

Cuckold Kiran Nagarkar

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Rajaraja Chola: Interplay Between an Imperial Regime and Productive Forces of Society Raghavan Srinivasan When Rajaraja Chola ascended the throne, the land of Tamils entered upon centuries of grandeur. He left behind a stupendous legacy, which has not lost its sheen even after a thousand years. During his regime, we see powerful productive forces at work, newly liberated by the advances made in manufacturing and trade. Through interesting facts and riveting analyses, the reader can vividly experience the tumultuous developments of this period. It bring to life the social, political and economic underpinnings of that time - expansion of agriculture, rise of nagarams, maturing of self-governing corporate bodies, phenomenal increase in inland and overseas trade networks, and overall strengthening of the administrative and military apparatus, which would later bring South-east Asia under its influence. Equally important to the stability of the empire was the compelling iconography of Saivism, which this book presents in a sublime and engrossing style. Written by Raghavan Srinivasan, the author of *Yugantar*, this book recreates the history of a South Indian king and his imperial empire, in a form that would appeal to the academia and the wider public audience alike. "A rousing attempt at piecing together the lives and times of the Tamil country's most remarkable medieval personality, Rajaraja Chola, who despite the rich artistic legacy, plethora of inscriptions and maritime ambitions, has remained an enigmatic figure." - SHARADA SRINIVASAM, Professor, School of Humanities, National Institute of Advanced Studies.

The Tower Of Silence Gyan Prakash 2013-04-30 A long-lost Sexton Blake mystery, 1920s detective fiction at its best Historian Gyan Prakash of Princeton University stumbled upon part of the unpublished manuscript of *Tower of Silence* by Phiroshaw Jamsetjee Chevalier (or Chaiwala, as he called himself) in the British Library. After scouring several

Mumbai libraries, he found the missing pages. It is a thrilling tale that begins on a blistering April afternoon in Poona with the click of a camera shutter. An aerial photograph is taken from a small aircraft flying directly over the Tower of Silence. The Zoroastrian community is thrown into turmoil and horrified grief at this heinous act. Beram, a suave wealthy man who drives around in a Rolls Royce but is a devout Parsi, decides to exact revenge. Thus begins a sensational cat-and-mouse game between Beram and Sexton Blake, England's most famous detective.

British Military Policy in India, 1900–1945 Anirudh Deshpande 2005
The Decline Of British Imperialism Had Far Reaching Colonial And Post-Colonial Consequences. British Policy And Indian History, For Obvious Reasons, Unfolded In The Foreground Of This Decline From 1900 Onwards. This Volume Contextualizes Crucial Aspects Of Modern India'S Military Past. It Contends That British Imperialism, Like All Empires, Declined Due To Its Inherent Contradictions. Managing The Military Affairs Of The British Raj Comprised A Crucial Element Of These Contradictions. This Socio-Political History Of The Colonial Indian Military Organization Investigates Why Reform Remained Largely Theoretical Even As The British Used Indian Resources To Defend A Weakening Empire Through Two World Wars. Ultimately World War Ii Transformed The Indian Armed Forces But Eventually, As This Book Asserts, This Transformation Worked Against The British.

The Shifting Worlds of Kiran Nagarkar's Fiction Yasmeen Lukmani 2004
As one of India's leading writers, and also one of its most unpredictable, Kiran Nagarkar's writing has a timeless quality. The intention of this book is to unravel Nagarkar's craft and vision and thus enhance the reader's enjoyment through essays by some of the leading scholars and writers from India and abroad.

