

Rabindra Sangeet Lyrics

This Indian film music book is a collection of eighty essays about the people who made remarkable music in Bollywood cinema, especially during the great era, and the ideas such people brought to the recording studios. When songs had to go without rhythms or when melodies had plenty of Q n A in them. In this music book, we flirt with Rock n Roll and scan songs that speed up at the end, we peep behind the screen to see what the idea was behind chorus songs in our films – even if there was no one to sing that chorus on the screen; it's a huge list. These pages are a reflection of the time when everyone was fired up in their art, and when no one wanted to finish last in the race. It is about artists who every now and then dreamt ideas, and only after crystallizing things perfectly in their mind's eye, went out to translate and transform their dreams into unforgettable melodies in Indian movies. Jukebox will interest the layman as well as the academician.

An analysis of Bimal Roy's films and their depiction of people outside the 'mainstream' *The Cinema of Bimal Roy: An 'Outsider' Within* examines Roy's adaptations of Bengali and Hindi literary classics while dwelling on his approach and treatment of women, a focal point of many of his films. It draws attention to his cinema of social relevance—untouchability (*Sujata*), woman deserted by society and family (*Biraj Bou*), child marriage (*Parineeta*) and the inhumanity of oppression and forced urbanization (*Do Bigha Zameen*). The book goes on to discuss Roy's ability to bestow new screen identities to

established actors such as Nutan, Meena Kumari and Dilip Kumar on one hand and discover new talents such as Sunil Dutt, Sadhana and Tarun Bose on the other. Apart from this, his tutelage introduced many new faces to the film industry—Salil Choudhury, Hrishikesh Mukherjee, Nabendu Ghosh and Gulzar among others. Further, the book details the aesthetics of technique—cinematography, editing and sound—in Roy's films; his movies had some of the best musical scores in Hindi cinema. It also analyses what made Madhumati his biggest commercial success.

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A Delightful History Of The Hindi Film Song And Its Hold Over Popular Psyche & De De Khuda Ke Naam Pe & Sang Wazir Mohammed Khan In Alam Ara (1931), Giving Birth To A Phenomenon & The Hindi Film Song. Over The Years, The Hindi Film Song Has Travelled A Long Way, Influencing And Being Influenced By Popular Taste. Considered Downmarket Not So Long Ago, It Is Undoubtedly The Most Popular Musical Genre In India Today, Pervading Almost All Aspects Of Indian Life & Weddings, Funerals, Religious Festivals, Get-Togethers And Political Conventions & And Emerging As A Medium To Articulate Every Shade Of Joy And Sorrow, Love And Longing, Hope And Despair. Bollywood Melodies Traces The Evolution Of The Hindi Film Song To Its Present

Status As The Cultural Barometer Of The Country, Through An Evaluation Of The Work Of Over Fifty Outstanding Composers, Singers And Lyricists—From K.L. Saigal To Sonu Nigam, Naushad To A.R. Rahman, Sahir Ludhianvi To Javed Akhtar. Placing The Song In The Social Context Of The Times, Ganesh Anantharaman Looks At The Influences That Shaped It In Each Era: Rabindra Sangeet In The 1930S, The Folk-Inspired 1940S, The Classical Strains Of The Following Decade And The Advent Of Western Beats In The Late 1960S. The Author Also Chronicles The Decline Of Music In Hindi Films Over The Next Twenty Years Before A New Crop Of Musicians And Singers Gave The Film Song A New Lease Of Life. Erudite Yet Lively, And Including Insightful Interviews With Icons Like Lata Mangeshkar, Dev Anand, Gulzar, Manna Dey And Pyarelal, Bollywood Melodies Is Not Only A Treasure Trove Of Information For Music Lovers But Also An Invaluable Guide To Understanding The Nation’S Enduring Love Affair With The Hindi Film Song.

