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*Kamala Das* HarperCollins

The widely acclaimed novel of an abused woman in India and her fight for freedom: "A triumph." —The Guardian Named a Best Book of the Year by the Financial Times, the Guardian, the Daily Telegraph, and the Observer Shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction Longlisted for the Dylan Thomas Prize Shortlisted for the Jhalak Prize Based on the author's own experience, *When I Hit You* follows the narrator as she falls in love with a university professor and agrees to be his wife. Soon, the newlywed experiences extreme violence at her husband's hands and finds herself socially isolated. Yet hope keeps her alive. Writing becomes her salvation, a supreme act of defiance, in a harrowing yet fierce and funny novel that not only examines one woman's battle against terror and loneliness but reminds us how fiction and stories can help us escape.

[An Autobiography](#) New York Review of Books

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[The Rebound](#) D C Books

As A Poet Kamala Das Merits A Place Among The Best Women Poets Of The Twentieth Century. She Has Made Enormous Contribution To Indian Poetry In English By Adding A Feminist Dimension To It, Although She Is Not Inclined To Admit It. Perhaps Deriving Her Inspiration From Her Matrilineal

Background She Celebrates Woman S Body And Pleads For Its Integrity In Her Poems. She Writes Poetry As Only As Woman Can Write And Takes Pride In The Fact Of Being A Woman And That Is Certainly The Starting Point Of All Kinds Of Feminism.The Present Volume Puts Together Deeply Perceptive Articles Which Study Various Facets Of Her Poetry From Feminist And Other Perspectives And Often With Reference To Her Life, A Confessional Poet That She Is.

*Goat Days* Atlantic Publishers & Dist

Ravan and Eddie are the unlikeliest of companions. For one thing, Ravan is Hindu, while Eddie is Catholic. For another, when Ravan was a baby and fell from a balcony, that fall had a dramatic, and very literal, impact on Eddie's family. But Ravan and Eddie both live in Central Works Department Chawl No. 17—and if you grow up in the crowded Mumbai chawls, you get to participate in your neighbors' lives, whether you like it or not. As we watch the two unlikely heroes of Kiran Nagarkar's acclaimed novel rocket out of the starting blocks of their lives, leaving earth-mothers and absentee fathers, cataclysms and rock 'n' roll in their wake, we're compelled to sit up and take notice. Recently selected by The Guardian as one of the ten best novels about Mumbai, Ravan and Eddie is a comic masterpiece about two larger- and truer-than-life characters and their bawdy, Rabelaisian adventures in postcolonial India. It is also a timeless journey of self-discovery, a quest for the meaning of guilt and responsibility, sin and sex, crime and punishment.

[A Childhood In Malabar](#) My Story

This Is The First Collection Of Translations In English Of Stories Originally Written In Malayalam By Kamala Das Under The Pen Name Madhavi Kutty. They Amply Demonstrate Kamala Das S Special Contribution To The Short Story In Malayalam. All The Major Attributes Of Her Writing Are Evident: Her

Subtlety And Power In Dealing With Human Relationships And Intrigues Of Love, Life And Death And Her Earthiness, Sensuousness And Sensuality.

**Obscurity Of Life** D C Books

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[The Love Queen of Malabar](#) Atlantic Publishers & Dist

This unusual volume brings together two disparate voices, of friends who met and conversed over many years, in different cities and at different stages in their life, both of whom turned to poetry in moments both anxious and happy. The poems by Kamala Das include the very last one she wrote before death claimed her, and in many ways Suresh Kohli's work reflects similar concerns, with death and distances, both physical and emotional.

**Selected Poems** McGill-Queen's Press - MQUP

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.

