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The first novel by the first tribal novelist of south India, Kocharethi maps the story of the Malayarayar tribe in Kerala. Melding history with culture, the work portrays their many struggles: from possession and dispossession of land to the challenges of preserving myths, rituals, social customs, and belief systems.

Life hasn't been kind to Harper Evans. The small-town gossip about her dead dad and drug-addicted mother has taken its toll. But when her mother is admitted to a long-term rehab facility a few hours away, Harper sees her chance for a fresh start. A shoebox apartment above a Chinese restaurant isn't exactly the escape she dreamed of, but she makes it work. With limited funds and no social life, she views her new city through a dusty old pair of binoculars. There's no harm in looking. Just a peek and I'll stop. Harper finds her new pastime quickly turning into a full-fledged obsession. She begins falling for a man she doesn't know-has never met-as she watches him have sex through the window of his apartment. Daydreaming about what it would be like if she were one of his conquests. We all reach a point when watching isn't enough-when we can no longer just be a spectator in our own life. That's when it's supposed to get good, right? When we take control and go after what we want. But what happens when it all blows up in our face and we're left with less than nothing? What then?

This Collection Of Essays Is Meant To Be A Survey Of The Novel In Twelve Major Indian Languages During The Period 1950 To 1980. While Seeking To Bring Into Focus The Major Trends And Tendencies That Characterise The Growth Of The Novel In These Languages, The Book Attempts To Explore The Traditions Being Established In Indian Novel Today And The New Directions The Novel Is Likely To Take In Our Languages. Gobinda Prasad Sarma Convincingly Shows How The Assamese Novel Reflects The Assamese Society And How Experimentation With New Techniques Has Widened The Horizons Of Assamese Novel: And K. Sivathamby, Through A Brilliant Analysis Of The Interconnection Between The Societal Factors And Development Of The Novel, Portrays The Rise Of The Tamil Novel To New Heights During The Period. While I. K. Sharma Shows How Hindi Novel Has Passed Imperceptibly From The Wonderland Of Fancy To The Hinterland Of Society And The Borderland Of Psyche , Shyamala A. Narayan Predicts A Bright Future For Indian English Novel On The Basis Of Her Assessment Of Such Writers As Mulk Raj Anand, R. K. Narayan, Raja Rao, Manohar Malgonkar, Anita Desai And Arun Joshi. Jatindra Kumar Nayak Brings Out The Tension In Post-Independent Oriya Novel Between The Idealism Of The Freedom Struggle And The Values Of A Commercial Society; K. M. Tharakan Describes The Rich Complexity Hints At The Possibility Of A Blend Of Post-Modernist And Leftist Trends: And Ila Pathak Shows How In Gujrati The Traditional Novel And The Experimental Novel Are Growing Side By Side. To Lila Ray, Who Traces The Diverse Trends In Bengali Novel, The Most Remarkable Change Is In The Political Novel; But To Prabhakar Rao, Who Describes The Wide Range Of Exploration In Telugu Novel, The Telugu Novelist Appears Unable To Rise Above The Mediocre . Narinder Singh Sees Punjabi Novel At The Take -Off Stage But Gives A Word Of Caution Against The Increasing Use Of Colloquial Dialect By The Novelists; Seshagiri Rao Traces The Traditions Established In Kannada Novel By The Writers Of The Navodaya Period, Navya Period And The Progressive Movement. Finally, Balachandra Nemade, In His Inimitable Style, Anatomizes The Positive And Negative Trends In The Growth Of Marathi Novel And Gives A Passionate Call To Revolutionise Criticism And Cure Marathi Of Its Present Poverty Of Taste . This Book Is A Gateway To The Edifice Of Contemporary Indian Novel. The unmaking of a hero Madhavan Pillai, a freedom fighter of renown in pre-independence years, now a penniless alcoholic, awaits an anonymous death, while his protegee Ramettan helplessly witnesses the downfall of his idol. Just over two decades ago, Ramettan was a young college student in awe of the daring revolutionary who was everybody's hero...but today

he buys Madhavan Pillai his daily hooch and makes futile rounds of the government secretariat trying to get his mentor five cents of land—his dying wish. As the story unfolds, it is discovered that the same patch of land is coveted by somebody else who is closer to the Revenue Minister; the only thing that could make a difference is a personal request to the minister by the ailing freedom fighter, but despite Ramettan's urgings Pillai refuses to bend and ask for a favour....Five Cents of Land, by one of Kerala's most respected authors, takes an unsparing look at what we are left with when dreams die and romantic notions fail, and forces us into accepting the futility of convictions and the inevitability of compromise. Translated from the Malayalam by R. Viswanathan

