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Aavarana - Es. El Bhairappa 2014

Because my questions made Amir uncomfortable, he pronounced talaq just like that on the wife who had abandoned everything for him because his religion gives him that privilege. Where do I now stand, sir? Do you have any solutions for me?' Lakshmi, a rebellious, free-spirited and intelligent film-maker, breaks ties with her staunchly Gandhi an father to marry Amir, the man she loves. She even agrees reluctantly to Amir's request that she convert to Islam, as a formality and change her name to Razia. However, she is shocked to discover that her husband is not the open-minded, progressive individual he claimed to be. For after marriage, Amir takes his family's side in trying to force her to follow the more rigorous tenets of their faith. This sets her off on a personal journey into India's history to uncover the many layers of religion, caste and creed. Her quest leads her to the many parallels in the narratives between the past and the present and she gradually finds that though much has changed in Indian society over the centuries, much remains the same. The second historical novel by celebrated Kannada author S.L. Bhyrappa, translated for the first time into English by Sandeep Balakrishna, Aavarana: The Veil raises pertinent and searching questions about religion, liberalism and identity and highlights the importance of unshackling oneself from the bonds of false knowledge.

All You Need is Josh - Supriya Paul 2021-04-30

In a world filled with cynicism, few stand tall, carving their own path to success with courage, determination and grit. All You Need Is Josh brings to you stories of such unique individuals across India - of the aspiring astrophysicist who wanted to walk on the moon; the first person with a disability to top the civil services examinations; the domestic help who is now a published author; the army officer who amputated his own leg; the transgender woman who was expelled from her house; the Dalit child bride who now runs a business worth Rs1,000 crores, and many more. Filled with anecdotes and life-changing missives, these stories will remind you that it does not matter the circumstances into which one is born - what matters most is having the josh to overcome all odds and chase your dreams.

The Rise of Sivagami - Anand Neelakantan 2017

"Prequel to S.S. Rajamouli's blockbuster film Baahubali"--Page 4 of cover.

Sartha - Es. El Bhairappa 2014

Shikari - Yashwant Chittal 2017-10-25

The hunters' pack is swelling. They're whooping. The hounds are baying for my blood. The drumbeats are growing unbearably loud. They're circling me. They're closing in on me . . .' Yashwant Chittal's acclaimed novel Shikari, set in the concrete jungles of Bombay, weaves together the high-stakes conspiracies of the corporate world and the parochial intrigues of a close-knit community. Nagappa, a senior manager at an MNC, is framed for a crime he has not committed. As the story unfolds, it reveals a fiercely competitive arena where Man's primordial instincts surface, and the line between the hunter and the hunted is often blurred. Shikari is a monumental work in which Chittal, as far back as 1979, exposed the underbelly of the corporate world.

Jugari Cross - Poornachandra Tejasvi 2020-09-18

Jugari Cross is a suspense thriller woven around the everyday incidents that occur with an ordinary farming couple's life. The story set within 24 hours is not just a typical suspense thriller with a trace of history and a literary quest, but enormously stimulates the reader to analyze the broader spectrum of philosophy, literature, and the principles of global economies established around us. I hope the reader community will appreciate how this suspense thriller gives the glimpses of nature, ecology, social reforms, literature, global/local economies, and many more social dimensions.

100 Best Poems for Children - Roger McGough 2002

A collection of the very best poems for children, edited by Roger McGough A wonderful collection of contemporary and classic poems chosen by children from schools around the UK. Roger McGough made the final selection and wrote the introduction. Roger McGough was born in Liverpool and educated at the University of Hull. He came to prominence in the 1960s with the publication of THE MERSEY SOUND, and is one of today's most popular poets. He writes for children and adults and performs his poetry all over the world. He was honoured with an OBE in 1997, and won the Signal Poetry Award in 1998. Roger now lives in London. Sheila Moxley is gaining a powerful reputation for her multi-cultural illustration. She lives in London.

