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The English Teacher - R. K. Narayan 2012-07-25

R. K. Narayan (1906—2001) witnessed nearly a century of change in his native India and captured it in fiction of uncommon warmth and vibrancy. The title character in *The English Teacher*, Narayan's most autobiographical novel, searches for meaning when the death of his young wife deprives him of his greatest source of happiness. This pioneering novel, luminous in its detail and refreshingly free of artifice, is a gift to twentieth-century literature.

The World of Malgudi - R. K. Narayan 2002

This Is R.K. Narayan S Classic Chronicle Of The Adventures Of A Boy Named Swami, And His Friends Rajam And Mani, In A Sleepy And Picturesque South Indian Town Called Malgudi. Swami S Days Are Full Of Action-When He Is Not Creating A Ruckus In The Classroom Or Preparing In His Inimitable Way For Exams, He S Trying To Acquire A Hoop From The Coachman S Son To Run Down The Malgudi Streets, Playing Tricks On His Grandmother, Or Stoning The School Windows, Inspired By A Swadeshi Demonstration. But The Greatest Feat Of Swami And His Friends Lies In Putting Together A Cricket Team For The Mcc (The Malgudi Cricket Club) And Challenging The Neighbouring Young Men S Union To A Match. Just Before The Match, However, Things Go Horribly, Horribly Wrong, And Swami Has No Option But To Run Away From Home, Wanting Never To Return To Malgudi Again . . . Malgudi Schooldays Is A Brilliantly Evocative And Delightfully Funny Account Of The Growing-Up Years From One Of The Greatest English Language Writers Of Our Time. Includes A Slightly Abridged Version Of The Novel Swami And Friends Along With Two Other Swami Stories, Available Together For The First Time Features Fifteen Black-And-White Illustrations By R.K. Laxman Attractive Design The First In A Series Of Indian Literature Classics On The Puffin List

Swami and Friends - R. K. Narayan 2012-07-25

R. K. Narayan (1906—2001) witnessed nearly a century of change in his native India and captured it in fiction of uncommon warmth and vibrancy. *Swami and Friends* introduces us to Narayan's beloved fictional town of Malgudi, where ten-year-old Swaminathan's excitement about his country's initial stirrings for independence competes with his ardor for cricket and all other things British. Written during British rule, this novel brings colonial India into intimate focus through the narrative gifts of this master of literary realism.

Indian Literature in English - Amar Nath Prasad 2007

Contributed articles; covers the 20th century period

Indian Writing in English - Amar Nath Prasad 2004

Contributed articles.

The Painter of Signs - R. K. Narayan 2006-08-29

For Raman the sign painter, life is a familiar and satisfying routine. A man of simple, rational ways, he lives with his pious aunt and prides himself on his creative work. But all that changes when he meets Daisy, a thrillingly independent young woman who wishes to bring birth control to the area. Hired to create signs for her clinics, Raman finds himself smitten by a love he cannot understand, much less avoid-and soon realizes that life isn't so routine anymore. Set in R. K. Narayan's fictional city of Malgudi, *The Painter of Signs* is a wry, bittersweet treasure. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents

a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

Swami and Friends - Rasipuram Krishnaswamy Narayan 1944

The Vendor of Sweets - R. K. Narayan 1983

While the colourful sweetmeats are frying in the kitchen, Jagan immerses himself in his copy of the *Bhagavad Gita*. A widower of firm Gandhian principles, Jagan nonetheless harbours a warm and embarrassed affection for his wastrel son Mali. Yet even Jagan's patience begins to fray when Mali descends on the sleepy city of Malgudi full of modern notions, with a new half-American wife and a grand plan for selling novel-writing machines. From different generations and different cultures, father and son are forced to confront each other, and are taken by surprise . . .

My Financial Career - Stephen Leacock 2013-09-03

When a man receives a promotion and a raise, he finds himself forced to face an uncomfortable situation that he has avoided all his life: visiting a bank and opening a bank account. "My Financial Career" is representative of author Stephen Leacock's writing style in which he pokes fun at social absurdities and irrational behaviour. This short story was adapted into a short animated film in 1962, directed by Gerald Potterton. The film won the award for Best Animated Short at the San Francisco International Film Festival that year and was nominated for Best Animated Short at the 36th Academy Awards in 1964.

