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*The English Teacher's Handbook* Penguin

"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.

[The English Teacher](#) IGI Global

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.

*Malgudi Landscapes* The English Teacher The English Teacher 'Thirteen-year-old Atiya will win the hearts of young readers. Although physically handicapped; her adventurous spirit takes her on lonely rambles into the wildlife sanctuary. She knows the ways of the jungle and its creatures great and small. A charming story; full of incident and good feeling. Atiya's flute has a special magic of its own.'—Ruskin Bond Atiya Sardare lives with her dad; a forest officer. An only child; afflicted by polio; she finds solace and peace in the jungle; exploring it on short; secret; often dangerous treks. On one occasion she hears the haunting notes of a flute. It gives her goose bumps. She vows to learn to play the instrument much against her father's wishes. Her music lessons bring her close to the grouchy old anthropologist; Ogre Uncle; and his Kurumba tribal daughter; Mishora. Atiya's gift transforms her father's view; it calms the rogue elephant; Rangappa and helps nurture a blossoming friendship between a teenage boy and girl. A moving; tender; and mesmerizing tale; Flute in the Forest has wonderful incidents based on the real-life experiences of the author.

**Grandmother's Tale And Selected Stories** Harper Collins 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 four novels collected here, all written during British rule, bring colonial India into intimate focus through the narrative gifts of this master of literary realism. 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. The Bachelor of Arts is a poignant coming-of-age novel about a young man flush with first love, but whose freedom to pursue it is hindered by the fixed ideas of his traditional Hindu family. 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. 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. These pioneering novels, luminous in their detail and refreshingly free of artifice, are a gift to twentieth-century literature.

#### **A Town Called Malgudi** Arrow

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.

**Four Meals** Penguin

The English Teacher  
The English Teacher  
Vintage  
*Language, Power, and Ideology in Political Writing: Emerging Research and Opportunities* Penguin UK

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.

*Brides are Not for Burning* Sterling Publishers Pvt. Ltd

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.

*Waiting for the Mahatma* Vintage

Politics and political literature studies have emerged as one of the most dynamic areas of scrutiny. Relying on ideological as well

as socio-political theories, politics have contributed to cultural studies in many ways, especially within written texts such as literary works. As few critics have investigated the intersections of politics and literature, there is a tremendous need for material that does just this. *Language, Power, and Ideology in Political Writing: Emerging Research and Opportunities* is an essential reference book that focuses on the use of narrative and writing to communicate political ideologies. This publication explores literature spurring from politics, the disadvantages of political or highly ideological writing, writers' awareness of the outside world during the composition process, and how they take advantage of political writing. Featuring a wide range of topics such as gender politics, indigenous literature, and censorship, this book is ideal for academicians, librarians, researchers, and students, specifically those who study politics, international relations, cultural studies, women's studies, gender studies, and political and ideological studies.

**R.K. Narayan** Penguin Books India

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.

#### *My Days* Penguin

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.

#### **The Dark Room** Anchor

Golding's iconic 1954 novel, now with a new foreword by Lois Lowry, remains one of the greatest books ever written for young adults and an unforgettable classic for readers of any age. This edition includes a new *Suggestions for Further Reading* by Jennifer Buehler. At the dawn of the next world war, a plane crashes on an uncharted island, stranding a group of schoolboys. At first, with no adult supervision, their freedom is something to celebrate. This far from civilization they can do anything they want. Anything. But as order collapses, as strange howls echo in the night, as terror begins its reign, the hope of adventure seems as far removed from reality as the hope of being rescued.

#### *The World of Nagaraj* Penguin

Grandly uninvolved in the bustle of Malgudi, Nagaraj enjoys a purposeless but orderly life of prayer, gossip and a little book-keeping at Coomar's Boeing Sari Centre. Fulfilment, however, eludes him. And even in his desultory determination to write his magnum opus, something always seems to prevent him getting started. Then crisis visits Nagaraj in the person of Tim, his tearaway young nephew, whose escapades not only serve to expose his weaknesses, but also to give him a hundred and one excuses for delay .

#### *Mind Tools for Managers* Vintage

"*Kamala Markandaya*, whose *Nectar in a Sieve* (1955) was a miniature epic about India's poor, returns to the earlier concerns of that book in *A Handful of Rice*. Ravi is a village son who has left his desolate, destitute home for the promise of the city. There he falls into the company of similarly rootless young men, presided over by the wily city boy, Damodar, who appears fitfully through the book as a seducer to criminal and get-rich-quick schemes which Damodar is clever enough to survive and thrive by. By a chance misdeed, Ravi becomes acquainted with the tailor Apu and his family; Apu's daughter Nalini wins his heart and brings him from the streets into the already crowded household, first as Apu's apprentice, then his son-in-law. The author recreates the life of the respectable poor with moving fidelity as they face the problems of food, illness, unemployment. When Apu dies, the still rebellious but worn Ravi, now a father of three and head of the household, cannot keep his customers. After the death of his son, he reverts to the street, but Damodar now discards him as unfit for dangerous enterprises, and he ends storming the rice supplies

with the mob. A portrait in poverty, which is part of the history of our times. It is less compelling than the earlier book as a novel while managing the same concerned compassion."--Kirkus

*Swami and Friends* Penguin Books India

Over a career spanning seven decades, R.K. Narayan, easily one of the most influential and important writers of India, populated the fictional town of Malgudi with a host of unforgettable characters: Swami and his gang of friends, the Talkative Man, Raju the guide and Sampath the printer, among many others. These characters have carved out a place for themselves in popular imagination and live on, still fresh and endlessly entertaining, many decades after they first appeared. Timeless Malgudi brings together a selection of the best and the most enduring of R.K. Narayan's fiction and nonfiction. The Guide examines, with wit and irony, how a man becomes a godman. The story 'A Horse and Two Goats' describes an attempt at crosscultural communication which goes haywire, with hilarious consequences. The excerpt from *My Days*, Narayan's autobiography, paints a poignant picture of the author's childhood while the 'Misguided Guide' is a cynical, sharply written chronicle of the making of the film *Guide*, based on his novel. Also included in this volume are excerpts from the travelogue *My Dateless Diary* and a brilliant retelling of the Tamil epic *Silappadikaram*.

**English** Random House

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.

**A Tiger for Malgudi** Everyman's Library

The Book Studies Three Narayan Novels, The English Teacher, The Man-Eater Of Malgudi And The Painter Of Signs, In The Light Of Three Popular Indian Myths-The Savitri Satyavan Myth, The Bhasmasura Myth And The Santanu Ganga Myth. It Reveals How Narayan Has Transformed Indian History And Myth Into Fascinating Fiction By The Alchemy Of His Genius.

*R.K. Narayan and His Social Perspective* University of Chicago Press

'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

#### A Handful of Rice Sarup & Sons

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.

#### A Malgudi Omnibus Atlantic Publishers & Dist

English teacher Krishna has recently married, but his wife and daughter live miles away. The story begins with his immediate family deciding to join him. Krishna is initially frightened by this, but he soon finds that his love for both his wife and child grows deeper than he could have imagined.