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Women in Modern Indian Theatre Har-Anand Publications
HISTORICAL FICTION. Lakshmibai, the Queen of Jhansi, a legendary Indian heroine, led her troops against the British in the uprising of 1857, which is now widely described as the first Indian War of Independence. The image of the young warrior queen who died on the battlefield but not in the minds of her people captured the imagination of novelist Mahasweta Devi, who undertook extensive research that encompassed family reminiscence, oral literature, local histories, and more traditional sources. From these she wove a very personal history of a heroine. Devi's resulting work traces the history of the growing

resistance to the British, while building a detailed picture of Lakshmibai as a complex, spirited, full-blooded woman. Simultaneously a history, a biography, and an imaginative work of fiction, this book is a valuable contribution to the reclamation of history and historiography by feminist writers. *Critical Essays in Indian Writing in English* Taylor & Francis
This book interprets the feminist theories of Rajam Krishnan, a doyen of Tamil literature, who has been a forerunner of many contemporary ideologies. The text provides the much-needed tools for the vast corpus of contemporary research in the global domain of Indian women's literature. To interpret literature with non-native theoretical models may not be dispensed as an erroneous fallacy, but the fact remains that there prevails an oft-felt, unarticulated need for our own native theories which may imbue a greater elucidation of our culture, ethos, epistemes and

practices.

From Fiction to Performance Modern History Press

This is the story of Nataraj, who earns his living as a printer in the little world of Malgudi, an imaginary town in South India. Nataraj and his close friends, a poet and a journalist, find their congenial days disturbed when Vasu, a powerful taxidermist, moves in with his stuffed hyenas and pythons, and brings his dancing-women up the printer's private stairs. When Vasu, in search of larger game, threatens the life of a temple elephant that Nataraj has befriended, complications ensue that are both laughable and tragic.

An Autobiography of a Dalit Penguin

Translation as a Touchstone focuses on translation as a creative process, where Narasimhan proposes that translation is an art of highlighting the complex relationship that arises between two languages, their cultures and sensibilities when they are positioned as a main language and a target language. The implications of this proposition are far-reaching, as Narasimhan argues in this book. The place of English in translation exercises in India is an implicit theme, where translation is an act which consolidates the terrain between two linguo-cultures. English, as argued, is a touchstone language, and in a multi-cultural country like India, this hold of English adds weight to the case for transliteration. With the examples of Vijay Tendulkar's plays and Arundhati Roy's *The God of Small Things*, Narasimhan argues that transliteration not only can but also should extend to wholesale incorporations of Indian language interludes into English translations. Through a comparative study of original passages and phrases in literary texts along with their translated

equivalents, she has followed a multi-pronged strategy and has used, as methodology, the comparative analysis method. Though the target language is more than one in two of the works discussed in the essays—*Samskara*, by U. R. Ananthamurthy, and *Chemmeen*, by Tagazhi Sivasankara Pillai—Narasimhan incorporates multiple ways of looking at the translations and does not focus on any one language in isolation.

Towards an Inclusive Theatre Routledge

At the dawn of independence in India, in a small World Scientific

Rudali is a powerful short story written by Mahasweta Devi. Revolving around the life of Sanichari, a poor lowcaste village woman, it is an acidly ironic tale of exploitation and struggle, and above all, of survival. In 1992 it was adapted into a play by Usha Ganguli, a leading theatre director of Calcutta, and instantly became one of the most acclaimed productions of its time. In both incarnations of Rudali, it has been a woman who has wrought and rewrought this text which revolves around the life of a woman; and each version of Rudali can be read as an important feminist text for contemporary India. Both the short story and the play, are included in this volume, along with an introductory essay that studies how and why the versions are different and what the changes signify, leading to an analysis of how the metamorphosis of Rudali allows us to address the simultaneity and asymmetry of feminist positions in this country today. Anjum Katyal, who has translated and introduced the texts in this volume, is a writer and an editor based in Calcutta. Mahasweta Devi is one of India's foremost writers. Her powerful fiction has won her recognition in the form of the Sahitya Akademi (1979),

