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*Memoirs from the House of the Dead* Taylor & Francis

Cinema in India is an entertainment medium that is interwoven into society and culture at large. It is clearly evident that continuous struggle and conflict at the personal as well as societal levels is depicted in cinema in India. It has become a reflection of society both in negative and positive ways. Hence, cinema has become an influential factor and one of the largest mass communication mediums in the nation. Social and Cultural Dynamics in Indian Cinema is an essential reference source that discusses cultural and societal issues including caste, gender, oppression, and social movements through cinema and particularly in specific language cinema and culture. Featuring research on topics such as Bollywood, film studies, and gender equality, this book is ideally designed for researchers, academicians, film studies students, and industry professionals seeking coverage on various aspects of regional cinema in India.

*Horror Fiction in the Global South* Taylor & Francis

Kerala is a destination on the world tourist map. It is often referred to as Gods Own Country. The place has been visited by foreigners from all over the globe for five thousand years at least. To give an insight into the mysteries of this place and events that occurred over many, many years, Sankaran, an immortal, takes the reader through very gripping, thrilling, and thought-provoking situations and, in the process, demystifies the Malayalee.

**The Story of Chempakavalli** London : [s.n.]

*Environmental Postcolonialism: A Literary Response* is an academic investigation of the environmental repercussions of colonial destruction. This volume addresses the complex interplay between postcolonialism and environmental discourse through literature produced in the ex-colonies. This literature is read from the standpoint of ex-colonies within their human and non-human context. The primary objective of this volume is to scrutinize environmental concerns in the light of postcolonial theory, and so it examines works of art from the twin perspective of ecocriticism and postcolonialism which illuminates and underscores how colonizers destroyed and interfered with both nature and culture. Through discussing the intersecting layers of ecocriticism and postcolonial criticism, the volume gestures to new directions and generates a hopeful vision of a decolonized world.

*Handbook of Research on Social and Cultural Dynamics in Indian Cinema* Partridge Publishing

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*Sankaran Is Again on the Coconut Tree* Hachette UK

Every woman could use a little supernatural assistance now and then. With help from renowned psychic Sophia, now you can do as the ancients did and summon the power of a goddess. Need money? Summon Lakshmi, Hindu goddess of wealth and prosperity. Want to advance your career? Call upon Athena, Greek patroness of career women. Having a run of bad luck? Invoke Fortuna, Roman goddess of good luck and help in gambling. For every dilemma, there is a goddess who has the power you seek. Sophia brings the power of the ancients to you in this fun guide designed to help you get what you want out of life. Sophia describes each goddess in detail, listing her sacred color, symbol, element, stone, and scent. She offers a fascinating history of each goddess and her traits, including how she has been worshiped throughout history. Decide which goddess you need, then perform an invocation to summon her powers. Through a visualization exercise, you will "meet" the goddess in a dream. Finally, spells and empowerment charms help you "become" the goddess and bring her aspects into everyday life. With the wisdom of Athena, the prosperity of Lakshmi, and the luck of Fortuna, you can't lose!

**The Triune Man** Andrews McMeel Publishing

This special e-edition combines all three print volumes of the collected enduring legends of Kerala in the Aithiyamaala, the garland of legends. Yakshis, gandharvas, gods and demi-gods. Famous poets and learned Ayurvedic doctors. Magicians, conceited kings and Kalari gurus. Faithful, intelligent elephants and their fatherly mahouts. A vibrant and diverse cast of characters brings to life the ancient stories. The original collection of 126 tales, were documented over 25 years and written in the 1900s by Kottaaraththil Sankunni. These stories of well-known figures in Kerala folklore were first published in Bhashaposhini, the renowned Malayalam literary magazine. This edition of 50

stories, meticulously curated and translated by Leela James, transports you to the magical world of history, myth and fantasy of more than 100 years ago. Wisdom and vice, revenge and loyalty, imagination and fact, faith and superstition are intricately intertwined to create a collector's edition for lovers of legends, Malayalam folklore and Indian literature.

*Yakshi from Didarganj* Blue pea Publications

Spiritual seeking is part of the Indian ethos. People of all ages and stations journey in utter faith and devotion to places of worship - all seeking the elusive grail of inner peace, support in their earthly struggles, and eventual release from this mortal existence. Temples direct believers along the path of salvation, while serving as places of refuge in times of conflict and distress. India is perhaps first and foremost a land of temples. Kerala has more than 2000 temples - with fascinating legends attached to them. The rituals and pujas differ from temple to temple but are in accordance with the norms laid down by well-known saints-preceptors such as Adi Sankara and Vilwamangala Swami. Although millions of devotees and tourists visit Kerala's temples every year, little is available by way of essential information in order to facilitate the pilgrim route. This book presents details regarding location, timings, pujas and festivals, as well as the legends and significance of the various offerings at the important temples in the State. The temples have been grouped according to location, allowing for visits to as many temples as possible within the shortest travel time. Useful information regarding accommodation, places of tourist interest and shopping options close to the temples, have also been provided. These pages are dedicated to the pilgrim soul in each of us...

