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It is an attainment for the Hindi Literature that at the very initial times of its journey, it got a deft painter of human mind like Munshi Premchand. As a story writer Munshi Premchand had become a legend in his own life time. The themes of his stories are rooted to the rural life with urban social life appearing as the contrast to illustrate a complete picture of contemporary life. They also effected the foundation of a new philanthropic heritage of welfare of society. His distinctive style and content are deeply steeped in the hardcore of reality. In view of variety of topics, he, as though, has encompassed the entire sky of humane world into his fold, and are generally based upon some inspiration or experience. Each of Munshi Premchand's stories unravels many sides of human mind, streaks of human's conscience, the evils in some societal practices and heterogeneous angles of economic tortures. His stories are the strongest assets of our literature, thus are still relevant today, as much as they were five decades ago. His stories have been translated in almost all the languages of India and world.

*Deliverance and Other Stories* OUP India

**Stories of Munshi Premchand** Diamond Pocket Books Pvt Ltd

Godaan is one of the most celebrated novels of Munshi Premchand. Set in pre-independence India, the novel captures social and economic conflict in a north Indian village. The story revolves around Horiram, a poor village farmer, and the struggle of his family to survive and maintain their self-respect. Horiram does everything in his capacity to fulfil his sole desire to own a cow, which is considered a farmer's source of wealth and happiness. One of the classics of Indian literature, the book offers an insight into the colonial history of India, captures the ethnic flavour of the Indian villages and also catches the human emotions in all their rawness.

Godan Invincible Publishers

As a story-writer Premchand had become

a legend in his own lifetime. The firmament of Premchand's stories is vast. In view of variety of topics, he, as though, had encompassed the entire sky of humane world into his fold. Each of Premchandji's stories unravels many sides of human mind, many streaks of man's conscience, the evils in some societal practices and heterogeneous angles of economic tortures. All this is done with complete artistry. His stories stir the readers' mind even today by means of their variegated layers of thoughts and feelings. They are all the heralds of human glories coming from the pen of a time-tested author. The very intrinsic nature of his stories, their external formats unfold their entire uniqueness and appeal to the reader's mind. Owing to such special features Premchandji's stories arc still relevant today, as much as they were five decades ago. The chief themes of his stories arc rooted to the rural life with city social life appearing as the contrast to illustrate the complete picture of contemporary Indian life. The stories of Munshi Premchand, fighting on behalf of the downtrodden of the society, who arc suffering from the social and economic agonies, are the strongest assets of our Literature.

**Chander and Sudha** Penguin Books India  
The Man Booker Prize-winning author "charts the efforts of a middle-aged brother and sister to begin a new life after their tyrannical mother's death" (The New York Times). In *Passing On*, "the richest and most rewarding of her novels," Penelope Lively applies her distinctive insight and consummate artistry to the story of an abusive and manipulative mother's legacy to her children (The Washington Post Book World). When Dorothy Glover dies, ending her reign of terror, siblings Helen and Edward Daimler, both middle-aged and unmarried, are left ill equipped to move forward and lead their own healthy, independent lives. But as time passes, the two slowly learn to accept what has been lost in their own lives and begin to embrace what can still be retrieved. Writing with both wit and compassion, Lively conjures up Edward and Helen's dilemmas with uncommon sympathy, immersing the reader in their concerns through her careful orchestration

of emotional details. "Passing On feels like real life drawn to scale, where private dreams dwarf the daily routine . . . The slow unfolding of secrets gives the book tension without melodrama." —San Francisco Chronicle

**Gift of a Cow** Diamond Pocket Books Pvt Ltd

Gaban, first published in 1931, five years before Premchand's death, gives us a fascinating glimpse of north Indian society, and especially of the author's own Kayasth community. But this novel also serves to put forth his own deeply-held views of the ills of that society - the insatiable love of its women for personal adornment, its failure to create fulfilling marriage relationships, and its moral corruption. This is a felicitous translation by Christopher R. King and will enable many readers to appreciate Premchand's important novel, available for the first time in English

