

Khasakkinte Ithihasam Ov Vijayan

'Takes the Malayalam novel to new heights and fresh possibilities.' - The Hindu
When Peter Jeevanandam arrives in Sri Lanka to shoot a movie about a human rights activist ostensibly murdered by the LTTE, the government is more than willing to help. What they don't know is that he is also searching for Sugandhi - an LTTE member, and the love of his life. As Peter stumbles upon and becomes part of a plot to kill the president, reality, history, myth and fiction collide in explosive, illuminating ways. Sugandhi Alias Andal Devanayaki is a daring novel that portrays the violence inherent in both fascism and revolution. Winner of the 2017 Vayalar Award and the Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award.

The Novel With An Off Beat Is Set, Like Most Stories Of Tarashankar Bandyopadhyay, In The Red Soil Of Birbhum. On One Level The Theme Is A Clash Between The Old And The New, Between Traditional Medicine And The Western System Of Allopathy. There Is An Effort To Overcome The Fear Of Death, And All This Makes This Novel A Great Work Of Art.

Includes comprehensive introduction and transcript of interview with the author.
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.

Not turning into the blue petals of the jungle lilly her eyes abandoned a poet she had the least trust in the eyes of the blue lilly she never gazed on the eyes when the deers sped past her She didn't have a veil on her face nor a wedding thilak on her forehead nor thali, bangles nor a chain around her neck She is neither the bloom of dawn nor verses nor metaphor, nor love nor passion She is hunger She is black She is a vampire She is a ghostly tree of the dark night She is neither a black beetle nor a voluptuous eagle juggling with mountains nor an alluring lake quenching swans

Surveys the many regional literatures of 20th century India.

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WINNER OF THE JCB PRIZE FOR LITERATURE 2020. 'A novel of epic dimensions ... easily among the most accomplished fictional works in Malayalam.'K. SATCHIDANANDAN Vavachan is a Pulayan who gets the opportunity to play a policeman with an immense moustache in a musical drama. The character appears in only two scenes and has no dialogue. However, Vavachan's performance, and his moustache, terrify the mostly upper-caste audience, reviving in them memories of characters of Dalit power, such as Ravanam. Afterwards, Vavachan, whose people were traditionally banned from growing facial hair, refuses to shave off his moustache. Endless tales invent and reinvent the legend of his magic moustache in which birds roost, which allows its owner to appear simultaneously in different places and disappear in an instant, which grows as high as the sky and as thick as rainclouds -- and turn Vavachan into Moustache, a figure of mythic proportions. Set in Kuttanad, a below-sea-level farming region on the south-west coast of Kerala, the novel is as much a story of this land as it is of Vavachan and its other inhabitants. As they navigate the intricate waterscape, stories unfold in which ecology, power dynamics and politics become key themes. Originally published in Malayalam as Meesha, S. Hareesh's Moustache is a contemporary classic mixing magic, myth and metaphor into a tale of far-reaching resonance.

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.

A Superb Collection Of Fiction From One Of India S Greatest Living Writers Some Of The Stories Included In This Collection Are: -The Legends Of Khasak -The Saga Of Dharmapuri -The Infinity Of Grace O.V. Vijayan Is One Of The Most Brilliant And Original Of The Contemporary Indian Authors. His Fiction, Written In Malayalam, Is Complex And Poetic, A Sumptuous Blend Of Myth, Dark Humour, Eroticism, Mystical Insights And A Uniquely Indian Brand Of Magic Realism. This Collection Brings Together For The First Time All Four Of Vijayan S Books Translated Into English So Far. In His Much-Acclaimed First Novel The Legends Of Khasak , Ravi, A Schoolteacher, Arrives In The Remote Village Of Khasak And Is Gradually Engulfed By The Dreams And Fables Of That Ancient Land. In The Controversial Political Allegory The Saga Of Dharmapuri , The Tyrannical President Of Dharmapuri And Siddhaatha, A Travelling Mystic And Messiah, Engage In An Unending Symbolic Battle. In The Award-Winning The Infinity Of Grace , Kunjunni, A Journalist, Goes To Calcutta To Cover The Bangladesh War, And Attempts To Reconnect With His Estranged Wife And Daughter Who Live There. Through The Personal Trauma That Follows, He Arrives At A Transcendental Understanding Of Life And The Harmony Implicit In Apparently Chaotic Events. The Final Section Of This Volume Comprises Twenty-One Short Stories-Which Include Classics Such As After The Hanging , Oil , Wind Flowers , Anachronisms And The Foetus . Together, They Bear Testimony To Vijayan S Skills As An Unusually Innovative And Evocative Writer Of Romances, Parables And Tales Of The Supernatural. A Definitive Collection, Selected Fiction Is Like A Good Piece Of Halwa. You Ll Never Want It To End. And By The Time You Re Through With It You Will Be A Member Of The Vijayan Fan Club. -The Week

