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THE INTERIOR LANDSCAPE

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This book presents the first systematic critical exploration of the philosophical and political thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi and Sri Aurobindo, both pioneers of modern Indian thought. Bringing

together experts from across the world, the volume examines the thoughts, ideas, actions, lives and experiments of Mahatma Gandhi and Sri Aurobindo on themes such as radical politics and human agency; ideals of human unity; social practices and citizenship; horizons of sustainable development and climate change; inclusive freedom; conceptions of swaraj; interpretations

of texts; Sri Aurobindo's views on Indian culture; integral yoga; transformative leadership; Anthropocene and alternative planetary futures. The book discusses the contemporary legacies and works of the two influential thinkers. It offers insights into historical, philosophical, theoretical, literary and sociological questions that establish the need for transdisciplinary dialogues and the relevance of their visions towards future evolution. This book will be useful to scholars and researchers of political science, Indian political thought, comparative politics, philosophy, Indian philosophy, sociology, anthropology, modern Indian history, peace studies, cultural studies, religious studies and South Asian studies.

Rakshasa's Ring Penguin UK

This classic anthology of translations has long been out of print. The poems come from one of the earliest surviving texts of Tamil poetry, the Kuruntokai, an anthology of love lyrics probably recorded during the first three centuries AD. Seventy-six of these classical poems have here been given a modern language and form. In an effort at fidelity to the effect of the images and their placement in the original, Ramanujan has given a visual shape to the poems by typographic devices. An essay on Tamil poetry explains its techniques and enriches the reader's pleasure in these quiet, controlled, yet dramatic poems.

The Ramayana Zubaan

WINNER OF THE 2018 LUCIEN STRYK ASIAN TRANSLATION PRIZE
The English-language premiere of Qiu Miaojin's coming-of-age novel about queer teenagers in Taiwan, a cult classic in China and winner of the 1995 China Times Literature Award. An NYRB Classics Original Set in the post-martial-law era of late-1980s Taipei, *Notes of a Crocodile* is a coming-of-age story of queer misfits discovering love, friendship, and artistic affinity while hardly studying at Taiwan's most prestigious university. Told through the eyes of an anonymous lesbian narrator nicknamed Lazi, this cult classic is a postmodern pastiche of diaries, vignettes, mash notes, aphorisms, exegesis, and satire by an incisive prose stylist and major countercultural figure. Afflicted by her fatalistic attraction to Shui Ling, an older woman, Lazi turns for support to a circle of friends that includes a rich kid turned criminal and his troubled, self-destructive gay lover, as well as a bored, mischievous overachiever and her alluring slacker artist girlfriend. Illustrating a process of liberation from the strictures of

gender through radical self-inquiry, *Notes of a Crocodile* is a poignant masterpiece of social defiance by a singular voice in contemporary Chinese literature.

Samskara OUP India

A new and expanded edition of a highly successful textbook on world religions with a comparative approach which explores how six major religions are lived and expressed through their customs, rituals and everyday practices. A new edition of this major textbook, exploring the world's great religions through their customs, rituals and everyday practices by focusing on the 'lived experience' This comparative study is enriched and broadened with the inclusion of a sixth religion, Daoism Takes a thematic, comparative and practical approach; each chapter explores a series of key themes including birth, death, ethics, and worship across all six religions at each time Broadens students' understanding by offering an impartial discussion of the similarities and differences between each religion Includes an increased range of student-friendly features, designed to allow students to engage with each religion and extend their understanding

A Very Short Introduction NYU Press

Kamleshwar's Kitne Pakistan Enjoys Cult Status As A Novel That Dared To Ask Crucial Questions About The Making And Writing Of History. With India's Partition In 1947 As Its Reference Point, The Novel Presents A Limitless Canvas Against Which The Most Extraordinary Trial In The History Of Mankind Runs Its Course. Present In A Court That Transcends Space And Time Are Mughal Emperors Babar And Aurangzeb, Spanish Adventurer Hernando Cortez, Lord Mountbatten, Adolf Hitler And Saddam Hussein. Along With Political Leaders, Religious Zealots And Scheming Gods Of Mythology, They Stand Accused Of Creating Countless Fractured Nations, Leaving A Never-Ending Trail Of Hatred And Distrust. The Arbiter For Suffering Humanity Is An Unnamed Adeb Or Littérateur Who Must Sift Through The Testimony Of Casualties From The Killing Fields Of Injustice At Home And Abroad, Ranging From Kurukshetra To Kargil, Hiroshima To Bosnia. As Recorded History Unravels To Reveal The Sinister Realities That Lie Beneath, The Scholar Finds Himself Travelling Back Through The Centuries Over Oceans Of Blood, So That He May Carry Forward For Posterity The Enduring Lessons Of Love, Compassion, Peace And Hope. Translated Into English For

The First Time, This Boldly Provocative Saga Is A Triumph Of Poetic Imagination That Relentlessly Probes Our Underlying Assumptions Of History And Truth, Religion And Nationalism. &Nbsp;

SAMSKARA

Soho Press

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.

