

## Oru Puliymarathin Kathai

Wily old women, a clever nanny goat, a helpful snake, a boy who becomes invisible, a sorcerer king ... Peopled with extraordinary beings - both real and magical, human and divine, animal and demon - this is a charming collection of folktales that has humour, fantasy and adventure in equal measure. Retold in a lively, contemporary style, there's humour, adventure and amazing flights of fantasy in these stories. The quirky illustrations add to the charm of this collection.

Still considered one of the best books ever written about bullfighting, *Death in the Afternoon* is an impassioned look at the sport by one of its true aficionados. It reflects Hemingway's conviction that bullfighting was more than mere sport and reveals a rich source of inspiration for his art. The unrivaled drama of bullfighting, with its rigorous combination of athleticism and artistry, and its requisite display of grace under pressure, ignited Hemingway's imagination. Here he describes and explains the technical aspects of this dangerous ritual and "the emotional and spiritual intensity and pure classic beauty that can be produced by a man, an animal, and a piece of scarlet serge draped on a stick." Seen through his eyes, bullfighting becomes a richly choreographed ballet, with performers who range from awkward amateurs to masters of great elegance and cunning. A fascinating look at the history and grandeur of bullfighting, *Death in the Afternoon* is also a deeper contemplation of the nature of cowardice and bravery, sport and tragedy, and is enlivened throughout by Hemingway's sharp commentary on life and literature.

The "intimate and affecting" novel of an Indian couple's quest for a child that sparked national conversations about cast and female empowerment (Laila Lalami, *New York Times Book Review*). Set in South India during the British colonial period, *One Part Woman* tells the story of Kali and Ponna, a married couple unable to conceive. The predicament is of major concern for their families—and the crowing amusement of Kali's male friends. From making offerings at different temples to circumambulating a mountain supposed to cure barren women, Kali and Ponna try everything to solve the problem. But a more radical plan is required. The annual chariot festival, a celebration of the god Maadhorubaagan, who is part male and part female, may provide the answer. On the eighteenth night of the festival, the rules of marriage are relaxed, and consensual sex between unmarried men and women is overlooked, for all men are considered gods. The festival may be the solution to Kali and Ponna's problem, but it soon threatens to drive the couple apart as much as to bring them together. Wryly amusing and deeply poignant, *One Part Woman* is a powerful exploration of a loving marriage strained by the expectations of others, and an attack on the rigid rules of caste and tradition that continue to constrict opportunity and happiness. Longlisted for the National Book Award

The tomb of Rozabal in Kashmir has contained the body of a great saint called Yuz Asaf since 112 A.D. But who was Yuz Asaf and what secret does the ancient tomb contain? Father Vincent Morgan is unwittingly sucked into the Rozabal tornado when flashes of his own previous lifetimes reveal some uncomfortable truths about the life and death of Jesus Christ. Vincent is soon caught in the crossfire between the Osama-bin-Laden inspired warriors of Islam, led by Ghalib-bin-Isar, and the fundamentalists of the *Crux Decussata Permuta*. The secret held securely within Rozabal for two millennia threatens to upset the world's balance of

power. Zipping around the world caught up in a whirlwind of events, people, religion and time, from Jesus to Muhammad; from the Crusades to 9/11; from the Vatican to the White House; from Skull & Bones to the Illuminati; from Buddhist meditation to past-life regression; from the Virgin birth to nuclear destruction; and from Mary Magdalene to Osama-bin-Laden; The Rozabal Line has it all.

Tamilnadu's politics and culture befuddle outside observers. Ruled for half a century by two regional parties – DMK and AIADMK – its politics has been marked by language pride, non-Brahmin movement, caste-based reservation, regionalism, welfare populism, and cinema. Despite the negative coverage it tends to get from outside, Tamilnadu is a developed state scoring high on all human development indicators. In Tamil Characters, noted historian A. R. Venkatachalapathy provides a ringside view of contemporary Tamilnadu beginning with an assessment of political figures such as Periyar and Anna, Karunanidhi and Jayalalithaa, and significant poets, writers and thinkers including Subramania Bharati and Iyothetheos Pandithar. The final section discusses contentious issues such as language politics, prohibition, jallikattu and Dalit rights.

Traces the fall and the final realization of the illustrious King Prathiban Chola's dream of an all powerful Chola empire and the exploits of the Pallava king, Narsimhan Varman.

It deals with the fundamental properties of drug substances such as solubility, stability, surface & interfacial phenomena, rheology, micromeritics, & complexation which will give a lead in formulating drug substances into suitable dosage forms.

