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## STEWART DILLON

*Writer's Nightmare* Vintage

'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

*Swami and Friends* Grove Press

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.

*English Language Teaching in India* Random House

"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  
*The English Teacher* Cambridge University Press  
Finest heroic poem in Old English celebrates the exploits of Beowulf, a young nobleman of southern Sweden. Combines myth, Christian and pagan elements, and history into a powerful narrative. Genealogies.

*Flute in the Forest* Penguin

The Talkative Man tells the story of a mysterious stranger who

arrives at the Malgudi train station to pursue a purported U.N. project. The stranger winds up staying at Talkative Man's home, where he begins to seduce the librarian's daughter.

*The English Teacher* Courier Corporation

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.

*Cambridge IGCSE First Language English Teacher's Resource* Vintage

Soon to be the major motion picture The Operative, starring Martin Freeman and Diane Kruger. For readers of John Le Carré and viewers of Homeland, a slow-burning psychological spy-

thriller by a former brigadier general of intelligence in the Israeli army One of The Washington Post's 10 Best mystery books and thrillers of 2016 After attending her father's funeral, former Mossad agent Rachel Goldschmitt empties her bank account and disappears. But when she makes a cryptic phone call to her former handler, Ehud, the Mossad sends him to track her down. Finding no leads, he must retrace her career as a spy to figure out why she abandoned Mossad before she can do any damage to Israel. But he soon discovers that after living under cover for so long, an agent's assumed identity and her real one can blur, catching loyalty, love, and truth between them. In the midst of a high-risk, high-stakes investigation, Ehud begins to question whether he ever knew his agent at all. In *The English Teacher*, Yiftach R. Atir drew on his own experience in intelligence to weave a psychologically nuanced thriller that explores the pressures of living under an assumed identity for months at a time.

Grandmother's Tale And Selected Stories Rupa Publications Up-to-date resources providing full coverage of Cambridge IGCSE® First Language English (0500 and 0522) for first examination in 2015. This standalone, photocopiable Teacher's Resource Book provides a complete solution to teaching the Cambridge IGCSE First Language English. It contains teaching resources not linked to the coursebook or workbook topics, so it can be used independently or to supplement teaching using the other components in the suite. It contains 28 themed units grouped into six parts focusing on the following skills: Reading comprehension, Writers' effects, Summary, Directed writing, Composition and Coursework. The Teacher's Resource Book includes practical advice for teachers as well as worksheets with answers and full lesson plans. A microsite provides free online resources to support the course.

**A Town Called Malgudi** SAGE Publications Pvt. Limited This book includes thirteen short stories, chosen to illustrate various modes of narration and to provoke reflection on a range of issues. The texts illustrate how great writers can, with their insight and gift for words, help us to see the world in which we live in new probing and exciting ways. Upon the completion of this book, learners will be able to read to find and handle information for a range of purposes, as well as read to enjoy and respond to a variety of texts. The book will also equip the reader to write for a

range of purposes, conveying meaning in language appropriate to purpose and audience, and communicate effectively with native and non-native speakers of English, manipulating language as appropriate. What characterises this book is its integration of literary competence, communicative competence, and critical thinking skills. This combined input incorporates the receptive skills of listening and reading, and the productive skills of speaking and writing.

A Treasure of Short Stories for English Language Learners Penguin Classics

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.

The Very Best of R.K. Narayan Everyman's Library

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Grateful to Life and Death Penguin UK

'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.

Waiting For Mahatma Harper Collins

*Memories Of Malgudi* Brings Together Five Unforgettable Novels From The Narayan Corpus. The Dark Room, The First Novel In This Collection, Is The Story Of The Marital Discord Between Savitri, A Traditional Hindu Wife, And Ramani, Her Husband. The English Teacher Is About Another Young Couple: Krishna And His Wife, Susila. Their World Is Full Of Love And Laughter, But When Susila Passes Away, Krishna Must Deal With The Tragic Blow And Find A Reason To Go On Living. In The World Of Nagaraj, Narayan S Final Novel, Nagaraj S Life Of Small Comforts Is Rudely Interrupted By The Arrival Of His Nephew Tim, And He Struggles To Fend Off The Turbulence Which Threatens To Disrupt His World Forever.