Widely regarded as one of the most important figures in Indian (and more specifically Bengali) literary history, Rabindranath Tagore was the first Indian—indeed, the first person outside Europe—to win the Nobel Prize in Literature, largely in recognition of his “spiritual offering of songs,” *Gitanjali*. Tagore himself translated the poems from the original Bengali, taking many liberties in the process. His English translation is rightly recognized as a work distinct from the Bengali original, consisting of major revisions, many elisions, and many poems

originally published in other collections. Tagore's lyrical simplicity, vivid imagery, and themes of nature, spirituality, death, and transcendence combine to produce a truly unique, powerfully moving work of thoughtful beauty. For many who read it, Tagore's words in Song XCVI ring true: "What I have seen is unsurpassable. I have tasted of the hidden honey of this lotus that expands on the ocean of light, and thus I am blessed." This book is part of the Standard Ebooks project, which produces free public domain ebooks. In This Book 102 Of His Most Popular Songs From All Categories Have Been Translated In The Same End Rhyme As In The Original Bengali. Songs Can Not Be Translated From One Language To Another As Songs; Songs Are Specific To A People And Its Culture. These Translations Are To Be Enjoyed As Lyrical Poems. They All Sing. The Language Is Simple, The Images Are Familiar But The Thoughts Are Deep, And Touch All Sensitive Hearts. That Was Rabindranath'S Genius. Indian cinema teems with a multitude of different voices. The Directory of World Cinema: India provides a broad overview of this rich variety, highlighting distinctions among India's major cinematic genres and movements while illuminating the field as a whole. This volume's contributors—many of them leading experts in the fields—approach film in India from a variety of angles, furnishing in-depth essays on significant directors and major regions; detailed historical accounts; considerations of the many faces of India represented in Indian cinema; and explorations of films made in and about India by European directors including Jean Renoir,

Peter Brook, and Powell and Pressburger. Taken together, these multifaceted contributions show how India's varied local film industries throw into question the very concept of a national cinema. The resulting volume will provide a comprehensive introduction for newcomers to Indian cinema while offering a fresh perspective sure to interest seasonal students and scholars.

FLUTE FOR EVERYONE is designed in such a way that, readers across the world will be able to start in Flute / Bansuri, learn to play prelims, songs and gain interest in Classical Music. Goal is Read, Listen, Play & Learn. Notations are available in both Indian & Sheet Music. Step by step guidance is provided on holding the flute, first time blowing, playing the preliminary notes in multiple octaves, playing with beats & rhythm and then enter to play various world famous songs starting from Happy Birthday To You, Twinkle Twinkle, We shall Overcome, Do a Deer, Jamaican Farewell, Auld Lang Syne. Greatest advantage of this book is that, both notations are provided here - Indian Convention and Sheet Music. Music files are embedded in Kindle Ebook edition. Most of the songs are chosen in such a way that one can learn step by step on Rhythm, Gaps, beats and play methodically. This Book touches on Golden Era Bollywood Hindi Songs, Tagore Song, Bhajans and finally learning the classical ragas in Flute. There is no age barrier to start on the learning. Golden time with Musical Maestros & picturize of life of musicians &

composers. The Flute & Meditation section enters the world of positive vibes. Before jumping into course, the book will touch you on the brief history of Flute / Bansuri specifically how Pt. Pannalal Ghosh brings flute from the hand of cowherds into a classical instrument. The making of Bansuri is demonstrated from Guruji's words with the detailed steps to visualize the struggle to create a good quality Flute. Next step is to purchase a flute and this book will help you to choose your flute based on the years of playing experience. The Music Course is designed for the learners to get interest in Flute / Bansuri. With the interest of learner, they can finish the topics in 60 days to 6 month to complete. Music course is prepared starting from Holding the Flute, Prelims on the notes, Learn to play double notes at a time, triple notes at a time, 4 notes at a time, learn to pause for Gaps and gradually the notation systems are introduced. Learning Taal is an important factor in music and the learner can play in a Rhythm of various beats like 6 beat (Dadra), 8 beat (Kaharwa) and gradually in 16 beat (Tintal). Once learner can play with Rhythm, then the simple songs all are introduced. Finally the Ragas are introduced. Over the course, 5 Ragas are given with detailed notations, Alaap, Bandish, Antara, Taan and sample Tihai. The Ragas are composed in such a way that the entire musical verse can be practiced as well as performed in a function. For the simplistic