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

Black Tulip and Bedtime Story Kiran Nagarkar 2015-01-21 Kiran Nagarkar is one of India's most significant writers. Of a piece with his searing, dark, wickedly funny works are these experiments with form: the screenplay *Black Tulip* and the play *Bedtime Story*, both of which, in keeping with the author's virtuosi

Another Canon Makarand R. Paranjape 2009 On the development of Indian English literary and textual practice over a period of seven decades

Ravan & Eddie Kiran Nagarkar 1995

The Alchemy of Desire Tarun Tejpal 2012-01-05 Quick-paced and inventive, brimming with ideas and memorable characters, *The Alchemy of Desire* celebrates the chaotic spirit of India at a time of great change. It also offers, in searing, lucid prose, a deeply sensual and moving account of the complex chemistry between sex, ambition and love. This is a major novel by one of the most significant new voices of his generation. 'A bold and weighty first novel . . . sex is practically a character in its own right here, endlessly examined in all its luscious, experimental glory . . . A memorable and impressive debut' Sunday Times 'Throughout, it reveals Tejpal's eye for characterisation and description' Guardian 'The passion in the novel is deeply organic to the characters and the narrative. As an attempt to compel readers to look at desire without the crippling impulse of shame and hypocrisy, it works beautifully' Independent 'Throughout the novel, Tejpal's sensuous language produces moments of breathtaking beauty, and he displays a poet's joy in catching the feel, odour and appearance of the living world' Big Issue

Amrita Sher-Gil Anita Vachharajani 2020-05-07 An artist? A dreamer? A rebel? Who exactly was Amrita Sher-Gil? She was a little bit of all these things, really. Amrita grew up with a great sense of mischief and adventure in two very different worlds, in a village near Budapest, Hungary, and among the cool, green hills of colonial Simla. She defied headmistresses, teachers, art critics and royalty to make her own determined way in the world of grown-ups and art. Join her on a journey through her life, a journey that takes her family through World Wars and political turmoil as they travel in pursuit of love, a home and a modern, artistic education for Amrita!

The Parrots of Desire Amrita Narayanan 2017 Anthology of erotic stories; includes translation from multiple Indic languages.

Meera, Sanga and Mewar: The Remarkable Story of A Brave Rajput Princess and Her Legendary Devotion Jyoti Jafa 2021-04-10 Meera Bai, one of India's most well-known mystic poet is also a Rajput princess of the Rathor clan. Married to Mewar's Crown Prince Bhoj Raj, son of Rana Sanga, the most chivalrous and powerful warrior king ruling medieval India's largest and wealthiest Rajput kingdoms, her charmed

life revolves around her love for Krishna. Passionate and devoted to her divine consort, this retelling of Meera's story is a celebration of her life as a princess, a brave daughter-in-law of Mewar, a poet, and a seeker of divine union with her God. Steeped in Rajput traditions, customs and folklore, this novel explores the relationship between the physical and the metaphysical.

Rest in Peace Kiran Nagarkar 2015-07-01 The third and last part of the Ravan and Eddie trilogy Belt up and hold on tight. Ravan and Eddie are back in another zany ride that takes them from anonymity to fame. Yes, R&E or E&R, as they are known in Bollywood, have made it to the top as music directors. But they have neither lost sight of the big dream, nor forgotten their past struggles. Ravan and Eddie are determined to become superstars even if they have to produce the damn film themselves. From the glitz and glamour of Bollywood to the badlands of Chambal, from the high-rises of tony Pali Hill to Indian literature's most famous chawl address, CWD Chawl No. 17, from air-kissing high society to gun-wielding mafia bosses, Ravan and Eddie muddle along from one catastrophe to another, without ever losing their trademark sangfroid. Poverty and life have taught them to reinvent themselves every time there's a crisis. Keeping them company through it all are old friends like Granna, Parvatibai, Violet, Pieta, Belle and Asmaan, and new ones like Mrs Venkatraman, the dacoit Maan Singh, and Jagannath, the son of Three Point One. As bawdy and entertaining as Ravan and Eddie, as exuberant and over-the-top as The Extras, yet possessing a hard, cold edge, Rest in Peace is a fitting finale to the trilogy featuring Indian fiction's most epic characters.

