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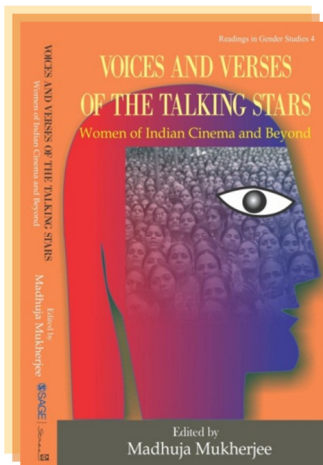
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Edited by **Madhuja Mukherjee**



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Madhuja Mukherjee is Head, Department of Film Studies, Jadavpur University.

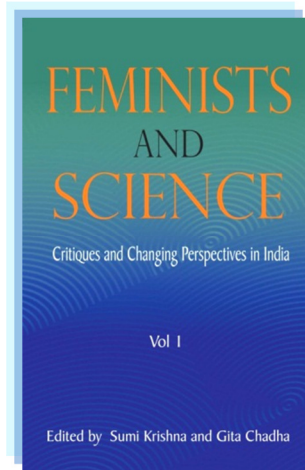
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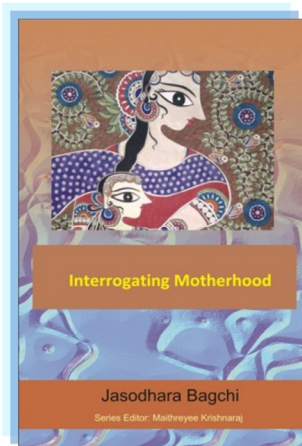
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*Edited by Chandrava Chakravarty
and Sneha Kar Chaudhuri*

Throughout this volume , I came across essays that indicate that this book has done what such volumes can or should do at their best : make us re-examine a writer who has achieved canonical status, reveal how and his works have become classics because of his ability to delve into contemporary reality and represent what he finds there in arresting words and images, relating them to readers in such a way that they speak to us...the essayists of the volume because of the ingenuity they have shown...[takes] the subject of Tagore and woman to new and unexpected areas.

FakrulAlam, Professor of English, University of Dhaka

This book discusses Tagore's multifaceted engagement with the women's question as it first emerged in India, enabling, the twenty-first century reader to engage critically with his worldview that was made of broad humanism, an appreciation of other cultures versus narrow nationalism that are highly relevant today. This was controversial at the time of his writing and today could lead to resonance or disagreement. His placement of women as subjects who questioned their lives, rebelling or acquiescing, or even ambivalent on the large questions of life, shows the complexities of his attempt to understand the struggles and dilemmas that women facing modernity for the first time underwent; just as today, the dilemmas remain sharp and uncertain of resolution. The book's title indicates how women advance, change, and even retreat in the struggle for emancipation.

Chandrava Chakravarty is Associate Professor of English at West Bengal State University; **Sneha Kar Chaudhuri** is Assistant Professor of English at West Bengal State University.

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Subrata Banerjee**

Most Indian autobiographies are evocations of places, accounts of careers and records of events, from which the self has been removed. SB is not really an exception... It is a huge canvas strewn with many incidents and many people and its value cannot be doubted."

Anuradha Roy, Professor, Department of History, Jadavpur University

A political memoir by a maverick journalist who had turned his hand to other careers, giving a full record of about ninety years of contemporary India. Being a life-long member of the Communist Party of India, Banerjee describes the last stages of the British Empire in India, the fall of the USSR, alongside his multifaceted engagement with other political and social movements. He talks of the early years of the Party, his close friendship with S. A. Dange, founder of the Communist Party of India, with whom he shared a stint in jail. He brings new material related to the Second World War like the campaign in Burma, where he accompanied the British army as a press officer, and saw the unacknowledged heroism of Indian troops, also presenting first hand reports on General Aung San and Burma, and the use of Indian soldiers in Vietnam to suppress the nationalist movement at the behest of the British and the French. His vivid accounts bring to the fore the truth behind the empire—its racism, its economic exploitation, and the upsurge of nationalism against it. After independence, Banerjee became one of the founding fathers of the new advertising industry, setting up Clarion with communist friends. He switched to journalism, becoming the editor of the Illustrated Weekly of India. Later as the first cultural attaché at the Indian High Commission in Bangladesh in 1971, he analyses the aftermath of Bangladesh's independence. His parents became communist supporters, persuaded by their sons, Subrata, Sumanta and Samik. He narrates about his wife, Karuna, whom he met as a student. She became a talented actor under Satyajit Ray, performing as Sarbajaya in the Apu Trilogy.

Subrata Banerjee (1919-2007), journalist, diplomat, author, editor and broadcaster, also former Director, Information and Public Relations, Government of West Bengal, Counsellor (Information) with the Indian High Commission at Dhaka, former Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development's (CRRID) quarterly journal, Man & Development.