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A Malgudi Omnibus - R. K. Narayan 1994

Three of Narayan's novels (*Swami and Friends* , *The Bachelor of Arts* and *The English Teacher*) featuring the imaginary Indian town of Malgudi, which he has used for 60 years as the setting for his stories. They provide an introduction to a universal world of humour, sadness, wisdom and joy.

The Man-eater of Malgudi - R. K. Narayan 1993-05-01

This is the story of Nataraj, who earns his living as a printer in the little world of Malgudi, an imaginary town in South India. Nataraj and his close friends, a poet and a journalist, find their congenial days disturbed when Vasu, a powerful taxidermist, moves in with his stuffed hyenas and pythons, and brings his dancing-women up the printer's private stairs. When Vasu, in search of larger game, threatens the life of a temple elephant that Nataraj has befriended, complications ensue that are both laughable and tragic.

Indian Literature in English - K. V. Surendran 2002

Critical Response to R.K. Narayan - Amar Nath Prasad 2003

Rasipuram Krishnaswamy Narayan, 1906-2001, Indo-English novelist; contributed articles.

Indian Thought - R. K. Narayan 1997-01-01

The Short Story Of A Literary Journal... During The Tumultuous Days Of The Second World War The Literary Magazine, Indian Thought, Quietly Made Its Appearance, Marking The Highlight Of R.K. Narayan S Short Stint In Journalism. As It Happened, Indian Thought Enjoyed An Even Shorter Life: The War,

Shortage Of Paper, And Problems With A Recalcitrant Printing Press-All Made It Impossible For The Journal S Fourth Issue To See The Light Of Day. And This Despite The Journal S Success. R.K. Narayan Had Envisioned A Quarterly That Would Reflect The Best In The New Literature Of The Day-An Ambition Brilliantly Realized-Given That, During Its Fleeting Appearance On The Literary Scene, Its Contributors Included Such Greats As C. Rajagopalachari, M.N. Srinivas, The Visionary Paul Brunton And, Of Course, The Editor Himself. In This Book, Freelance Editor And Writer S. Krishnan Has Ensured, Through Judicious Rearrangement And Excision, That The Early Writing Of Some Of India S Finest Writers Remains As Fresh And Compelling As When It First Appeared In R.K. Narayan S Little Journal.

Indian English Literature - Ed. Basavaraj Naikar 2007

In Recent Years, The Indian English Literature Has Made Conspicuous Progress In All Its Forms, Mainly In Fiction And Poetry. The Present Anthology Aims At Presenting An In-Depth Study Of Twenty-One Authors Who Are Both Established As Well As Upcoming Writers: Nissim Ezekiel, Nirad C. Chaudhuri, Girish Karnad, R.K. Narayan, Raja Rao, Manohar Malgonkar, Bhabani Bhattacharya, Taslima Nasrin, Salman Rushdie, Anita Desai, Shashi Deshpande, Amitav Ghosh, Vikram Seth, Githa Hariharan, Kavita Daswani, Manju Kapoor, M.N. Roy, Sri. Aurobindo, Mahatma Gandhi, Lohia And Ambedkar. The Articles On Poets Contained In This Anthology Acquaint The Readers With The Fluctuating Scene Of Thematic Concerns And Technical Experimentations In Indian English Poetry. All Other Articles Are Also Unique Of Its Kind, Reflecting The Above-Mentioned Authors Treatment Of Their Chosen Literary Genre. Since Most Of The Authors Included In The Present Volume For Discussion Are Prescribed In The English Syllabus In The Various Indian Universities, It Is Hoped That Both The Teachers And Students Will Find Them Extremely Useful. Even The General Readers Who Are Interested In Literature In English Will Find Them Intellectually Stimulating.

