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## VAUGHAN CARDENAS

**Not A Nice Man To Know** Penguin Books India  
 A young Indian woman searches for her own identity as her country fights for independence in this novel from the award-winning Urdu Indian author. The Crooked Line is the story of Shamman, a spirited young woman who rebels against the traditional Indian life of purdah, or female seclusion, that she and her sisters are raised in. Shipped off to boarding school by her family, Shamman grows into a woman of education and independence just as India itself is fighting to throw off the shackles of colonialism. Shamman's search for her own path leads her into the fray of political unrest, where her passion for her country's independence becomes entangled with her passion for an Irish journalist. In this semi-autobiographical novel, Ismat Chughtai explores the complex relationships between women caught in a changing culture, and exposes the intellectual and emotional conflicts at the heart of India's battle for an uncertain future of independence from the British Raj and ultimately Partition.

*The Table is Laid* Taylor & Francis  
 Kuttiedathi and Other Stories is a careful collection of ten short stories. This collection brings together some of the most well known stories of M T Vasudevan Nair, fairly representative of his literary works. Written over a broad span of time from 1962 to 2000, the stories collected here reflect the built-in variety of his fictional concerns and the changing tones of his narration.

*The Train That Had Wings* Orient Blackswan  
 Food security, crop protection, biodiversity, and human and environmental health are among the main needs and concerns of society. Modern biotechnology and life sciences represent a constantly evolving area that is key for the rational use of natural resources - resources that in turn are indispensable for societal development. This book features the outcomes of the IV International Biotechnology and Biodiversity Congress, held in Guayaquil, Ecuador, 2018. It includes extensive reviews of the trends in agricultural and forestry biotechnology, molecules and materials biodiscovery, ethnomedicine, environmental impact and bioindustry research, describing many of these topics from the Latin America perspective and showing how the biodiversity and ancient knowledge of these countries are vital for worldwide sustainable development.

**Function and Processing Kinetics** Penguin UK  
 Roland Barthes was one of the most widely influential thinkers of the 20th Century and his immensely popular and readable writings have covered topics ranging from wrestling to photography. The semiotic power of fashion and clothing were of

perennial interest to Barthes and The Language of Fashion - now available in the Bloomsbury Revelations series - collects some of his most important writings on these topics. Barthes' essays here range from the history of clothing to the cultural importance of Coco Chanel, from Hippy style in Morocco to the figure of the dandy, from colour in fashion to the power of jewellery. Barthes' acute analysis and constant questioning make this book an essential read for anyone seeking to understand the cultural power of fashion.

*Wind Flowers* Jaico Publishing House  
 The iconic title story of this collection narrates how Najab defies his father, the international border between India and Pakistan and the hostile salt desert of the Rann of Kutch for Fatimah. In 'When Gandhi Came to Gorakhpur' Shadilal, a small-time lawyer, dithers over giving up his profession and joining the freedom struggle until his mind is made up for him. And when Sultan Mahmud of Ghazni stints on a few silver coins for the poet Abul Qasim, he is visited by terrible nightmares in 'Of Abul Qasim'. Love across the Salt Desert, which brings together a selection of Keki Daruwalla's best-received short fiction, presents thematic variety and stunning breadth of vision. His prose is witty, precise and shot through with a unique poetic sensibility. These stories establish Daruwalla, one of India's best-known poets, as a daring and gifted practitioner of short fiction. Son, have you brought anything? he asked, an edge of iron deliberately introduced into his voice. Yes, replied Najab, as he ushered Fatimah in. The rain stormed down and swept away three years of drought.

*Best Loved Indian Stories* Otto Harrassowitz Verlag  
 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.

*The Sandal Trees and Other Stories* Penguin Books India  
 ?Banana Systems in the Humid Highlands of Sub-Saharan Africa: Enhancing Resilience and Productivity? addresses issues related to agricultural intensification in the (sub)humid highland areas of Africa, based on research carried out in the Great Lakes Region by the Consortium for Improving Agriculture-based Livelihoods in Central Africa.