The Marriage Clock Zara Raheem 2019-07-23 Named one of Pop Sugar's Best Books to Put in your Beachbag this summer and one of the best books of July. A Booktrib "Romance to get you in the swing for Wedding Season" of 2019 A Book Riot "Five New Diverse Romantic Comedies" Bustle's "21 new summer novels to spice up your summer reading" To Leila Abid's traditional Indian parents, finding a husband is as easy as match, meet, marry. Yes, she wants to marry, but after 26 years of singledom, even Leila is starting to get nervous. And to make matters worse, her parents are panicking, the neighbors are talking, and she's wondering, are her expectations just too high? But for Leila, a marriage of arrangement clashes with her lifelong dreams of a Bollywood romance, where real love happens before marriage, not the other way around. So she decides it's time to stop dreaming and start dating. It's an impossible mission of satisfying her parents' expectations, while also fulfilling her own western ideals of love. But after a series of speed dates, blind dates, online dates and even ambush dates, the sparks just don't fly! Now, with the marriage clock ticking, and her 3-month deadline looming in the horizon, Leila must face the consequences of what might happen if she doesn't find "the one..."

Irrationally Passionate Jason Kothari 2020-03-11 While a college student at Wharton, Jason Kothari scraped together money from family and friends to save his childhood favourite comic book company, Valiant Entertainment, from bankruptcy and bring it back to life. A few years later, he transformed Valiant into the third-largest superhero entertainment company in the world after Marvel and DC Comics and sold it for \$100 million. Jason then became a professional turnaround leader and went on to transform distressed Indian Internet icons Housing.com, FreeCharge and Snapdeal, helping save billions of dollars in value, and advise giants like technology investor Softbank and real estate developer Emaar, who have invested billions of dollars in India. Irrationally Passionate reveals the inside story of how a rebel, train-wreck kid transformed himself into a successful young entrepreneur and business leader who became one of the top ten paid executives in India while only in his 30s. From getting his first job as an assistant to Jackie Chan in Hong Kong, to learning strategy from champion Muay Thai fighters in Thailand, to tackling huge personal setbacks, to becoming a CEO in 60 seconds, among many other stories - Jason's inspiring journey across countries, industries and companies has something for everyone, right from students to entrepreneurs to corporate CEOs to even parents of students and entrepreneurs. Irrationally Passionate is a highly personal, authentic, open and complete account of a young entrepreneur's life. Brimming with practical advice and philosophical insights, it will force readers to reflect on how they perceive life, work, family and spirituality by giving them a fresh perspective.

Long for This World Sonya Chung 2010-03-02 Pushcart Prize nominee Sonya Chung has displayed her stunning talent in her award-winning short fiction and essays. Now, she renders the compelling story of a troubled family straddling cultures, fleeing and searching, in her piercing and profoundly humane first novel. In 1953, on a small island in Korea, a young boy stows away on the ferry that is carrying his older brother and his wife to the mainland. Fifty-two years later, Han Hyun-kyu is on a plane flying back to Korea, leaving behind his own wife in America. It is his daughter, Jane a war photographer recently injured in a bombing in Baghdad and forced to return to New York who journeys to find him in the small town in South Korea where his brothers have settled. Here, father and daughter take refuge from their demons, flirt with passion, and, in the wake of tragedy, discover something deeper and more enduring than they could have imagined. Just as Monica Ali's Brick Lane introduced readers to a world that is both exotic and immediate, Long for This World illuminates the complexities and the richness of family bonds and establishes Chung as an exciting new voice in fiction.

Seven Sixes Are Forty-three Kiran Nagarkar 2017-04-10 Kiran Nagarkar has the touch of genius.-Khushwant Singh It's good to see an old

