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**Mahasweta Devi**-Nivedita Sen 2008 Collection of previously published articles.

**Imaginary Maps**-Mahasweta Devi 2020-10-12

Imaginary Maps presents three stories from noted Bengali writer Mahasweta Devi in conjunction with readings of these tales by famed cultural and literary critic, Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak. Weaving history, myth and current political realities, these stories explore troubling motifs in contemporary Indian life through the figures and narratives of indigenous tribes in
India. At once delicate and violent, Devi's stories map the experiences of the "tribals" and tribal life under decolonization. In "The Hunt," "Douloti the Bountiful" and the deftly wrought allegory of tribal agony "Pterodactyl, Pirtha, and Puran Sahay," Ms. Devi links the specific fate of tribals in India to that of marginalized peoples everywhere. Gayatri Spivak's readings of these stories connect the necessary "power lines" within them, not only between local and international structures of power (patriarchy, nationalisms, late capitalism), but also to the university.

Breast Stories-Mahāśvetā Debī 1997 This cluster of short fiction has a common motif: the breast. As Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak points out in her introduction, the breast is far more than a symbol in these stories. It becomes the means of a harsh indictment of an exploitative social system. In Draupadi, the protagonist Dopdi Mejhen is a tribal revolutionary who, arrested and gang-raped in custody, turns the terrible wounds of her breasts into a counter-offensive. In Breast-Giver, a woman who becomes a professional wet-nurse to support her family dies of painful breast cancer, betrayed alike by the breasts that for years became her chief identity and the dozens of sons she suckled. In Behind the Bodice, migrant labourer Gangor's statuesque breasts excite the attention of ace photographer Upin Puri, triggering off a train of violence that ends in tragedy. Mahasweta Devi is one of India's foremost writers. Her powerful fiction has won her recognition in the form of the Sahitya Akademi (1979), Jnanpith (1996) and Ramon Magsaysay (1996) awards, amongst several other literary honours. She was also awarded the Padmasree in 1986, the title of Officier del Ordre Des Arts Et Des Lettres (2003) and the Nonino Prize (2005) for her activist work among dispossessed tribal communities. Translator, critic and scholar Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, Avalon Foundation Professor in the Humanities, Columbia University, introduces this cycle of breast stories with thought-provoking essays which probe the texts of the stories, opening
them up to a complex of interpretation and meaning.

Gayatri Spivak: Deconstruction and the Ethics of Postcolonial Literary Interpretation - Ola Abdalkafor 2015 How does Spivak approach the signs the madwoman in the attic, the good black servant, the monster and the wholly Other? What is the basis of Spivak’s ethics of interpretation and what are her main tools? Gayatri Spivak: Deconstruction and the Ethics of Postcolonial Literary Interpretation is an ambitious and compelling critical work which answers various questions surrounding one of the most notoriously difficult literary theorists in our times. This book is an in-depth study of Spivak’s readings of a cluster of canonical and peripheral literary texts covering Jane Eyre, Wide Sargasso Sea, Frankenstein, Foe and Pterodactyl. It divides Spivak’s literary theoretical practice into two phases; the first is de Manian and the second is Derridean. However, the book also shows that these two phases are not clearly independent from each other; rather, there are continuities between them. The theory resulting from these two phases can be described as affirmative postcolonial literary interpretation: Derridean in spirit but de Manian in technique. The book also meticulously defines Spivak’s position within the thought of Derrida, de Man and western feminists and reveals the possibilities available for readers who wish to ethically approach and interpret the sign of the wholly Other, which reaches in its scope the native subaltern female. Analysing Spivak’s literary interpretation as such, this book offers insights to postcolonial readers and provides them with new tools, such as learning from below, useful for reading not literature only, but also contemporary political, cultural and social issues from new perspectives.