Vaishali Ki Nagarvadhu - Achrya Chaturisen 1957

Politics and the Novel in India - Yogendra Kumar Malik 1975

A Lover's Discourse - Xiaolu Guo 2020-10-13

A story of desire, love, language, and the meaning of home set against the backdrop of Brexit London—from the award-winning author of Nine Continents. A Chinese woman moves from Beijing to London for a doctoral program—and to begin a new life—just as the Brexit campaign reaches a fever pitch. Isolated and lonely in a Britain increasingly hostile to foreigners, she meets a landscape architect and the two begin to build a life together. A Lover's Discourse is an exploration of romantic love told through fragments of conversations between the two lovers. Playing with language and the cultural differences that her narrator encounters as she settles into life in post-Brexit vote Britain, the lovers must navigate their differences and their romance, whether on their unmoored houseboat or in a cramped and stifling apartment in east London. Suffused with a wonderful sense of humor, this intimate and tender novel asks what it means to make a home and a family in a new land. "Through her precise and unflinching language, a revealing account emerges of how one mind opens to another, how it processes each decision and moment of wondering." —USA Today "A fragmentary meditation on the nature of love, on desire and on connection between two humans . . . sets off cross-cultural echoes with the lightest of strokes." —The Guardian "Unlike Roland Barthes' book by the same name, Xiaolu Guo's A Lover's Discourse is a love story as a genuine dialogue, not only between lovers, but between languages, cultures, and philosophies. Swift, astute, and funny." —Siri Hustvedt, international-best-selling author

The House Of Kanooru - Kuvempu 2000-10-14

From Kannada's first Jnanpith award winner, a landmark of modern fiction that documents a vanishing

world. When Hoovayya and Ramayya return from their studies in the city to their ancestral home, much has changed, throwing the even tenor of village life out of joint. The entry of Subbamma, the young wife of much-married Chandrayya Gowda into the House of Kanooru, sets in motion an irrevocable chain of events which signify the coming of age of a resolutely traditional society. Acutely conscious of the burden of their education amidst the torpor of manorial life, the brothers are forced to witness the descent into cruelty of Chandrayya Gowda, who breaks old familial ties, and demands an impossible fealty. The petty meanness of the Gowda's old age and the idealistic vitality of youth confront each other when Hoovayya and Ramayya both fall in love with Seethe, their childhood playmate, with disastrous consequences for the manor house of Kanooru. The epic conflicts of a decaying feudal order are seen through a multiplicity of characters, and voices that refuse to be silenced. The first stirrings of change in the lives of the Belas, the highland plantation workers and their labouring women, the proud Shudra landowners, the secretive and predatory Aghraha of the Brahmins, are dramatized by a humane eye sensitive to the slightest nuance. The House of Kanooru is ultimately a moving tribute by one of Kannada's greatest writers to the spirit of modernity. Translated from the Kannada by B.C. Ramachandra Sharma and Padma Ramachandra Sharma.

Brink - S.L. BHYRAPPA 2020-09-15

The English translation of the epic Kannada novel *Anchu* by the renowned author S.L. Bhyrappa, *Brink* is a love saga between Somashekhar, a widower, and Amrita, an estranged woman. The novel deliberates on the moral, philosophical, and physical aspects of love between a man and a woman. At the core of the story is compassion, and Somashekhar is the very personification of compassion. He brings love and warmth into Dr. Amrita's melancholic life. But time and again, she loses her temper and undergoes swift mood changes. In such times, she inflicts pain and torture on Somashekhar in spite of his sincere love for her. Will Somashekhar be able to help her overcome depression by his perseverance and sacrifice? An enthralling read, the novel has stood the test of time like Bhyrappa's other novels. Packed with internal drama, tension, and flashbacks, the book promises to impart an aesthetic experience to the reader.

365 Stories and Rhymes for Boys - Parragon 2015-04-01

Enjoy a different story every day of the year with this beautifully illustrated treasury for boys. From traditional favorites to new tales, it is perfect for reading together or for children to read to themselves. Which story will you read today?