friend in a new avatar; this novel by Kiran Nagarkar is everything a first novel should be: ambitious, experimental and powerful. Just don't trust the mathematics. -Jerry Pinto 'The first slap on your bottom as you come into the world tells you that your days of mollycoddling are over. The sooner you understand that, the better you are prepared for the pain and the unhappiness.' Kushank Purandare is a writer living off the generosity of friends and lovers. There is the ex-flame Aroti, who is now another man's wife and whom he refuses to pity; Mrs Reghla alias Kaku who has gouged her eyes out; old Kathavte who lives upstairs and beats his daughters; Raghu whom he accompanies to a famine-struck village where gangsters rule the roost. Disillusioned with the lack of certainty and empathy in a world that is largely incoherent and unsalvageable, Kushank drifts about wallowing in his past and doing odd jobs. Written in Marathi, Kiran Nagarkar's first book, Saat Sakkam Trechalis - with its dark humour and volatile prose is considered a landmark in post-Independence Indian literature. This new edition will introduce the brilliance of Kiran Nagarkar to a new generation of readers.

My Way is the Highway Urvashi Gulia 2012 My Way Is The Highway is Urvashi Gulia's debut novel. It narrates the story of Mansha Sharan, a girl who embarks on a solo road trip. The book can be classified under chick lit, a genre that presents a lighthearted and humorous take on the life of the modern woman.

How Opal Mehta Got Kissed, Got Wild, and Got a Life Kaavya Viswanathan 2006 Offered a second chance at getting into Harvard when the dean urges her to prove she is capable of having fun as well as overachieving academically, Opal takes calculated measures to establish her place in the popular crowd.

Farthest Field: An Indian Story of the Second World War Raghu Karnad 2015-08-24 "I have not lately read a finer book than this—on any subject at all. . . . A masterpiece." -Simon Winchester, New Statesman The photographs of three young men had stood in his grandmother's house for as long as he could remember, beheld but never fully noticed. They had all fought in the Second World War, a fact that surprised him. Indians had never figured in his idea of the war, nor the war in his idea of India. One of them, Bobby, even looked a bit like him, but Raghu Karnad had not noticed until he was the same age as they were in their photo frames. Then he learned about the Parsi boy from the sleepy south Indian coast, so eager to follow his brothers-in-law into the colonial forces and onto the front line. Manek, dashing and confident, was a pilot with India's fledgling air force; gentle Ganny became an army doctor in the arid North-West Frontier. Bobby's pursuit would carry him as far as the deserts of Iraq and the green hell of the Burma battlefield. The years 1939-45 might be the most revered, deplored, and replayed in modern history. Yet India's extraordinary role has been concealed, from itself and

from the world. In riveting prose, Karnad retrieves the story of a single family—a story of love, rebellion, loyalty, and uncertainty—and with it, the greater revelation that is India's Second World War. Farthest Field narrates the lost epic of India's war, in which the largest volunteer army in history fought for the British Empire, even as its countrymen fought to be free of it. It carries us from Madras to Peshawar, Egypt to Burma—unfolding the saga of a young family amazed by their swiftly changing world and swept up in its violence.

The Kingdom of Mewar Irmgard Meininger 2000 Supported By Beautiful Illustrations, The Study Reconstructs The Glorious History Of The Rajput House Of Mewar, Perhaps The World S Oldest Ruling Family. It Recounts Its Heroic Battlefield Engagements And Examines Its Artistic And Literary Achievements.

Crimson City Madhulika Liddle 2015-09-25 A serial killer is terrorizing Dilli and Mughal nobleman and detective Muzaffar Jang might have finally met his match. In the spring of 1657, the Mughal armies have reached the Deccan, besieging the Fort of Bidar. Back home in Dilli, there is unrest: the empire seethes and stirs, and its capital reflects this turbulence. Muzaffar Jang, newly married to his beloved Shireen and trying to adjust to life as a husband, stumbles into the investigation of a merchant's murder. Even as another crime — the kidnapping of a wealthy moneylender's infant son — occurs, Muzaffar finds himself at odds with his brother-in-law, Khan Sahib, the Kotwal of Dilli. Things get increasingly puzzling as one murder follows another and, soon, it is clear that the streets of Dilli have a serial killer on the loose. Muzaffar, who soon finds himself at odds with the system as well as those closest to him, must follow his gut to unmask this audacious murderer, while trying to obey Khan Sahib's warning: do not get in the way of the law. But has he finally bitten off more than he can chew?

