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### SHORT STORIES

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***Katha* 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.**

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### MUHAMMAD THE PROPHET

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***Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat Islam Lahore USA* Researched biography of the Holy Prophet. Corrects misconceptions about his life; answers western criticism. "(1) Muhammad The Prophet (2) The Early Caliphate, by Muhammad Ali, together constitute the most complete and satisfactory history of the early Muslims hitherto compiled in English" — Islamic Culture, Hyderabad, India " ... He has now produced a biography of the Prophet of Islam in English ... It is not only Muslims who should feel grateful to him for the publication. The book should, indeed, give greater gratification to the English-speaking non-Muslims, whom it gives an opportunity of knowing the truth about the life and personality of one who is admitted on all hands to be the greatest reformer in the history of the world." — The New Orient "...it is written**

in an authoritative and interesting fashion, and from a historical point of view will be well worth perusing by adherents of religions other than Islam." — The Civil and Military Gazette, Lahore, Pakistan

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## **PATHUMMAYUDE ADU**

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*D C Books* Novel based on social themes.

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## **DIASPORA**

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*Greg Egan* In 2975, the orphan Yatima is grown from a randomly mutated digital mind seed in the conceptory of Konishi polis. Yatima explores the Coalition of Polises, the network of computers where most life in the solar system now resides, and joins a friend, Inoshiro, to borrow an abandoned robot body and meet a thriving community of “fleshers” in the enclave of Atlanta. Twenty-one years later, news arrives from a lunar observatory: gravitational waves from Lac G-1, a nearby pair of neutron stars, show that the Earth is about to be bathed in a gamma-ray flash created by the stars’ collision — an event that was not expected to take place for seven million years. Yatima and Inoshiro return to Atlanta to try to warn the fleshers, but meet suspicion and disbelief. Some lives are saved, but the Earth is ravaged. In the aftermath of the disaster, the survivors resolve to discover the cause of the neutron stars’ premature collision, and they launch a thousand polises into interstellar space in search of answers. This diaspora eventually reaches a planet subtly transformed to encode a message from an older group of travellers: a greater danger than Lac G-1 is imminent, and the only escape route leads beyond the visible universe.

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## **POOVAN BANANA AND THE OTHER STORIES**

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*Orient Blackswan* 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.

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## THE LAST LITTLE BLUE ENVELOPE

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*Harper Collins* New York Times bestselling author Maureen Johnson's fun, romantic, and hilarious sequel to her breakout hit **13 Little Blue Envelopes** gets a brand-new cover! Ginny Blackstone spent last summer traveling around Europe, following the tasks her aunt laid out in a series of letters before she died. When someone stole Ginny's backpack—and the last little blue envelope inside—she resigned herself to never knowing how the adventure was supposed to end. Now a mysterious boy has contacted Ginny from London, saying he's found her bag. Finally Ginny can finish what she started. But instead of ending her journey, the last letter starts a new adventure, and Ginny finds she must hold on to her wits . . . and her heart. This time there are no instructions.

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## VOICES ; THE WALLS

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*Bombay : Orient Longman*

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## "ME GRANDAD 'AD AN ELEPHANT!"

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## THREE STORIES OF MUSLIM LIFE IN SOUTH INDIA

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*Edinburgh : Edinburgh University Press*

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## RED DIRT HEART 4

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*Blueheart Press* Moving from a Texas ranch to an Australian Outback station was a life changing decision for Travis Craig. Though it wasn't really a decision at all. Something in his bones told him to go, though he had no clue as to why. Until he met Sutton Station's owner, Charlie. Loving Charlie shouldn't have been easy. The man was stubborn, and riddled with crippling self-doubt. No, it shouldn't have been easy at all. Yet somehow, falling in love with Charlie was the easiest thing in the world. Loving him was easy. Living with him, teaching him how to love in return and, more importantly, how to love himself, was not. But Travis knew all along it'd be worth it. He knew the man with the red dirt heart was destined to be his. Just like he knew the red dirt that surrounded him was where he was supposed to be. In the final instalment of the Red Dirt Series, we see Charlie through Travis' eyes. We see how much he's grown and how much he loves. We go back to Texas with them, and we see Charlie get everything he truly thought he never deserved. Red Dirt Heart 4 is Travis' story. And this is the story of not just one red dirt heart, but two.

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## GOAT DAYS

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*Penguin UK* **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, Benjamin'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.

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## THE SMALL-TOWN SEA

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*Penguin Random House India* **Uprooted** from a bustling city, the thirteen-year-old protagonist of *The Small-town Sea* is replanted in his father's home town where he struggles to cope with his new life. He reluctantly makes friends with Bilal, a boy who lives in the orphanage run by the local mosque. Together, they embark on clandestine adventures while his ailing father—a writer whose last wish is to die listening to the sea he has grown up by—rediscovers people from his childhood. But his father's death unsettles the boy's life again, and he finds himself grappling with altogether unexpected challenges.