Katha Vilasam: The Story Within offers a path-breaking series of 50 articles by S. Ramakrishnan, published over the course of four years in the widely read Tamil magazine Ananda Vikatan, to a wider reading public through translation into English. The writing style is intentionally direct and compact to suit a magazine readership. Nevertheless, the prose is elevating, even lyrical at times. There are “Aha” moments aplenty. The author uses a unique device in these units. They are “stories within stories”. In each unit, he describes an incident from his own experience and relates it to a short story he has read by a particular eminent Tamil writer. He paraphrases/summarises the writer's story, melds it into his own reminiscence, and allows the two to resonate and create a musical signature in the reader's mind. Thus, 50 noted short story writers in the Tamil language are featured here. The avowed purpose of the author was to introduce the readers of Ananda Vikatan (who may have been readers of nothing but magazines) to also delve into the works of excellent Tamil short story writers. The series ran for four years and was very well received by readers. Each unit deserves to be read and re-read not only for the insights and information about writers in different genres, but for the word wizardry and imagery that flow effortlessly through the lines. It is hoped that this English translation will teleport these unique offerings to a wider reading public and bring the works of excellent Tamil writers into the lives of discriminating lovers of literature everywhere.

This book is the first of the trilogy, which covers the reign of Narasimha Pallavan. It is about the struggle of the Pallava Emperor in order to enhance the prestige of the Tamil flag. Historic facts are woven around a remarkable narrative, filled with thrill, suspense and romance. The Tamil Nadu Government has made the writings national property.

Suitable for both the academician as well as the layman, this book draws from sources as varied as fiction, essays, reviews, and more. This book contains a gallery of jealous husbands and conniving goddesses, pious sparrows and randy mice, jewel-crazy girl ghosts and

angry star demons, as well as a chapter of "naughty & dirty" folktales!

This Novel, One Of The Finest To Come Out Of Contemporary India, Tells The Memorable Tale Of The Tamarind Tree, Of The Lives Of Men And Women Who Sought Its Shelter And Of Their Greed, Goodness, Selfishness, Sacrifice, Love And Hatred.

Translated from the Tamil by Pritham K. Chakravarthy and Rakesh Khanna. With its mad patchwork of phone sex conversations, nightmarish torture scenes, tender love poems, numerology, mythology, and compulsive name-dropping of Latin American intellectuals, Charu Nivedita's novel ZERO DEGREE stands out as a groundbreaking work of Tamil transgressive fiction that unflinchingly probes the deepest psychic wounds of humanity. "Hide it in the deep recesses of your clothes cupboard or in the general chaos of your office desk, if you must, but read it"--Asha S. Menon, *New Sunday Express*.

Chandrasekhar, Adolescent, Vulnerable, Confused, Is Growing Up In The Momentous Period Before And After 1947, When Hyderabad Is The State Of Nizam. This Political Setting Drumbeats Through The Novel, Closely And Ironically Interwoven With Chandru`S Life At Home, In The City And At College.

This intricately woven narrative is one of the landmark novels of Indian modernism. This ambitious novel, teeming with characters, focuses on the family of Srinivasa Aiyar or SRS, who moves from his ancestral house in Alapuzhai in Kerala, to the more modern Kottayam, before returning to his wife Lakshmi's home in Nagercoil in Tamil Nadu. Set in the late 1930s and reflecting the political and social turmoil of the pre-war years, it chronicles the psychological conflict between SRS and his nine-year-old son, Balu; the moral struggle of a young widow, Anandam, as she considers remarriage; and the political journey of Sridaran, who chooses to break off his studies in England in order to join nationalist activities at home.

A Kitchen in the Corner of the House collects twenty-five gem-like stories on motherhood, sexuality, and the body from the innovative and perceptive Tamil writer Ambai. In A Kitchen in the Corner of the House, Ambai's narrators are daring and courageous, stretching and reinventing their homes, marriages, and worlds. With each story, her expansive voice confronts the construction of gender in Tamil literature. Piecing together letters, journal entries, and notes, Ambai weaves themes of both self-liberation and confinement into her writing. Her transfixing stories often meditate on motherhood, sexuality, and the liberating, and at times inhibiting, contours of the body.

A superb collection of stories from a modern Indian master! One of the most versatile and innovative among contemporary Tamil writers, Sundara Ramaswamy's early stories, written between 1951 and 1966, focus on ordinary people leading ordinary lives and are full of gems by way of characterization: the policeman and the priest of the Nadi Krishna temple in 'Prasadam', and Varadan and Joswyn in 'True Love' remain unforgettable, in spite of their pedestrian lives. Written in the 1970s, clouded by the aftermath of the Bangladesh war and the Emergency, in the later stories—'Intoxication', 'Waves'—the plots turn darker and more complex. Surprising us with their twists and turns, raising uncomfortable questions, and yet touched by a fine sense of humour and humanity, the stories in this collection belong with the best in the genre.

Tropes and Territories demonstrates how current debates in postcolonial criticism bear on the reading, writing, and status of short fiction. These debates, which hinge on competing definitions of "trope" (motif vs rhetorical turn) and "territory" (political or aesthetic), lead to studies of space, place, influence, and writing and reading practices across cultural divides. The essays also explore the character of diasporic writing, the cultural significance of oral tale-telling, and interconnections between socio/political issues and strategies of style.

Structured As A Biography Of A Fictional Malayalam Writer-It Is At One Level A Critique Of The World Of Tamil Letters And On Another, A

Novel Of Ideas Engaged With The Burning Questions Of To Bring And Existence. Represents The Best Of Tamil Writing Even To-Day, More Than 20 Years After Its First Appearance.