progression of Raga in Flute, Ragas are given in most scientific learning order such as Raga Hamsadhwani, Raga Durga, Raga Bilaval, Raga Mand and Raga Bhupali. After every chapter, next steps are mentioned for the learner. For example, Raga Yaman or Raga Desh can be the next steps once learner completes the above 5 Ragas. After the course material, Musical Workshop, Demonstration & Function are illustrated from the Musical Diaries of last performance. In addition to Flute, several Musical instruments such as Guitar, Violin, Banjo, Piano, Harmonica, Tabla are introduced in the workshop & demonstrated to the new students. After that, research topics are discussed on Flute such as - Flute & Meditation, Improvisation to 8 Hole Classical E Flute. Anyone loves music, will get interest on the stories from Musical diaries and the advance topics. Hence, Plenty of learning content as well as musical stories are covered in the Edition 1. Please provide your valuable feedback, suggestions, corrections and keep in touch. Let us know if you are interested in online / classroom courses with certification in Flute, Violin, Mandolin, Guitar, Keyboard, Sarod, Ukulele etc. Hope readers will enjoy reading, practicing and be part of the musical journey.

Report of the Film Seminar, held at Delhi on 27th February 1955.

How does a 40+ young man bring up his dad? What

happens when a strictly vegetarian Tam-Brahm marries a strictly non-vegetarian Bengali? Can the years vanish when Ruhani returns to the same place to relive a moment frozen decades ago? The short stories here are not about some other world and other people. It is about you and me. Who knows, you may find yourself in the book!

The Poems Included In This Book Have Been Composed Over A Period Of As Many As Sixty Years, The First As Early As 1881 And The Last Barely A Week Before The Poet'S Death In 1941. The Poems Illustrate An Astounding Variety Of Interests And A Great Imaginative Sweep. A Number Of Manuscripts Pages And Twenty Colour Reproductions Of Rabindranath'S Paintings Add To The Value Of This New Edition.

On the works of Bi. Put??sv?mayya, b. 1897,
Kannada author.

This English translation of Santidev Ghosh's Rabindrasangeet Vichitra makes an in-depth study of the music of Rabindranath Tagore.

This book delves into varied aspects of the history of Bengal and North east situated within a time frame of more than a hundred years, from the colonial times to the present. The individual essays deal with ideas, literary texts, politics, gender, industries, culture, health, sports and tribal issues relevant to these regions. Probing health issues in the colonial period the volume also explains the development of

the modern coal industry on the one hand and the survival of the traditional potter's craft on the other. The significance of traditional healing practices is dwelt upon as also the question of female health and dissemination of knowledge. The pen-picture of the happenings at the bathing ghat reveals the vibrant rural social life of the times. The modernization of the theatre gives a glimpse into the cultural ethos. The institutionalization of sports is examined. Analysis of contemporary cinema throws light on the perception of a woman's position in society. As the reader travels from Bengal to the North-East, the impact of missionary activities on tribal life is revealed. The tribals' search for identity is explored. The issues of peace, security and the interests of independent India are also dissected. This volume would be indispensable for scholars of literature, history, film studies, political science and contemporary studies in South Asia. Please note: Taylor & Francis does not sell or distribute the Hardback in India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka

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State Broadcasting Service, Bombay, started on 22 december, 1935 and was the successor to the Indian Radio Times in english, which was published beginning in July 16 of 1927. From 22 August, 1937 onwards, it used to published by All India Radio, New Delhi. In 1950, it was turned into a weekly journal. Later, The Indian listener became "Akashvani" (English) in January 5, 1958. It was made a fortnightly again on July 1, 1983. NAME OF THE JOURNAL: Akashvani LANGUAGE OF THE JOURNAL: English DATE, MONTH & YEAR OF PUBLICATION: 03/05/1959 PERIODICITY OF THE JOURNAL: Weekly NUMBER OF PAGES: 46 VOLUME NUMBER: Vol. XXIV, No. 18. BROADCAST PROGRAMME SCHEDULE PUBLISHED(PAGE NOS): 2, 6-38, 44,45 ARTICLE: 1. Measuring Intelligence 2. Books For Villages 3. Mughal Gardens Of Kashmir 4. Rabindranath As A Letter--Writer 5. During My Life Time 6. On Hebbar's Art 7. The International Geophysical Year AUTHOR: 1. Dr. W. T. V. Adiseshiah 2. Victor S. Muthiah 3. Prof. M. Mujeeb 4. Dilip Kumar Roy 5. Dr. R. P. Paranjpe 6. A. S. Raiman 7. K. S. Krishnan KEYWORDS : The differences, insight unreliable Self-help, practical ends Garden's character, static picture, means of exaltation, verinag Chhinna Patra, subtle nuances, remarkable similes, how gracefully Urbanization, women's education, religious hold, minor matters Amrita sher-gil, neo-primitive, first contact, individuality Quite unexpected, work in india, favourable review Document ID : APE-1958 (J-J) Vol-1-18 Prasar Bharati Archives has the copyright in all matter published in this and other AIR journals. For reproduction previous permission is essential. The Kabuliwala sells his wares in the streets of Calcutta, thinking of his little daughter who awaits him in faraway Afghanistan, an elderly stranger charms a group of unruly schoolboys who try to harass him. The lady of wishes passes by just as a father wishes he was his son and his son wishes