Six Acres and a Third Oxford University Press

The aristocrat who wrote this vigorous political play eschewed sentimentality in favor of realistic characterization and forceful action. It is 316 BCE, one year after Chandra-gupta Maurya, aided by his subtle minister Chanakya, has seized the kingdom of Magadha from the last king of the Nanda dynasty. Rakshasa, Nanda's incorruptible minister, flees abroad and plots his vengeance, while Chanakya seeks to win him over to honor Chandra-gupta Maurya as his new king. The aristocrat who wrote this vigorous political play eschewed sentimentality in favor of

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COLLECTED POEMS IN ENGLISH

University of Chicago Press

These plays represent three phases in the career of the dramatist Girish Karnad, whose very first play rejected the naturalism then prevalent on the Indian stage. All three are classics of the Indian stage. Tughlaq is a historical play in the manner of the nineteenth-century Parsi theatre. It deals with the tumultuous reign of the medieval Sultan, Muhammad bin Tughlaq, a visionary, a poet and one of the most gifted individuals to ascend the throne of Delhi (who also came to be considered one of the most spectacular failures in history). Hayavadana was one of the first modern Indian plays to employ traditional theatre techniques. The various conventions music, mime, masks, the framing narrative, the mixing of human and non-human worlds - are here used for a simultaneous presentation of alternative points of view, for alternative analyses of a human problem posed by a story from the Kathasaritsagar. By a supernatural accident, two men have their heads exchanged. The wife of one of them has to decide who is her husband in the new situation and live with the consequences of her decision. In Naga-Mandala, Karnad turns to oral tales, usually narrated by women while feeding children in the kitchen. Two such tales are fused here. The first comments on the paradoxical nature of oral tales in general: they have an existence of their own, independent of the teller, and yet live only when they are passed on from one to another. Enconced within this is the story of a girl who makes up tales in order to come to grips with her life.

Translation as a Touchstone Motilal Banarsidass Publ.

The Tamil Brahmins were a traditional, mainly rural, high-caste elite who have been transformed into a modern, urban, middle-class community since the late nineteenth century. Many Tamil

Brahmins today are in professional and managerial occupations, such as engineering and information technology; most of them live in Chennai and other Tamilnadu towns, but others have migrated to the rest of India and overseas. This book, which is mainly based on the authors ethnographic research, describes and analyses this transformation. It is also a study of how and why the Tamil Brahmins privileged status within a hierarchical society has been perpetuated in the face of both a strong anti-Brahman movement in Tamilnadu, and a series of wider social, cultural, economic, political, and ideological changes that might have been expected to undermine their position completely. The major topics discussed include Brahman rural society, urban migration and urban ways of life, education and employment, the position of women, and religion and culture. The Tamil Brahmins class position, including the internal division into the upper- and lower-middle classes, and the process of class reproduction, are examined closely to analyze the congruence between Tamil Brahmanhood and middle classness, which as comparison with other Brahman and non-Brahman groups shows is highly unusual in contemporary India."

MAHATMA GANDHI AND SRI AUROBINDO

University of Chicago Press

Arun Kolatkar (1931-2004) was one of India's greatest modern poets. He wrote prolifically, in both Marathi and English, publishing in magazines and anthologies from 1955, but did not bring out a book of poems until he was 44. *Jejuri* (1976) won him the Commonwealth Poetry Prize, and was later published in the US in the NYRB Classics series (2005). His third Marathi publication, *Bhijki Vahi*, won a Sahitya Akademi Award in 2004. Always hesitant about publishing his work, Kolatkar waited until 2004, when he knew he was dying from cancer, before bringing out two further books, *Kala Ghoda Poems* and *Sarpa Satra*. A posthumous selection, *The Boatride and Other Poems* (2008), edited by Arvind Krishna Mehrotra, contained his previous uncollected English poems as well as translations of his Marathi poems; among the book's surprises were his translations of bhakti poetry, song lyrics, and a long love poem, the only one he wrote, cleverly disguised as light verse. This first Collected Poems in English brings together work from all those volumes. *Jejuri* offers a rich description of India while at the same time performing a