Grandmother's Tale And Selected Stories - R. K. Narayan 2013-07-30

There is no better introduction to R.K. Narayan than this remarkable collection of stories celebrating work that spans five decades. Characters include a storyteller whose magical source of tales dries up, a love-stricken husband who is told by astrologers he must sleep with a prostitute to save his dying wife, a pampered child who discovers that his beloved uncle may be an impostor or even a murderer. Standing supreme amid this rich assortment of stories is the title novella. Told by the narrator's grandmother, the tale recounts the adventures of her mother, married at seven and then abandoned, who crosses the subcontinent to extract her husband from the hands of his new wife. Her courage is immense and her will implacable -- but once her mission is completed, her independence vanishes. Gentle irony, wryly drawn characters, and themes at once Indian and universal mark these humane stories, which firmly establish Narayan as one of the world's preeminent storytellers.

Salt & Sawdust - R. K. Narayan 1993

A Haunting New Collection Of Short Stories From One Of India S Most Acclaimed Writers Shashi Deshpande, In Her New Collection Of Short Stories, Explores A World Darkened By The Despair And Unhappiness Of Women Trying To Break Out Of Pre-Defined Roles. There Is The Newly Married Protagonist Of The Title Story, Whose Self-Respect And Sense Of Self Are Violated By Her Crass And Insensitive Husband; The Wife Who Finds Herself Involved In An Affair Because Of Her Husband S Indifference; The Mother Who Tries To Forge A Relationship With A Hostile Daughter&. These And Other Stories In This Collection Serve To Reaffirm Shashi Deshpande In Her Reputation As A Writer Of Acuity And Compassion.

A Tiger for Malgudi - R. K. Narayan 1994-10-01

A venerable tiger, old and toothless now, looks back over his life from cubhood and early days roaming wild in the Indian jungle. Trapped into a miserable circus career as 'Raja the magnificent', he is then sold into films (co-starring with a beefy Tarzan in a leopard skin) until, finding the human world too brutish and bewildering, he makes a dramatic bid for freedom. R.K. Narayan's story combines Hindu mysticism with ripe Malgudi comedy, viewing human absurdities through the eyes of a wild animal and revealing how, quite unexpectedly, Raja finds sweet companionship and peace.

A Town Called Malgudi - R. K. Narayan 1999

In A Writing Career Spanning Seven Decades, R.K. Narayan Enthralled And Entertained Generations Of Readers With His Deftly Etched Characters, His Uniquely Stylized Language And His Wry Sense Of

Humour. A Storyteller Par Excellence, Narayan S Greatest Achievement Perhaps Lies In Creating And Peopling The Imagined Landscapes Of A Town Called Malgudi, Located Somewhere In South India, Which Has Come Alive In Story After Story In Such A Way That It Has Now Become A Part Of Modern Indian Folklore. This Collection Brings Between Two Covers Some Of The Most Memorable Fiction That Has Emerged From R.K. Narayan S Pen. It Contains The Man-Eater Of Malgudi, Which Tells The Story Of Nataraj, Owner Of A Small Printing Press, And His Houseguest Vasu, A Taxidermist, Who Moves Into Nataraj S Attic With A Menagerie Of Dead Animals. There Is Also Talkative Man, A Novella That Starts Off With The Arrival On The Delhi Train Of A Stranger In A Blue Suit Who Takes Up Residence In The Station Waiting Room And Refuses To Budge. Also Included Here Are Some Of The Most Popular And Striking Short Stories Narayan Has Written: From The Celebrated A Horse And Two Goats And Salt And Sawdust To Gems Like An Astrologer S Day , The Shelter And Under The Banyan Tree . Encapsulating The Very Best Of R.K. Narayan S Remarkable Output, This Is A Fitting Tribute To One Of The Greatest Modern Writers In The English Language.

Talkative Man - R. K. Narayan 1994-06

The Talkative Man tells the story of a mysterious stranger who arrives at the Malgudi train station to pursue a purported U.N. project. The stranger winds up staying at Talkative Man's home, where he begins to seduce the librarian's daughter.