he was the father-these stories-both commonplace and wildly imaginative are told with charming simplicity by the Nobel Prize Laureate in Literature. This book is the perfect introduction for younger readers to the magical world of Rabindranath Tagore.

The work of Rabindranath Tagore-poet, dramatist, novelist, short story writer, philosopher, and educationist - represents the intense flowering of Bengali into a modern language. This comprehensive volume comprising over three hundred of his song-poems in translation includes lyrics from all sections of Gitabitan, the definitive collection of Rabindranath's songs. Tagore's English Writings Originals And Translations Have Not Received The Attention That They Deserve. The Purpose Of This Edition Is To Make The English Writings Of Tagore Available To The Widest Possible Range Of Readers Interested In The Writings Of Tagore All Over The World, With Just The Bare, Minimum Information Necessary For Appreciating The Writings, And Leave The Critical Assessment To The Readers Themselves. There May Be Two Possible Reasons For The Neglect Of Tagore's English Writings. Firstly, Tagore's Prolific Output, Shakespearean Felicity And Protean Plasticity As A Bengali Poet, Who, Though Well-Versed In English, Chose To Write In The Medium Of His Mother Tongue For Nearly The First Fifty Years Of His Life, And There Is Hardly Any Literary Form That He Did Not Touch Upon And Turn Into Gold. His Creative Genius Found Expression In Poems, Plays, Novels, Essays, Short Stories, Satirical Pieces, Textbooks For Children, And Songs Of All Kinds. The Only Literary Form That He Did Not Try Is Epic. But In His Long, Eventful And Creative Eighty Years Of Life He Virtually Lived An Epic. It Is Largely Due To His Mighty Stature As A Bengali Poet That Nobody Really Bothered About His English Writings And His Own Translations Of His Own Writings. Secondly, It Is Owing

To The Supposedly Poor Quality Of His Translations Subsequent To The Translation Of Gitanjali. It Was Only After Tagore Received The Nobel Prize For Literature In 1913 That There Was A Growing Demand For His Writings In The West, And As Tagore Was Not Apparently Satisfied By The Translations That Others Mainly His Admirers Made, He Began To Translate His Writings Himself. But The Tremendous Haste With Which He Had To Translate, Possibly Affected The Quality Of Translations. Come What May, The Point Is Whether Tagore S English Translations Are Good Or Bad, Whether The Translation Furthered His Reputation Or Damaged It, Is Immaterial. The Fact Of The Matter Is That They Are His, And His Own Translation Of Whatever Quality It May Be Is More Valuable To A Tagore Lover Than The Best Translation Made By Somebody Else, As Van Gogh S One Original Single Scratch Is More Valuable Than The Best Possible Copy By Some Other Artist. The Value Of Tagore S English Writings Lies Here : They Constitute An Important Part Of His Total Oeuvre, Add A New Magnificent Dimension To It And Offer Us A Glimpse Into The Mystique Of The Creative Anxiety That Could Have Haunted Even The Greatest Writer Of The Twentieth Century, About His Possible Reception In An Alien Culture.