*Progress and Challenges* Springer Nature  
 A Classic Collection Of Stories Showcasing Some Of India'S Best-Known Writers After A Hesitant Start Towards The End Of The Nineteenth Century, Short Fiction In Malayalam Came Into Its Own In The 1930S. Since Then, Writer After Writer Has Experimented With Content, Style And Language To Give The Genre A Unique Standing In Contemporary Indian Literature, As Perhaps The Most Translated, Not Just Into English And Other Indian Languages But

Also Into Other Media Such As Film And Television. From Vaikom Muhammad Basheer And O.V.Vijayan To Kamala Das And Sarah Joseph, This Volume Brings Together An Extraordinary Range Of Writers And Themes. There Are, Among Others, M.T. Vasudevan Nair'S `Oppol', A Story About Childhood Innocence And Loss, Which Was Made Into An Award-Winning Film; Paul Zacharia'S `Bhaskara Pattelar And My Life', A Brilliant Psychological Examination Of The Master Slave Dialectic; Lalithambika Antherjanam'S Path-Breaking `Goddess Of Revenge' In Which A Young Namboodiri Woman Becomes A Prostitute To Expose The Hypocrisy Of Her Husband And Their Rigidly Orthodox Community; And N.S. Madhavan'S Classic Story Of An Upper-Caste Widow Who Finds Redemption In The Forbidden Touch Of A Pulaya.

*The Geography of Black Pepper (Piper nigrum)* Edinburgh : Edinburgh University Press  
 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.

*A Study of Kaaroor's Stories* iUniverse  
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**Love Across the Salt Desert** Sahitya Akademi  
 "This anthology of writings on food brings together a wide range of literary and non-literary texts from South Asia. It draws on writing in English from the subcontinent, as well as the diaspora and includes extracts from works by V.S. Naipaul, Romesh Gunesequera, Salman Rushdie, Sara Suleri, Kamila Shamsie, Githa Hariharan, and Kiran Desai, among others, alongside translations from regional Indian languages. The volume covers a broad range of areas of interest: scholarly, narrative, philosophical, literary, anthropological, and cultural".--BOOKJACKET.

*Banana Systems in the Humid Highlands of Sub-Saharan Africa* Harper Collins  
 With the current world population growth of 1.2%, the earth can expect to house 9-10 billion people by 2050. Food production, too, must increase to accommodate these numbers. Easy growing, high calorie, nutritious foods, such as bananas are the top priority as a solution to this imminent problem. The first comprehensive compendium on bananas in rec

**A Textbook of Agronomy** BoD - Books on Demand  
 This book considers all aspects of black pepper from its growth, as a flowering vine, to how the dried fruit (peppercorn) is used as a spice and traded as a commodity. It is the economic mainstay of several India states and, principally, in Kerala State, with the

Indian subcontinent being the largest black pepper producer. Indonesia has also emerged as a large producer of black pepper. Black pepper commands a leading position among the spices and has an immense commercial importance to world trade, finding its way onto the dining table of millions around the world, on the European and North American continents, and Japan. The use of black pepper ranges from a simple dietary component and flavour enhancer, to that of a spice with huge pharmacological benefits. [The Language of Fashion](#) Katha

The rich and varied body of writing in the Indian languages has grown immeasurably in the last hundred years. This collection of short stories brings together some perennial favourites from this vast treasure trove, written by acknowledged masters of the art and sensitively translated. The twenty-three stories included deal with themes central to modern India: caste, gender politics and emerging changes in the traditional family structure. These are striking vignettes from all parts of the country, evocative of different lifestyles yet reflective of common issues and problems with which we can all identify.