**Closure - Some Poems and A Conversation** Harper Collins

Winner of the Restless Books Prize for New Immigrant Writing "Guest workers of the United Arab Emirates embody multiple worlds and identities and long for home in a fantastical debut work of fiction, winner of the inaugural Restless Books Prize for New Immigrant Writing.... The author's crisp, imaginative prose packs a punch, and his whimsical depiction of characters who oscillate between two lands on either side of the Arabian Sea unspools the kind of immigrant narratives that are rarely told. An enchanting, unparalleled anthem of displacement and repatriation." —Kirkus Reviews, starred review In the United Arab Emirates, foreign nationals constitute over 80 percent of the population. Brought in to construct and serve the towering monuments to wealth that punctuate the skylines of Abu Dhabi and Dubai, this labor force is not given the option of citizenship. Some ride their luck to good fortune. Others suffer different fates. Until now, the humanitarian crisis of the so-called "guest workers" of the Gulf has barely been addressed in fiction. With his stunning, mind-altering debut novel *Temporary People*, Deepak Unnikrishnan delves into their histories, myths, struggles, and triumphs. Combining the linguistic invention of Salman Rushdie and the satirical vision of George Saunders, Unnikrishnan presents twenty-eight linked stories that careen from construction workers who shapeshift into luggage and escape a labor camp, to a woman who stitches back together the bodies of those who've fallen from buildings in progress, to a man who grows ideal workers designed to live twelve years and then perish—until they don't, and found a rebel community in the desert. With this polyphony of voices, Unnikrishnan maps a new, unruly global English and gives personhood back to the anonymous workers of the Gulf. 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These absurdist fables, fluent in the language of exile, immigration, and bureaucracy, will remind you of the raw pleasure of storytelling and the unsettling nearness of the future." —Alexandra Kleeman, author of *You Too Can Have a Body Like Mine* "Inaugural winner of the Restless Books Prize for New Immigrant Writing, this debut novel employs its own brand of magical realism to propel readers into an understanding and appreciation of the experience of foreign workers in the Arab Gulf States (and beyond). Through a series of almost 30 loosely linked sections, grouped into three parts, we are thrust into a narrative alternating between visceral realism and fantastic satire.... The alternation between satirical fantasy, depicting such things as intelligent cockroaches and evil elevators, and poignant realism, with regards to necessarily illicit sexuality, forms a contrast that gives rise to a broad critique of the plight of those known euphemistically as 'guest workers.' VERDICT: This first novel challenges readers with a singular inventiveness expressed through a lyrical use of language and a laserlike focus that is at once charming and terrifying. Highly recommended." —Henry Bankhead, *Library Journal*, Starred Review "Unnikrishnan's debut novel shines a light on a little known world with compassion and keen insight. The *Temporary People* are invisible people—but Unnikrishnan brings them to us with compassion, intelligence, and heart. This is why novels matter." —Susan Hans O'Connor, *Penguin Bookshop* (Sewickley, PA) "Deepak Unnikrishnan uses linguistic pyrotechnics to tell the story of forced transience in the Arabian Peninsula, where citizenship can never be earned no matter the commitment of blood, sweat, years of life, or brains. The accoutrements of migration—languages, body parts, passports, losses, wounds, communities of strangers—are packed and carried along with ordinary luggage, blurring the real and the unreal with exquisite skill. Unnikrishnan sets before us a feast of absurdity that captures the cruel realities around the borders we cross either by choice or by force. In doing so he has found what most writers miss: the sweet spot between simmering rage at a set of circumstances, and the circumstances themselves." —Ru Freeman, author of *On Sal Mal Lane* "Deepak writes brilliant stories with a fresh, passionate energy. Every page feels as if it must have been written, as if the author had no choice. He writes about exile, immigration, deportation, security checks, rage, patience, about the homelessness of living in a foreign land, about historical events so strange that, under his hand, the events become tales, and he writes tales so precisely that they read like history. Important work. Work of the future. This man will not be stopped." —Deb Olin Unferth, author of *Revolution* "From the strange Kafka-esque scenarios to the wholly original language, this book is amazing on so many different levels. Unlike anything I've ever read, *Temporary People* is a powerful work of short stories about foreign nationals who populate the new economy in the United Arab Emirates. With inventive language and darkly satirical plot lines, Unnikrishnan provides an important view of relentless nature of a global economy and its brutal consequences for human lives. Prepare to be wowed by the immensely talented new voice." —Hilary Gustafson, *Literati Bookstore* (Ann Arbor, MI) "Absolutely preposterous! As a debut, author Unnikrishnan shares stories of laborers, brought to the United Arab Emirates to do menial and everyday jobs. These people have no rights, no fallback if they have problems or health issues in that land. The laborers in *Temporary People* are sewn back together when they fall, are abandoned in the

desert if they become inconvenient, and are even grown from seeds. As a collection of short stories, this is fantastical, imaginative, funny, and even more so, scary, powerful, and ferocious." —Becky Milner, *Vintage Books* (Vancouver WA)