*Majmua Munshi Prem Chand 1* Penguin Group USA

In 1992 when a Dalit woman left the convent and wrote her autobiography, the Tamil publishing industry found her language unacceptable. So Bama Faustina published her milestone work *Karukku* privately in 1992-a passionate and important mix of history, sociology, and the strength to remember. *Karukku* broke barriers of tradition in more ways than one. The first autobiography by a Dalit woman writer and a classic of subaltern writing, it is a bold and poignant tale of life outside mainstream Indian thought and function. Revolving around the main theme of caste oppression within the Catholic Church, it portrays the tension between the self and the community, and presents Bama's life as a process of self-reflection and recovery from social and institutional betrayal. The English translation, first published in 2000 and recognized as a new alphabet of experience, pushed Dalit writing into high relief. This second edition includes a Postscript in which Bama relives the dramatic movement of her leave-taking from her chosen vocation and a special note "Ten Years Later".

**You Can Win** Ind-US

दोस्तों! मुझे बहुत ही खुशी है कि मैंने आपको इस किताब के बारे में बताया है, जो कि मुझे बहुत ही पसंद है।

evenings were meant for reading poetry. It was also a time of stifling social mores, and love was an unattainable ideal seldom realized. Allahabad of the 1940s is the serene backdrop to the turbulence of Chander's love for his professor's daughter Sudha. Driven by his passionate belief in the transcending purity of their love, Chander persuades Sudha to marry another man, to devastating consequences. Unhinged by his separation from Sudha and consumed by a restless desire to make sense of love—Is it really about sex? Is the purity of love a lie?—Chander spirals into a destructive affair with the seductive Pammi.

*The Loom of Time* Oxford India Paperbacks/Oxford University Press Abridged form of the novel of Premacanda, 1881-1936, based on the life of Hori, fictional male character.

*Encyclopaedia of Indian Literature* Diamond Pocket Books Pvt Ltd

“What the Communist Manifesto is to the capitalist world, Annihilation of Caste is to India.” —Anand Teltumbde, author of *The Persistence of Caste* B.R. Ambedkar's *Annihilation of Caste* is one of the most important, yet neglected, works of political writing from India. Written in 1936, it is an audacious denunciation of Hinduism and its caste system. Ambedkar – a figure like W.E.B. Du Bois – offers a scholarly critique of Hindu scriptures, scriptures that sanction a rigidly hierarchical and iniquitous social system. The world's best-known Hindu, Mahatma Gandhi, responded publicly to the provocation. The hatchet was never buried. Arundhati Roy introduces this extensively annotated edition of *Annihilation of Caste* in “The Doctor and the Saint,” examining the persistence of caste in modern India, and how the conflict between Ambedkar and Gandhi continues to resonate. Roy takes us to the beginning of Gandhi's political career in South Africa, where his views on race, caste and imperialism were shaped. She tracks Ambedkar's emergence as a major political figure in the national movement, and shows how his scholarship and intelligence illuminated a political struggle beset by sectarianism and obscurantism. Roy breathes new life into Ambedkar's anti-caste utopia, and says that without a Dalit revolution, India will continue to be hobbled by systemic inequality.

**Indian Folktales** Verso Books

In the idyllic university town, young women daydreamed as they lay on the grass and gazed up at the clouds. Young men took morning walks at Alfred Park. Hot summer afternoons were for drinking sherbet and eating watermelons, and

Immensely popular since its publication more half a century ago, Chander & Sudha continues to seduce readers with its potent mix of tender passion and heartbreaking tragedy.

**Meri Priya Kahaniyan** Diamond Pocket Books Pvt Ltd

Winners don't different things, they do things differently A practical, common-sense guide that will lead you from ancient wisdom to modern-day thinking, *You Can Win* will help you to establish new goals, develop a renewed sense of purpose, and generate fresh and exciting ideas about yourself and your future. Shiv Khara guarantees, as the title suggests, a lifetime of success. The book enables you to translate positive thinking into attitude, ambition and action, all of which combine to give you the winning edge. This book will help you to: · Build confidence by mastering the seven steps to positive thinking; · Be successful by turning weaknesses into strengths; · Gain credibility by doing the right things for the right reasons; · Take charge by controlling things instead of letting them control you; · Build trust by developing mutual respect with the people around you; and · Accomplish more by removing the barriers to effectiveness.