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Divinity is a goal, a process, and an end in itself. The spiritual experiences of author Acarya Parameshvarananda Avadhuta,

recounted in *Divine Experiences*, tell of this wondrous journey to divinity, a journey taken by both the disciple and the guru. Acarya Parameshvarananda's mystical experiences offer proof of a hidden world beyond matter, a world of light and indescribable bliss, a divine world beyond anything mortals have known. In *Divine Experiences*, he shares his fascinating spiritual journey—a gripping account of his titanic struggles against the many tests, trials, and tribulations on the path and his victory in attaining the highest spiritual realizations. An extraordinary account of an extraordinary spiritual aspirant, this collection of memoirs takes us on an extraordinary journey beyond common experience. Investigating the inner world of mysticism and spirituality, *Divine Experiences* shares Acarya Parameshvarananda's spiritual experiences with spiritual aspirants and those with an interest in mysticism. Every human is born with multifarious potential. Why, then, do parents, schools and employers insist that we restrict our many talents and interests; that we 'specialise' in just one? We've been sold a myth, that to 'specialise' is the only way to pursue truth, identity, or even a livelihood. Yet specialisation is nothing but an outdated system that fosters ignorance, exploitation and disillusionment and thwarts creativity, opportunity and progress. Following a series of exchanges with the world's greatest historians, futurists, philosophers and scientists, Waqas Ahmed has weaved together a narrative of history and a vision for the future that seeks to disrupt this prevailing system of unwarranted 'hyper-specialisation.' In *The Polymath*, Waqas shows us that there is another way of thinking and being. Through an approach that is both philosophical and practical, he sets out a cognitive journey towards reclaiming your innate polymathic state. Going further, he proposes nothing less than a cultural revolution in our education and professional structures, whereby everyone is encouraged to express themselves in

multiple ways and fulfil their many-sided potential. Not only does this enhance individual fulfilment, but in doing so, facilitates a conscious and creative society that is both highly motivated and well equipped to address the complexity of 21st century challenges.

This book is a serious study of the situation in the Northeast— and that includes Bangladesh. And no better man could have been found to write about the area and its people than Sanjoy Hazarika. What sets the book apart is its focus on migrants not as just numbers but people for whom border crossing is an inevitable necessity.

This comprehensive reference volume covers every country in South and Central Asia, offering reliable demographic information and original interpretative essays by indigenous scholars and practitioners. It maps patterns of growth and decline, assesses major traditions and movements, analyses key themes and examines current trends.

Part memoir, part oral testimony, part eyewitness account, Binodini's *The Maharaja's Household* provides a unique and engrossingly intimate view of life in the erstwhile royal household of Manipur in northeast India. It brings to life stories of kingdoms long vanished, and is an important addition to the untold histories of the British Raj. Maharaj Kumari Binodini Devi, or Binodini as she preferred to be known, published *The Maharaja's Household* as a series of essays between 2002 and 2007 for an avid newspaper-reading public in Manipur. Already celebrated in Manipur for her award-winning novel, short stories and film scripts that had brought her

to the attention of international followers of world cinema, Binodini entranced her readers anew with her stories of royal life, told from a woman's point of view and informed by a deep empathy for the common people in her father's gilded circle. Elephant hunts, polo matches and Hindu temple performances form the backdrop for palace intrigues, colonial rule and White Rajahs. With gentle humour, piquant observations and heartfelt nostalgia, Binodini evokes a lifestyle and an era that is now lost. Her book paints a portrait of the household of a king that only a princess – his daughter – could have written. Published by Zubaan.

India's Rabindranath Tagore was the first Asian Nobel Laureate and possibly the most prolific and diverse serious writer ever known. The largest single volume of his work available in English, this collection includes poetry, songs, autobiographical works, letters, travel writings, prose, novels, short stories, humorous pieces, and plays.

This study traces the musical development of the Hindi film song from the beginning of Indian sound film in 1931 to the present day, with an emphasis on the years 1931-55. Based largely on fieldwork carried out within the Bombay film industry in 1982-83, this dissertation addresses questions that relate to musical as well as cultural, social, historical, and technological aspects of this popular song genre. The study examines the unique role of Hindi film song both in Indian musical culture--as an integral component of the commercial Hindi film and as the major form of native, mass-mediated popular music--and in Indian culture and society in general. It