Jasoda Kiran Nagarkar 2017-11-25 'Jasoda is as compelling and powerful as Nagarkar's other novels but uniquely itself in the gut-wrenching story it tells of the sordid uses of power, the suffering it causes, and the human spirit that rises above it.' -- Nayantara Sahgal 'Nagarkar's storytelling genius takes us into the abyss of poverty and patriarchy -- source of both inspiration and shame. Jasoda's brutal but transformative journey is the foil to counterfeit historical grandeur. With empathy turned to prose of pure steel, Nagarkar paints a modern Indian heroine.' -- Mitali Saran 'A novel that stops your breath and doesn't let go until you get to the end. Jasoda: mother, murderer or saint? You'll want to put her down. But she won't let you.' -- Manjula Padmanabhan 'No one can spin a yarn with such rollicking exuberance as Kiran Nagarkar, and no one exposes contemporary India's dark underbelly, in all its casual brutality, like him. Jasoda is a tour-de-force of razor-sharp observation and profound compassion, brilliantly realized.' --Ritu Menon Paar --

'mirage' country, where it is often impossible to draw the line between reality and illusion -- has been suffering from a decade-long drought. Jasoda is one of the last to leave this 'arse-end of the world' with her children and mother-in-law. Since her husband claims he has important work to do for the local prince, Jasoda must make the journey to the city by the sea on her own. Meanwhile, after years of anonymity, Paar seems poised to take off. Will Jasoda return home with her children? Or stay in the city that's become home for her children? It's taken for granted that epic journeys and epics were possible only during the time of the Mahabharata, the Odyssey, or the Iliad. Even more to the point, the heroes of the epics had to, perforce, be men. The eponymous Jasoda of the novel is about to prove how wrong the assumptions are. Kiran Nagarkar's trenchant narrative traces the journey of a woman of steely resolve and gumption, making her way through an India that is patriarchal, feudal, seldom in the news, and weighed down by dehumanizing poverty.

An Artist in Life Niharranjan Ray 1967

At Home in the World Saccid?nandan 2005 Revised version of proceedings of the International Festival of Indian Literature : At Home in the World, held at New Delhi during 18-23 February 2002.

Cuckold Kiran Nagarkar 1997 The time is early 16th century. The Rajput kingdom of Mewar is at the height of its power. It is locked in war with the Sultanates of Delhi, Gujarat and Malwa. But there is another deadly battle being waged within Mewar itself. Who will inherit the throne after the death of the Maharana? The course of history, not just of Mewar but of the whole of India, is about to be changed forever. At the centre of *Cuckold* is the narrator, heir apparent of Mewar, who questions the codes, conventions and underlying assumptions of the feudal world of which he is a part, a world in which political and personal conduct are dictated by values of courage, valour and courtesy; and death is preferable to dishonour. A quintessentially Indian story, *Cuckold* has an immediacy and appeal that are truly universal.

Cuckold Kiran Nagarkar 1999

The Afghan Campaign Steven Pressfield 2006-07-18 BONUS: This eBook edition contains an excerpt from *THE PROFESSION: A Thriller* by Steven Pressfield. On sale June 2011. 2,300 years ago an unbeaten army of the West invaded the homeland of a fierce Eastern tribal foe. This is one soldier's story . . . The bestselling novelist of ancient warfare returns with a riveting historical novel that re-creates Alexander the Great's invasion of the Afghan kingdoms in 330 b.c. In a story that might have been ripped from today's combat dispatches, Steven Pressfield brings to life the confrontation between an invading Western army and fierce Eastern warriors determined at all costs to defend their homeland. Narrated by an infantryman in Alexander's army, *The Afghan Campaign* explores the challenges, both military and moral,

that Alexander and his soldiers face as they embark on a new type of war and are forced to adapt to the methods of a ruthless foe that employs terror and insurgent tactics. An edge-of-your-seat adventure, *The Afghan Campaign* once again demonstrates Pressfield's profound understanding of the hopes and desperation of men in battle and of the historical realities that continue to influence our world.