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THINKING WOMEN: A FEMINIST READER

Edited by Navaneetha Mokkal and Shefali Jha

Forward by Susie Tharu



This reader gives a fascinating glimpse into the workings of gender in day-to-day lives, the site for complicated gender negotiations. The selection is wide ranging, including creative writing in English and translations from the other Indian languages, autobiographies, newspaper articles, theoretical pieces and visual material like advertisements and cartoons. The editors foreground differences and show how caste, class, sexuality and religion complicate the experiences of gender, offering a different perspective but no neat resolutions.

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and Sayantan Dasgupta*

It is rare to have Bengali Dalit women's writings presented in an English translation. Among the contributors are poets Shyamali Ray, Kanika Sarkar, Shimli Hawladar, Shefali Debbarma, Pratima Sarkar, Bibha Biswas, Sujata Biswas, Lily Haldar, Smritikana Hawlaldar and Kalyani Thakur Charal. Contributors of short stories are Saptadwipa Adhikari, Manju Bala, Mita Das, Kalyani Thakur Charal, Jaya Goala, Ratna Ray, Alokanda Ray, Kanan Boral, Ranu Biswas and Sanju Sikdar. This selection also serves as an introduction to the writers' struggle in fighting the exclusionary mainstream to find a space for themselves.

Kalyani Thakur Charal is a poet and writer who founded the journal *Neer*;

Seemantini Gupta is a journalist with *Ananda Bazar Patrika*;

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Sabitri Roy

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Sabitri Roy (1918-85) was a sympathizer but not a member of the Communist Party, which censored her novel, *Swaralipi. Harvest Song*, a translation of her Novel *Paka Dhaner Gan*, was published by Stree (2006).

Adrita Mukherjee taught English at Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, for over six years and now lives and works in Wellington, New Zealand.

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Edited by Roli Misra and Parvin Sultana

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Parvin Sultana is Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, P.B. College, Dhubri, Assam.

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**WOMEN AND THE DISCOURSE OF ENGLISH:
WOMEN'S VOICES FROM ENGLISH LANGUAGES**

K. Suneetha Rani

Fascinating theme on the relationship between English learning, gender and social reform (and nationalism).

This anthology of articles on women and English is a unique collection capturing diverse backgrounds and voices from Indian languages. It studies English not only as a language but also as a medium, culture, politics, movement, lifestyle, writing and social change. Most important aspect of this book is that it focuses on the English debates but as expressed in the Indian languages. Most of the women writers and activists whose writings form the subject of the articles argue that education, especially English education, can be liberating for women not only because it provides employment but also because its politics can emancipate women caught in the patriarchal traditions. However, the articles do not make categorical and biased statement. They attempt to debate how the discourse of English gradually evolved and how writing women engage with identities such as caste, class, gender, religion, region and language in relation to women and English.

K. Suneetha Rani teaches at the Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad.

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Dalit/Cultural Studies/Literature/Translation

**AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A RICKSHAW PULLER:
MANORANJAN BYAPARI, A DALIT ACTIVIST**

Manoranjan Byapari

Translated by Sipra Mukherjee



'I was a brawler and rioter. I was even charged with arson and attempt to murder. This was when naxalism was at its peak', ... 'I was in and out of jail but when I was 24, I was sentenced to 10-year imprisonment. ... A fellow inmate pointed to a plant growing outside the window, and I wondered how such a beautiful plant could survive in hostile conditions. That's when I decided to redeem myself,' cited in The Hindu, 23 January 2014.

A refugee during the Partition, who spent his early years in the camps, lost his sister owing to starvation, and finally left his poverty-stricken family at the age of sixteen and became a criminal engaging himself actively in the Naxal movement, Manoranjan Byapari taught himself to read Bengali in jail. As a rickshaw puller, a chance meeting with renowned author Mahasweta Devi, changed the direction of his life and he became a writer and a Bangla Sahitya Akademi award-winner. The book narrates his fascinating experiences, as well as his views as a dalit writer on the struggles of underprivileged dalits in Bengal.

Sipra Mukherjee, is Associate Professor and HOD,, Department of English, West Bengal State University Barasat; and Visiting Fellow (DSA), Department of English, University of Hyderabad, West Bengal State University Barasat.

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SHEPHERD AS INTELLECTUAL

Kancha Ilaiah



With his characteristic critique of the upper castes, Kancha Ilaiah, for the first time, pens down his past in this autobiography. Bringing out the social relations that has not much changed since his time, he describes the important social customs and beliefs that marked the existence of the lower castes. Recounting his personal anecdotes and experiences, his relations with his parents and siblings, his mother's biases towards other castes lower than theirs, the prevalence of child marriage, his ideas towards the custom of early marriage, and finally, his indomitable passion to be educated, Kancha Ilaiah explains what he thinks had made him and others pursuing education different from

the group of shepherds to which he belonged.

Kancha Ilaiah is Professor and Director, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad. Amongst his writings is *Why I Am Not a Hindu: A Sudra Critique of Hindutva Philosophy, Culture and Political Economy*, *Buffalo Nationalism* and *God as a Political Philosopher*. His latest book is his novel, *Untouchable God*.

