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Mahanayak Penguin

On the lush coast of Sri Lanka, a talented and beautiful young woman, Nulani, returns day after day to the verandah of a beach house to paint. Her

subject is Theo, a writer attempting to heal from a tragic loss and struggling to complete a faltering novel. Just as love blossoms between them, the country is shaken by civil war. Through the years that follow, Nulani and Theo must depend upon their memories and the art that once brought them together to find the strength to face their much changed lives. In a rare and unforgettable work, Roma Tearne captures both the fragility and the endurance of love. The story unfolds in a beguiling landscape as Tearne presents us with the turmoil of the Sri Lankan civil war, told

unusually from a woman's point of view.

In My Mother's House
Bellevue Literary Press
Dr. Murugar Gunasingam has completed a pathbreaking and pioneering study of the Eelam Tamil quest for self-determination under the able guidance of my good friend and one-time colleague, the late Dr. Sinnappah Arasaratnam. This study in my view will receive the plaudits of

all students of Sri Lanka's politics and modern history. For this meticulous work of scholarship, Dr. Gunasingam was justly awarded the degree of Ph.D by the University of Sydney. In undertaking this study, Dr. Gunasingam has left no stone unturned in his search for bibliographic material. Not only has he focused on almost every available source but he has also brought an analytical mind to

bear on their veracity. His critical bibliography will be most welcomed by the world of Sri Lanka scholars and we are all in his debt for his untiring efforts. Some of his sources are highly original and they see the light of day for the first time. Nationalism is a many faceted phenomenon in our present world of bloody ethnic strife, a fact of life which was not foreseen by any of the great social scientists or thinkers of the past. What effects such self-destructive and internecine ethnic strife will have on global equilibrium is fearful to contemplate. The examples of Kosovo and Rwanda, leave alone other uncared for and lonely outposts on the globe, are still to unfold themselves in the final reckoning. For ethnicity is global and infectious reaching almost epidemic proportions in countries where minority groups strive for a fair share of the ever-shrinking national pie and feel neglected, if not adequately cared for, and are not endowed with equal rights with an independent judiciary and enlightened forward-looking political leadership, especially from the majority ethnic group. Dr. Gunasingam has raised these questions with all their ramifications in his

comprehensive thesis. people and the first into a prosperous
Tamil Tigress House European settlers. local white family,
of Anansi The novel's hero is where he falls for
Big-hearted, moving a young Noongar man the daughter,
and richly named Bobby Christine, a
rewarding, That Wabalanginy. beautiful young
Deadman Dance is Clever, resourceful woman who sees no
set in the first and eager to harm in a liaison
decades of the 19th please, Bobby with a native. But
century in the area befriends the new slowly - by design
around what is now arrivals, joining and by accident -
Albany, Western them hunting things begin to
Australia. In whales, tilling the change. Not
playful, musical land, exploring the everyone is happy
prose, the book hinterland and with how the colony
explores the early establishing the is developing.
contact between the fledgling colony. Stock mysteriously
Aboriginal Noongar He is even welcomed start to disappear;

crops are destroyed; new, his ancestors there are 'accidents' and injuries on both sides. As the Europeans impose ever stricter rules and regulations in order to keep the peace, Bobby's Elders decide they must respond in kind. A friend to everyone, Bobby is forced to take sides: he must choose between the old world and the

and his new friends. Inexorably, he is drawn into a series of events that will forever change not just the colony but the future of Australia... Island of a Thousand Mirrors SCB Distributors Nila wasn't born beautiful and is destined to go through life unnoticed... until she becomes a saree maker. As she works, Nila weaves into the silk a pattern of love, hope and

devotion, which will prove to be invaluable to more lives than her own. From the lush beauty of Sri Lanka, ravaged by bloody civil war, to India and its eventual resting place in Australia, this is the story of a precious saree and the lives it changes forever. Nila must find peace, Mahinda yearns for his true calling, Pilar is haunted by a terrible choice, Sarojini doubts her ability to love, Madhav is a holy fraud and Marion's understanding of the very meaning of love is challenged and transformed. Each teeters between joy and pain, and each is touched by

the power and beauty of the saree. A breathtaking story of beauty, oppression and freedom... and of an enduring love that can never be broken.