Ann Marie reads fragments of her dead husband's unfinished book, and the many love letters he sent her, and in them the social and political events of the time. As she ponders over the writing and the years that the brilliant Jithendran squandered working for a toy company that makes drum-playing monkeys, the narrative gives way to the sweeping saga of a village by the river Periyar. Grappling with issues of equality, love, caste, religion and politics, Thachanakkara is a microcosm of twentieth-century Kerala. Told through the history of three generations of a feudal Nair family, this sprawling story is reminiscent of the craft of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's One Hundred Years of Solitude and has the scale of Sunil Gangopadhyay's Those Days. Manushyanu Oru Amukham is an artistic meditation on human existence and is a

contemporary classic.

Distraught by a breakup with his long-term girlfriend, a young man leaves New York to take an unusual job in the strange desert metropolis of Dubai at the height of its self-invention as a futuristic Shangri-la where he struggles with his new position as the "family officer" of the capricious and very rich Batros family.

This work offers an English translation of the Malayalam novel "Nrittam". Written by Maniyambath Mukundan, the novel is a poignant tale of love and loss told in contrapuntal versions by multiple narrators, Sridhar and Agni, communicating through the cyber medium of email.

Anima burns her diaries which record the long period of grief and mourning that followed Siddharth's death in the Bombay riots. Bold lines of black on a blank canvas lead Ashesh to start a new painting. Sharada sings her own composition in the noon raag Shuddh Sarang at an evening concert. Crowfall unobtrusively follows an eventful year in the lives of a group of friends—a journalist, a teacher, a musician and three painters—in Mumbai. Like the cycle of seasons, love and violence and heartbreak and joy pursue each other. And it is friendship that provides uncompromising solace amidst the ravaging pressures of life in the big city. Steeped in sensuous detail, Crowfall takes in art and identity, music and communal madness, and the clash of the old and the new to etch a finely nuanced portrait of contemporary Mumbai.

'One of the best young writers of India'—Indian Express 'One of the finest contemporary Malayalam writers'—Mint In a café by the seaside, two friends, Christy Andraper and Jesintha, witness the murder of a young man. When Christy discovers that it was Senthil, his classmate from school, who had been shot, he tries to follow up on the investigation. But the police deny such a crime ever took place. The hospital to which Senthil's body was delivered insists he died of a heart attack. Christy begins to suspect a conspiracy. Was he caught in the middle of a giant cover-up? How was his powerful family connected with it? As the mystery deepens, the story moves back and forth between the archipelago of Diego Garcia and peninsular India, delving into the very heart of early Christianity in India. After the success and acclaim of Goat Days, Benyamin crafts a clever and absorbing crime-novel-within-a-novel that is dazzlingly inventive and hugely enjoyable.

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.

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.

A comprehensive assessment of the economic, social and cultural impacts of migration

within South Asia This book addresses the concept of migration with the aim of building theory as well as drawing from existing theories to understand South Asian realities. It highlights the less-explored cultural dimensions of migration—music, literature, cinema and art—thereby extending migration research into the realms of security discourse. The author explores how ideas migrate along with people, and the extent to which the process of transformation and adaptation of these ideas is necessitated by social interactions in the adopted society. Since South Asia is culturally diverse, most migrants need to adapt themselves to unfamiliar social milieus, and this juxtaposition finds expression in rich and diverse cultural forms. The book will be indispensable to researchers and scholars of migration studies, South Asia studies, social anthropology and international relations.

This is the story of Bhima, the second son, always second in line -- a story never adequately told until one of India's finest writers conjured him up from the silences in Vyasa's narrative. M.T. Vasudevan Nair's Bhima is a revelation -- lonely, eager to succeed, treated with a mixture of affection and contempt by his Pandava brothers, and with scorn and hatred by his Kaurava cousins, Bhima battles incessantly with failure and disappointment. He is adept at disguising his feelings, but has an overwhelmingly intuitive understanding of everyone who crosses his path. A warrior without equal, he takes on the mighty Bakasura and Jarasandha, and ultimately Duryodhana, thus bringing the Great War to a close. However, all of Bhima's moments of triumph remain unrecognized and unrewarded. If his mother saw glory only in the skills of Arjuna and the wisdom of Yudhishtira, his beloved Draupadi cared only for the beautiful Arjuna. 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. When in love, you tend to take each other for granted, and sometimes, that can cost you a lifetime of togetherness . . . Ronnie knew that his first crush was way out of his league, and yet he pursued and wooed Adira. Shyly and from a distance in the beginning, and more persuasively later. He couldn't believe it when the beautiful Adira actually began to reciprocate, falling in love with him for his simplicity and honesty. Slowly, as they get close and comfortable with each other, life takes on another hue. From truly magical it becomes routine. There are fights and then making-up sessions-a clash of egos and doubts. Things begin to change for the worst. It is too late. Ronnie and Adira will probably never find their forever after . . .