Novel.

Crushed by successive crop failures and the burden of debt, Sudhakar Bhadra kills himself. The powerful district committee of Mityala routinely dismisses the suicide and refuses compensation to his widow. Gangiri, his brother, makes it his life's mission to bring justice to the dead by influencing the committee to validate similar farmer suicides. Keyur Kashinath of the Democratic Party-first-time member of Parliament from Mityala, and son of Vaishnav Kashinath, the party's general secretary-is the heir to his father's power in Delhi politics. He faces his first crisis; every suicide in his constituency certified by the committee as debt-related is a blot on the party's image, and his competence. The brilliant farmer battles his inheritance of despair, the arrogant politician fights for the power he has received as legacy. Their two worlds collide in a conflict that pushes both to the limits of morality from where there is no turning back. At stake is the truth about 'inherited' democratic power. And at the end, there can only be one winner. Passionate and startlingly insightful, Shoes of the Dead is a chilling parable of modern-day India.

A highway robber murders a pregnant young woman for her jewellery. He is caught and sentenced to death by impalement in Gopallapuram. A community of Telugu speakers migrates to the Tamil country to escape Muslim rule. They transform a barren land, turning it into a fertile, verdant village. A horde of bandits attempts to raid a village but is foiled by the unarmed, inventive villagers. Winner of the Sahitya Akademi Awards, Ki. Rajanarayanan weaves legend, myth, history and good old-fashioned storytelling in this wonderful contemporary classic.

It is time to get sex out of the closet. Though sex is considered a 'dirty' word in Indian society, the indispensable role it plays in our lives cannot be denied. The Toilet Seat takes a good look at how sex is perceived and portrayed in society, the social stigma attached to sex, especially the premarital and extramarital kind, and the perversions that suppression of sex can cause. The book reflects upon the grey areas in relationships, the hypocrisy of people and the so-called values that bind people in a knot, redefines perceptions, and dispels myths with respect to love, sex and the female orgasm. It also gives valuable suggestions to improve relationships by understanding the sexual needs of partners and talking about them openly. Well, what does the title of the book The Toilet Seat have to do with all this? Read on to find out.

The eeriness of Jayakanthan's two novellas in this volume is overwhelming and disturbing. The protagonists are helpless victims of psychological maladies. Their suppressed libido and Oedipus complex are areas Tamil writers generally dared not enter - at any rate in the 1960s, when they were written. The brilliant introvert Rajaraman is the quintessential good boy. The play of circumstances kindles oedipal fancies in him. The incandescent consummation with Sarada Mami is a catharsis. A rishi is born looking at the world with a disdain at once benignly distant and compellingly personal. Well-educated and well-employed Janaki lives under the protective cover of her paranoid, possessive, puritanical mother. Her healthy friendship with a collegemate of yesteryear promises liberation. Her short-lived taste of freedom is stamped out and she is sucked back into her mother's bizarre, overwhelming orbit. The success of Jayakanthan lies in evoking in the reader a profound empathy with the tragically deviant characters of the two



Love, Valor and Piousness has been brought to our eyes through this book in a grandeur and realistic fashion by the Legend writer Kalki. In today's, internet dependent world, we just wanted to take this fantastic novel to the kids and youngsters through this initiative of Nila Comics. We are sure kids, youngsters and ardent readers of this Novel will like this.

Beginning with Timur, Sultan Ghazni who invaded India seventeen times at the head of a large army, plundering the country of its great wealth, to the last Mughal Emperor Bahadur Shah, banished from the country by the British - details and descriptions of every incident and each king astonish and exhilarate us. The approach is direct, simple and unambiguous. From Timur to Bahadur Shah it is one engaging account. The book should find a place in every household, as an authentic account of ourselves. A flawless portrait. -THE HINDU Madhan while explaining historical events uses modern similes... In spite of being a cartoonist in his previous avatar Madhan did not caricature the Moghul Emperors and their subjects. I am so pleased he did not sit on judgement as a south Indian non-Muslim writer. -KAMAL HAASAN

Spoken by eighty million people, Tamil is one of the great world languages, and one of the few ancient languages that survives as a mother tongue. David Shulman presents a comprehensive cultural history of Tamil, emphasizing how its speakers and poets have understood the unique features of their language over its long history.

'It can't be love . . .' he thinks and immediately his heart protests. They are complete opposites! She's a small town girl who takes admission in Delhi University (DU). An idealist, studies are her first priority. He's a Delhi guy, seriously into youth politics in the DU. He fights to make his way. Student union elections are his first priority. But then opposites attract as well! A scandal on campus brings them together, they begin to walk the same path and somewhere along, fall in love . . . But their fight against evil comes at a heavy price, which becomes the ultimate test of their lives. Against the backdrop of dominant campus politics, Your Dreams Are Mine Now is an innocent love story that is bound to evoke strong emotions in your heart.

A literary masterpiece (translated from the Tamil) that opens a door to the poignant world of India's 'untouchables'.

[Copyright: bf5e7e8e1ddaf719c7949801af64393d](#)