*Encountering Kamala* Sterling Pub Private Limited

'Pyre glows with as much power as [One Part Woman] did, and adds immeasurable value to contemporary Indian literature'—The Hindu Saroja and Kumaresan are in love. After a hasty wedding, they arrive in Kumaresan's village, harboring a dangerous secret: their marriage is an inter-caste one, likely to upset the village elders should they get to know of it. Kumaresan is naively confident that all will be well. But nothing is further from the truth. Despite the strident denials of the young couple, the villagers strongly suspect that Saroja must belong to a different caste. It is only a matter of time before their suspicions harden into certainty and, outraged, they set about exacting their revenge. A devastating tale of innocent young love pitted against chilling savagery, Pyre conjures a terrifying vision of intolerance.

Restless Books

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*Padamavati, the Harlot and Other Stories* Rupa Publications India Pvt Limited

First published in Malayalam in 1973, *My Story*, Kamala Das' sensational autobiography, shocked readers with its total disregard for mindless conventions and its fearless articulation of a subject still considered taboo. Depicting the author's intensely personal experiences in her passage to womanhood and shedding light on the hypocrisies that informed traditional society, this memoir was far ahead of its time and is now acknowledged as a bona fide masterpiece.

Taylor Trade Publishing

Written at the height of her fame but not published until over a decade after her death, this autobiography of actress and sex symbol Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962) poignantly recounts her childhood as an unwanted orphan, her early adolescence, her rise in the film industry from bit player to celebrity, and her marriage to Joe DiMaggio. In this intimate account of a very public life, she tells of her first (non-consensual) sexual experience, her romance with the Yankee Clipper, and her prescient vision of herself as "the kind of girl they found dead in the hall bedroom with an empty bottle of sleeping pills in her hand." The Marilyn in these pages is a revelation: a gifted, intelligent, vulnerable woman who was far more complex than the unwitting sex siren she portrayed on screen. Lavishly illustrated with photos of Marilyn, this special book celebrates the life and career of an American icon—from the unique perspective of the icon herself.

[An absolutely hilarious romantic comedy set in Ireland](#) Om Books International

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[A Critical Spectrum](#) Bookouture

Poetry. Asian Studies. "For over 40 years, Kamala Das, considered India's 'Poet Laureate,' has set a bold new tone for India's women, poor and disenfranchised. Now her message comes to the United States in her first American book--ENCOUNTERING KAMALA. When no one else dared, a young woman named Kamala Das took a poetic stance for those who had no voice in India. Her powerful words helped slowly change India's views on the role of women--to the point where its first female president was recently elected. Now in this book, Kamala speaks to all, touching on elements common to people worldwide: love, hope, despair, religion, and old age. ENCOUNTERING KAMALA: SELECTIONS FROM THE POETRY OF KAMALA DAS, INDIA'S POWERFUL VOICE FOR CHANGE features works previously published around the world, plus poems for her new audience. Also included are original drawings, photographs, and her personal correspondence with Andrew Arkin, longtime friend and publisher of this book. *Encountering Kamala* captures the courageous spirit of a Nobel Prize-nominated poet. "Kamala Das's poems epitomise the dilemma of the modern Indian woman who attempts to free herself, sexually and domestically, from the role of bondage sanctioned by the past"--The Hindu

**The Sandal Trees and Other Stories** Penguin UK

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER AND INSPIRATION FOR THE NETFLIX LIMITED SERIES, HAILED BY ROLLING STONE AS "A GREAT ONE." "A single mother's personal, unflinching look at America's class divide, a description of the tightrope many families walk just to get by, and a reminder of the dignity of all work." -PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, Obama's Summer Reading List At 28, Stephanie Land's dreams of attending a university and