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If you insist that you do not know me, let me explain myself ... you will feel, why, yes, I do know this person. I've seen this man. With these words, Manoranjan Byapari points to the inescapable roles all of us play in an unequal society. *Interrogating My Chandal Life: An Autobiography of a Dalit* is the translation of his remarkable memoir *Itibritte Chandal Jivan*. It talks about his traumatic life as a child in the refugee camps of West Bengal and Dandakaranya, facing persistent want—an experience that would dominate his life. The book charts his futile flight from home to escape hunger, in search of work as a teenager around the country, only to face further exploitation. In Kolkata in the 1970s, as a young man, he got caught up in the Naxalite movement and took part in gang warfare. His world changed dramatically when he was taught the alphabet in prison at the age of 24—it drew him into a new, enticing world of books. After prison, he worked as a rickshaw-wallah and one day the writer Mahasweta Devi happened to be his passenger. It was she who led him to his first publication. Today, as Sipra Mukherjee points out, 'issues of poverty, hunger and violence have exploded the cautiously sewn boundaries of the more affluent world', rendering archaic the comfortable distances between them. Despite 'Chandal' explicitly referring to a Dalit caste, this narrative weaves in and out of the

margins.

LITERATURE AS A SITE OF ACTIVISM: A SELECT STUDY OF WOMEN WRITING IN INDIA SAGE Publications India

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The Queen of Jhansi Sarup & Sons

Examines the work and aspirations of women filmmakers in Latin America, Africa, and Asia, as well as in marginalized communities within the United States, with particular attention to issues of

gender, race, nation, and aesthetics.

The Moth-eaten Howdah of the Tusker Seagull World Literature
This book engages with the life and works of Indira Goswami, the first Assamese woman writer to win the highest national literary award, the Jnanpith, in 2001. From sociological treatises to a springboard of a socio-political milieu, Goswami's texts are intersections of the local and the global, the popular and the canonical. The writer's penchant for transcending boundaries gives a new contour and shape to the social and cultural domains in her texts. That every character is a representative of the society, that the context comes alive in every evocation of class struggle, power play, caste discrimination and gendered narratives add an interesting semantic load to her texts. While tracing the trajectories discussed above, this book foregrounds Goswami's act of going beyond the margins of varied kinds, both abstract and concrete, in search of egalitarian and democratic spaces of life. The book looks at Indira Goswami's works with a special emphasis on the author situated within the Assamese literary canon. It not only discusses the themes and issues within her writing, but also focuses on the distinct language and style she uses. The volume includes non-fictional prose, excerpts from her short stories and novels, viewpoints of critics, letters and entries from diaries, as well as interviews with Goswami about her writing and personal life. It engages with her works in the context of her multifaceted, almost mythical life, especially her avowed 'activism' against animal sacrifice and militancy in her latter career. Part of the *Writer in Context* series, this book will be useful for scholars and researchers of Indian literature, Assamese literature, English literature, postcolonial studies, cultural studies,

global south studies, gender studies, and translation studies.

Rudali : a Critical Analysis Lulu.com

Anjum Katyal's work is the first comprehensive study on the life and contribution of Habib Tanvir to Indian theatre history. A playwright, director, actor, journalist and critic, Tanvir is perhaps best known for the play *Charandas Chor*. However, his real significance in the history of post-Independence Indian theatre is that he signposted an important path for the development of modern theatre. His productions with Naya Theatre using Chhattisgarhi folk actors established how one could do modern theatre integrated with age-old-yet equally contemporary-folk culture on a basis of equality. *Habib Tanvir: Towards an Inclusive Theatre* explores various important aspects of Tanvir's theatre philosophy and practice as he experimented with both content and form. Starting with his early life and work, Katyal charts his professional trajectory from *Agra Bazaar* to *Gaon Ka Naam Sasural*, when he was searching for his true form, to *Charandas Chor*, which portrayed the eventual maturing of his style, and beyond, to cover his entire oeuvre.

A Novel Book Rivers

Since there was hardly any book written on the concept of 'New Woman' compiling the works of Indian English writers, the author had long-felt desire to bring out a compact volume in this field. The present volume is like a dream come true as it prepares the solid ground for the long-cherished desire of the author. The book *New Woman in Indian English Literature: From Covert to Overt* is an attempt to combining the varied shapes of new emerging trend of womanhood in Indian English Literature into a single whole. The book covers twenty six well explored articles on this

recent trend of writing which has been fast growing since last few decades. The contributing authors are very deep, sincere and reflective in the articulation of their original ideas and views. Authors are hopeful that the book will bring into focus many new things and ideas yet to be explored and thus will be useful to critical minds.