LITERATURE AS A SITE OF ACTIVISM: A SELECT STUDY OF WOMEN WRITING IN INDIA - G. Sathya
Five Plays-Mahāśvetā Debī 1986 In the seventies, Mahasweta Devi dramatized one of her major novels, Mother of 1084, and four of her finest stories, convinced that as plays they would be more accessible to the largely illiterate audience she wanted to reach. In the five plays in this anthology, the mother of a Naxalite martyr discovers her son (and in the process her self) a year after his death; a slave enslaved by an ancient bond discovers too late that the bond has turned to dust years ago; a ventriloquist intensely in love with his speaking doll loses his voice to throat cancer; a son, too late, acknowledges his mother who has been outcast and branded a witch by the community; and the traditional water-diviner rises to a different role, immediately becoming a threat to the administration. These plays are rooted in history and folk myth as well as in contemporary reality. The socio-economic milieus range from the urban bourgeoisie to the urban underworld, from rural untouchable settlements to tribal communities offering a view of India rarely seen in literature. Mahasweta Devi is one of India's foremost writers. Her powerful fiction has won her recognition in the form of the Sahitya Akademi (1979), Jnanpith (1996) and Ramon Magsaysay (1996) awards, the title of Officier del Ordre Des Arts Et Des Lettres (2003) and the Nonino Prize (2005) amongst several other literary honours. She was also awarded the Padmasree in 1986, for her activist work among dispossessed tribal communities. Samik Bandyopadhyay, who has translated and introduced these plays, is an eminent critic and scholar who has translated several of Mahasweta Devi's works, and has been closely connected with her career for several decades.

Representation of the Subaltern by Mahasweta Devi: A Postcolonial Context-Dr. Milind Pandit 2015-06-06 Introduction Social Activism: The Voices of Protest The Subalterns and Black Humour: A Discourse of Class Articulating Indian History Conclusion
Feminisms Redux - Diane Price Herndl 2009

Ethnic Worlds in Select Indian Fiction - Juri Dutta 2014-11-06 The book is the first of its kind in using the methodology of Comparative Literature to look at ethnographic fiction written in different regional languages of India. The issue of cultural identity of writers has often been seen as a simple case of a one-to-one relationship between the writer and the community of his/her birth. However, in reality, there is no one cultural space that any writer, or even any individual, inhabits. Cultural boundaries are today more porous than ever, and it is highly problematic to see the writer as either an ‘insider’ or ‘outsider’ of any ethnic community about which he/she writes. Informed by such perspectives, Ethnic Worlds in Select Indian Fiction closely looks at the chronological history of the Assamese ethnic novel within the framework of Comparative Literature. It is very rare that literary representations by and about ethnic communities in India have been compared and contrasted.


**Confining Spaces, Resistant Subjectivities**
Kinana Hamam 2014-08-11 This book represents a significant contribution to academic knowledge, making a compelling case for a contemporary analytical re-reading of a number of “core” postcolonial women’s narratives, such as Erna Brodber’s Jane and Louisa Will Soon Come Home, Buchi Emecheta’s The Joys of Motherhood, and Mariama Bâ’s So Long a Letter. These narratives highlight diversity, contextuality, opposition, and metachrony, have a “generative literary function”, and anticipate what have now become postcolonial feminist issues and debates. Bringing together feminist writing from a range of postcolonial contexts, the book contributes to a field represented by the critical writings of Francoise Lionnet, Ketu Katrak, and Elleke Boehmer, among others. The deconstructive, cultural approach of the book is mobilised to support an in-depth literary analysis which focuses on female oppression, difference, voice, and agency. Questions of what it means to be “a woman” and to be “postcolonial” are read as central debates which emphasise “multi-vocal and multi-focal” female narratives and perspectives. That is, they highlight the temporal, as well as cross-cultural links and implications of the selected narratives, which give the project a kind of positive complexity and linkage. Above all, the analysis of several unconventional modes and (physical/imaginative) spaces of female resistance, such as prison, widow confinement, and madness, yields some surprising results that are sustained by a close reading of the texts which are not only attentive to questions of genre, structure, imagery and narrative endings, but also oppositional, instructive and reconstructive.

**Family, School and Nation**
Nivedita Sen 2015-07-03 This seminal work examines the
concurrency of childhood rebellion and conformity in Bengali literary texts (including adult texts), a pertinent yet unexplored area, making it a first of its kind. It is a study of the voice of child protagonists across children’s and adult literature in Bengali vis-à-vis the institutions of family, the education system, and the nationalist movement in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

**World Literature Decentered** - Ian Almond
2021-07-14 What would world literature look like, if we stopped referring to the “West”? Starting with the provocative premise that the “‘West’ is ten percent of the planet”, World Literature Decentered is the first book to decenter Eurocentric discourses of global literature and global history – not just by deconstructing or historicizing them, but by actively providing an alternative. Looking at a series of themes across three literatures (Mexico, Turkey and Bengal), the book examines hotels, melancholy, orientalism, femicide and the ghost story in a series of literary traditions outside the “West”. The non-West, the book argues, is no fringe group or token minority in need of attention – on the contrary, it constitutes the overwhelming majority of this world.