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## INDULEKHA

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*Oxford University Press, USA* Perhaps the only novel to have been reprinted nearly every year for over a hundred years, *Indulekha* (1889) is widely held to be the first Malayalam novel. Often called an 'accidental' and 'flawed' work, at its core lies a love story. The setting of the novel is the Nair community of Kerala, which had for centuries practised polyandrous matriliney, a most unusual form of inheritance through the woman whom both property and authority flavoured. It gives us glimpses of prevalent social practices much debated amongst a people already under colonial pressure to change their ways of life. Written by a Nair, *Indulekha* is not a grandiose outpouring but the author's effort to achieve certain social goals: firstly, to create a novel much like those of the English authors he had read, and secondly, to illustrate Nair society at that time, both of which met with success. The novel influenced the deliberations of the Malabar Marriage Commission which it predated, and of which Chandum enon was a member. This novel will appeal to general readers interested in Indian writings in translation. Students of literature, history and culture,

political and legal theory, and gender studies, will also find it useful.

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## **BOOK OF RACHEL**

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*Penguin Random House India Private Limited* **Winner of the Sahitya Akademi Award 2010** A gripping story of a lone Jewish woman battling land sharks to keep her community alive Rachel lives alone by the sea. Her children have long migrated to Israel as have her Bene Israel Jew neighbours. Taking care of the local synagogue and preparing exquisite traditional Jewish dishes sustains Rachel's hope of seeing the community come together again at a future time. When developers make moves to acquire the synagogue and its surrounding land, Rachel's vehement opposition takes the synagogue committee and the town by surprise. Written with warmth and humour, Book of Rachel is a captivating tale of a woman's battle to live life on her own terms. Continuing the saga of the unique Bene Israel Jews in India, it adds to Esther David's reputation as a writer of grace and power.

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## **AA MARATHEYUM MARANNU MARANNU NJAN**

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### **AND SLOWLY FORGETTING THAT TREE**

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The powerful memory of a former love rules Radhika's inner world as she builds a small-time practice in Law, and attempts normalcy in a marriage she neither wanted nor resisted. Raped at age ten, raped again as a young collegiate, she is abandoned twice: first by her father and later by Christy who loved her, but takes her through a wedding ceremony only to leave her later the same day. When Christy returns sixteen years later, shattered and unstable, the burnt and withered roots of love bloom again. Trauma, betrayal, and loneliness are the colours that paint this picture of physical and emotional violence that Radhika endures.

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## **KUTTIEDATHI AND OTHER STORIES**

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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.

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## MANJAVEYIL MARANANGAL

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*D C Books*

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## TALES OF ATHIRANIPPĀDAM

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## A COMPANION TO FOUCAULT

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*John Wiley & Sons* **A Companion to Foucault** comprises a collection of essays from established and emerging scholars that represent the most extensive treatment of French philosopher Michel Foucault's works currently available. Comprises a comprehensive collection of authors and topics, with both established and emerging scholars represented. Includes chapters that survey Foucault's major works and others that approach his work from a range of thematic angles. Engages extensively with Foucault's recently published lecture courses from the Collège de France. Contains the first translation of the extensive 'Chronology' of Foucault's life and works written by Foucault's life-partner Daniel Defert. Includes a bibliography of Foucault's shorter works in English, cross-referenced to the standard French edition *Dits et Ecrits*.

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## PREP

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*Random House* **Lee Fiora** is a shy fourteen-year-old when she leaves small-town Indiana for a scholarship at Ault, an exclusive boarding school in Massachusetts. Her head is filled with images from the school brochure of handsome boys in sweaters leaning against old brick buildings, girls running with lacrosse sticks across pristine athletics fields, everyone singing hymns in chapel. But as she soon learns, Ault is a minefield of unstated rules and incomprehensible social rituals, and Lee must work hard to find - and maintain - her place in the pecking order.

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## YAKSHI

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## THE LEGENDS OF KHASAK

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*Penguin UK* **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, begins to intrude on the sojourner's resting place and Ravi begins to understand that there is no escape from the relentless dictates of karma... Often poetic and dark, always complex and rich, *The Legends of Khasak*, O.V. Vijayan's much-acclaimed first novel, translated into English by the author, is an extraordinary achievement

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## DELHI

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## A SOLILOQUY

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## ON THE BANKS OF THE MAYYAZHI

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## THE PLAGUE UPON US

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*Hachette UK* 'In times like these, truth is perhaps the only justice we can have, the only vengeance we can wreak.' Blood drips from the pellet-stricken eyes of young Kashmiri men as Oubaid watches insurgency and violence rip through the streets of his homeland. A voice in his head tells him he knows who brought this plague upon them. But acknowledging it would mean that he must relive the horrors that have been inflicted on those he loves... Yet the voice will not leave Oubaid alone, and as he reluctantly confronts his past, there emerge four echoes of a story, narrated by four childhood friends - a youth caught in conflict, the daughter of a social climber, the son of a moneyed landlord and a militant. As their tales diverge and coalesce, they unravel a truth that is not always the sum of its parts - one that reveals the full tragedy of a people buffeted by circumstance and desperately seeking salvation. A taut, searing reflection of our times, *The Plague upon Us* announces the arrival of an arresting new voice in contemporary fiction.