1000+ Little Things Happy Successful People Do Differently - Marc Chernoff 2019-05-21

New York Times bestselling authors Marc and Angel Chernoff deliver instant inspiration and powerful advice for becoming our best selves. Millions of readers turn to Marc and Angel Chernoff for fresh, intimate insights for a fulfilled life. In this pithy and empowering guide, they collect the very best advice they've discovered, on topics that include overcoming setbacks, letting go of what's holding us back, nurturing relationships, finding time for self-care, and cultivating passion in order to achieve our wildest dreams. Topics include: 10 Mistakes Unhappy People Make 28 Ways to Stop Complicating Your Life 12 Tough Truths That Help You Grow 12 Amazingly Achievable Things to Do Today 10 Timeless Lessons for a Life Well-Lived A perfect gift for a loved one or ourselves, this deceptively simple book is a touchstone to return to for a boost of motivation and inspiration.

#MeToo in the Corporate World - Sylvia Ann Hewlett 2020-01-28

Economist and award-winning author Sylvia Ann Hewlett blends vivid stories with powerful new data in assessing the impact of the #MeToo movement in corporate America and provides concrete action to help executives and companies create more inclusive and safe work environments for women, people of color, and LGBTQ employees. While the #MeToo movement has exposed the enormous harm done by sexual misconduct in the workplace, the movement's full promise has not been fulfilled, Sylvia Ann Hewlett argues. Showcasing new data on the incidence of sexual harassment and assault at work, she reveals how the movement has focused almost exclusively on white women and failed to support other vulnerable groups who are also targets of abuse. Black men, gay men and women, and Latinas experience particularly high rates of sexual harassment and assault. In addition to exploring the movement's limitations, Hewlett examines the collateral damage inflicted by #MeToo. She looks at hits to the bottom line (lawsuits and settlements, tarnished brands, and stock devaluations) and hits to the talent pipeline. In particular she shows how male leaders, fearful of gossip and legal action, are increasingly skittish about sponsoring young

women, no matter how high performing they are. This makes it much more likely that women will stall out mid-career and will deprive companies of diversity in the C-Suite and "gender smarts" around decision-making tables. Digging deep into examples that range from Fox News, Nike, and Google to CBS, Michigan State University, and the Catholic Church, Hewlett lays bare the financial losses associated with sexual misconduct scandals. No wonder corporate chief risk officers newly have #MeToo in their line of sight! A third of this book is devoted to solutions and Hewlett offers a three-pronged strategy, combining legal remedies with individual and corporate action steps that can be used to protect employees and businesses they work for. Drawing from companies as different as IBM and IPG she discusses "experiments at the edge" as well as more evolved initiatives that can help any corporation create a more equitable and safer environment.

Uttara Kaanda - 2020

10 Messages Your Angels Want You to Know - Doreen Virtue 2017

The angels, including Archangel Michael, provide healing words that will help you to understand some of life's mysteries, heal from emotional and physical pain, and make crucial life decisions. Each of the 10 chapters in this book by Doreen Virtue features a message from Heaven to help you to understand what's going on in your life, and to support you, and help you to feel safe, secure, peaceful, and happy. The angels wish to hold your hand and help you over the hurdles that have kept you from realizing your dreams--until now!

Handbook of Twentieth-century Literatures of India - Nalini Natarajan 1996

Surveys the many regional literatures of 20th century India.

Parva - Santeśivara L. Bhairappa 1994

It is a transformation of an ancient legend into a modern novel. In this process, it has gained rational credibility and a human perspective. The main incident, the Bharata War, symbolic of the birthpangs of a new world-order, depicts a heroic but vain effort to arrest the disintegration and continue the prevailing order. It is viewed from the standpoints of the partisan participants and judged with reference to the objective understanding of Krishna. Narration, dialogue, monologue and comment all are employed for its presentation. Shot through with irony, pity and understanding objectivity, the novel ends with the true tragic vision of faith in life and hope for mankind.