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Translation as a Touchstone Springer Nature

This volume forms a part of the Critical Discourses in South Asia series which deals with schools, movements, and discursive practices in major South Asian languages. It offers crucial insights into the making of Bengali or Bangla literature and its critical tradition across a century. The book brings together English translation of major writings of influential figures dealing with literary criticism and theory, aesthetic and performative traditions, and reinterpretations of primary concepts and categories in Bangla. It presents 32 key texts in literary and cultural studies from Bengal from the middle of the 19th to that of the 20th century, with most of them translated for the first time into English. These seminal essays are linked with socio-historical events and phenomena in the colonial and post-independence period in Bengal, including the background to the Language Movement in Bangladesh. They discuss themes such as integrative aesthetic visions, poetic and literary forms, modernism, imagination, power structures and social struggles, ideological values, cultural renovations, and humanism. Comprehensive and authoritative, this volume offers an overview of the history of critical thought in Bangla literature in South Asia.

It will be essential for scholars and researchers of Bengali/Bangla language and literature, literary criticism, literary theory, comparative literature, Indian literature, cultural studies, art and aesthetics, performance studies, history, sociology, regional studies, and South Asian studies. It will also interest the Bengali-speaking diaspora and those working on the intellectual history of Bengal and conservation of languages and culture

Bhupen Hazarika HarperCollins

Young Ramchand rushes through the dusty streets of Amritsar, once again late for work. Chastised by his boss, he takes his place among the cottons and silks of the sari shop, selling yards of cloth to the wealthy and fashionable women of the town. Offered a glimpse of a more opulent world, Ramchand is seduced by the idea that he might somehow better himself. But making dreams real will come at a price that a poor shop assistant might not be able to pay ... Funny, compelling and unflinchingly honest, *The Sari Shop* is a heartbreaking story of a young man's struggle to be someone else and a brilliantly clear-sighted debut.

Muffled Voices Mahasweta Devi Rudali : a Critical

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Is An Insightful Exploration Of The Complex Relationship Between The Personal And The Political. The Novel Written 1973-74. The Novel Written 1973-74, Deals With The Psychological And Emotional Trauma Of A Mother Who Awakens One Morning To The Shattering News That Her Beloved Son Is Lying Dead In The Police Morgue.

Critical Essays on Salman Rushdie SAGE Publishing India
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As I Knew Him SAGE Publications India

This book by eminent author Jasbir Jain explores the many ways the diaspora remembers and reflects upon the lost homeland, and their relationship with their own ancestry, history of the

homeland, culture and the current political conflicts. Amongst the questions this book asks is, 'how does the diaspora relate to their home, and what is the homeland's relationship to the diaspora as representatives of the contemporary homeland in another country?'. The last is an interesting point of discussion since the 'present' of the homeland and of the diaspora cannot be equated. The transformations that new locations have brought about as migrants have travelled through time and interacted with the politics of their settled lands---Africa, Fiji, the Caribbean Islands, the UK, the US, Canada, as well as the countries created out of British India, such as Pakistan and Bangladesh---have altered their affiliations and perspectives. This book gathers multiple dispersions of emigrant writers and artistes from South Asia across time and space to the various homelands they relate to now. The word 'write' is used in its multiplicity to refer to creative expression, as an inscription, as connectivity, and remembrance. Writing is also a representation and carries its own baggage of poetics and aesthetics, categories which need to be problematised vis-à-vis the writer and his/her emotional location. *Interrogating My Chandal Life* Twayne Publishers
Papers presented at the National Seminar on Literature and Environment, held at Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gorakhpur University in February 2012.

Badal Sircar SAGE Publishing India

Bitter Soil contains four of her most powerful stories *Salt*, *Seed*, *The Witch* and *Little Ones* all set in Palamau, the tribal-intensive region she has traveled extensively. As she says in her introduction, *My Palamau* is a mirror of India. These harsh, hardhitting pieces are, in her own words, among the most

important of her prolific writing career. Written in the eighties, they resonate with anger against the exploitation she witnessed firsthand, and the complacent hypocrisy of the upper castes and classes. Mahasweta Devi is one of India's foremost writers. Her powerful fiction has won her recognition in the form of the Sahitya Akademi (1979), Jnanpith (1996) and Ramon Magsaysay (1996) awards, the title of Officier del Ordre Des Arts Et Des

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