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## ROOTS

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*Orient Blackswan* Increasingly possessed by a yearning to escape the ennui of an indifferent marriage and the empty but comfortable lifestyle of a bureaucrat, Raghu decides to visit the small patch of ancestral property in his native village. The novel moves between the two worlds the past and the present with pungent, earthy humour and sharp insights.

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## THE ELEMENTS OF ZEN

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*Element Books, Limited* **The essence of this practical method of realizing the Buddhist nature is explained dearly and concisely.**

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## NAALUKETTU

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### THE HOUSE AROUND THE COURTYARD

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**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.**

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## SCAVENGER'S SON

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*Heinemann Educational Publishers*

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## KUNJU KARYANGALUDE ODEYTHAMPURAN

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*D C Books*

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## THE LOVE-LETTER AND OTHER STORIES

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*Stosius Incorporated/Advent Books Division*

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## MY STORY

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*D C Books* **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.

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## **AGNISAKSHI**

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*OUP India* The only novel of one of Kerala's leading women writers, Lalithambika Antharjanam's Agnisakshi is a telling account of a woman's life glowing as though purified in the "fire of sacrifice". Set against the history of Kerala, and life, customs, habits, and culture of the Namboodiri community, along with the fervent cries of the Indian National Freedom struggle, the characters act out their unforgettable roles: Tethi, the dazzling but disappointed bride who renounces worldly life; Unni Namboodiri, whose adherence to the Vedic way of life destroys his personal happiness; and Thankam, Unni's Nair cousin and the mighty Aphan Namboodiri's daughter, seeking her own liberation from the past. True to the lyrical and emotional tone of the original, Vasanthi Sankaranarayanan's translation offers a moving portrait of upper-class, upper-caste Kerala society just before and after Independence.

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## **MARTHANDA VARMA**

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*Sahitya Akademi* 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.

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## **THE DECLINE OF NAYAR DOMINANCE**

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## **SOCIETY AND POLITICS IN TRAVANCORE, 1847-1908**

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*New York : Holmes & Meier Publishers*

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## **ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF SOUTH INDIAN LITERATURE**

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South India is the area encompassing India's states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu as well as the union territories of Lakshadweep and Pondicherry. South India is home to a large number of languages and

dialects. South India has an independent literary tradition going back over 2000years.

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## **AROYANIKETAN**

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## **PANDAVAPURAM**

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*D C Books* **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 PandavapuramWill she continue her protection ?Mr.Sethu who is author of several best sellers like Adyaksharanga, Adayalanga, 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

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## **KAALAM**

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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.

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## **MAGIC CAT**

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## **COLLECTOR BRO**

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## **THE QUIXOTIC THALLALS\* OF A CIVIL SERVANT**

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*Lekshmy Sankar* **Collector Bro: The quixotic 'thallals'\*of a civil servant (\*Thallal - exaggerated bragging in colloquial Malayalam )**This is a true story. An untold one that played out in the district of Kozhikode when a young IAS officer took charge as the District Collector in 2015. Over the next two years, he led the district and transformed the very concept of public administration with the use of social media, public consultation, usage of technology, volunteerism and public participation in governance. The two year tenure of 'Collector Bro' in Kozhikode transformed the landscape and narrative of district administration and communication with the citizens forever. Within a couple of months,

**'Collector Kozhikode' Facebook page became a trendsetter in Kerala, and the most followed district administration page in India. It still is. With initiatives like Compassionate Kozhikode, Operation Sulaimani, Savari Giri Giri, Kozhipedia, Freedom Café, Yo Appooppa and Tere Mere Beach Mein, IAS officer Prasanth Nair, who was the District Collector of Kozhikode at that time, ushered in a new language of governance that endeavoured to bridge the gap between the district administration and citizens through the optimal employment of social media. The District Collector descended from the colonial ivory towers and mingled as one amongst the common man, totally dismantling the hierarchical stereotypes that the society was used to. This book traces the story of how exactly this happened and how and why the public responded so overwhelmingly to such an initiative. It also chronicles how these experiences transformed the young officer also - from a hesitant public speaker to a crowd-puller, from an introvert to a seemingly extrovert energetic leader. For the first time, the emotional roller-coaster of events that re-shaped the attitude and language of engagement by District administration is narrated with all the inside-stories. Straight from the horse's mouth. The author however takes pains not to take centre-stage in the book and manages that somewhat with wit and self-deprecating humour. This book has got nothing to do with government; but it is all about governance, life and compassion. At one level it is a collection of case-studies, the most readable and engrossing ones, narrated with fun and illustrations. At another level it is a chronicle of a personal journey of a compassionate administrator. This is not a typical arrogant bureaucratic 'I did this' book, but an 'I went through this' book. Not a high-horsed motivational 'you can do it' book, but a book that makes you think and prioritise what you want to do in life. As Dr. Shashi Tharoor says in the foreword, a must read for all civil servants, civil-service aspirants, students of public administration and all citizens who dream for a better tomorrow.**