Experience the first "outrageous adventure with a wild dose of the supernatural" (Clive Cussler, New York Times bestselling author) in the New York Times bestselling Atlantis trilogy, following archeologist Conrad Yeats, his father, and linguist Serena Serghetti as they search for the lost city of Atlantis. During a top secret dig in Antarctica, the United States government discovers a stunning and ancient secret: the legendary lost city of Atlantis. Dr. Conrad Yeats, the foremost authority on megalithic architecture, is brought in along with his estranged father, General Griffin Yeats, and his former lover, the linguist Serena Serghetti, to explore this astonishing civilization hidden beneath the ice. But their investigation uncovers something shocking that threatens the very existence of humanity and together, they are thrust into a deadly race against the apocalypse. "Raising Atlantis grabs hold of you from the first page and pulls you into an astonishing world of scientific fact and fiction, suspense, and good old-fashioned adventure" (Nelson DeMille, New York Times bestselling author). Visit the official Raising Atlantis website at [RaisingAtlantis.com](http://RaisingAtlantis.com) to unlock lost chapters and download free ebooks featuring Conrad Yeats and Serena Serghetti.

One fateful day, Deepti vanishes mysteriously. Baffled by her disappearance and consumed with grief, Prakash, her husband, loses his eyesight. For Prakash, the inexplicable loss of his wife is doubly painful because she was pregnant with their child. And no amount of consolation can bring him solace in the years that ensue. Into this void steps Rajani, a woman with a tormented past. Despite her initial disdain of Prakash, she steadily finds herself drawn to him. And although an intense desire brings them together, Prakash is unable to give Rajani the love she craves just as he is powerless to dispel the luminous memory of Deepti. But where will this grave obsession lead? The Unseeing Idol of Light is a haunting tale that explores love and loss, blindness and sight, obsession and suffering—and the poignant interconnections between them.

Ca??ampi Swami, 1853-1924, Hindu sage and social reformer from Kerala, India.

This special e-edition combines all three print volumes of the collected enduring legends of Kerala in the Aithiyamaala, the garland of legends. Yakshis, gandharvas, gods and demi-gods. Famous poets and learned Ayurvedic doctors. Magicians, conceited kings and Kalari gurus. Faithful, intelligent elephants and their fatherly mahouts. A vibrant and diverse cast of characters brings to life the ancient stories. The original collection of 126 tales, were documented over 25 years and written in the 1900s by Kottaaraththil Sankunni. These stories of well-known figures in Kerala folklore were first published in Bhashaposhini, the renowned Malayalam literary magazine. This edition of 50 stories, meticulously curated and translated by Leela James, transports you to the magical world of history, myth and fantasy of more than 100 years ago. Wisdom and vice, revenge and loyalty, imagination and fact, faith and superstition are intricately intertwined to create a collector's edition for lovers of legends, Malayalam folklore and Indian literature.

A novel

'An epic novel'—Outlook When twenty-two-year-old Chetna Grddha Mullick is appointed the first woman executioner in India, assistant and successor to her father, her life explodes under the harsh lights of television cameras. When the day of the execution arrives, will she bring

herself to take a life?

Naalukettu: The House Around the Courtyard is the story of a young boy, Appunni, set in a matrilineal Nair joint family (a taravad) in the author's native village, Kudallur. Fascinated with accounts of the prestigious Naalukettu taravad from which his mother was expelled, Appunni visits the house only to be despised and rejected by all. Appunni grows up to earn enough money and returns to buy his ancestral home, but his victory soon turns into ashes when his father's murderer turns out to be the same man who was the only sympathetic adult in Appunni's lonely teenage years.