Seven Sixes are Forty Three Kiran Nagarkar 2004 It is a complex universe that Kiran Nagarkar leads us into. *Seven Sixes are Forty Three* explores the dimensions of relationships in terms of an empty physicality and loneliness as an inherent element in modern lives. Translated by Subha Slee, the novel's quest for compatibility is inspiring.

Ravan And Eddie Kiran Nagarkar 2012-04-17 An extremely funny novel about two larger-than-life heroes and their bawdy, Rabelaisian adventures in post-colonial urban India. 'Nagarkar is a genuine experimentalist: he combines in his writing a tremendous instinct for storytelling with a rare openness of imagination. He is willing to go where it takes him, express it in whatever form and through whichever language. What remains constant is his subversive pleasure in fiction for its own sake. It makes him one of our most precious writers.' - Anjum Hasan, *The Caravan* Nagarkar's second novel (is) insouciant, savage, disarming and profound... (His) imagery has the quality of switch-blades flickering in the dark alley of the narrative. (His) humour is dark, but passionate. - Manjula Padmanabhan, *The Asian Age* 'Ravan and Eddie remains one of the finest books written with Mumbai as a backdrop. It's uproariously funny, outrageously irreverent ... (and) reveals the city as a character, an actor, a living being.' - Pankaj Upadhyaya, *Mumbai Mirror* 'It's bawdy, it's wicked and it's irreverent. (Ravan and Eddie) is a wild romp through a quintessential Indian institution: the chawl.' - *Business World*

The Assassination of Rajiv Gandhi Neena Gopal 2016-08-16 On 21 May 1991, journalist Neena Gopal had finished just one part of an interview with Rajiv Gandhi—the last of his life—when his car reached the election rally at Sriperumbudur. Moments later, Rajiv Gandhi was dead, blown up by suicide bomber Dhanu, irrevocably changing the course of Indian politics, as Neena Gopal, just yards behind him, watched in horror. In this gripping, definitive book, Gopal reconstructs the chain of events in India and at the LTTE's headquarters in Sri Lanka where the assassination plot was hatched, and follows the trail of investigation that led to the assassins being brought to justice. Drawing on extensive interviews, research and her own vast experience as a journalist, she deftly establishes the background—the shortsightedness of India's Sri Lanka policy; the friction between the intelligence agencies and between the agencies and the external affairs ministry; the many warnings that went unheeded; and the implacable hatred that LTTE supremo Prabhakaran felt

for Rajiv Gandhi. Bringing all these complex threads together, Gopal takes us step by step to Sriperumbudur as Rajiv Gandhi walked inexorably to his death on that tragic May evening twenty-five years ago.

Choke Hold Christa Faust 2011-10-07 Angel Dare went into Witness Protection to escape her past -- not as a porn star, but as a killer who took down the sex slavery ring that destroyed her life. But sometimes the past won't stay buried. When a former co-star is gunned down, it's up to Angel to get his son, a hotheaded MMA fighter, safely through the Arizona desert, shady Mexican bordertowns, and the neon mirage of Las Vegas...

Not Only The Things That Have Happened Mridula Koshy 2015-11-03 A woman relinquishes her four-year-old son to tourists passing through town. Losing him, she loses the story of her future. A world away from her, the boy becomes a man without the story of his past. Decades on, the mother struggles on her deathbed to find the story that will release her from life; the son's struggle is for the story that will allow him to live. Not Only the Things That Have Happened is a novel about the stories that make us and break us and then remake us.