Vendor Of Sweets, The (modern Classics) - R. K. Narayan 2010

Backwater - Joan Bauer 2005-06-02

Ivy doesn't want to be a lawyer. Who cares? Well, her father, for starters, who expects his daughter to take up the Breedlove family profession with dedication and enthusiasm. But Ivy wants to be a historian, a vocation that's getting quite a workout as she prepares a family history in honor of her beloved great-aunt Tib's eightieth birthday. This undertaking takes Ivy on a great journey, as she hikes into the wilds of the Adirondacks to find her reclusive aunt Jo -- and her own destiny.

Under the Banyan Tree and Other Stories - R. K. Narayan 2001

A collection of stories about characters from every walk of Indian life - merchants, beggars, herdsmen, rogues - all of whose lives are microcosms of the human experience.

The Dark Room - R. K. Narayan 2012-07-25

R. K. Narayan (1906—2001) witnessed nearly a century of change in his native India and captured it in fiction of uncommon warmth and vibrancy. In *The Dark Room*, Narayan's portrait of aggrieved domesticity, the docile and obedient Savitri, like many Malgudi women, is torn between submitting to her husband's humiliations and trying to escape them. Written during British rule, this novel brings colonial India into intimate focus through the narrative gifts of this master of literary realism.

The Magic of Malgudi - R K Narayan 2000

A Master Of Observation, Subtlety And Gentle Wit, R.K. Narayan Has Few Rivals When It Comes To Bringing Alive People And Places. Most Of His Timeless Novels Are Set In The Fictional Town Of Malgudi, Located Somewhere In South India, A Town As Real To His Readers As Any They Will Find On The Map. This Volume Contains Three Quintessential Malgudi Novels-Swami And Friends, The Bachelor Of Arts And The Vendor Of Sweets. Swami And Friends, Published In 1935, Was The First Novel Narayan Wrote. Described By Graham Greene As A Novel In Ten Thousand , It Recounts The Adventures Of Ten-Year-Old Swaminathan And His Friends Rajam And Mani. The Bachelor Of Arts, The Second Novel In The Collection, Is A Brilliantly Realized Account Of The Workings Of A Young Man S Mind. It Is The Story Of Chandran, In His Final Year At College, Who Falls Hopelessly In Love And Is Forced To Exile Himself From The Familiar Surroundings Of Malgudi Until He Is Able To Arrive At A Satisfactory Resolution To His Problems. The Vendor Of Sweets Showcases A Classic Cross-Generational Battle, Between Jagan, A Widower Of Firm Gandian Principles, And His Modern Son Mali, Who Returns To Malgudi With A Half-American Wife And A Grand Plan For Selling Story-Writing Machines. The Third In The Series Of Penguin India S Collectors Editions Of The Malgudi Novels, *The Magic Of Malgudi*, With An Introduction By S. Krishnan, Will Delight First-Time Readers As Well As Devoted Narayan Fans.

My Dateless Diary - R K Narayan 2000-10-14

An unusual and witty travel book about the United States of America. At the age of fifty, when most people have settled for the safety of routine, R. K. Narayan left India for the first time to travel through America. In this account of his journey, the writer's pen unerringly captures the clamour and energy of New York city, the friendliness of the West Coast, the wealth and insularity of the Mid-West, the magnificence of the Grand Canyon...Threading their way through the narrative are a host of delightful characters—from celebrities like Greta Garbo, Aldous Huxley, Martha Graham, Cartier Bresson, Milton Singer, Edward G. Robinson and Ravi Shankar to the anonymous business tycoon on the train who dismissed the writer when he discovered Narayan had nothing to do with India's steel industry. As a bonus, there are wry snapshots of those small but essential aspects of American life—muggers, fast food restaurants, instant gurus, subway commuters, TV advertisements, and American football. An entrancing and compelling travelogue about an endlessly fascinating land.