Sri Lanka--Ethnic
Fratricide and the
Dismantling of Democracy

University of Chicago
Press

The epic story of
legendary band Yothu
Yindi and 'Treaty', the
song that gave voice to a
movement WITH
INTRODUCTIONS BY
YALMAY YUNUPINGU &
WITIYANA MARIKA

Sometimes a musical
revolution can erupt from
the most unlikely of
places. Long before they
were ARIA Hall of Fame
inductees, Yothu Yindi
were a bunch of Yolngu
(Aboriginal people of East
Arnhem Land) and
balanda (non-Indigenous)
mates rocking out in the
remote Top End. Soon
they were creating some
of the coolest new music
in the country, splicing
traditional sounds with
electric, and spreading a
message of unity. Then,

after singer Mandawuy
Yunupiu penned the hit
song 'Treaty' with Paul
Kelly and Peter Garrett,
and a remix dropped in
1991, Yothu Yindi shot out
of Arnhem Land and into
the hearts of music lovers
across Australia and the
world. Writing in the Sand,
by Yothu Yindi's
authorised biographer,
Matt Garrick, is the epic
story of one of Australia's
most original bands and
how 'Treaty' gave voice to
Indigenous Australia's
hard-fought struggle for

recognition. Featuring photos from the band's archives never previously published, the book is based on extensive interviews with current and former band members, including mainstays Witiyana Marika, Stu Kellaway and Jodie Cockatoo, as well as family members such as Yalmay Yunupiu, Mandawuy's widow, and collaborators and fellow artists like Garrett, Kelly, Neil Finn, Joy McKean, Bart Willoughby and

Andrew Farriss. Funny, poetic, heartfelt and steeped in the sights, smells and unique rhythms of East Arnhem Land, *Writing in the Sand* is a must-read for anyone who cares about Australian music, and Aboriginal culture and recognition, all of which were brilliantly woven together by one of the most exciting bands of our time.

[On Sal Mal Lane](#) Allen & Unwin

Reflections on the uneasy yet symbiotic relations of

war and writing, from medieval to modern literature.

The Prabhakaran Saga Duke University Press

Two women, two great betrayals, one path to redemption. A punchy, powerful and page-turning novel about the redemptive power of great literature, from industry insider, John Purcell. Amy Winston is a hard-drinking, bed-hopping, hot-shot young book editor on a downward spiral. Having made her name and fortune by turning an average thriller writer into a Lee Child, Amy is given the unenviable task of steering literary great Helen

Owen back to publication. When Amy knocks on the door of their beautiful townhouse in north west London, Helen and her husband, the novelist Malcolm Taylor, are conducting a silent war of attrition. The townhouse was paid for with the enormous seven figure advance Helen was given for the novel she wrote to end fifty years of making ends meet on critical acclaim alone. The novel Malcolm thinks unworthy of her. The novel Helen has yet to deliver. The novel Amy has come to collect. Amy has never faced a challenge like this one. Helen and Malcolm are brilliant, complicated writers who unsettle Amy into asking questions of herself - questions about what she values, her principles, whether she has integrity, whether she is authentic. Before she knows it, answering these questions becomes a matter of life or death. From ultimate book industry insider, John Purcell, comes a literary page-turner, a ferocious and fast-paced novel that cuts to the core of what it means to balance ambition and integrity, and the redemptive power of great literature. '[A] mischievous commentary on...literary culture ... a commercial paean to great literature, an elegy to words and reading.' Weekend Australian 'The Girl on the Page is funny, fast paced, frank, ribald, hip, erudite and clever ... This is an entire novel about books, writing and editing, and it's a delicious romp. At its heart, this story is about how the literary arts can cohabit with the mercantile world of publishing, and how writers and editors can help each other do better, richer, more relevant work. This is a book about the joys of creating - both for writers and for editors.' The Listener 'A slick, sharp novel about books and relationships, drenched in delicious insider detail from the book industry. Impossible not to enjoy.' - Matt Haig, international bestselling author

of Notes on a Nervous Planet and How to Stop Time 'Hilarious and heartbreaking ... I know people are going to enjoy this book as much as I did.' - Christian White, bestselling author of The Nowhere Child 'Fast-paced, clever, funny, seriously thought and talk-provoking.' - Dervla McTiernan, bestselling author of The Ruin 'Like getting on a fast-moving train or rocket ... you cannot and don't want to get off, but must follow every dynamic, insatiable, brilliant character right to the stunning end.' - Caroline Overington, bestselling author of The One Who Got Away and The Ones You Trust 'In The Girl on the

Page, John Purcell triumphs with a scalpel in one hand and his heart in the other. It is a gripping, dark comedy of a novel which eviscerates the cynicism of contemporary publishing while uttering a cri du coeur for what is happening to writers and readers this century. Through this dark comedy - I squealed with laughter, page after page - flash questions about cultural life that Purcell asks but leaves us to ponder.' Blanche d'Alpuget 'A juicy page turner that takes a scalpel to the literary world, written with deep insider intel and a gleeful sense of mischief, The Girl on the Page is a wickedly clever,

razor-sharp satire of lust, betrayal and ambition.'