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**IN SEARCH OF VICTIMS OF GREED:
'RUNS' AND RUINS IN BANKING FAILURES**

Prasanta Ray

Author writes about the influence of greed on Indian society...moves through the victims of different classes (as opposed to castes) and depicts the social impact that a run on the bank had for people through the lenses of patriarchy, colonialism and social customs

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The root cause of the banking crisis emanates from inequality in society which, in turn, fosters greed, the propelling cause resulting in the collapse of the private banks in Bengal.

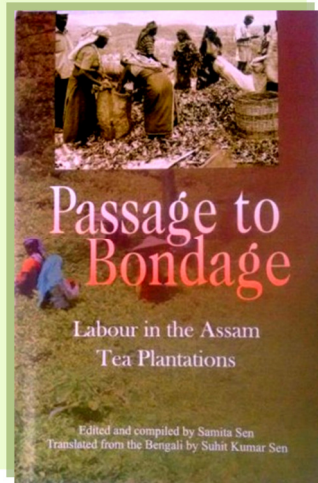
Sweta Ghosh, retired Professor of Sociology, St Xavier's College

With a unique approach, this book studies greed, basing itself on sociology and philosophy. Based in the context of Bengal's emerging private banks in the 1940s and 1950s, and their collapse, this book presents valuable information on victims of financial greed, discusses the creation of a new money culture, where money becomes the sole unit of exchange value and status, and links the sociological condition of colonial India to western social and economic theories on greed and on how the network of state, judicial and economic institutions bred on insatiable greed, thereby emphasizing on a moral and ethical plea in the context of such activities which are common in present times as well.

Prasanta Ray is Professor Emeritus of Sociology, former Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, Presidency University; Honorary Visiting Professor, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata. Among his writings are *Conflict and the State: An Exploration in the Behaviour of the Post-Colonial State in India (1991)*, and *Everyday Life Worlds: Dilemmas, Contestations and Negotiations(2016)*.

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**PASSAGE TO BONDAGE:
LABOUR IN THE ASSAM TEA PLANTATIONS**

Translated from Bengali

*Edited and compiled by Samita Sen
Translated from the Bengali by Suhit Kumar Sen*

The most lucrative colonial commercial enterprise for the British Empire in India was the tea industry, concentrated in Assam and North Bengal. The coolies were brought from eastern and central India and virtually sold to the gardens at enormous profit. This was the only industry to employ women in such large numbers. By the late nineteenth century, stories of rape, abduction and high mortality caught the imagination of the new middle class that was moved to protest, petition and mobilize public opinion through two new organizations, the new Sadharan BrahmoSamaj of Keshav Chandra Sen, and the Indian Association where Surendranath Banerjea was the secretary. This new emerging civil society inaugurated the democratic process that remains with us today. As source material, the pieces reveal the gradual erosion of loyalty to the British Empire among the middle class, a key factor in the growth of nationalism.

The book presents three Bengali tracts in translation that give an early formulation of the 'women question'. *Cha-kar Darpan* (on the exploitation of coolies) by Dakshinacharan Chattopadhyay, focusing on the rape of a coolie woman (1875); *Arkati Natak* (play on a recruiter) by Harilal Bandopadhyay(1897) and *Cha-KulirAtmakahini* (autobiography of a coolie) by Jogendranath Chattopadhyay (1901) that reveal how women workers became a site on which race and nation emerge. Interesting, the plays were often followed by reform legislation, which were negated by the planters who flouted them easily.

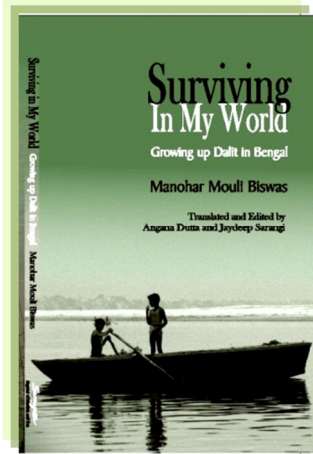
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Suhit Kumar Sen is an independent researcher.

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Cultural Studies/Dalit/Migration/Sociology/Translation/Literature



SURVIVING IN MY WORLD: GROWING UP DALIT IN BENGAL

Manohar Mouli Biswas

Translated from the original Bengali by

Jaideep Sarangi and Angana Dutta

Foreword by **Sekhar Bandyopadhyay**

Biswas the poet, fiction writer and activist is worth reading for his revolutionary spirit.

G. J. V. Prasad, Centre for English Studies, School of Language,
Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

This and more such translations will help fight the illusion that 'there is no caste discrimination in Bengal.'

SharankumarLimbale, Regional Director of
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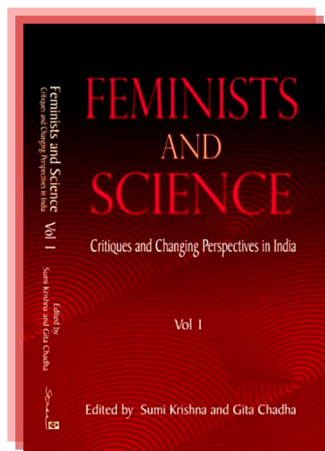


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