A restlessness born of guilt and despair leads Ravi to embark on a journey that ends in the remote village of Khasak in the picturesque Palghat countryside in Kerala. A land from the past, potent with dreams and legends, enfolds the traveller in a powerful and unsettling embrace. Ravi is bewitched and entranced as everything around him—the villagers; their children whom he teaches in a makeshift school; the elders who see him as a threat; the toddy-tappers; the shamans—takes on the quality of myth. And then reality, painful and threatening, begins to intrude on the sojourner's resting place and Ravi begins to understand that there is no escape from the relentless dictates of karma... Often poetic and dark, always complex and rich, *The Legends of Khasak*, O.V. Vijayan's much-acclaimed first novel, translated into English by the author, is an extraordinary achievement

This is a novel of epic magnitude, unfolds the history of Kuttanad over two centuries mainly through the tragic and tragi-comic narratives of several families through several generations, tracing its evolution from a feudal society to its present state. Scores of characters are vividly brought to life as the novel progresses. Some of the inset tales have a hunting quality about them. *Kayar* is polyphonic work in which realism, fantasy, legend and mythology blend together into a mosaic to make it a great epic of Kerala. 'Takes the Malayalam novel to new heights and fresh possibilities.' - *The Hindu* When Peter Jeevanandam arrives in Sri Lanka to shoot a movie about a human rights activist ostensibly murdered by the LTTE, the government is more than willing to help. What they don't know is that he is also searching for Sugandhi - an LTTE member, and the love of his life. As Peter stumbles upon and becomes part of a plot to kill the president, reality, history, myth and fiction collide in explosive, illuminating ways. *Sugandhi Alias Andal Devanayaki* is a daring novel that portrays the violence inherent in both fascism and revolution. Winner of the 2017 Vayalar Award and the Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award.

This book analyses how multiple and hybrid 'modernities' have been shaped in colonial and postcolonial India from the lens of sociology and anthropology, literature, media and cultural studies, law and political economy. It discusses the ideas that shaped these modernities as well as the lived experience and practice of these modernities. The two broad foci in this book are: (a) The dynamism of modern institutions in India, delineating the specific ways in which ideas of modernity have come to define these institutions and how institutional innovations have shaped modernities; and (b) perspectives on everyday practices of modernities and the cultural constituents of being modern. This book provides an enriching read by bringing together original papers from diverse disciplines and from renowned as well as upcoming scholars.

Ann Marie reads fragments of her dead husband's unfinished book, and the many love letters he sent her, and in them the social and political events of the time. As she ponders over the writing and the years that the brilliant Jithendran squandered working for a toy company that makes drum-playing monkeys, the narrative gives way to the sweeping saga of a village by the river Periyar. Grappling with issues of equality, love, caste, religion and politics, *Thachanakkara* is a microcosm of twentieth-century Kerala. Told through the history of three generations of a feudal Nair family, this sprawling story is reminiscent of the craft of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *One Hundred Years of Solitude* and has the scale of Sunil Gangopadhyay's

Those Days. Manushyanu Oru Amukham is an artistic meditation on human existence and is a contemporary classic.

This book foregrounds practices and discourses of 'translation' in several non-Western traditions. Translation Studies currently reflects the historiography and concerns of Anglo-American and European scholars, overlooking the full richness of translational activities and diverse discourses. The essays in this book, which generally have a historical slant, help push back the geographical and conceptual boundaries of the discipline. They illustrate how distinctive historical, social and philosophical contexts have shaped the ways in which translational acts are defined, performed, viewed, encouraged or suppressed in different linguistic communities. The volume has a particular focus on the multiple contexts of translation in India, but also encompasses translation in Korea, Japan and South Africa, as well as representations of Sufism in different contexts.

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Have you ever experienced what happens when a porn movie is mistakenly played in front of your grandma and the CD player refuses to stop? Have you ever experienced what happens when mixture of vodka and soft drink is served to hundreds of people gathered for a party? Have you ever experienced what happens when a boy is kicked in the groin by a girl when he attempts to kiss her? Have you ever experienced what happens when a college-going student has an affair with a married woman whose husband carts a gun? Have you ever experienced what happens when you are conspired into a murder that you had merely witnessed?

