

## Pathummayude Aadu Vaikom Muhammad Basheer

In this award-winning novel, Tharoor has masterfully recast the two-thousand-year-old epic, The Mahabharata, with fictional but highly recognizable events and characters from twentieth-century Indian politics. Nothing is sacred in this deliciously irreverent, witty, and deeply intelligent retelling of modern Indian history and the ancient Indian epic The Mahabharata. Alternately outrageous and instructive, hilarious and moving, it is a dazzling tapestry of prose and verse that satirically, but also poignantly, chronicles the struggle for Indian freedom and independence.

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The only novel of one of Kerala's leading women writers, Lalithambika Antharjanam's Agnisakshi is a telling account of a woman's life glowing as though purified in the "fire of sacrifice". Set against the history of Kerala, and life, customs, habits, and culture of the Namboodiri community, along with the fervent cries of the Indian National Freedom struggle, the characters act out their unforgettable roles: Tethi, the dazzling but disappointed bride who renounces worldly life; Unni Namboodiri, whose adherence to the Vedic way of life destroys his personal happiness; and Thankam, Unni's Nair cousin and the mighty Aphan Namboodiri's daughter, seeking her own liberation from the past. True to the lyrical and emotional tone of the original, Vasanthi Sankaranarayanan's translation offers a moving portrait of upper-class, upper-caste Kerala society just before and after Independence.

National And State Literature Akademi Awardee M.T. Vasudevan Nair's Novel Is Set Against The Backdrop Of The Crumbling Matrilineal Order Of Kerala In A Newly Independent India. As Freedom And Democracy Promise Prosperity, A Young Upper Caste Boy Full Of Idealism Learns To Deal With A World That Is Less Than Ideal.

Featuring works by: Rabindranath Tagore, Sarojini Naidu, Premchand (Dhanpat Rai), Nirad C. Chaudhuri, Jibanananda Das, R. K. Narayan, Vaikom Muhammad Basheer, Raja Rao, Lalithambika Antharjanam, Agyeya (Sachchidananda Vatsayan), Umashankar Joshi, Saadat Hasan Manto, Ismat Chughtai, Amrita Pritam, Nissim Ezekiel, Mahasweta Devi, Nayantara Sahgal, Qurratulain Hyder, Jayanta Mahapatra, A. K. Ramanujan, Nirmal Verma, K. Ayyappa Paniker, Arun Kolatkar, U. R. Ananthamurthy, Kamala Das, Keki Daruwalla, Anita Desai, Girish Karnad, Nabaneeta Dev Sen, Adil Jussawalla, Ambai (C. S. Lakshmi), Paul Zacharia, K. Satchidanandan, Arvind Krishna Mehrotra, Salman Rushdie, Agha Shahid Ali, Namdeo Dhasal, Meena Alexander, Githa Hariharan, Vijay Seshadri, Amitav Ghosh, Raghavan Atholi, Jeet Thayil, Arundhati Roy, Amit Chaudhuri, Sudeep Sen, Arundhati Subramaniam, S. Sukirtharani.

'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?

This celebrated work in Malayalam literature maps V.T. Bhattathiripad's transformation from a young boy schooled in his ancestral calling of priesthood to a radical writer and activist. Autobiographical in nature, the focus remains on the society as a whole and on the Namboodiri community in particular. The volume also includes an in-depth interview with the author and rare photographs related to the author's life and times.

This book uses recent computational models to explore issues related to language and cognition.

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.

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.

Novellas on social themes.

PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE IS PROUD TO PUBLISH ANTI-CLOCK, WINNER OF THE O.V. VIJAYAN AWARD AND THIKKURISSI AWARD 'A philosophical novel that discusses the mysterious problems of life and death' BENYAMIN "Time is everything, man is nothing; he is, at most, time's carcass." V.J. James's novel Anti-Clock has given an extremely creative twist to these words by Karl Marx' O.V. VIJAYAN PRIZE Hendri, the coffin maker, has one goal in life: to see the dead body of his nemesis Satan Loppo being lowered into the coffin he has painstakingly carved. For it was Loppo who defiled his beloved Beatrice, and let loose his hellhound Hitler upon Hendri, giving him a permanent limp. From inside his coffin shop, Hendri watches the world go by even as he prepares to deliver justice upon Loppo. He is confronted by the son of his best friend becoming enamoured with Loppo's wealth, Loppo's evil designs towards the hills of Aadi Nadu, and his own Christian guilt that regularly comes to haunt him. Until he meets Pundit, a 112-year-old watchmaker who was part of Bose's Indian National Army and is building an 'Anti-Clock', which can turn back time. When Loppo too hears of the Anti-Clock and desires to possess it, the inevitable battle becomes a reality.

Novel based on social themes.

