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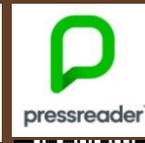
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FROM THE
Editor-in-chief

At the inception of The Literature Today, we embarked on a journey filled with uncertainty, not knowing where our brainchild would lead us. However, with each passing edition, we have embraced growth, learning, and evolution. Our Quarterly E-Magazine has become a platform that redefines the significance of media and bridges the gap between literature and the ever-changing landscape of technology.

In Volume 3 of the 2nd Issue Edition, we have expanded our horizons further, delving into diverse topics to cater to a broader audience. Alongside book reviews and author interviews, we present articles covering technology, lifestyle, fashion, and other influential aspects of people's lives. Additionally, our content encompasses timely and relevant subjects under the section of current topics, and there are exciting surprises awaiting our readers.

As we progress, we are committed to reaching new heights with every edition, continuously seeking improvement and growth. Your feedback and suggestions are invaluable to us, and we eagerly await them at theliteraturetoday@gmail.com. Thank you for being a part of our journey. Happy Reading!



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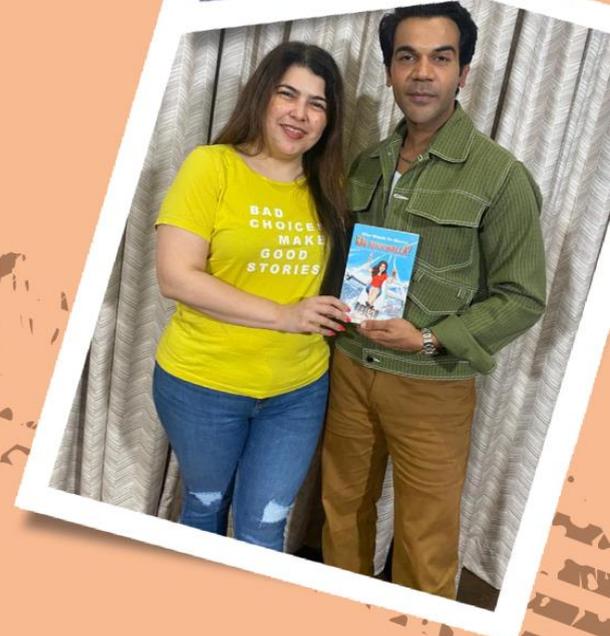
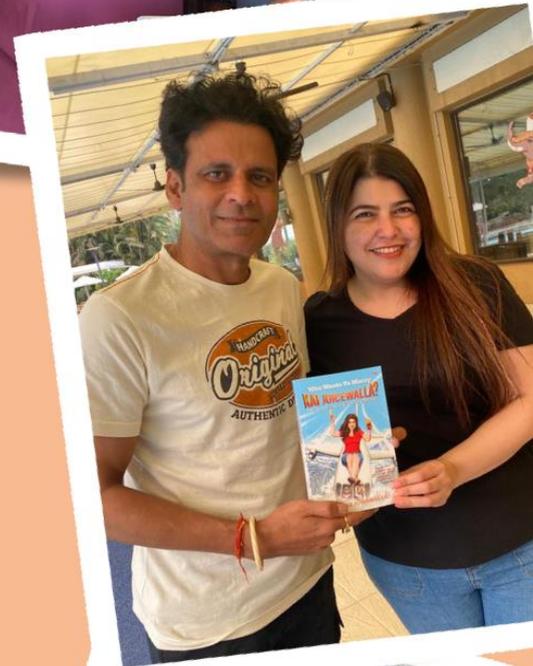
INTRODUCING ACCLAIMED AUTHOR

Kainaz Jussawalla

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of an exceptional literary talent, Kainaz Jussawalla, who is making waves in the world of words with her mesmerizing prose and captivating storytelling. Hailing from a diverse background, Kainaz Jussawalla brings a unique perspective to her writing, drawing inspiration from her life experiences, cultural heritage, and love for storytelling. Her literary prowess shines through in her ability to create vivid characters, explore complex themes, and craft narratives that resonate deeply with readers.

Kainaz's novel, *Who Wants To Marry Kai Juicewalla?* has garnered critical acclaim and captured the hearts of readers worldwide. With its poignant narrative and compelling storytelling, the book has quickly become a must-read for book enthusiasts and literary connoisseurs alike. Her eloquent prose and vivid imagination transport readers to far-off lands, immersing them in captivating worlds filled with emotion, suspense, and wonder. Kainaz's literary finesse has earned her a dedicated following of readers eagerly awaiting her next literary masterpiece.