becoming a writer quickly dissolved when a summer fling turned into an unplanned pregnancy. Before long, she found herself a single mother, scraping by as a housekeeper to make ends meet. *Maid* is an emotionally raw, masterful account of Stephanie's years spent in service to upper middle class America as a "nameless ghost" who quietly shared in her clients' triumphs, tragedies, and deepest secrets. Driven to carve out a better life for her family, she cleaned by day and took online classes by night, writing relentlessly as she worked toward earning a college degree. She wrote of the true stories that weren't being told: of living on food stamps and WIC coupons, of government programs that barely provided housing, of aloof government employees who shamed her for receiving what little assistance she did. Above all else, she wrote about pursuing the myth of the American Dream from the poverty line, all the while slashing through deep-rooted stigmas of the working poor. *Maid* is Stephanie's story, but it's not hers alone. It is an inspiring testament to the courage, determination, and ultimate strength of the human spirit.

[Alphabet of Lust](#) Penguin UK

Life Writings/Narratives and studies in gender have been posing critical challenges to fetishizing the manner of canon formations and curriculum propriety. This book engages with these and other challenges turning our customary gaze towards women especially marginal, enabling us to interrogate the established pedagogical practices that accentuates the continuing denial of their agency. Reproduction of the cultural modes of narrativization based on memory and experience becomes a mode of reclaiming the agency. These challenge the homogenising singularity of communitarian notions besides dominant gender constructs using visual, textual, popular, historical, cultural and gender modes enabling one to rethink our received theoretical frameworks. This edited volume brings together 21 essays on life writings produced by both well-established and emerging writers in the field of literature written by scholars from countries like India, Pakistan, China, USA, Iran, Yemen and Australia, to name just a few. Many of the essays in this book focus on how the progress of the self is often impeded by the society it finds itself in. With an enlightening foreword by Dr. E.V. Ramakrishnan and a detailed, critical introduction by Aparna Lanjewar Bose, this anthology is useful for all those who wish to learn more about this genre of writing.

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**Memoir of a Friendship with Kamala Das** Penguin UK

Contemporary Indian Writings In English Is A Unique Collection Of Some Scholarly Essays On The Works Of Some Eminent Indian Writers Writing In English. This August Group Of Indian Writers Includes Anita Desai, Khushwant Singh, Rohinton Mistry, Arundhati Roy Etc. The Book Represents A Wide Spectrum Of Critical Responses To Contemporary Indian Writings In English. The Contributors To The Volume Comprises An August Group Of Scholars And Academies Like Dr. Suresh Shukla, Dr. P. Nayar, Dr. Joya Chakravarty, Dr. Indra Nityanandam, Dr. G.D. Barche, Dr. K. Ratna Shiela Mani, Dr. Savita Goel, Dr. K.K. John, Dr. K.V. Surendran, Dr. Neelam Tikka, Prof. Indravadan Purohit Twinkle D. Manavar, Nila Shah, Pradipsinh Rathod And Sheetal Y. Thakore. This Volume Will Be Of Great Help To All Those Who Wish To Study Indian Writing In English In Depth.

[Wages Of Love](#) NYU Press

It Is The Second World War And Kamala And Her Brother Are Removed From Their Parents Home In Calcutta To The Safer Environs Of Their Village In Northern Kerala. At Once An Outsider And An Integral Part Of Her Ancestral Home, Kamala Struggles To Fathom The Intricacies Of Class, Caste And Language. But Surrounded By People Like Her Adoring Amamma, The Servant Sankaran Who Promises To Teach Her The Crow-Language, And Valli Who Tells Her Stories Of Yakshis Whose Breasts Are As Big As Jackfruits, Kamala Soon Discovers The Joys Of Growing Up As The Centre Of Everyone S Universe. As Calcutta Fades From Her Mind Like An Old Dream, While The Thudding Of The Drums At The Para Festival, The Roar Of The Velichappadu As He Becomes Possessed And The Songs Of The Parayankaali Dancers Become Absolute Realities Of Life.

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 "I feel a woman is most attractive when she surrenders to her man. She is incomplete without a man," averred Kamala Das shortly before her death in May, 2009. One of the most controversial and celebrated Indian authors, she combined in her writings rare honesty and sensitivity, provocation and poignancy. *The Kept Woman and Other Stories* explores the man-woman relationship in all its dimensions. Deprived, depraved, mysterious, mystical and exalted, each character, culled from experience and observation, is an incisive study of love, lust and longing.