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**Mapping Dalit Feminism** - Anandita Pan
2020-11-30 In this path-breaking study, a first in many ways, Anandita Pan argues that dalit women are an intersectional category,
simultaneously affected by caste and gender. The use of intersectionality permits observation of the ways in which different forms of discrimination combine and overlap, challenging the apparent homogeneity of the categories ‘woman’ and ‘dalit’ as seen by mainstream Indian Feminism and Dalit Politics. This points to the difference between women and dalit women and the latter with dalit men, which leave them unrepresented. The book investigates the questions of ‘selfhood’, identity, representation and epistemology which reveal the ‘savaranization’ of ‘Indian woman’ and the masculinization of ‘dalit’. There is an incisive discussion of knowledge produced about dalit women and the intervention and contribution of Dalit Feminism therein. The book concludes with the question of who can be or become a dalit feminist, intriguingly, not a limited category.


**Indian Writing in English and the Global Literary Market**- O. Dwivedi 2014-10-28 Indian Writing in English and the Global Literary Market delves into the influences and pressures of the marketplace on this genre, which this volume contends has been both gatekeeper as well as a significant force in shaping the production and consumption of this literature.

**Romtha**- Mahāśvetā Debī 2004 A beautiful young man condemned to death for a crime of passion; his lover, the beautiful courtesan whom he kills but continues to mourn and yearn for; and a lonely young widow burning with unrequited desire. This love triangle set in twelfth century
Bengal, moving between the royal city of Gaur and forests and rivers of rural Bengal, centers on the fate of the romtha, the branded criminal who awaits his own death. Ironically named Sharan refuge there is no refuge for the protagonist of this tale of passion, vengeance, and the overwhelming hunger for life. Mahasweta Devi is one of India's foremost writers. Her powerful fiction has won her recognition in the form of the Sahitya Akademi (1979), Jnanpith (1996) and Ramon Magsaysay (1996) awards, and the title of Officier Del Ordre Des Arts Et Des Lettres (2003) and the Nonino Prize (2005) amongst several other literary honours. She was also awarded the Padmasree in 1986, for her activist work among dispossessed tribal communities. Pinaki Bhattacharya, the translator, is a consultant, teacher, and actor who lives and works in Calcutta.

The Picador Book of Modern Indian Literature-Amrit Chaudhuri 2002 Translations from Hindi, Bengali, Urdu, Tamil and the South sit alongside writing in English, bringing to light the greatest and most engaging writers from India's recent history. With introductions to the writers and their work, this is an eclectic and enlightening anthology of Indian writing.

Dark Afternoons-Bāñī Basu 2007

Three Sides of Life-Saumitra Chakravarty 2007 This selection of fifteen stories by five of the best-known Bengali women writers (Ashapurna Devi, Mahashweta Devi, Bani Basu, Suchitra Bhattacharya, and Nabaneeta DebSen) looks at the lives of those women who are neither stars nor martyrs in the feminist cause. They are voices, individual and particular, and women leading their everyday lives, nursing their joys and sorrows.

Five Decades-D. S. Rao 2004 On the completion of fiftieth year of Sahitya Akademi.
Rudali-Mahāśvetā Debī 1997 Rudali is a powerful short story written by Mahasweta Devi. Revolving around the life of Sanichari, a poor lowcaste village woman, it is an acidly ironic tale of exploitation and struggle, and above all, of survival. In 1992 it was adapted into a play by Usha Ganguli, a leading theatre director of Calcutta, and instantly became one of the most acclaimed productions of its time. In both incarnations of Rudali, it has been a woman who has wrought and rewrought this text which revolves around the life of a woman; and each version of Rudali can be read as an important feminist text for contemporary India. Both the short story and the play, are included in this volume, along with an introductory essay that studies how and why the versions are different and what the changes signify, leading to an analysis of how the metamorphosis of Rudali allows us to address the simultaneity and asymmetry of feminist positions in this country today. Anjum Katyal, who has translated and introduced the texts in this volume, is a writer and an editor based in Calcutta. Mahasweta Devi is one of India's foremost writers. Her powerful fiction has won her recognition in the form of the Sahitya Akademi (1979), Jnanpith (1996) and Ramon Magsaysay (1996) awards, the title of Officier del Ordre Des Arts Et Des Lettres (2003) and the Nonino Prize (2005) amongst several other literary honours. She was also awarded the Padmasree in 1986, for her activist work among dispossessed tribal communities.