Caroline Baum

The Hand That Signed the Paper House of Anansi

This book is a comprehensive history of the Sri Lankan Tamils, their territories, their politics, religion, language, socio-economics, art, literature and culture. Until the publication of this book, based on historical evidence, the Tamils' struggle for freedom has not been understood in its true light by those engaged in research, the majority of

academics, politicians and ordinary people. The existing primary sources were not sufficient to write such an historical work. The author, in order to gather incontrovertible evidence, visited various archives, libraries, state institutions and university research centres located in the countries that are closely related to the history of Sri Lankan Tamils. These include India, Portugal, the Netherlands, Britain and the United States of America. This invaluable material has been compiled for the first

time in this book. Here are some excerpts: " ... generally accept that the ancient people of Sri Lanka belonged to the Dravidian Language family and followed the Dravidian (Megalithic) culture of 'Urn Burials'. The findings of these scholars also show that there was a strong similarity between the ancient people of Sri Lanka and those of India, particularly from Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Kannada and the Andhra regions in South India where Dravidian languages are spoken." " ...

that Saivism was firmly established in Sri Lanka long before the arrival of Buddhism to the island. The kings of the Anuradapura Kingdom had been Saivaites before the advent of Buddhism." ..". Archaeological evidence shows that the ancient Dravidian people of ancient Sri Lanka, influenced by the arrival of Buddhism and the North Indian languages associated with it, gradually embraced Buddhism, its cultural traditions and the languages related to it." The Girl on the Page

ReadHowYouWant.com
A story of a child soldier in Sri Lanka's bloody civil war. Two days before Christmas in 1987, at the age of 17, Niromi de Soyza found herself in an ambush as part of a small platoon of militant Tamil Tigers fighting government forces in the bloody civil war that was to engulf Sri Lanka for decades. With her was her lifelong friend, Ajanthi, also aged 17. Leaving behind them their shocked middle-class families, the teenagers had become part of the Tamil Tigers' first female

contingent. Equipped with little more than a rifle and a cyanide capsule, Niromi's group managed to survive on their wits in the jungle, facing not only the perils of war but starvation, illness and growing internal tensions among the militant Tigers. And then events erupted in ways that she could no longer bear. How was it that this well-educated, mixed-race, middle-class girl from a respectable family came to be fighting with the Tamil Tigers?
[That Deadman Dance](#)

ReadHowYouWant.com
As war crimes prosecutions seize Australia, Fiona Kovalenko discovers that her own family is implicated in the darkest events of the twentieth century. This is their story.
The Moon in the Water
MEHTA PUBLISHING HOUSE
Focusing on the historical events of post-independence Sri Lanka, S. J. Tambiah analyzes the causes of the violent conflict between the majority Sinhalese Buddhists and

the minority Tamils. He demonstrates that the crisis is primarily a result of recent societal stresses—educational expansions, linguistic policy, unemployment, uneven income distribution, population movements, contemporary uses of the past as religious and national ideology, and trends toward authoritarianism—rather than age-old racial and religious differences. "In this concise, informative, lucidly written book, scrupulously documented and well indexed, [Tambiah] trains his dispassionate anthropologist's eye on the tangled roots of an urgent, present-day problem in the passionate hope that enlightenment, understanding, and a generous spirit of compromise may yet be able to prevail."—Merle Rubin, *Christian Science Monitor*

"An incredibly rich and balanced analysis of the crisis. It is exemplary in highlighting the general complexities of ethnic crises in long-lived societies carrying a burden of historical memories."—Amita Shastri, *Journal of Asian Studies*

"Tambiah makes an eloquent case for pluralist democracy in a country abundantly endowed with excuses to abandon such an approach to politics."—Donald L. Horowitz, *New Republic*