Welcome to hilarious story of five friends named Raj (the flirt chap), Arti (the sweet female lead), Andy (the creepy leader), and Sam (the biggest problem of Raj's messed up life). These people can answer all the above questions in this fun tickling novel. Are you ready to experience the roller coaster ride of events? If yes, then sit back and enjoy!

A remarkable story about the power of tolerance from one of the most important voices in contemporary Muslim literature, critically acclaimed author Randa Abdel-Fattah. Michael likes to hang out with his friends and play with the latest graphic design software. His parents drag him to rallies held by their anti-immigrant group, which rails against the tide of refugees flooding the country. And it all makes sense to Michael. Until Mina, a beautiful girl from the other side of the protest lines, shows up at his school, and turns out to be funny, smart -- and a Muslim refugee from Afghanistan. Suddenly, his parents' politics seem much more complicated. Mina has had a long and dangerous journey fleeing her besieged home in Afghanistan, and now faces a frigid reception at her new prep school, where she is on scholarship. As tensions rise, lines are drawn. Michael has to decide where he stands. Mina has to protect herself and her family. Both have to choose what they want their world to look like.

Increasingly possessed by a yearning to escape the ennui of an indifferent marriage and the empty but comfortable lifestyle of a bureaucrat, Raghu decides to visit the small patch of ancestral property in his native village. The novel moves between the two worlds the past and the present with pungent, earthy humour and sharp insights.

A classic collection of stories showcasing some of India's best-known writers. After a hesitant start towards the end of the nineteenth century, short fiction in Malayalam came into its own in the 1930s. Since then, writer has experimented with content, style and language to give the genre a unique standing in contemporary Indian literature as perhaps the most translated, not just into English and other Indian languages but also into other media such as film and television. From Vaikom Muhammed Basheer and O. Vijayan to Kamamla Das and Sarah Joesph, this volume brings together an extraordinary range of writers

and themes. There are among others, M.T. Vasudevan Mair's 'Oppol', a story about childhood innocence and loss, which was made into award-winning film, Paul Zacharia's 'Bhaskara Pattelar and my Life' a brilliant psychological examination of the master-slave dialectic; Lalithambika Antherjanam's path-breaking 'Goddess of Revenge' in which a young Namboodiri woman becomes a prostitute to expose the hypocrisy of her husband and their rigidly orthodox community; and N.S. Madhavan's classic story of an upper-caste widow who finds redemption in the forbidden touch of a Pulaya. Translated with flair and integrity, these stories capture the vibrancy of a literary culture at its creative best.

In 1990, Kerala on the southwestern coast has India's lowest infant mortality, longest life expectancy and highest female literacy. India's 'problem state' of the 1950s has become 'the Kerala model'. The collapse of a matrilineal social structure and a rigid caste system contributed to widespread politicization. Women retained a circumscribed but influential position in social life. The result is an instructive analysis for students of politics, development policy and women's issues.

This Volume Contains Poems Culled From Poet's 23 Collections, Translated By Various Hands Over The Last Several Decades, Presenting The Bewildering Variety Of His Oeuvre.

Najeeb's dearest wish is to work in the Gulf and earn enough money to send back home. He achieves his dream only to be propelled by a series of incidents, grim and absurd, into a slave-like existence herding goats in the middle of the Saudi desert. Memories of the lush, verdant landscape of his village and of his loving family haunt Najeeb whose only solace is the companionship of goats. In the end, the lonely young man contrives a hazardous scheme to escape his desert prison. Goat Days was published to acclaim in Malayalam and became a bestseller. One of the brilliant new talents of Malayalam literature, Benjamin's wry and tender telling transforms this strange and bitter comedy of Najeeb's life in the desert into a universal tale of loneliness and alienation.

Return of the Yakshi is a story of friendship, idealism, love and a brief but violent revolution that was followed by the passing of land reform legislation in Kerala. It explores the psyche of "Urban Naxals" who get involved in dangerous activities labelled as "seditious" at the risk of their lives. Although the story is complete fiction, it has a historical setting where the author has taken creative liberties with incidents, characters, dates and sequence of events. With the prospect of the declaration of Emergency in 1975, the protagonist, Suresh, is forced to leave Kerala and travel to Pamban Island located between India and Sri Lanka, living in exile till 1977. The story suggests a scenario involving a highly probable nexus between the Naxals of Kerala, the LTTE in Sri Lanka and the ivory smuggler, Veerappan. The story highlights the helplessness of the tribals of Kerala against the might of the State that appropriated their forests, while the LTTE used "asymmetrical" warfare and suicide bombers to fight for their homeland.