complex act of devotion, discovering the divine trace in a degenerate world. Salman Rushdie called it 'sprightly, clear-sighted, deeply felt...; a modern classic'. For Arvind Krishna Mehrotra, it was 'among the finest single poems written in India in the last forty years...; it surprises by revealing the familiar, the hidden that is always before us'. Jeet Thayil attributed its popularity in India to 'the Kolatkarean voice: unhurried, lit with whimsy, unpretentious even when making learned literary or mythological allusions. And whatever the poet's eye alights on - particularly the odd, the misshapen, and the famished - receives the gift of close attention.'

A Rite for a Dead Man Penguin Books India

Samskara is one of the acknowledged masterpieces of modern world literature, a book to set beside Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart* and Tayeb Salih's *Season of Migration to the North*. Taking its name from a Sanskrit word that means "rite of passage" but also "moment of recognition," it begins when Naranappa, an inhabitant of a small south Indian town and a renegade Brahmin who has scandalously flouted the rules of caste and purity for years, eating meat, drinking alcohol, marrying beneath him, mocking God, unexpectedly falls ill and dies. The question of whether he should be buried as a Brahmin divides the other Brahmins in the village. For an answer they turn to Praneshacharyah, the most devout and respected member of their community, an ascetic who also tends religiously to his invalid wife. Praneshacharyah finds himself unable to provide the answer, though an answer is urgently needed since as he wonders and the villagers wait and the body festers, more and more people are falling sick and dying. But when Praneshacharyah goes to the temple to seek a sign from God, he discovers something else entirely—unless that something else is also God. Samskara is a tale of existential suspense, a life-and-death encounter between the sacred and the profane, the pure and the impure, the ascetic and the erotic.

BHARATHIPURA

Univ of California Press

The greatest Indian epic, one of the world's supreme masterpieces of storytelling A Penguin Classic A sweeping tale of abduction, battle, and courtship played out in a universe of deities and demons, The Ramayana is familiar to virtually every Indian.

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Perspectives and Dimensions John Wiley & Sons

Set in a decadent and narrow-minded brahmin colony in a fictitious south Indian village, Durvasapura, Samskara serves as an allegory of the clash between tradition and modernity. Both a religious novel and a contemporary reworking of ancient Hindu themes and myths, its central event is a death, which brings in its wake a plague, moral chaos, and most significantly, a rebirth.

When the River Sleeps New York Review of Books

According to the people of the Mueda plateau in northern Mozambique, sorcerers remake the world by asserting the authority of their own imaginative visions of it. While conducting

research among these Muedans, anthropologist Harry G. West made a revealing discovery—for many of them, West's efforts to elaborate an ethnographic vision of their world was itself a form of sorcery. In *Ethnographic Sorcery*, West explores the fascinating issues provoked by this equation. A key theme of West's research into sorcery is that one sorcerer's claims can be challenged or reversed by other sorcerers. After West's attempt to construct a metaphorical interpretation of Muedan assertions that the lions prowling their villages are fabricated by sorcerers is disputed by his Muedan research collaborators, West realized that ethnography and sorcery indeed have much in common. Rather than abandoning ethnography, West draws inspiration from this connection, arguing that anthropologists, along with the people they study, can scarcely avoid interpreting the world they inhabit, and that we are all, inescapably, ethnographic sorcerers.

The Upanayana Courier Corporation

Hinduism is practised by nearly eighty per cent of India's population, and by some seventy million people outside India. In this Very Short Introduction, Kim Knott offers a succinct and authoritative overview of this major religion, and analyses the challenges facing it in the twenty-first century. She discusses key preoccupations of Hinduism such as the centrality of the Veda as religious texts, the role of Brahmins, gurus, and storytellers in the transmission of divine truths, and the cultural and moral importance of epics such as the Ramayana. In this second edition Knott considers the impact of changes in technology and the flourishing of social media on Hinduism, and looks at the presence of Hinduism in popular culture, considering pieces such as Sita Sings the Blues. She also analyses recent developments in India, and the impact issues such as Hindu nationalism and the politicization of Hinduism have on Hindus worldwide. **ABOUT THE SERIES:** The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

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