**Godan (गोदान)** Oxford India Collection (Paper)

'Sevasadan' is one of the most representative novels of Munshi Premchand. Soon after it was published, the novel kicked up national debates on such pertinent social issues as prostitution and the place of women in the Indian society. Social taboos dominated the scenario as much as reformers' zeal to tight the rot in the social value system. The story oscillates round a glamour-struck young girl's life. who was brought up with utmost love and care but whose father had to suffer ignominy at the hands of his adversaries for taking a once-in-lifetime bribe and being jailed for that. Her prospective engagement was broken

because her mother, now made a destitute with her daughters, failed to meet the demand of dowry from the bridegroom's family. Hapless and stranded, she, along with her mother and sibling sister, was under care of her maternal-uncle. gets married to a middle-aged pauper and pushed to life-long poverty. She failed to get what she had been dreaming for since her childhood. She fought continual battles between aspiration for a respected prosperous lifestyle, and the existing value system which forced her to live with poverty. By the turns of events she ends up into a life of a tawaif, hatefully tries to come out of the nuisance but the irony of fate makes her the centre-point of all debates on how prostitutes could be rescued and rehabilitated. 'Sevasadan' exposes the time Premchand lived in. It also reflects how seriously the author had waged a battle, which is being fought in the Indian society even today.

**Bāgh O Bahār, Or, Tales of the Four**

**Darweshes** New Directions Publishing

'Godan' is an epic in Hindi prose. It is the most famous work of Munshi Premchand. 'Godan' gives a vivid picture of the condition of Indian farmers during the author's lifetime. The novel is relevant today because the rural folks' problems still exist. Farmers have generally been exploited by money-lenders, government officials and superstitious community members. Hori, a well-off cultivator, suffers for his dependence on these exploiters. He works very hard, grows various crops, yet starves with his family because almost all his crops are given away to clear the creditor's dues. He efforts to protect his family dignity but fails because he was continuously exploited. *Annihilation of Caste* Pustak Mahal Translated by the author 'Tamasdrove the point home that ordinary people want to live in peace' The Guardian Set in a small-town frontier province in 1947, just before Partition, Tamas tells the story of a sweeper named Nathu who is bribed and deceived by a local Muslim politician to kill a pig, ostensibly for a veterinarian. The following morning, the carcass is discovered on the steps of the mosque and the town, already tension-ridden, erupts. Enraged Muslims massacre scores of Hindus and Sikhs, who, in turn, kill every Muslim they can find. Finally, the area's British administrators call out the army to prevent further violence. The killings stop but nothing can erase the awful memories from the minds of the survivors, nor will the various communities ever trust one another again. The events described in Tamas are based on true

accounts of the riots of 1947 that Sahni was a witness to in Rawalpindi, and this new and sensitive translation by the author himself resurrects chilling memories of the consequences of communalism which are of immense relevance even today.

*Divya* Open Road + Grove/Atlantic

A Major Activity Of The Sahitya Akademi Is The Preparation Of An Encyclopaedia Of Indian Literature. The Venture, Covering Twenty-Two Languages Of India, Is The First Of Its Kind. Written In English, The Encyclopaedia Gives A Comprehensive Idea Of The Growth And Development Of Indian Literature. The Entries On Authors, Books And General Topics Have Been Tabulated By The Concerned Advisory Boards And Finalised By A Steering Committee. Hundreds Of Writers All Over The Country Contributed Articles On Various Topics. The Encyclopaedia, Planned As A Six-Volume Project, Has Been Brought Out. The Sahitya Akademi Embarked Upon This Project In Right Earnest In 1984. The Efforts Of The Highly Skilled And Professional Editorial Staff Started Showing Results And The First Volume Was Brought Out In 1987. The Second Volume Was Brought Out In 1988, The Third In 1989, The Fourth In 1991, The Fifth In 1992, And The Sixth Volume In 1994. All The Six Volumes Together Include Approximately 7500 Entries On Various Topics, Literary Trends And Movements, Eminent Authors And Significant Works. The First Three Volume Were Edited By Prof. Amaresh Datta, Fourth And Fifth Volume By Mohan Lal And Sixth Volume By Shri K.C.Dutt.

