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The Co-wife and Other Stories

By Ruth Vanita (trs.)

Penguin, New Delhi, India, 2008. Paperback. Book Condition: New. First Edition. Considered one of the greatest fiction writers in Hindi, Munshi Premchand (1880-1936) wrote over three hundred short stories, a dozen novels and two plays over a prolific career spanning three decades. Though best known for his stories exposing the horrors of poverty and social injustice, he wrote on a variety of themes with equal facility romance, satire, social dramas, nationalist tales, and yarns steeped in folklore. The Co-wife and Other Stories brings together twenty classic tales of Premchand which provide a glimpse of the authors extraordinary range and diversity. While some cast a harrowing look at poverty, reflecting Premchands sympathy with the underdog, others expose human foibles without being judgmental and tackle gender politics in a humorous and ironic manner. This collection also includes an imaginative foray into historical fiction, a nostalgic look at childhood, a comic exploration of the theme of womens autonomy, and stories that reveal the writers profound empathy with animals. Ruth Vanitas sensitive translation captures the power and beauty of Premchands language, conveying the nuances of the original and bringing to life the authors inherent humanism. Printed Pages: 304. Size: 15 x 23 Cm.



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