further explores the cultural, historical, and musical forces that have combined to produce this extraordinarily popular music. The organization of chapters reflects a chronological approach to the history of Hindi film song. The first chapter deals with the transition from silent to sound film. Film sound production in the 1930s, the subject of Chapter 2, includes discussion of the new roles of film music director, film actor-singer and film musician, and the film studio structure, in addition to musical analysis of early Hindi film songs. Chapter 3 focuses on the revolutionary changeover from actor-singer to playback singer, enabled by technological advances. The fourth chapter describes the transition from film studios to independent film producers in the 1940s-early 1950s, with the establishment of 'formulas' and the emergence of an identifiable mainstream Hindi film song form, and also surveys the film gawwali/, bhajan, gazal, folk song, and thumri/. Chapter 5 turns to post Indian Independence (1947) developments: the 'golden age of melody, ' the expansion of the film orchestra, the increasingly eclectic film song composition, and the impact of technology and commercialization. Chapter 6 summarizes the changes that have taken place since the mid 1950s, including the rise of a 'parallel' or 'New Wave' cinema. The last chapter draws together the particular combination of musical, historical, and cultural forces behind the creation and production of Hindi film song, and assesses the role of this popular music in 20th-century Indian music, culture, and society.

A philosophical anthropology of everyday experience,

this book is also a deeply informed and thought-provoking reflection on the work of cultural critique. *States of Exception* looks into a community of immigrants from India living in southern New Jersey--a group to whom the author, as a daughter of two of its members, enjoyed unprecedented access. Her position allows Keya Ganguly to approach the culture of a middle-class group (albeit one that is marginalized by racial prejudice), while the group's relatively comfortable and protected style of life offers unusual insight into the concept of the everyday and the sense in which a seemingly commonplace existence can be understood as in crisis: a state of exception. Thus, Ganguly draws on the work of the Frankfurt School, particularly Walter Benjamin and Theodor Adorno, to explore the possibilities of a dialectical critique of the everyday--a state of exception informing ordinary yet crisis-ridden narratives of the self under late capitalism.

India's global proximities derive in good measure from its struggle against British imperialism. In its efforts to become a nation, India turned modern in its own unusual way. At the heart of this metamorphosis was a "colourful cosmopolitanism," the unique manner in which India made the world its neighbourhood. The most creative thinkers and leaders of that period reimagined diverse horizons. They collaborated not only in widespread anti-colonial struggles but also in articulating the vision of alter-globalization, universalism, and cosmopolitanism. This book, in revealing this dimension, offers new and original interpretations of figures such as Kant, Tagore, Heidegger, Gandhi, Aurobindo, Gebser, Kosambi,

Narayan, Ezekiel, and Spivak. It also analyses cultural and aesthetic phenomena, from the rasa theory to Bollywood cinema, explaining how Indian ideas, texts, and cultural expressions interacted with a wider world and contributed to the making of modern India.

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The story of an accomplished group of Women who, more than any others, moulded Bengal's distinct ethos. The Tagore family has long been the focus of public curiosity. Like its men, the women of this illustrious family have had a great and enduring influence on the life and people of Bengal. *Women of the Tagore Household* portrays several generations of connoisseurs, aesthetes and lovers of literature who were nurtured under the umbrella of cultural richness and spiritual freedom that the extended family provided. We meet Rabindranath's wife Mrinalini and his sister-in-law Kadambari, who had considerable influence on the young poet; the progressive Jnandanandini who sailed alone to England in the nineteenth century, presenting to ordinary women a vision of courage and daring; and Sushama, who broke out of the confines of music, literature and culinary arts to tread the path of women's empowerment. This book reveals hitherto unknown aspects of women's emancipation in Bengal in which the women of the Jorasanko Tagore family were at the forefront—Chandramukhi and Kadambini were the first two female graduates of India, Protiva opened up music and dramatics to women by preparing musical notations for Brahmo sangeet and Hindustani classical music, and Pragya's prefaces to her cookbooks are still considered storehouses of not only recipes but also homemaking skills. This engaging narrative, spanning over three hundred years, highlights the Tagores' influence on the Bengal Renaissance

and brings out the special role the Tagore women played in Bengali history and culture.

Gitanjali, the book of poems for which Tagore was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913, was in fact a collection of songs. Much of what Tagore experienced-joy and frustration, grief and devastation-was expressed through music, and during his lifetime, Tagore was most renowned for his songwriting. The distinction of his musical oeuvre lay in the near-perfect balance he achieved between the evocative lyrics, the matching melody and the rhythmic structure in which each song was bound. *The Singer and His Song* is a unique biography of Tagore with music as its leitmotif. It traces the musical journey of the poet with anecdotes and allusions, and includes translations of some of his most resonant songs. Written in elegant prose and accompanied by relevant photographs and paintings, this highly original book is a fitting tribute to Tagore's enduring musical legacy.

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