The Dark Deception (Daphne and Velma YA Novel #2) (Media tie-in) - Morgan Baden 2020-07-07

It's the classic girl detectives like you've never seen them before! Daphne Blake and Velma Dinkley have a terrifying new mystery to solve and this time, the culprit is far more frightening than any man in a mask... Daphne Blake and Velma Dinkley have a reputation to uphold. Despite their differences, the two teens worked together to solve the case of the Vanishing Girl. But there are still a lot of mysteries buried in the town of Crystal Cove. Including one the Vanishing Girl herself (aka Daphne's friend Marcy) asked them to look into-what deep dark secret is their old friend Shaggy Rogers trying to protect? The two teen detectives have barely started investigating that case when another mystery strikes. Hundreds of valuable gems begin washing ashore, and soon everyone is convinced it's a sign from the Lady Vampire of the Bay, a ghostly creature who's said to have haunted the town a hundred years earlier. Daphne and Velma are convinced there's a logical reason the jewels have appeared, and they're determined to find out what it is. But asking questions about Crystal Cove's legends can be dangerous. It seems like everyone in town has something to hide . . . especially the families who've profited off the town's mysterious past. Can the girls discover what's lurking behind all this dark deception?

Environmental Biosensors - Vernon Somerset 2011-07-18

This book is a collection of contributions from leading specialists on the topic of biosensors for health, environment and biosecurity. It is divided into three sections with headings of current trends and developments; materials design and developments; and detection and monitoring. In the section on current trends and developments, topics such as biosensor applications for environmental and water monitoring, agro-industry applications, and trends in the detection of nerve agents and pesticides are discussed. The section on materials design and developments deals with topics on new materials for biosensor construction, polymer-based microsystems, silicon and silicon-related surfaces for biosensor applications,

including hybrid film biosensor systems. Finally, in the detection and monitoring section, the specific topics covered deal with enzyme-based biosensors for phenol detection, ultra-sensitive fluorescence sensors, the determination of biochemical oxygen demand, and sensors for pharmaceutical and environmental analysis.

A Search in Secret India - Paul Brunton 2016-01-01

A Search in Secret India is the story of Paul Brunton's journey around India, living among yogis, mystics and gurus, some of whom he found convincing, others not. He finally finds the peace and tranquility which come with self-knowledge when he meets and studies with the great sage Sri Ramana Maharishi. Paul Brunton was a British philosopher, mystic, traveler, and guru. He left a journalistic career to live among yogis, mystics, and holy men, and studied Eastern and Western esoteric teachings. Dedicating his life to an inward and spiritual quest, Brunton felt charged to communicate his experiences about what he learned in the East to others. His works had a major influence on the spread of Eastern mysticism to the West. Taking pains to express his thoughts in layperson's terms, Brunton was able to present what he learned from the Orient and from ancient tradition as a living wisdom. His writings express his view that meditation and the inward quest are not exclusively for monks and hermits, but will also support those living normal, active lives in the Western world.

Steve Morse - Steve Morse 1996

All the riffs you'll need to know of the revered guitar instrumentalist. Features a straightforward study of over 35 of his best riffs, culled from his solo albums, the Steve Morse Band and the Dixie Dregs.

Ghachar Ghochar - Vivek Shanbhag 2017-02-07

ONE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES CRITICS' TOP BOOKS OF 2017 ONE OF VULTURE'S 100 BEST BOOKS OF THE 21ST CENTURY FINALIST FOR THE L.A. TIMES BOOK PRIZE IN FICTION "A modern classic." —The New York Times Book Review A young man's close-knit family is nearly destitute when his uncle founds a successful spice company, changing their fortunes overnight. As they move from a cramped, ant-infested shack to a larger house on the other side of Bangalore, and try to adjust to a new way of life, the family dynamic begins to shift. Allegiances realign; marriages are arranged and begin to falter; and conflict brews ominously in the background. Things become "ghachar ghochar"—a nonsense phrase uttered by one meaning something tangled beyond repair, a knot that can't be untied. Elegantly written and punctuated by moments of unexpected warmth and humor, *Ghachar Ghochar* is a quietly enthralling, deeply unsettling novel about the shifting meanings—and consequences—of financial gain in contemporary India. "A classic tale of wealth and moral ruin." —The New Yorker "Ghachar Ghochar introduces us to a master." —The Paris Review Named a Best Book of the Year by the Guardian, Globe and Mail, and Publishers Weekly Shortlisted for the ALTA National Translation Award in Prose Longlisted for the International Dublin Literary Award