In addition to her fiction writing, Kainaz has also contributed her expertise to various literary publications and platforms, enriching the literary community with her thoughtful insights and compelling essays. As a rising star in the literary realm, Kainaz Jussawalla's talent and passion for storytelling promise a bright future filled with literary delights. Her unique voice and ability to touch the hearts of readers make her an author to watch, and we can't wait to see what she has in store for us in the years to come.



Media Coverage

'ASSASSIN' BY K.R. MEERA WILL BE PUBLISHED BY HARPERCOLLINS

The much-anticipated book **ASSASSIN** by **K.R. Meera** has been purchased by HarperCollins India. It will be released in July 2023 in **J. Devika's** translation from Malayalam.

Her debut book, *Assassin*, by K R Meera, is destined to dominate the literary publishing scene in 2023. This novel is about a woman's struggle for truth, identity, and equity in contemporary India.



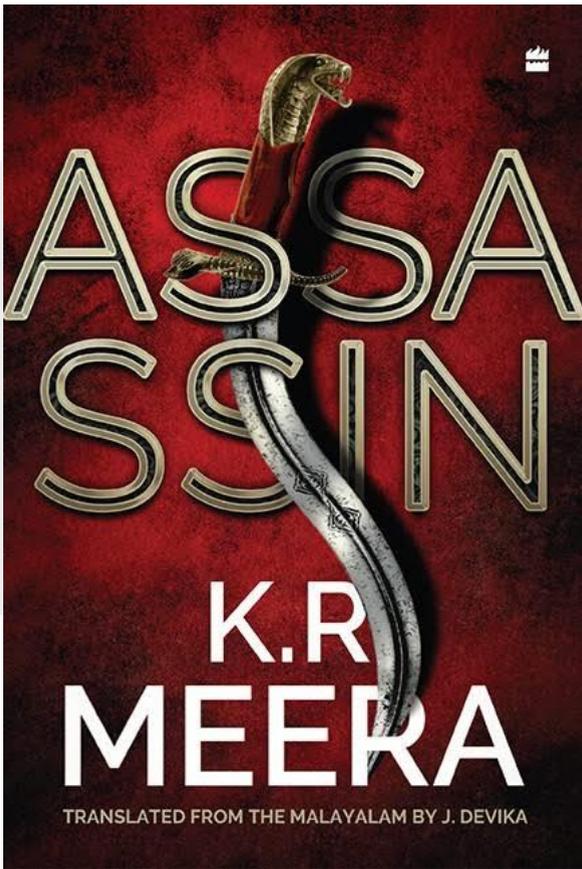
A woman who was coming from work late one night in November 2016 survives an attempt on her life made by an unnamed assailant. Middle-aged professional Satyapriya, who lives alone in a huge metropolis, manages to escape unharmed but traumatized. The attack occurs to occur one week after India's announcement of its demonetization effort and on the anniversary of the hanging of Mahatma Gandhi's killer.

She learns during a talk with her wheelchair-bound father that this attack was not accidental or random, but rather the most recent in a string of efforts to kill her. And as her father passes away abruptly, Satyapriya is left feeling uneasy about a far bigger plot growing around her. Her quest to learn the truth about her attacker's identity and motivation sets off a series of events that will force her to face both her own problematic past and the realities of India in the twenty-first century.



A literary thriller that culminates on January 30th, the anniversary of Gandhi's murder, *Assassin* considers issues of identity, gender, and power as well as Mahatma Gandhi's legacy in post-independence India, where caste, power, and money all work together to influence how we live our daily lives.

“K.R. Meera is, of course, one of the most important novelists writing today. Her novel, *Hangwoman*, was an instant classic, and with *Assassin*, she has crafted her most urgent and ambitious work to date. Meshing real events with fictional incidents, an engaging plot with biting social commentary, the personal with the political – *Assassin* is a genre-defying magnum opus that investigates the dangerous times we live in and the roads that led us here.



We are hugely excited – and privileged – to be publishing it in J. Devika’s superb translation. It will be one of the highlights of our literary and translations list for the coming year,” says Rahul Soni, Associate Publisher – Literary, HarperCollins India. Author, K.R. Meera says, ‘I haven’t written any other book relying so much on my own life and times. It is an attempt to chronologize the experiences of a middle-class Indian woman of my generation so as to chronicle our violent voyage as impaired individuals and incomplete citizens, starting from the 1970s, eventually revealing the expand to which our lives have been determined by our fathers’. I dedicate this book to Gauri Lankesh, as it was the lessons from her violent death on the Teacher’s Day of 2017 that triggered this book.’