A Story Teller's World - R K Narayan 2000-10-14

REQUIRED, THE STORY-TELLER COULD HAVE AN AUDIENCE BUT IN THIS CASE HE WOULDN'T BE READING FROM HIS MS, BUT WOULD BE LOOKING AT THE VILLAGERS. I MUCH PREFER THE STORY-TELLER ALONE.

The Emerald Route - R. K. Narayan 1999

‘The Term Occurred To Me When We Started Out On A Tour Of Karnataka, From Mysore, Through Hunsur And Hassan, And Returning To Mysore Nearly One Week Later, Having Continuously Journeyed Up And Down The Ghats, The Konkan Coast And Coorg, And Never Seeing A Dry Patch Anywhere. Green Of Several Shades We Saw, Mountainsides Lightly Coated With Verdure And Fern, The Dark Foliage Of Trees Rising Hundreds Of Feet From The Valley, Light Green, Dark Green, Pale Green, Evergreen, And Every Kind Of Green Shade, Were Offered For Our Delectation All Through Our Circular Tour Of Approximately A Thousand Kilometres.’ The Emerald Route Is R.K. Narayan's Account Of His Travels Across His Homeland Of Karnataka, From Belur And Halebid To Gulbarga And Hampi, From The Hilly Prospects Of Mangalore To The Gold Mines Of Kolar, From The Legendary Battlefield Of Seringapanam—Home Of Tippu Sultan—to The Rock Formations Of Bellary—Supposed To Be Gigantic Pellets Thrown By Bhima At Bakasura. As He Makes His Way Through The Shopping Complexes Of Bangalore And The Elephant Khedda At Karapur, Samples The Local Delicacies Like Nanjangud Bananas And Avaraikalu Beans And Enjoys The Sunsets And Mallige (Jasmine) At Mysore, The Master Storyteller Tells Us About The History And Mythology That Make Karnataka The Fascinating State It Is. Published In Paperback For The First Time, This Previously Unavailable Volume From India's Greatest Living Writer Will Be A Delight To Every Fan Of R.K. Narayan.

The Mahabharata - R. K. Narayan 2016-02-12

The Mahabharata tells a story of such violence and tragedy that many people in India refuse to keep the full text in their homes, fearing that if they do, they will invite a disastrous fate upon their house. Covering everything from creation to destruction, this ancient poem remains an indelible part of Hindu culture and a landmark in ancient literature. Centuries of listeners and readers have been drawn to The Mahabharata, which began as disparate oral ballads and grew into a sprawling epic. The modern version is famously long, and at more than 1.8 million words—seven times the combined lengths of the Iliad and Odyssey—it can be incredibly daunting. Contemporary readers have a much more accessible entry point to this important work, thanks to R. K. Narayan's masterful translation and abridgement of the poem. Now with a new foreword by Wendy Doniger, as well as a concise character and place guide and a family tree, The Mahabharata is ready for a new generation of readers. As Wendy Doniger explains in the foreword, “Narayan tells the stories so well because they're all his stories.” He grew up hearing them, internalizing their mythology, which gave him an innate ability to choose the right passages and their best translations. In this elegant translation, Narayan ably distills a tale that is both traditional and constantly changing. He draws from both scholarly analysis and creative interpretation and vividly fuses the spiritual with the secular. Through this balance he has produced a translation that is not only clear, but graceful, one that stands as its own story as much as an adaptation of a larger work.

My Days - R. K. Narayan 2013-07-30

"I am inclined to call this the last chapter, but how can an autobiography have a final chapter? At best, it

can only be a penultimate one; nor can it be given a rounded-off conclusion, as is possible in a work of fiction." So begins the last chapter of My Days, the only memoir from R. K. Narayan, hailed as "India's most notable novelist and short-story writer" by the New York Times Book Review. In his usual winning, humorous style, R. K. Narayan shares his life story, beginning in his grandmother's garden in Madras with his ferocious pet peacock. As a young boy with no interest in school, he trains grasshoppers, scouts, and generally takes part in life's excitements. Against the advice of all, especially his commanding headmaster father, the dreaming Narayan takes to writing fiction, and one of his pieces is accepted by Punch magazine (his "first prestige publication"). Soon his life includes bumbling British diplomats, curious movie moguls, evasive Indian officials, eccentric journalists, and "the blind urge" to fall in love. R. K. Narayan's larger-than-life perception of the human comedy is at once acute and forgiving, and always true to it.