Finding Zero - Amir D. Aczel 2015-01-06

The invention of numerals is perhaps the greatest abstraction the human mind has ever created. Virtually everything in our lives is digital, numerical, or quantified. The story of how and where we got these numerals, which we so depend on, has for thousands of years been shrouded in mystery. *Finding Zero* is an adventure filled saga of Amir Aczel's lifelong obsession: to find the original sources of our numerals. Aczel has doggedly crisscrossed the ancient world, scouring dusty, moldy texts, cross examining so-called scholars who offered wildly differing sets of facts, and ultimately penetrating deep into a Cambodian jungle to find a definitive proof. Here, he takes the reader along for the ride. The history begins with the early Babylonian cuneiform numbers, followed by the later Greek and Roman letter numerals. Then Aczel asks the key question: where do the numbers we use today, the so-called Hindu-Arabic numerals, come from? It is this search that leads him to explore uncharted territory, to go on a grand quest into India, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, and ultimately into the wilds of Cambodia. There he is blown away to find the earliest zero—the keystone of our entire system of numbers—on a crumbling, vine-covered wall of a seventh-century temple adorned with eaten-away erotic sculptures. While on this odyssey, Aczel meets a host of fascinating characters: academics in search of truth, jungle trekkers looking for adventure, surprisingly honest politicians, shameless smugglers, and treacherous archaeological thieves—who finally reveal where our numbers come from.

Vasavadatta - Meena Talim 1971-04-01

King Udayana may have been imprisoned, but his mind roamed free. Udayana could charm even the beasts of the forest with his music. Vasavadatta, the beautiful daughter of his captor, inspired him to escape the shackles of his enemy. An example of kshatriy

1000+ Little Habits of Happy, Successful Relationships - Marc Chernoff 2021-04-06

New York Times bestselling authors Marc and Angel Chernoff deliver inspiring, actionable advice for keeping relationships strong—for couples, parents, friends, and more. Millions of readers turn to Marc and Angel Chernoff for fresh and relevant insights for living their best lives. In their newest guide, they share hard-won secrets for strengthening our connection to the loved ones who matter most. With their signature combination of common sense and uncommon wisdom, they bring together ideas for fostering intimacy and trust, expressing our needs, showing gratitude, and more. Topics include: • 10 things happy couples do differently • 10 powerful truths every parent should read • 7 things to remember about toxic family members • 20 powerful mantras to stop the drama in your life • 9 mindful ways to remain calm when others are angry An inspiring touchstone to read with a partner, with a friend, or solo, this simple yet powerful book offers an instant insight for anyone seeking to better understand and nurture the bonds that bring us together and make our lives whole.

52 Weeks of Gratitude - Ink & Willow 2020-10-27

Infuse spirituality and thankfulness into your daily life with this beautiful gratitude journal that offers a simple way to lower stress and improve happiness. Scripture says, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." But we could all use a little help actually making room for gratitude among our everyday busyness and concerns. *52 Weeks of Gratitude* offers you a space to record and reflect on your blessings each week as you focus through the year on four major themes: Home, Community, Faith, and Beauty. With its lovely full-color photographs and illustrations, this textured hardcover book is a perfect keepsake. The weekly format offers just the right amount of encouragement to inspire, motivate, and create a grateful heart in all who write in its pages.

Kusumabale - Devanoora Mahadeva 2015

A story of four generations, *Kusumabale* is essentially about the plight of women in a feudal, patriarchal order. The narrative includes a wide range of the contextual material of Dalit life as it presents a rare blend of poetry and prose.