"An excellent and thought-provoking book, for anyone who cares about Sri Lanka."—Paul Sieghart, *Los Angeles Times Book Review*

Jaffna Boy Createspace Independent Pub

Little is known about the Tamil liberation cause and

struggle, as it has been widely dismissed by global powers of all persuasions- the USA, Russia, China and India-each driven by their own realpolitik concerns and self- interests. This book, written by a Diaspora Tamil engaged in human rights work in the Tamil-controlled area of Vanni up until it was overrun by Sri Lankan forces, provides a compelling insider's look at the motivations, issues and complexities of this largely secret civil war; the entire text is based on first hand observation and includes

sociological insights based on these first hand observations. Isolated in their struggle and condemned by world opinion, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) nonetheless proved capable of withstanding all external forces for a period of decades, drawing large numbers of Tamils, both inside Sri Lanka and outside in the Tamil Diaspora, to support their cause. The LTTE created a progressive internal movement that succeeded in breaking down ancient caste barriers that had resisted the political

inducements and leadership of figures such as Gandhi, and inculcated a climate of social justice and equality. This book describes what life was like on the ground inside Tamil- controlled territory where the forces of war were held at bay-what the author has referred to in the title of this book as "The Fleeting Moment...". What followed was a process of the destruction of everything that she described when it was overrun by the Sri Lankan army and the Tamil genocide began.
[A Fleeting Moment in My](#)

Country SAGE Publications
India
Thamizhini joined the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) at the age of nineteen and spent eighteen years as a combatant, educator and, for some time, head of the women's division of its Political Wing. Her memoir, *In the Shadow of a Sword*, weaves back and forth between reminiscences of her childhood experiences of state violence and her decision to join the LTTE. It recounts the many projects she undertook for the civilian population; her participation in the Peace Talks of 2002; the freedoms granted and constraints placed

upon her during the armed struggle; and her experiences in combat training, on the battlefield, and in political negotiations and diplomacy. It is a narrative weighted with grief and remorse yet glistening with moments of humour and thick with compassion. The memoir contains wry observations on gender roles and media manipulation in times of war and is a valuable archive that rescues female combatants from oblivion.

Stigmas of the Tamil Stage
Bright Sparks
With his first novel since the internationally

acclaimed *The English Patient*, Booker Prize—winning author Michael Ondaatje gives us a work displaying all the richness of imagery and language and the piercing emotional truth that we have come to know as the hallmarks of his writing. *Anil's Ghost* transports us to Sri Lanka, a country steeped in centuries of tradition, now forced into the late twentieth century by the ravages of civil war. Into this maelstrom steps Anil Tissera, a young

woman born in Sri Lanka, educated in England and America, who returns to her homeland as a forensic anthropologist sent by an international human rights group to discover the source of the organized campaigns of murder engulfing the island. What follows is a story about love, about family, about identity, about the unknown enemy, about the quest to unlock the hidden past—a story propelled by a riveting mystery. Unfolding

against the deeply evocative background of Sri Lanka's landscape and ancient civilization, Anil's Ghost is a literary spellbinder—Michael Ondaatje's most powerful novel yet.

The Sadness of Geography CreateSpace

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was it that this well-educated, mixed-race, middle-class girl from a respectable family came to be fighting with the Tamil Tigers? Today she lives in Sydney with her husband and children; but Niromi de Soyza is not your ordinary woman and this is her compelling story.

Fourth Estate

A study of the lives of popular theater artists, *Stigmas of the Tamil Stage* is the first in-depth analysis of Special Drama, a genre of performance unique to the southernmost Indian state of Tamilnadu. Held in

towns and villages throughout the region, Special Drama performances last from 10 p.m. until dawn. There are no theatrical troupes in Special Drama; individual artists are contracted “specially” for each event. The first two hours of each performance are filled with the kind of bawdy, improvisational comedy that is the primary focus of this study; the remaining hours present more markedly staid dramatic treatments of myth and history. Special Drama artists themselves are of all

ages, castes, and ethnic and religious affiliations; the one common denominator in their lives is their lower-class status. Artists regularly speak of how poverty compelled their entrance into the field. Special Drama is looked down upon by the middle- and upper-classes as too popular, too vulgar, and too “mixed.” The artists are stigmatized: people insult them in public and landlords refuse to rent to them. Stigma falls most heavily, however, on actresses, who are marked as “public women” by their

participation in Special Drama. As Susan Seizer's sensitive study shows, one of the primary ways the performers deal with such stigma is through humor and linguistic play. Their comedic performances in particular directly address questions of class, culture, and gender deviations—the very issues that so stigmatize them. Seizer draws on extensive interviews with performers, sponsors, audience members, and drama agents as well as on careful readings of live Special Drama performances in

considering the complexities of performers' lives both on stage and off.