At a crucial moment after the cliffhanger ending of book one, The Immortals of Meluha, the warrior-hero Shiva--the man who is the prophesied Neelkanth, or destroyer of evil--is fighting to protect his wife Sati from an invasion by the Nagas, a mysterious militaristic society. Evil forces are growing in strength all around the conflict, and Shiva's own philosopher-guides have betrayed his unquestioning faith by accepting aid from the dark side. Even the idyllic empire of Meluha hides a terrible secret. Accompanied by his troop of warriors, Shiva travels East to the land of Branga in hopes of discovering clues as to the whereabouts of the Naga people. The journey concludes in the Naga capital of Panchavati, where a surprise awaits him that will change the balance of power...

Pandavapuram The 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 Pandavapuram Will she continue her protection? Mr. Sethu who is author of several best sellers like Adyaksharangal, Adayalangal, 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. This book explores the dynamics of interaction between pragmatism and spirituality in the constitution and working of consciousness, freedom and solidarity. This book is cross-cultural and transdisciplinary in nature and brings critical and transformative perspectives from different philosophical and spiritual traditions of the world. It discusses the works of seminal thinkers such as William James, Rudolf Steiner, John Dewey, Swami Vivekananda, Martin Heidegger, Claude Levi-Strauss, Jordan Peterson, Slavos Zizek, Paul Valeri and O.V. Vijayan. It also explores dialogues between pragmatism and other philosophical and intellectual traditions such as Semiotics, Saiva Siddhanta, Vedanta, Trika Shaivism and Tantra. It explores themes such as pragmatism and belief, evolution of consciousness and happiness, spiritual pragmatism and economics of solidarity, value levels democracy, the performative as an aspect of spirituality and transformation of political theology from Kingdom of God to Gardens of God. The body cravers To be a puzzle. How hard other bodies Keep it tempted! Affection, passion, love and lust; It's all kaleidoscopes for the body. At times, it's by this mortal frame, That we come to pleasantly realize The entangling tentacles of love! Of our father, mother and near ones.

Translation is stigmatized as a form of writing, discouraged by copyright law, deprecated by the academy, exploited by publishers and corporations, governments and religious organizations. Lawrence Venuti exposes what he refers to as the 'scandals of translation' by looking at the relationship between translation and those bodies - corporations, governments, religious organizations, publishers - who need the work of the translator yet marginalize it when it threatens their cultural values. Venuti illustrates his arguments with a wealth of translations from The Bible, the works of Homer, Plato and Wittgenstein, Japanese and West African novels, advertisements and business journalism. 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,

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'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?

A savage indictment of religious extremism and man's inhumanity to man, *Lajja* was banned in Bangladesh, but became a bestseller in the rest of the world. The Duttas—Sudhamoy and Kironmoyee, and their children, Suranjan and Maya— have lived in Bangladesh all their lives. Despite being members of a small, vulnerable Hindu community, they refuse to leave their country, unlike most of their friends and relatives. Sudhamoy believes with a naive mix of optimism and idealism that his motherland will not let him down. And then, on 6 December 1992, the Babri Masjid is demolished. The world condemns the incident, but its immediate fallout is felt most acutely in Bangladesh, where Muslim mobs begin to seek out and attack Hindus. The nightmare inevitably arrives at the Duttas' doorstep, and their world begins to fall apart.

Annotation Fakir Mohan Senapati's *Six Acres and a Third*, originally published in 1901 as *Chha Mana Atha*, is a wry, powerful novel set in colonial India.

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.

This play by one of India's foremost playwrights and actors is based on a story from the Mahabharata which tellingly illuminates universal themes - alienation, loneliness, love, family, hatred - through the daily lives and concerns of a whole community of individuals.

A profound work of spiritual fiction with a heartwarming message Asananda, a monk belonging to the Order of Hope, is sent on a journey to the Himalayas by his guru to find the mystical Book of Shiva. Along the way, he meets mysterious tantrics, Vedic teachers, a bhikshu who walks backwards to discover his future, and people who seek liberation from remorse, suffering and the evil that haunts them. He becomes the instrument of the guru's grace, which opens the door to the universal soul and transforms life through unexpected miracles. Drawing on fables and myths from Eastern and European cultures, *The Book of Shiva* is a spiritual novel filled with extraordinary tales of freedom, serenity, loss and, most of all, wisdom.

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