Translator **J. Devika** says, ‘In Malayalam, ‘Gandhi’ was used often as a code word to refer to a certain currency note of high denomination—tragically. Because it seemed that the Mahatma was being murdered again and again, each time his name was pressed into soulless market transactions, and many of those involved bribery and other nefarious activities. Meera’s novel is her recollection of the social transformation that happened in her lifetime, and it tells us how the violence symbolized by this everyday murder of Gandhi permeated all spaces and all acts.’

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & THE TRANSLATOR

K.R. Meera is a journalist and writer who has won numerous awards. She has written more than a dozen books in Malayalam, including novels, novellas, collections of short stories, essays, and works for young readers. J. Devika translated her book *Aaraachaar*, which received the Kendra and Kerala Sahitya Akademi Awards, as *Hangwoman*, and it was nominated for the 2016 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature. She has also translated *The Gospel of Yudas*, *The Poison of Love*, *The Unseeing Idol of Light*, *The Angel's Beauty Spots*, and *Yellow Is The Color of Longing*.

J. Devika is a Kerala-born professor, author, social critic, and feminist historian. As a Professor, she is currently conducting research and imparting knowledge at the Centre for Development Studies in Thiruvananthapuram. She has translated both fiction and non-fiction books between Malayalam and English as a bilingual translator. Among the authors whose works she has translated are K.R. Meera, Sarah Joseph, and Nalini Jameela.

Balidan: Stories of Indian's Greatest Para Special Forces Operatives: Stories of the Indian Army's Greatest Special Forces Operatives By Swapnil Pandey



In a powerful and poignant tribute to the unsung heroes of the Indian Army's Para Special Forces, author Swapnil Pandey brings to life the valor, sacrifice, and extraordinary feats of these brave warriors in his latest book, "Balidan: Stories of Indian's Greatest Para Special Forces Operatives."

"Balidan" delves into the gripping tales of courage and determination exhibited by India's elite Para Special Forces operatives, shedding light on their remarkable missions and life-defining experiences. Through captivating storytelling, the book offers readers a rare glimpse into the heart-pounding world of these extraordinary soldiers who operate under the most challenging circumstances to protect the nation.

With meticulous attention to detail and extensive research, Swapnil Pandey presents an authentic and gripping narrative that takes readers on an emotional rollercoaster, from adrenaline-pumping rescue operations to the emotional turmoil faced by these brave soldiers. Each story within the book unfolds like a thrilling action movie, leaving readers in awe of the heroism and sacrifice displayed by these unsung warriors.

About the Author: Swapnil Pandey, an accomplished storyteller, and author, has a deep-rooted passion for capturing the extraordinary tales of real-life heroes. Drawing inspiration from the lives of India's brave soldiers, Swapnil embarked on a mission to bring their valorous acts to the forefront through his writing. A staunch supporter of the armed forces, he takes pride in his ability to present their stories in a manner that resonates with readers from all walks of life.

In "Balidan," Swapnil Pandey demonstrates his prowess as a storyteller, blending raw emotions and gripping narratives to create a masterpiece that pays homage to the Indian Army's Special Forces and their unwavering dedication to the nation. The author's previous works have been well-received by readers and critics alike, and "Balidan" is expected to garner equal, if not greater, acclaim for its compelling storytelling and tribute to India's military heroes. "Balidan: Stories of Indian's Greatest Para Special Forces Operatives" is now available for purchase and promises to be an enthralling and enlightening read for readers seeking to delve into the awe-inspiring world of India's elite Para Special Forces.



OFFICE SECRETS

**“50 Human Truths
You Should
Absolutely Know”
A Must-Read by
Acclaimed Author
Harish Bhat**



In a world where workplaces are ever-evolving and dynamic, one book promises to shed light on the intriguing mysteries and unspoken truths that define the corporate realm. "Office Secrets: 50 Human Truths You Should Absolutely Know," authored by the esteemed Harish Bhat, has taken the literary scene by storm, offering readers a compelling and insightful journey into the intricacies of office dynamics.

With a wealth of experience as a renowned business leader, Harish Bhat brings forth his expertise and astute observations, masterfully encapsulated in this captivating book. As a seasoned professional and a respected name in the corporate world, Bhat has the unique ability to decode the human psyche and unravel the mysteries that surround office life.

Drawing from real-life experiences, anecdotes, and case studies, "Office Secrets" paints an authentic picture of what it truly means to thrive in the professional landscape. Bhat's expertise in human psychology and corporate culture allows readers to delve deep into the core aspects of office dynamics, from the art of negotiation and effective communication to the science of decision-making and leadership.

The book delves into 50 human truths that every aspiring professional should be aware of to excel in their careers. From the power of empathy to the significance of innovation, Bhat's words serve as a guiding compass for navigating the complexities of the corporate world.



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