The Extras Kiran Nagarkar 2013-12-01 Ravan and Eddie are back! And they're bigger, better and guaranteed to have you laughing out loud. Having grown up in the city of movie stars who drip glamour, the two mortal enemies, Ravan and Eddie dream of strutting down the road to super-stardom. But can Ravan, a lowly taxi driver, and Eddie, a bouncer-cum-bartender at an illegal bar, rise from their dusty CWD chawl to the glittering heights of international fame? To complicate matters further, their love lives hang by a thread. Eddie, secure in having got Belle, the Anglo-Indian girl of his dreams, must now figure out how to overcome prejudice from both their families and his own apathy, in order to keep her. And Eddie's sister Pieta, the object of Ravan's adoration, is completely oblivious to his existence - until he saves her life. Complete with a cast of soul-searching drunks, a nemesis called Three Point One, and nymph-like damsels in distress, The Extras is much more than a book about Bollywood or Bombay. It is the engrossing tale of a near-epic struggle against obscurity and towards self-realization; and is outrageously exuberant in the telling, and touching in its depiction of the large and small tragedies that shape our lives.

Genres of Modernity Dirk Wiemann 2008-01-01 Genres of Modernity maps the conjunctures of critical theory and literary production in contemporary India. The volume situates a sample of representative novels in the discursive environment of the ongoing critical debate on modernity in India, and offers for the first time a rigorous attempt to hold together the stimulating impulses of postcolonial theory, subaltern studies and the boom of Indian fiction in English. In opposition to the entrenched narrative of modernity as a single,

universally valid formation originating in the West, the theoretical and literary texts under discussion engage in a shared project of refiguring the present as a site of heterogeneous genres of modernity. The book traces these figurative efforts with particular attention to the treatment of two privileged metonymies of modernity: the issues of time and home in Indian fiction. Combining close readings of literary texts from Salman Rushdie to Kiran Nagarkar with a wide range of philosophical, sociological and historiographic reflections, *Genres of Modernity* is of interest not only for students of postcolonial literatures but for academics in the fields of Cultural Studies at large.

ASOCA Irwin Allan Sealy 2021-07-12 *Asoca*-often spelled Ashoka-was hailed as Ashoka the Great, the emperor who ruled most of the Indian Subcontinent and was pivotal in the spread of Buddhism from India to other parts of Asia in the third century BC. But his life as emperor was not always led by non-violence. History has it that he masterminded one of the biggest and deadliest wars ever fought, and it was the insurmountable grief he experienced at the sight of the people dying and dead on the battleground that made him turn to Buddhism and take a vow of ahimsa. Who was the man, and who was the king? What were his demons, and what gave him strength? This historical novel, drawn from research and portrayed with energy and complexity, transports the reader to the era of the Mauryan dynasty with atmospheric vividness and insight. Epic in scope and Shakespearean in drama, *Asoca: A Sutra* leaves the reader breathless with the full-bodied richness of Sealy's prose, his trademark whimsy and his imaginative modern reconstruction of that enigmatic and brilliant ruler of the Indian subcontinent.

God's Little Soldier Kiran Nagarkar 2014-09-15 *God's Little Soldier* From the backstreets of Bombay to the hallowed halls of Cambridge, from the mountains of Afghanistan to a monastery in California, the story of Zia Khan is an extraordinary rollercoaster ride; a compelling cliffhanger of a spiritual quest, about a good man gone bad and the brutalization of his soul. Growing up in a well-to-do, cultured Muslim family in Bombay, Zia, a gifted young mathematician, is torn between the unquestioning certainties of his aunt's faith and the tolerant, easy-going views of his parents. At Cambridge University, his beliefs crystallize into a fervent orthodoxy, which ultimately leads him to a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan. The burden of endemic violence and killings, however, takes its toll on Zia. Tormented by his need for forgiveness, he is then drawn reluctantly to Christ. But peace continues to elude him, and Zia is once again driven to seek out causes to defend and fight for, whatever be the sacrifices involved. Posited against Zia is his brother, Amanat, a writer whose life is severely constrained by sickness, even as his mind is liberated by doubt. Theirs is a relationship that is as much a blood bond as it is an opaque wall of incomprehension. Weaving together the narratives of

the extremist and the liberal, God's Little Soldier underscores the incoherent ambiguities of good and evil, and the tragic conflicts that have riven people and nations.

