucid introduction to McLuhan, who pioneered the study of media, unified art and science, and warned us about this televised, computerised, 15-minutes-of-fame world where we live in each other's faces, read each other's mail, and become so alike, so isolated, so anonymous that violence becomes a scream of identity, a way of saying, 'I am not invisible'.

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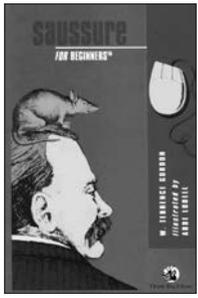
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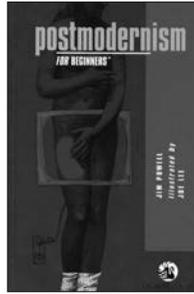
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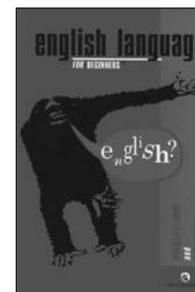
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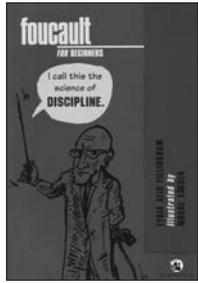
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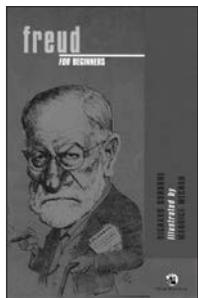
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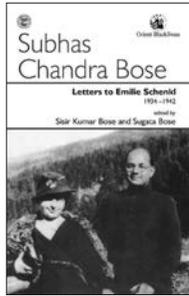
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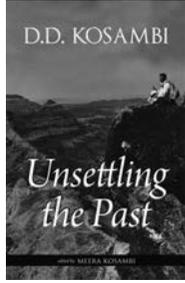
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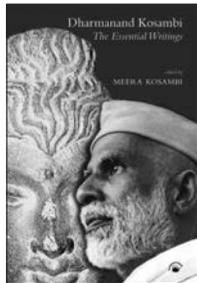
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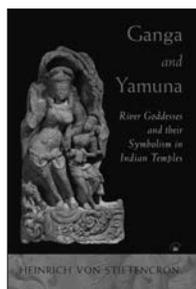
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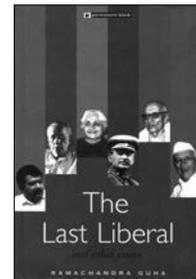
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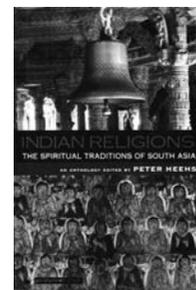
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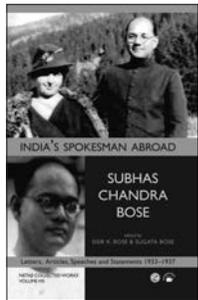
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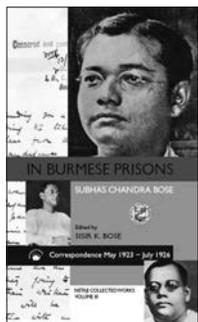
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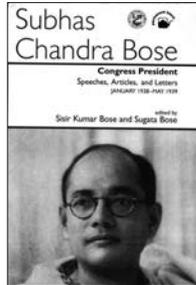


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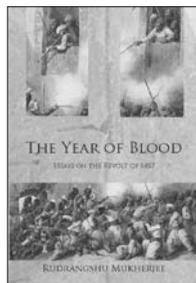
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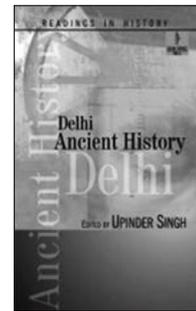
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