Indian Women Writers-Jaydipsinh Dodiya 1999 Contributed essays.

The Literary Criterion- 2009

The Book of the Hunter-Mahāśvetā Debī 2002
This charming, expansive novel set in the sixteenth-century medieval Bengal draws on the life of the great medieval poet Kabikankan Mukundaram Chakrabarti, whose epic poem Abhayamangal, better known as Chandimangal, records the socio-political history of the time. In the section of this epic called Byadhkhanda the Book of the Hunter he describes the lives of hunter tribes, the Shabars, who lived in the forest and its environs. Mahasweta Devi explores the cultural values of the Shabars and how they cope with the slow erosion of their way of life as more and more forest land gets cleared to make way for settlements. She uses the lives of two couples, the brahman Mukundaram and his wife, and the young Shabars, Phuli and Kalya, to capture the contrasting socio-cultural norms of rural society of the time. Mahasweta Devi acknowledges her debt to Mukundaram, who wrote about men and women, gods and goddesses. The hunter tribes refusal to cultivate and settle down, as described by him, is true of surviving forest tribes today. The villages and rivers mentioned by him still exist. Mahasweta Devi is one of India's foremost writers. Her powerful fiction has won her recognition in the form of the Sahitya Akademi (1979), Jnanpith (1996) and Ramon Magsaysay (1996) awards, the title of Officier del Ordre Des Arts Et Des Lettres (2003) and the Nonino Prize (2005) amongst several other literary honours. She was also awarded the Padmasree in 1986, for her activist work among dispossessed tribal communities. Sagaree Sengupta is translator based in the USA. She translates from Bengali, Hindi and Urdu. She has collaborated on this translation with her mother, Mandira Sengupta, an artist who maintains an active interest in her native Bengali. The two of them earlier translated The Queen of Jhansi in this series.

Blood Into Ink-Miriam Cooke 2018-10-08 The experiences of women in twentieth-century wars in South Asia and the Middle East challenge the concept of the separation of front and homefront and of family and society common to most modern western wars. Women there have not
only entered into what was once considered male-only territory in men's roles wearing men's clothing, but more important, they have entered explicitly as women playing a variety of roles in the conflicts surrounding them. Their self-conscious, self-confident presence has changed the nature of that territory. This anthology reflects the realization that through their writing, women have created a new mythology of the war-peace paradox—one that is grounded in the reality of their own lives. The works collected here illustrate the many ways in which women have become active participants in social conflict and military battles, speaking of war not only as an extraordinary but also as an ordinary experience of coping with violence and conflict on a daily basis. Women's involvement with the rituals of violence does not begin or end with traditional war; their daily struggles for survival stretch seamlessly into the more public arena of political war. In this anthology, Drs. Cooke and Rustomji-Kerns offer a collection of journal entries, interviews, fiction, and poetry by twentieth-century Middle Eastern and South Asian women writing about war and political conflicts. Some of the works were written in English, but the majority were translated specifically for this anthology and are published here for the first time in English. Blood Into Ink is an important and much-needed addition to the rapidly growing literature on war and peace. The anthology will greatly enlarge our understanding of the role of women in one of the most central of human concerns.

**Raising a Humanist**-Manisha Pathak-Shelat 2021-03 A book that aids parents and educators to raise a progressive, secular, and self-assured global citizen.

**The Longman Anthology of World Literature**-David Damrosch 2004 This volume samples a broad range of literature from the ancient world. It offers extensive selections from The Bible, The Book of Songs, The Mahabharata, The Ramayana, and Virgil's Aenid, as well as seven
longer works in their entirety, including The Epic of Gilgamesh and The Odyssey. Editorial essays address such topics as the culture of Rome and the definition of "literature." Throughout the volume, the editors identify both what is most distinctive and what is commonly shared among the world's literatures. Annotation ©2004 Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com).

**Truth Tales** - Kali for Women (Organization) 1990
This collection of stories about women in Indian life contains tales about Tiny's granny--a woman who has no name of her own, a doctor who tries to hide her smoking from her mother-in-law, and an elder woman who talks to herself.