Malgudi Days - R. K. Narayan 2006-08-29

Four gems, with new introductions, mark acclaimed Indian writer R. K. Narayan's centennial. Introducing this collection of stories, R. K. Narayan describes how in India "the writer has only to look out of the window to pick up a character and thereby a story." Composed of powerful, magical portraits of all kinds of people, and comprising stories written over almost forty years, Malgudi Days presents Narayan's imaginary city in full color, revealing the essence of India and of human experience. This edition includes an introduction by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jhumpa Lahiri. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

New Insights Into the Novels of R.K. Narayan - M. K. Bhatnagar 2002

R.K. Narayan's Career As A Novelist And Short Story Writer Spans Almost Eight Decades From Swami And Friends (1935) To Grandmother's Tale (1992) Until His Death On 13 May 2001 At The Ripe Age Of 95. His Distinctive Sense Of Humour, His Trade Mark Irony, His Bemused, Knowing, Overseeing Perspective, His Rootedness In Religion And Family Values And His Inescapable Capturing Of The Essence Of Indian Sensibility All Have Been Looked At From A Refreshingly New Perspective, Hitherto Only Partly Touched Or Left Unexplored And Unattempted. New Insights Into The Guide, The Maneater Of Malgudi, A Tiger For Malgudi, Waiting For The Mahatma, The Dark Room Exploit Freshly-Forged Tools Of Critical Analysis Comparative, Structural, New Historical, Feminist, Bakhtinian, Post-Colonial And Socio-Cultural And Ethical. A Welcome Addition To The Extant Critical Scholarship On R.K. Narayan's Oeuvre. A Lucid Discussion Of New Dimensions In Literary Theory Through Well-Argued, Illustrative Analysis Of Popular Texts. A Scholarly Elucidation Of The Sociology Of Hinduism As Reflected In Popular Fiction. An Indispensable Source-Book For Students, Researchers, Teachers, Scholars In Inter-Related Fields Like Literary Criticism, Theory Of Literature, Indian Philosophy, Customs And Thought-Patterns, Besides Social Anthropology And Sociology.

Malgudi Adventures - R. K. Narayan 2004

Unforgettable Stories For Children From The Masterly Pen Of R.K. Narayan After The Stupendous Success Of Malgudi Schooldays, R.K. Narayan's Chronicle Of The Escapades Of Swami And His Friends, Comes Malgudi Adventures, Which Contains More Delightful Stories Of Children's Adventures In The Magical South Indian Small Town Of Malgudi. There Are The Memorable Stories Of Babu, Who, In Trying To Set Up The Lights For His Sisters Navaratri Display, Manages To Plunge The Entire Household Into Darkness; Of A Snake Charmer Boy Who Grows Up With A Monkey Named Rama As His Companion; And Of Raju, Who Decides To Become A Guide When A Train Station Is Built At Malgudi. Also Included Are The Fascinating Stories Of Balu, Who Dumps His Father's Accounts Ledger In The Gutter; Of A Little Boy Who Finds Himself Lost On The Streets Of Malgudi Late One Night; Of Chandran, Who Falls Head Over Heels In Love On The Banks Of The Sarayu One Evening; And Of The Hilarious Sequence Of Events That Unfolds When Raja The Tiger Decides To Seek Refuge In The Local School.

Once Upon a Curfew - Srishti Chaudhary 2019

It is 1974. Indu has inherited a flat from her grandmother and wants to turn it into a library for women. Her

parents think this will keep her suitably occupied till she marries her fiancé, Rajat, who's away studying in London. But then she meets Rana, a young lawyer with sparkling wit and a heart of gold. He helps set up the library and their days light up with playful banter and the many Rajesh Khanna movies they watch together. When the Emergency is declared, Indu's life turns upside down. Rana finds himself in trouble, while Rajat decides it's time to visit India and settle down. As the Emergency pervades their lives, Indu must decide not only who but what kind of life she will choose.