*Buried Alive* IGI Global

This volume explores culture-bound syndromes, defined as a pattern of symptoms (mental, physical, and/or relational) experienced only by members of a specific cultural group and recognized as a disorder by members of those groups, and their coverage in popular culture. Encompassing a wide range of popular culture genres and mediums - from film and TV to literature, graphic novels, and anime - the chapters offer a dynamic mix of approaches to analyze how popular culture has engaged with specific culture-bound syndromes such as hwabyung, hikikomori, taijin kyofusho, zou huo ru mo, sati, amok, Cuban hysteria, voodoo death, and others. Spanning a global and interdisciplinary remit, this first-of-its-kind anthology will allow scholars and students of popular culture, media and film studies, comparative literature, medical humanities, cultural psychiatry, and philosophy to explore simultaneously a diversity of popular cultures and culturally rooted mental health disorders.

**Gazetteer - United States Board on Geographic Names** One Point Six Technology Pvt Ltd  
Channabasappa Soodayya Patil, 1951-2001, Indian archaeologist; contributed articles.

*A Childhood In Malabar* Springer

Return of the Yakshi is a story of friendship, idealism, love and a brief but violent revolution that was followed by the passing of land reform legislation in Kerala. It explores the psyche of "Urban Naxals" who get involved in dangerous activities labelled as "seditious" at the risk of their lives. Although the story is complete fiction, it has a historical setting where the author has taken creative liberties with incidents, characters, dates and sequence of events. With the prospect of the declaration of Emergency in 1975, the protagonist, Suresh, is forced to leave Kerala and travel to Pamban Island located between India and Sri Lanka, living in exile till 1977. The story suggests a scenario involving

a highly probable nexus between the Naxals of Kerala, the LTTE in Sri Lanka and the ivory smuggler, Veerappan. The story highlights the helplessness of the tribals of Kerala against the might of the State that appropriated their forests, while the LTTE used "asymmetrical" warfare and suicide bombers to fight for their homeland.

**Environmental Postcolonialism** Lulu.com

Yakshi RETURN OF THE YAKSHI Notion Press

*The Gendered Body in South Asia* Knopf Canada

Somewhere on Prithvi, a mortal survives a supernatural attack. In the dark realm of Atala, an evil goddess prepares to do the unspeakable. And a Yakshi finds herself at the heart of an other-worldly storm. Ardra has only known life as a Yakshi, designed to seduce and kill men after drawing out their deepest, darkest secrets for her evil mistress Hera, queen of the forsaken realm of Atala. Then, on one strange blood moon night, her chosen victim, Dwai, survives, and her world spins out of control. Now Ardra must escape the wrath of Hera, who is plotting to throw the universe into chaos. To stop her, Ardra needs to find answers to questions she hasn't dared to ask before. What power does the blood moon hold? Is the sky city of Aakasha as much a myth as its inhabitants - the ethereal and seductive Gandharvas and Apsaras? Who is Dara, the mysterious monster-slayer, and what makes Dwai impervious to her powers? A heady concoction of fantasy and romance, Dark Things conjures up a unique world wrought of love and sacrifice, of shadows and secrets, of evil and those who battle it.

*Yakshi* Notion Press

A pandemic made us all sad, mute and tremble with fear. We locked the entire world one day and isolated ourselves from each other. This book Thoughts Unlocked - Lockdown Days Musings is a perfect riposte to a pandemic that has rendered the humans voiceless. Writer Sreenivasan ruminates on how the pandemic made a larger impact on his life and those around him. It would give the reader an insight into how a human mind works when, one day, the world closes all its doors and puts us all under house arrest. This book tells the stories of the past, present and future. It seems autobiographical and fictitious at times. It may lack in order of things, but is written in a language that is lucid, mild, straight and with a grand touch of humour. The thoughts the writer shares here would create in every reader a ponderous urgency to look back to the lives we had in the past. This book is a definite read and should be a great help in the freeing of our thoughts and presumptions

*U.S.S.R.* Mittal Publications

Are Indian women powerful mother goddesses, or domestic handmaidens trailing behind men in literacy, wages, opportunities, and rights? Have they been agents of their own destinies, or voiceless victims of patriarchy? Behind these colorful over-simplifications lies the reality of many feminine personas belonging to various classes, ethnicities, religions, and castes. This two-volume set looks at Indian history from ancient to modern times, revealing precisely why ideas of gender rights were not static across eras or regions. Raman's work is a reflection on the various ways in which women in a non-Western culture have developed and expressed their own feminist agenda. Are Indian women powerful mother goddesses, or domestic handmaidens trailing behind men in literacy, wages, opportunities, and rights? Have they been agents of their own destinies, or voiceless victims of