Sriram, The Hero Of Waiting For The Mahatma, Is In Love With The Enchanting Bharati, But Her Primary Loyalty Is To Gandhiji And His Ideals. Sriram Becomes A Follower Of The Mahatma Himself, But Finds Himself Adapting The Great Man S Ideas To Suit His Own Petty Ends. And In The Guide, Narayan S Award-Winning Novel, Raju The Guide Takes A Roller-Coaster Ride Through Life He Falls In Love With The Beautiful Dancer Rosie, Seduces Her Away From Her Husband, Transforms Her Into A Celebrity But Then Falls Out With Her. Finally, Through A Series Of Ironic Events, He Becomes A Well-Respected Holy Man. The Last In Penguin India S Series Of Collectors Editions Of R.K. Narayan S Novels, *Memories Of Malgudi* Showcases The Best Of The Master Storyteller S Oeuvre.

*Memories of Malgudi* Penguin

The pick of thirty years of essays from R.K. Narayan, India's greatest English language novelist. R.K. Narayan is perhaps better

known as a novelist, but his essays are as delightful and enchanting as his stories and novels. Introducing this selection of essays, Narayan writes, 'I have always been drawn to the personal essay in which you see something of the author himself apart from the theme...the scope for such a composition is unlimited—the mood may be sombre, hilarious or satirical and the theme may range from what the author notices from his window to what he sees in his waste-paper basket to a world cataclysm.' A Writer's Nightmare is the marvellous result of Narayan's liking for the personal essay. In the book, he tackles subjects such as weddings, mathematics, coffee, umbrellas, teachers, newspapers, architecture, monkeys, the caste system, lovers—all sorts of topics, simple and not so simple, which reveal the very essence of India.

Language, Power, and Ideology in Political Writing: Emerging Research and Opportunities Harper Collins

Set against the backdrop of the Indian Freedom Movement, this fiction novel from award-winning Indian writer R. K. Narayan traces the adventures of a young man, Sriram, who is suddenly removed from a quiet, apathetic existence and, owing to his involvement in the campaign of Mahatma Gandhi against British rule in India, thrust into a life as adventurously varied as that of any picaresque hero. "There are writers—Tolstoy and Henry James to name two—whom we hold in awe, writers—Turgenev and Chekhov—for whom we feel a personal affection, other writers whom we respect—Conrad, for example—but who hold us at a long arm's length with their 'courtly foreign grace.' Narayan (whom I don't hesitate to name in such a context) more than any of them wakes in me a spring of gratitude, for he has offered me a second home. Without him I could never have known what it is like to be Indian."—Graham Greene "R. K. Narayan...has been compared to Gogol in England, where he has acquired a well-

deserved reputation. The comparison is apt, for Narayan, an Indian, is a writer of Gogol's stature, with the same gift for creating a provincial atmosphere in a time of change....One is convincingly involved in this alien world without ever being aware of the technical devices Narayan so brilliantly employs."—Anthony West, *The New Yorker*

Vendor Of Sweets, The (modern Classics) Penguin Books India  
Meet the members of the Sunset Club: Pandit Preetam Sharma, Nawab Barkatullah Baig and Sardar Boota Singh. Friends for over forty years, they are now in their eighties. And every evening, at the sunset hour, they sit together on a bench in Lodhi Gardens to exchange news and views on the events of the day, talking about everything from love, lust, sex and scandal to religion and politics. As he follows a year in the lives of the three men from January 26 2009 to January 26 2010. Khushwant Singh brings his characters vibrantly to life, with his piquant portrayals of their fantasies and foibles, his unerring ear for dialogue and his genius for capturing the flavour and texture of everyday life in their households. Interwoven with this compelling human story is another chronicle of a year in the life of India, as the country goes through the cycle of seasons, the tumult of general elections, violence, natural disasters and corruption in high places. In turn ribald and lyrical, poignant and profound, *The Sunset Club* is a deeply moving exploration of friendship, sexuality, old age and infirmity; a joyous celebration of nature; an insightful portrait of India's paradoxes and complexities. A masterpiece from one of India's most-loved storytellers, *The Sunset Club* will have you in tears and laughter, and grip you from the first page to the last  
The English Teacher Penguin Books India

A single mother has sheltered her son for many years at the private school where she works as an English teacher, but she is beginning to unravel as secrets from her past catch up with her.

**The English Teacher** Penguin

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.

A Tiger for Malgudi Cambridge Scholars Publishing

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The Dark Room Sarup & Sons

The search for meaning by a bereaved Hindu school teacher in the twentieth century colonial India, when the death of his young wife deprives him of his greatest source of happiness.