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. As Post-Colonial Mayyazhi (Mahe) Where History And Time Flowed With The Water Under The Rusted Iron Bridge Tries To Come To Terms With Its New-Found Independence, Young Men Leave To Seek Their Fortunes Abroad. And Many Of The Older Generation, Orphaned By The Departure Of The French, Struggle To Eke Out A Living Even As They Remember Their Days Of

Plenty Under Their Foreign Masters... Caught Up In Their Suffering, Kumaran Vaidyar Does Everything He Can To Keep The People Of His Beloved Mayyazhi From Starving, But Entrusts His Own Children To The Care Of His Beloved Wife, Who Is No More. Meanwhile, Father Alphonse Waves His Magic Wand And Changes Pebbles Into Candy And Waits For His Good-For-Nothing Son To Return. Through All This, Untroubled By The Woes Of The Elders, Shivan, Shashi And Elsie Spend An Idyllic Childhood In Sunny, Sleepy Mayyazhi. Until The Day Of Reckoning Catches Up With Them And They Pay The Price Of Growing Up. Mukundan S Two Seminal Mayyazhi Novels, On The Banks Of The Mayyazhi And God S Mischief, Are, At One Level, The Saga Of Mahe (Mayyazhi) With Its Legacy Of French Colonialism. At Another, They Are, Despite An Exuberant Parade Of Myths And Legends, A Chronology Of The Futile Search Of The Exiled Through The Crowded Alleys Of History. Mukundan Has...Made Mahe Into The Malgudi Of Malayalam Literature. S. Prasannarajan, Times Of India Mukundan S Novels Provide A Reading Of The History Of Colonialism Unavailable In A Historian S Ruvre. Prof. K.N. Panikkar, Interrogating Colonialism: Novel As Imagined History.

Surveys the many regional literatures of 20th century India.

PandavapuramThe 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 PandavapuramWill she continue her protection ?Mr.Sethu who is author of several best sellers like Adyaksharangal, Adayalanganal, 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

Perhaps the only novel to have been reprinted nearly every year for over a hundred years, Indulekha (1889) is widely held to be the first Malayalam novel. Often called an 'accidental' and 'flawed' work, at its core lies a love story. The setting of the novel is the Nair community of Kerala, which had for centuries practised polyandrous matriliney, a most unusual form of inheritance through the woman whom both property and authority flavoured. It gives us glimpses of prevalent social practices much debated amongst a people already under colonial pressure to change their ways of life. Written by a Nair, Indulekha is not a grandiose outpouring but the author's effort to achieve certain social goals: firstly, to create a novel much like those of the English authors he had read, and secondly, to illustrate Nair society at that time, both of which met with success. The novel influenced the deliberations of the Malabar Marriage Commission which it predated, and of which Chandum enon was a member. This novel will appeal to general readers interested in Indian writings in translation. Students of literature, history and culture, political and legal theory, and gender studies, will also find it useful.

He Had Eventful Experiences In A Prison And An Asylum. He Travelled With Sufis And Sanyasis And Did Odd Jobs. At The End Of It, Basheer Has A Bagful Of Stories. Coming From The Man Who Alerted The Map Of Malayalam Fiction Five Decades Ago, This Volume Of Short Stories Is Bound To Be An Unforgettable Experience.

In The Novel There Is A Historical Romance, But Its Subtext Is A Political One Of Contemporary Significance. In The Novel There Is A Subplot With Subhadra At The Centre. Through What She Does Or What Happens To Her, C.V. Is Projecting A Futuristic Vision Of The New Woman In The Indian Context. The Conventional Image Of The Woman Is Replaced By An Imagined Figure That Was To Emerge On The Indian Scene. Another Unique Feature Of This Novel Is The Introduction, For The First Time, Of Untouchables, The Channans Of South Travancore. Hence Is Fiction Asserting Humanistic Values Over And Above The Taboos And Superstitions Of Yester-Years.

This carefully selected collection of Vaikom Muhammad Basheer s short stories are characterised by a variety in theme and tone. He has enshrined in them every kind of experience from the pangs of hunger and sex to the rapture of mystic vision. Its range includes stark realistic pictures of the material world as well as the realm of fantasy haunted by ghosts and spirits. Basheer has written on love and hate, on politicians and pickpockets, on the fancies of childhood and on the disillusionments of adult life with an intense sense of the tragedy of life and at the same time an irrepressible sense of humour.

About the Book: Arts and humanities are imagined as inseparable and integrated activities. Both challenge and enlarge our basic human capacities for interpretation and evaluation. In the arena of literary studies, there is a growing academic interest for the study of Arts and Humanities across the world. What may rightfully be expected of art is to depend on the nature of the entity itself. Understanding possible applications of art helps to determine its identity. The recent pursuit for mapping the mosaics including that of literary and culture studies makes it interesting to interrogate transnational cultures formation of canons and deconstruction of stereotypes. Writing has always been powerful space of discourse to address the varied areas.

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, Benyamin'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.

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.

Shanay Bansal, a young and successful entrepreneur, is looking forward to his engagement with Afsana Agarwal. But a few weeks before the engagement, he receives a mysterious voice message from someone from Afsana's past. Curious, Shanay plays the voice message and through those many other such messages, a different world from the past opens up about a beautiful relationship that got broken due to a terrible lie. Half Torn Hearts is a coming-of-age tale of three layered individuals coming in terms with their first loss, which bares the devil that we all possess but are scared of encountering and which eventually becomes the cause of our own ruins.

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