*Passing On* Rajpal & Sons

'His ideas and his contribution to Indian literature were . . . revolutionary' —The Hindu *Divya* leads a blissful life within the secure walls of the palace even as the

world outside rages with caste politics and religious strife, until one night of pleasure changes her entire world. She gets pregnant only to be spurned by her lover. To preserve her high born family's name she leaves her sheltered existence and trudges through life on her own, first as a slave and then as a court dancer.

Adversity finally opens her eyes to the truth—a woman of a high family is not free. Only a prostitute is free. *Divya* decides that, by enslaving her body, she will preserve the freedom of her mind. Set in the first century BC against a background of the conflict for supremacy between Hindu and Buddhist ideologies, *Divya* is a poignant tale that combines vivid imagination with rich historical details. 'Reminiscent of George Orwell . . . Here too is the biting satire of society as seen through the savage eye of an uncompromising non-conformist'—Dawn *Godan* Ratna Sagar

Premchand, his real name was Dhanpat Rai wrote several hundred short stories and a couple of novels before he died in 1936. This is a selection of short stories on which Satyajit Ray based his film, *The Chessplayers*.

*Munshi Premchand's Godaan* Penguin UK "Magisterial" (Pankaj Mishra, *The New York Review of Books*) and "to Urdu fiction what *One Hundred Years of Solitude* is to Hispanic literature" (TLS) The most important novel of twentieth-century Urdu fiction, *Qurratulain Hyder's River of Fire* encompasses the fates of four recurring characters over two and a half millennia. These characters become crisscrossed and strangely inseparable over different eras, forming and reforming their relationships in romance and war, in possession and dispossession. *River of Fire* interweaves parables, legends, dreams, diaries, and letters, forming a rich tapestry of history

and human emotions and redefining Indian identity. But above all, it's a unique pleasure to read Hyder's singular prose style: "Lyrical and witty, occasionally idiosyncratic, it is always alluring and allusive: Flora Annie Steel and E. M. Forster encounter classical Urdu poets; Eliot and Virginia Woolf meet Faiz Ahmed Faiz" (*The Times Literary Supplement*). *Gaban* Bloomsbury Publishing  
Munshi Premchand—pen name of Dhanpat Rai Srivastava born in Lamhi Village, near Banaras on August 31 July, 1880, died at Banaras on October 8, 1936. Mother died when he was 7 and father died when he was 15 years old. First wife, married when he was 13, left him in 1904 and he remarried a child widow. Became a teacher in 1899 and served in Education department. U.P. till 1921, when he resigned his post to support Gandhiji's non co-operation movement worked as editor of "Maryada" and "Madhuri" and started "Jagaran" and "Hans" from self established Saraswati Press Literary life began in 1901: articles in the *Zamana*, first short story in 1907, left over 220 stories on his death. First novel in 1901 but that which stamped him as a writer of marked ability was "Sevasadan", or *Bazaar-a-Husn* (1914). followed in rapid succession by "Premasharam", "Nirmala", "Rangbhumi," "Ghaban", "Godan" 1936, He joined a film company as a scenario writer in 1934 but gave it up in disgust. When asked why he does not write anything about himself, he answered: "What greatness do I have that I have to tell anyone about? I live just like millions of people in this country; I am ordinary. During my whole lifetime, I have been grinding away with the hope that I could become free of my sufferings. But I have not been able to free myself from suffering. What is so special about this life that needs to be told to anybody?".