Bedtime Story: A Play / Black Tulip: A Screenplay Kiran Nagarkar 2015-01-21 Kiran Nagarkar is one of India's most significant writers. Of a piece with his searing, dark, wickedly funny works are these experiments with form: the screenplay *Black Tulip* and the play *Bedtime Story*, both of which, in keeping with the author's virtuosity, push the boundaries of their forms. Meet *Black Tulip*, aka Rani, a seasoned con artist and yoga expert with a taste for expensive jewellery. Hot on her trail is ACP Regina Fielding, a daredevil cop whose style and panache Rani worships. Rani executes one eye-popping heist after another and the cat-and-mouse game between the two heats up. But even as things come to a head, Mumbai is held to ransom by terrorists, and the two ballsy antagonists, along with Rani's new boyfriend, a computer whizkid and hacker, must come together. The fate of the city rests with them. *Black Tulip* is a pacey, entertaining caper with a host of seedy characters - corrupt ministers, mob bosses, petty criminals, religious fanatics - in a world where nothing is as it seems. In *Bedtime Story*, the author uses the epic Mahabharata as a peg on which to hang a shocking tale of injustice and oppression. As a grandmother narrates a bedtime story, giving delectable twists to the age-old stories of Karna, Ekalavya and Draupadi, we see the gender and class violence that underlies the old tales of valour. Traversing the landscape of wars across the centuries - the ancient war of Kurukshetra to the Second World War, from the Bangladesh war in 1971 and to modern-day wars in boardrooms, Nagarkar reveals how little has changed in the centuries since the Mahabharata. *Bedtime Story* has been targeted by religious fundamentalist groups ever since it was first written after the Emergency in 1975 and this edition includes a trenchant essay on censorship and freedom of expression. The two works in this collection are a testimony to the multifaceted genius of Kiran Nagarkar.

Cuckold Kiran Nagarkar 2015-10-20 The time is early 16th century. The Rajput kingdom of Mewar is at the height of its power. It is locked in war with the Sultanates of Delhi, Gujarat and Malwa. But there is another deadly battle being waged within Mewar itself. who will inherit the throne after the death of the Maharana? The course of history, not just of Mewar but of the whole of India, is about to be changed forever. At the centre of *Cuckold* is the narrator, heir apparent of Mewar, who questions the codes, conventions and underlying assumptions of the feudal world of which he is a part, a world in which political and personal conduct are dictated by values of courage, valour and courtesy; and death is preferable to dishonour. A quintessentially Indian story, *Cuckold* has an immediacy and appeal that are truly universal.

God's Little Soldier Kiran Nagarkar 2014-09-15 *God's Little Soldier*
From the backstreets of Bombay to the hallowed halls of Cambridge, from the mountains of Afghanistan to a monastery in California, the story of Zia Khan is an extraordinary rollercoaster ride; a compelling cliffhanger of a spiritual quest, about a good man gone bad and the brutalization of his soul. Growing up in a well-to-do, cultured Muslim family in Bombay, Zia, a gifted young mathematician, is torn between the unquestioning certainties of his aunt's faith and the tolerant, easy-going views of his parents. At Cambridge University, his beliefs crystallize into a fervent orthodoxy, which ultimately leads him to a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan. The burden of endemic violence and killings, however, takes its toll on Zia. Tormented by his need for forgiveness, he is then drawn reluctantly to Christ. But peace continues to elude him, and Zia is once again driven to seek out causes to defend and fight for, whatever be the sacrifices involved. Posited against Zia is his brother, Amanat, a writer whose life is severely constrained by sickness, even as his mind is liberated by doubt. Theirs is a relationship that is as much a blood bond as it is an opaque wall of incomprehension. Weaving together the narratives of the extremist and the liberal, *God's Little Soldier* underscores the incoherent ambiguities of good and evil, and the tragic conflicts that have riven people and nations.