TAMIL TIGRESS

Springer

He's built lasting friendships, struggled with grades, and had plenty of wild adventures. But for Bernard Sinniah, the time to leave St. John's College is finally here. As he boards the train out of Jaffna, Sri Lanka, Bernard can't help but feel conflicting emotions. After all, he isn't just leaving his boarding school

behind...he's saying goodbye to his entire childhood—ten years worth of people and experiences that have shaped his life completely. As his old life disappears in the distance, Bernard recalls the triumphs and sorrows, the laughter and dreams of his school days. Told within the context of his train journey home, *Jaffna Boy* is an engaging collection of true stories about life in boarding school—from practical jokes, to drunken antics, to touching

moments of growth—all set in 1970s Sri Lanka. Through it all, Bernard explores his tumultuous journey from childhood to adulthood with candor and heart, ultimately taking away one very important message: Keep Believing in Yourself, no matter what. Partial proceeds of *Jaffna Boy* will be donated to Serendib Charitable Trust, a charity working to rebuild the Nuffield School for the Deaf and Blind at Kaithaddy, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

Buddhism Betrayed?

Vintage

In May 2009, the Sri Lankan army overwhelmed the last stronghold of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam—better known as the Tamil Tigers—officially bringing an end to nearly three decades of civil war. Although the war has ended, the place of minorities in Sri Lanka remains uncertain, not least because the lengthy conflict drove entire populations from their homes. The figures are jarring: for example, all of the roughly

80,000 Muslims in northern Sri Lanka were expelled from the Tamil Tiger-controlled north, and nearly half of all Sri Lankan Tamils were displaced during the course of the civil war. Sharika Thiranagama's *In My Mother's House* provides ethnographic insight into two important groups of internally displaced people: northern Sri Lankan Tamils and Sri Lankan Muslims. Through detailed engagement with ordinary people struggling to find a home in the world, Thiranagama explores the

dynamics within and between these two minority communities, describing how these relations were reshaped by violence, displacement, and authoritarianism. In doing so, she illuminates an often overlooked intraminority relationship and new social forms created through protracted war. In *My Mother's House* revolves around three major themes: ideas of home in the midst of profound displacement; transformations of familial experience; and the impact of the political

violence—carried out by both the Tamil Tigers and the Sri Lankan state—on ordinary lives and public speech. Her rare focus on the effects and responses to LTTE political regulation and violence demonstrates that envisioning a peaceful future for post-conflict Sri Lanka requires taking stock of the new Tamil and Muslim identities forged by the civil war. These identities cannot simply be cast away with the end of the war but must be negotiated anew.

Anil's Ghost Dundurn
In 1987, 17-year-old Niromi de

Soyza shocked her middle-class Sri Lankan family by joining the Tamil Tigers. Equipped with a rifle and cyanide capsule she was one of the rebels' first female soldiers. Now married and living in suburban Sydney, this is her story of her time as a guerilla.

Tamil Tigress St. Martin's Press

One of Reader's Digest Best Summer Reads (US). Set against the backdrop of the Sri Lankan civil war, Ru Freeman's epic novel explores the lives of the diverse families that live on Sal Mal Lane and the

heartbreaking ways this once their differences ignite in
harmonious community turns ways no one could have
on one another with the imagined. As the stability of
country on the brink of war. their neighborhood is
On the day the Herath family threatened by clashing
moves in, Sal Mal Lane is a political beliefs and
quiet street, disturbed only prejudices, the children of
by the cries of the children the community are forced to
whose triumphs and watch their parents and
tragedies sustain the friends turn against one
families that live there. As another. Seen through the
each neighbour adapts to children's eyes, the events
the newcomers in different on Sal Mal Lane come to
ways, the children fill their mirror the course of modern
days with cricket matches, Sri Lanka at its most violent
romantic crushes, and small and volatile. A powerful,
rivalries. But when the tides evocative work, On Sal Mal
of civil war begin to turn Lane masterfully illuminates
towards the neighbourhood, the origins of this war and

explores the lengths family
will go to protect one
another.