And Then She Fell - Stephanie Laurens 2013-03-26

New York Times bestselling author Stephanie Laurens returns to another utterly irresistible branch on her beloved Cynster family tree in *And Then She Fell*. Set in Regency England, London's Henrietta Cynster, known as "The Matchbreaker" has a special talent for making sure that bad marriages never happen. After breaking up one ill-suited couple, Henrietta is obligated to find the perfect bride for the debonair James Glossup. The assignment proves to be a challenging one for the single-minded Henrietta, who believes that finding love isn't in her own stars. But Henrietta discovers—in spite of her personal denials of love—that both she and James are indisputably drawn to each other. Fans of Stephanie Laurens's Cynster books and readers of smart and compelling historical romances will be transported and entertained by *And Then She Fell*.

10 Hour Diet - Jeannette Hyde 2021-01-21

Want to lose weight without counting calories or cutting out food groups, and even still having the odd drink? Intermittent fasting is becoming one of the most popular trends in health. Backed up by science and weight loss results, it shows that our bodies respond as much to when we eat as what we're eating. Here, fully-qualified nutritionist and expert Jeannette Hyde unpacks the science to show how easily you can fold this into your daily routine to help lose weight and feel healthier. Simply by ensuring you're eating and drinking for 10 hours out of 24, you can completely change your body and health. Full of experienced insights, practical tips based on the latest research, and more than 25 recipes to get meals on the table quickly, this is the ultimate guide to time-restricted eating and making it work for the individual you are.

The Witness - Es. El Bhairappa 2000

Grihabhanga - Es. El Bhairappa 2019

One of the most published and translated books in the world, *The Little Prince* fascinates the reader with its

story of a pilot marooned in the Sahara after something goes wrong with his plane, and a little man with golden hair who has 'fallen' to earth by chance.

Slow Man - J. M. Coetzee 2017-04-04

J.M. Coetzee's latest novel, *The Schooldays of Jesus*, is now available from Viking. Late Essays: 2006-2016 will be available January 2018. J. M. Coetzee, one of the greatest living writers in the English language, has crafted a deeply moving tale of love and mortality in his new book, *Slow Man*. When photographer Paul Rayment loses his leg in a bicycle accident, he is forced to reexamine how he has lived his life. Through Paul's story, Coetzee addresses questions that define us all: What does it mean to do good? What in our lives is ultimately meaningful? How do we define the place we call "home"? In his clear and uncompromising voice, Coetzee struggles with these issues and offers a story that will dazzle the reader on every page.

Sea of Poppies - Amitav Ghosh 2009-09-29

At the heart of this vibrant saga is a vast ship, the *Ibis*. Its destiny is a tumultuous voyage across the Indian Ocean; its purpose, to fight China's vicious nineteenth-century Opium Wars. As for the crew, they are a motley array of sailors and stowaways, coolies and convicts. In a time of colonial upheaval, fate has thrown together a diverse cast of Indians and Westerners, from a bankrupt raja to a widowed tribeswoman, from a mulatto American freedman to a freespirted French orphan. As their old family ties are washed away, they, like their historical counterparts, come to view themselves as jahaj-bhais, or ship-brothers. An unlikely dynasty is born, which will span continents, races, and generations. The vast sweep of this historical adventure spans the lush poppy fields of the Ganges, the rolling high seas, the exotic backstreets of Canton. But it is the panorama of characters, whose diaspora encapsulates the vexed colonial history of the East itself, that makes *Sea of Poppies* so breathtakingly alive—a masterpiece from one of the world's finest novelists.