Guide, The (Modern Classics) - R.K. Narayan 2010-12

'The best of R.K. Narayan's enchanting novels'—The New Yorker Raju, a corrupt tourist guide, together with his lover, the dancer Rosie, leads a prosperous life before he is thrown into prison. After release he rests on the steps of an abandoned temple when a peasant passing by mistakes him for a holy man. Slowly, almost reluctantly, he begins to play the part, acting as a spiritual guide to the village community. Raju's holiness is put to the test when a drought strikes the village, and he is asked to fast for twelve days to summon the rains. Set in Narayan's fictional town, Malgudi, *The Guide* is the greatest of his comedies of self-deception. 'A brilliant accomplishment ... Narayan is the compassionate man who can write of human life as comedy'—The New York Times Book Review 'Narayan is such a natural writer, so true to his experience and emotions'—V.S. Naipaul

Cultural Imperialism and the Indo-English Novel - Fawzia Afzal-Khan 2010-11-01

The Cambridge Companion to Modern Indian Culture - Vasudha Dalmia 2012-04-05

A wide-ranging and truly interdisciplinary guide to understanding the relationship between India's colonial past and globalized present.

Waiting for the Mahatma - R. K. Narayan 2012-07-25

In the novels of R. K. Narayan (1906-2001), the forefather of modern Indian fiction, human-scale hopes and epiphanies express the promise of a nation as it awakens to its place in the world. In *Waiting for the Mahatma*, a young drifter meets the most beautiful girl he has ever seen—an adherent of Mahatma Gandhi—and commits himself to Gandhi's Quit India campaign, a decision that will test the integrity of his

ideals against the strength of his passions. This novel, written after India's independence, is a masterpiece of social comedy, rich in local color and abounding in affectionate humor and generosity of spirit.

R.K. Narayan and His Social Perspective - S. R. Ramteke 1998

R.K. Narayan And His Social Perspective Deals With The Caste-Ridden Hindu Society Which Narayan Presents In His Novels. His Characters Are Fatalists With Explicit Faith In The Invisible. The Book Presents Their Half-Hearted Attempts At Self-Assertion. However, Their So-Called Sentimentalism Does Not Bear Fruit And They Fall Back To Their Former Position Accepting Defeat In Life. The Book Brings Out Vividly Narayan's Attitude To Life, His Firm Grip Of Hindu Ethos Of Which He Is The Product, And His Failure To Come Out Of It, Though The West Wind Has Blown Much Of Its Dust. However Detached He Sounds Himself To The Readers, His True Spirit Finds Vivid Expression In The Book. At Any Rate R.K. Narayan Is A Thoroughly Indian Novelist Par Excellence, And The Aspect Is Hardly To Be Overlooked.

R. K. Narayan - John Thieme 2013-07-19

R.K. Narayan's reputation as one of the founding figures of Indian writing in English is re-examined in this comprehensive study of his fiction, which offers detailed readings of all his novels. Arguing against views that have seen Narayan as a chronicler of "authentic" Indianness, John Thieme locates his fiction in terms of its specific South Indian contexts and cultural geography and its non-Indian intertexts. The study also considers the effect that Narayan's writing for overseas publication had on novels such as *Swami and Friends*, *The Guide* and *The Man-Eater of Malgudi*. Narayan's imaginary small town of Malgudi has often been seen as a metonym for India. Thieme draws on recent thinking about the ways in which place and space are constructed to demonstrate that Malgudi is always a fractured and transitional site, an interface between older conceptions of Indianness and contemporary views that stress the ubiquitousness and inescapability of change in the face of modernity. The study also shows that Malgudi is seen from varying angles of vision and with shifting emphases at different points in Narayan's career. As well as offering fresh insights into the influences that went into the making of Narayan's fiction, this is the most wide-ranging and authoritative guide to his novels to have appeared to date. It provides a unique account of his development as a writer.