A step-by-step approach to drawing various animals, insects, and fish, including

lions, penguins, and spiders.

Pandavapuram The paramours of Pandavapuram- they are the real nuisance/nightmare of all new brides who come there for their dream life. The Goddess who sits in the sanctum like a real brightening Indian bride always safeguards the innocent brides of Pandavapuram Will she continue her protection ? Mr. Sethu who is author of several best sellers like Adyaksharangal, Adayalangal, Marupiravi, Aramathe Penkutty etc doubts, Are these brides longing for a right to have more than one husband? In this new era of life; Do all our brides want to imitate Draupadi who had a legal consent for polygamy? Can't they be satisfied with one husband? The curious readers can go through a real mysterious fiction and they will surely enjoy the book with a different feeling

A Superb Collection Of Fiction From One Of India S Greatest Living Writers Some Of The Stories Included In This Collection Are: -The Legends Of Khasak -The Saga Of Dharmapuri -The Infinity Of Grace O.V. Vijayan Is One Of The Most Brilliant And Original Of The Contemporary Indian Authors. His Fiction, Written In Malayalam, Is Complex And Poetic, A Sumptuous Blend Of Myth, Dark Humour, Eroticism, Mystical Insights And A Uniquely Indian Brand Of Magic Realism. This Collection Brings Together For The First Time All Four Of Vijayan S Books Translated Into English So Far. In His Much-Acclaimed First Novel The Legends Of Khasak , Ravi, A Schoolteacher, Arrives In The Remote Village Of Khasak And Is Gradually Engulfed By The Dreams And Fables Of That Ancient Land. In The Controversial Political Allegory The Saga Of Dharmapuri , The Tyrannical President Of Dharmapuri And Siddhaatha, A Travelling Mystic And Messiah, Engage In An Unending Symbolic Battle. In The Award-Winning The Infinity Of Grace , Kunjunni, A Journalist, Goes To Calcutta To Cover The Bangladesh War, And Attempts To Reconnect With His Estranged Wife And Daughter Who Live There. Through The Personal Trauma That Follows, He Arrives At A Transcendental Understanding Of Life And The Harmony Implicit In Apparently Chaotic Events. The Final Section Of This Volume Comprises Twenty-One Short Stories-Which Include Classics Such As After The Hanging , Oil , Wind Flowers , Anachronisms And The Foetus . Together, They Bear Testimony To Vijayan S Skills As An Unusually Innovative And Evocative Writer Of Romances, Parables And Tales Of The Supernatural. A Definitive Collection, Selected Fiction Is Like A Good Piece Of Halwa. You Ll Never Want It To End. And By The Time You Re Through With It You Will Be A Member Of The Vijayan Fan Club. -The Week

This book studies the hitherto overlooked genre of horror cinema in India. It uncovers some unique and diverse themes that these films deal with, including the fear of the unknown, the supernatural, occult practices, communication with spirits of the deceased, ghosts, reincarnation, figures of vampires, zombies, witches and transmutations of human beings into non-human forms such as werewolves. It focusses on the construction of feminine and masculine subjectivities in select horror films across seven major languages – Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Bangla, Marathi and Malayalam. The author shows that the alienation of the body and bodily functions through the medium of the horror film serves to deconstruct stereotypes of caste, class, gender and anthropocentrism. Some riveting insights emerge thus, such as the masculinist undertow of the possession narrative and how complex structures of

resistance accompany the anxieties of culture via the dread of laughter. This original account of Indian cinematic history is accessible yet strongly analytical and includes an exhaustive filmography. The book will interest scholars and researchers in film studies, media and cultural studies, art, popular culture and performance, literature, gender, sociology, South Asian studies, practitioners, filmmakers as well as cinephiles. Novel based on social themes.

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