Vamshavriksha - Es. El Bhairappa 1995

Agile: The Insights You Need from Harvard Business Review - Harvard Business Review 2020-04-21

More than a buzzword, agile is a powerful business tool for all. To the uninitiated, agile is a software development and project management process involving white boards, colored Post-it Notes, and stand-up meetings. It may seem as though agile doesn't and won't ever apply to you. But agile is here to stay, and its benefits can be realized beyond IT and project management into other areas of your business. If you're a leader, it's worth exploring how your group can benefit from the higher productivity and morale agile brings. *Agile: The Insights You Need from Harvard Business Review* brings you today's most essential thinking on agile, from exploring the conditions under which agile is most effective and easiest to implement to reducing new-product development risk to bringing the most valuable products and features to market faster and more predictably. The lessons in this book will help you introduce agile into a broader range of activities and accelerate profitable growth for your company. Business is changing. Will you adapt or be left behind? Get up to speed and deepen your understanding of the topics that are shaping your company's future with the Insights You Need from Harvard Business Review series. Featuring HBR's smartest thinking on fast-moving issues--blockchain, cybersecurity, AI, and more--each book provides the foundational introduction and practical case studies your organization needs to compete today and collects the best research, interviews, and analysis to get it ready for tomorrow. You can't afford to ignore how

these issues will transform the landscape of business and society. The Insights You Need series will help you grasp these critical ideas--and prepare you and your company for the future.

Orphaned - S. L. Bhyrappa 2019-12-05

'What is the cow for, if not for human utility?' Yangata felt stunned by these words. He had never thought about the question of whether cattle existed merely for human utility or whether humans were born for the utility of cattle or whether one is born merely for another's utility. Village headman Kalinga Gowda's grandson, also named Kalinga, studies agriculture and cattle rearing in the US and returns to his native village with his American wife, Hilda, to pursue farming. But Hilda's modern methods of farming and cattle rearing are at odds with the native traditional beliefs of the villagers. Her inability to understand local customs, and her complete unwillingness to adapt to the life here begins a chain of conflict resulting in an explosive finale. Alone and alienated, Kalinga has to face the bitter truth of his own actions when his own infant's survival is at stake.

Saakshi - S L Bhyrappa 2017-08-14

Saakshi uses the Puranas and Vedanta as well as Gandhian concepts to discuss the meaning of truth and its distortions through greed, sexuality and desire. Overcome by guilt at having committed perjury in court, in a murder trial, Parameshwarayya, a village elder, commits suicide. Yama, the god of death and righteousness, affords him the privilege of presenting his case himself. Thereafter, he commands Parameshwarayya to return to earth in spiritual form to witness, but not to intervene, in subsequent events. Parameshwarayya observes his daughter Savitri, son Ramakrishna, son-in-law Satyappa, the woman Lakkoo and the sensitive Dr Hasheem as they are confronted by difficult decisions and revelations, which cause them to look inward and attempt an appraisal of their lives and values. Bhyrappa's portrayal of the greedy Nagappa, who grudges his only grandson the rice he eats and the arrogant, selfish and lustful Manjappa creates indelible impressions on the mind. This powerful novel questions what it means to be a witness—in a courtroom, before the gods, to the lives of others, or finally to one's self.

99 Nights in Logar - Jamil Jan Kochai 2019-01-22

"Funny, razor-sharp, and full of juicy tales that feel urgent and illicit . . . the author has created a singular, resonant voice, an American teenager raised by Old World Afghan storytellers." —New York Times Book Review "More than well crafted; it's phenomenal. . . . Kochai's book has a big heart." —The Guardian A dog on the loose. A boy yearning to connect to his family's roots. A country in the midst of great change. And a vibrant exploration of the power of stories--the ones we tell each other and the ones we find ourselves in. Twelve-year-old Marwand's memories from his previous visit to Afghanistan six years ago center on his contentious relationship with Budabash, the terrifying but beloved dog who guards his extended family's compound in the rural village of Logar. But eager for an ally in this place that is meant to be "home," Marwand misreads his reunion with the dog and approaches Budabash the way he would any pet on his American suburban block--and the results are disastrous: Marwand loses a finger, and Budabash escapes into the night. Marwand is not chastened and doubles down on his desire to fit in here. He must get the dog back, and the resulting search is a gripping and vivid adventure story, a lyrical, funny, and surprisingly tender coming-of-age journey across contemporary Afghanistan that blends the bravado and vulnerability of a boy's teenage years with an homage to familial oral tradition and calls to mind *One Thousand and One Nights* yet speaks with a voice all its own.