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*History and the Present* Hachette UK

This Monograph, First Of Its Kind, Surveys The Female Sculptures Created By Indian Artists Through Centuries, From An Ancient Era Of Indus Valley Civilization To Medieval Times. Archaeological Data Is Interpretd In The Light Of Literary And Cultural Traditions Of India. Various Images The Sculptors Conceived Of Her As Mother Doddess, Yakshi, Devangana And Surasundari, Lover Par Excellemce, One As Fond Of Wine , Dance And Musaic, Shrinagara Nayika, Paragon Of Beauty And Inerllect And Also Embodiment Of Forces Of Death And Destruction, And Made Into Sculptures, Are Described Here In Very Lucid Language, To Give The Readers An Insight Into Indian Art.

*The Ultimate Guide to Goddess Empowerment* Oxford University Press, USA

In a quiet village, disaster strikes in the form of an apparent, vicious murder. This is followed by a series of bizarre deaths. The frightened villagers seek supernatural explanations. All the superstition that lay under the peaceful life of the villagers surface. Who was the murderer? In a tale of murder, mystery, fear and magic, find out if the villagers would be able to comprehend and fight the forces against them in *The Village of Shadows*.

**Gazetteer** Penguin UK

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**Exploring Indian Modernities** Anthem Press

This book situates the discourse on the gendered body within the rapidly transitioning South Asian socio-economic and cultural landscape. It critically analyzes gender politics from different disciplinary perspectives including psychoanalysis, post-structuralism, post-colonialism and law among others. Enriched by contributions from well-known South Asian feminist scholars, this book discusses themes such as democracy and dissent, citizenship and violence and how the female body has historically been used in these discussions as a shield and a weapon. It also focuses on technology and misogyny, the politics of veiling and unveiling, the body of the Muslim women in contemporary India as well as bodies which are marginalized or labelled transgressive or monstrous. The chapters in the volume showcase the complexities, convergences and divergences which exist in the conception and understanding of the gendered body, sexuality and gender roles in different socio-cultural spaces in South Asia and how women negotiate these boundaries. Topical and comprehensive, this book will be useful for scholars and researchers of gender studies, sociology, political sociology, social anthropology, cultural studies, post-colonial studies and South Asian studies.

**The Village of Shadows** Abhinav Publications

The essays in this volume bring together historians and anthropologists to reflect on the place of history within present-day conditions. The central focus here is on aspects of the popular, on the ways in which the popular relates to the scientific, the professional, the aesthetic, the religious, the legal and the political. These essays represent a critique of the disciplinary practices of history. They examine the historian's practices and assumptions, being mainly concerned with finding a set of practices of history-writing that are both truthful and ethical. They are united by the desire to find a way out of the self-constructed cage of scientific history that has made historians wary of the popular. In his introduction, Partha Chatterjee spells out some of the requirements for this new analysis of the popular. He stresses the fact that in contemporary industrializing societies the popular should not be taken to be a homogeneous mass. On the contrary, he states, an awareness of the variety and innovativeness of the contemporary popular could rejuvenate academic historiography.

*U.S.S.R., Official Standard Names Approved by the United States Board on Geographic Names: U-Z.*

(ix, 783 p.) Bloomsbury Publishing

Horror Fiction in the Global South: Cultures, Narratives, and Representations believes that the experiences of horror are not just individual but also/simultaneously cultural. Within this understanding, literary productions become rather potent sites for the relation of such experiences both on the individual and the cultural front. It's not coincidental, then, that either William Blatty's *The Exorcist* or Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *One Hundred Years of Solitude* become archetypes of the re-presentations of the way horror affects individuals placed inside different cultures. Such an affectation, though, is but a beginning of the ways in which the supernatural interacts with the human and gives rise to horror. Considering that almost all aspects of what we now designate as the

Global North, and its concomitant, the Global South – political, historical, social, economic, cultural, and so on – function as different paradigms, the experiences of horror and their telling in stories become functionally different as well. Added to this are the variations that one nation or culture of the east has from another. The present anthology of essays, in such a scheme of things, seeks to examine and demonstrate these cultural differences embedded in the impact that figures of horror and specters of the night have on the narrative imagination of storytellers from the Global South. If horror has an everyday presence in the phenomenal reality that Southern cultures subscribe to, it demands alternative phenomenology. The anthology allows scholars and connoisseurs of Horror to explore theoretical possibilities that may help address precisely such a need.

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