**Encyclopedia of Literary Translation Into English: A-L-O.** Classe 2000 Includes articles about translations of the works of specific authors and also more general topics pertaining to literary translation.

**The Norton Anthology of World Literature** - Martin Puchner 2012-12-10 The most-trusted and most-respected text in its field is now brand-new in all the best ways.

**The Plays of Mahasweta Devi** - E. Satyanarayana 2000 The Present Book, While Making A Close Study Of The Thematic Concerns In Mahasweta Devi`S Five Plays, Attempts To Show The Uniqueness Of Her Dramatic Vision And Her Artistic Excellence In The Treatment Of Unusual Themes That Bring Home To Us The Different Modes Of Exploitation Prevalent In Both Urban And Rural World.

**The Post-colonial Studies Reader** - Bill Ashcroft 2006 Boasting new extracts from major works in the field, as well as an impressive list of contributors, this second edition of a bestselling Reader is an invaluable introduction to the most seminal texts in post-colonial theory and

The Lives of Others-Neel Mukherjee 2014-10-01 Shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize, this “dazzling” (Entertainment Weekly) saga of epic scope is both a family and a political drama. The aging patriarch and matriarch of the Ghosh family preside over their large household, made up of their five adult children and their respective children, unaware that beneath the barely ruffled surface of their lives the sands are shifting. Each set of family members occupies a floor of the home, in accordance to their standing within the family. Poisonous rivalries between sisters-in-law, destructive secrets, and the implosion of the family business threaten to unravel bonds of kinship as social unrest brews.
in greater Indian society. This is a moment of turbulence, of inevitable and unstoppable change: the chasm between the generations, and between those who have and those who have not, has never been wider. The eldest grandchild, Supratik, compelled by his idealism, becomes dangerously involved in extremist political activism—an action that further catalyzes the decay of the Ghosh home. Ambitious, rich, and compassionate, The Lives of Others anatomizes the soul of a nation as it unfolds a family history, at the same time as it questions the nature of political action and the limits of empathy. It is a novel of unflinching power and emotional force.

**Muffled Voices**-Lakshmi Subramanyam 2002 Contributed articles.

**Tell Me a Long, Long Story**-Mini Krishnan 2017 The long short story is a compelling literary form. Neither as brief as the classic short story nor as long as the novella, it is a piece of writerly art that can be read in a single sitting, yet allows the writer to properly explore setting, character, atmosphere and plot. In the hands of a master, ‘the long short’ is just the right length to provide an extraordinary reading experience- a story that you can sink into. The authors represented in this volume, the first of its kind in India, are Bolwar Mahamad Kunhi, Chetan Raj Shrestha, Gopikrishnan, Habib Kamran, Ismat Chughtai, Kamalakanta Mohapatra, K. R. Meera, Kolakaluri Enoch, Mahasweta Devi, Shripad Narayan Pendse, Nirmal Verma and Waryam Singh Sandhu. They tell stories of strong women and ruthless men, humour and pathos, town, village and countryside, death and oppression, crime and terror, love and witchcraft. Taken together, the stories in this book allow you to see India in ways that you have never done before.

**Passage to Manhattan**-Lopamudra Basu 2009-10-02 Passage to Manhattan: Critical Essays on Meena Alexander is a unique compendium of scholarship on South Asian
American writer Meena Alexander, who is recognized as one of the most influential and innovative contemporary South Asian American poets. Her poetry, memoirs, and fiction occupy a unique locus at the intersection of postcolonial and US multicultural studies. This anthology examines the importance of her contribution to both fields. It is the first sustained analysis of the entire Alexander oeuvre, employing a diverse array of critical methodologies. Drawing on feminist, Marxist, cultural studies, trauma studies, contemporary poetics, phenomenology, and psychoanalysis, the collection features fifteen chapters and an Afterword, by well-established scholars of postcolonial and Asian American literature like Roshni Rustomji, May Joseph, Anindyo Roy, and Amritjit Singh, as well as by emerging scholars like Ronaldo Wilson, Parvinder Mehta, and Kazim Ali. The contributors offer insights on nearly all of Alexander’s major works, and the volume achieves a balance between Alexander’s diverse genres, covering the spectrum from early works like Nampally Road to her forthcoming book The Poetics of Dislocation. The essays engage with a variety of debates in postcolonial, feminist, and US multicultural studies, as well as providing many nuanced and detailed readings of Alexander’s multi-layered texts.