*Poovan Banana and Other Stories* Orient Blackswan

Sivasankari (born October 14, 1942) is a renowned Tamil writer and activist. She has carved a niche for herself in the Tamil literary world during the last four decades with her works that reflect an awareness on social issues, a special sensitivity to social problems, and a commitment to set people thinking. She has many novels, novellas, short stories, travelogues, articles and biographies to her credit. Her works have been translated into several Indian languages, English, Japanese and Ukrainian. Eight of her novels have been made into films, having directed by renowned directors like K. Balachander, SP Muthuraman and Mahendran. Her novel 'Kutti' on girl child labour, filmed by the director Janaki Viswanathan, won the President's Award. Sivasankari's novels have also been made as teleserials, and have won the national as well as regional 'Best Mega Serial' awards. As a multi-faceted personality, she has won many prestigious awards including Kasturi Srinivasan Award, Raja Sir Annamalai Chettiyar Award, Bharatiya Bhasha Parishad Award, 'Woman of the year

1999-2000' by the International Women's Association, and so on. 'Knit India Through Literature' is her mega-project involving intense sourcing, research and translations of literature from 18 Indian languages, with a mission to introduce Indians to other Indians through culture and literature.

[Man Whose Name Did Not Appear in the Census... and Other Stories](#) CRC Press

'The volume is remarkable for the variety of its inspiration...' — Manchester Guardian, UK 'Anand's picture is real, comprehensive, and subtle, and the shifts in moods, from farce to comedy, from pathos to tragedy, and from the realistic to the poetic, are remarkable.' — V S Pritchett, British Literary Critic 'Anand is indeed adept in the art of spinning a yarn.' — Punjab Journal of English Studies, Guru Nanak Dev University

[Sociology Through Literature](#) Oxford University Press, USA

This carefully selected collection of Vaikom Muhammad Basheer's short stories are characterised by a variety in theme and tone. He has enshrined in them every kind of experience from the pangs of hunger and sex to the rapture of mystic vision. Its range includes stark realistic pictures of the material world as well as the realm of fantasy haunted by ghosts and spirits. Basheer has written on love and hate, on politicians and pickpockets, on the fancies of childhood and on the disillusionments of adult life with an intense sense of the tragedy of life and at the same time an irrepressible sense of humour.

**Contemporary Malayalam Short Fiction** D C Books

This book presents a comprehensive study of nearly 100 of Kaaroor's short stories. Kaaroor Neelakanta Pillai is one among the Big Six of the 'new wave' in Malayalam literature which began in the mid-1940s. The Big Six and their immediate followers wrote about the common man, peasants, pavement-dwellers, fishermen, rickshaw-pullers, underpaid school teachers — their lives, aspirations and vulnerabilities. By treating Kaaroor's stories as case studies, the book takes a sociological approach to understanding the representation of a wide array of themes: romantic overtones, erotic pursuits, marital episodes, issues of

family, lives of children, behavioural patterns, shades of greed, the idea of spirituality and politics in Malayalam literature. With its annotated transcreation and detailed commentary, this book brings Kaaroor's works to the general reader, and will be useful to scholars and researchers of South Asian literature, English literature, linguistics, cultural studies, besides those interested in Malayalam literature and the Malayali/Indian diaspora across the world.

[50 Writers, 50 Books](#) Pustaka Digital Media

*Banana Nutrition - Function and Processing Kinetics* covers the nutritional aspects of the banana plant and fruit. The book contains substantial scientific information written in an easy-to-understand format. The chapters include information on pharmacological aspects of banana; banana bioactives: absorption, utilization, and health benefits; banana pseudo-stem fiber: preparation, characteristics, and applications; banana drying kinetics and technologies; and integrating text mining and network analysis for topic detection from published articles on banana sensory characteristics. All the chapters contain recent advances in science and technology regarding the banana that will appeal to farmers, plant breeders, food industry, investors, and consumers as well as students and researchers. Readers will harness valuable information about the banana in controlling food security and non-communicable nutrition-related human illnesses.

[The "King" of Spices - Volume 1](#) Penguin Books India

*The Train That Had Wings* presents modern life in Kerala in terms of a shared but tragically compromised humanity. Mukundan dares to look beneath the routines and facades of everyday life in order to probe depth of sin, greed, and hypocrisy but also to rediscover what brings joy and hope. Sixteen short story translations and a critical introduction, offering examples of Mukundan's realistic, existentialist, psychedelic, and parabolic stories, show his range and talent for the very short story. If Hawthorne wrote "twice told tales," Mukundan writes half-told tales, stories that jump in the middle, stomp around for just a minute, and leap away almost before the reader can settle in. Half-told, but a powerful and infectious half.

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