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A Foreign Sampler

India is the world's largest democracy—a land of diverse peoples and lives. What better way to appreciate its myriad and exotic corners than a collection of short stories by a prize winning author?

Featured This Month:

Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri

Interpreter of maladies is a Pulitzer Prize winning book of stories by Jhumpa Lahiri. This diverse set of tales is unified by the connection of most of the major characters to the culture of India. The stories take place in either the northeastern United States or in India.

In "A Temporary Matter" a young couple's first child was stillborn. The story describes how they deal with the death and each other in the first few months after the event.

Mr. Pirzada is in America on a one-year sabbatical from Dacca where he has left his wife and daughters.

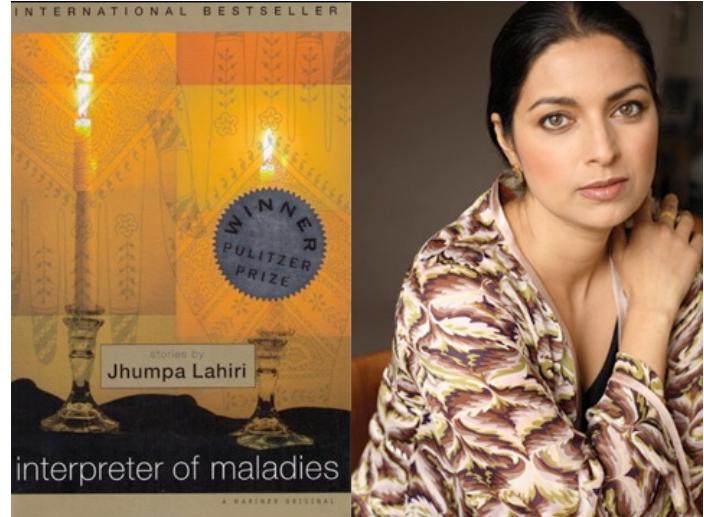
"When Mr. Pirzada Came to Dine," which he did frequently, the family and guest spend their time watching the news coverage of the fight of Bangladesh to become an independent nation.

Mr. Kapasi is an interpreter for medical patients--"Interpreter of maladies"--in India who gives guided tours of tourist sites on the weekends. The story is about his romantic imaginings centering on the wife of the family he is guiding and the eventual inevitable disillusionment.

Miranda is called "Sexy" by her married lover. When the young son of a friend in the middle of a divorce also calls her sexy, she asks him what it means.

Eliot spends many happy hours at "Mrs. Sen's" house in spite of his mother's reluctance to trust her to watch him after school. But Mrs. Sen has problems adapting to the demands of the society in which she finds herself.

"This Blessed House," is a phrase open to more than one interpretation.



The growing prosperity of her neighbors causes the downfall of Boori Ma, their substitute for "A Real Durwan."

In "The Treatment of Bibi Haldar" an Indian doctor proposes an unusual treatment for an intractable chronic disease.

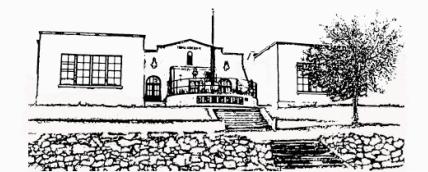
The series of stories ends on an upbeat note in "The third and final continent." An old lady gives a recent immigrant and his wife in an arranged marriage a new perspective on their relationship.

The stories are well put together and the characters are well developed in spite of the shortness of each of the stories. The descriptions of India and its customs add an exotic flavor to a collection of well-told stories. I recommend it.

Review by Joe Diel

Notes from the Library Board

Looking for a great gift idea? The Library is offering planners and calendars from UNM Press. The weekly format planners have stunning photographs of New Mexico and listings of events around the state. The calendars feature work by two New Mexico artists. Retail cost: \$13 and \$14, but from the Library, only \$11! A discount for you and another way to support your Library. What a deal!



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New at the Library

Non-fiction

- New Poets of the American West** ed. by Lowell Jaeger
Music of Time by David Ray
To Fly Without Wings by Judy Ray
Days on the Road by Sarah Raymond Herndon
The Geology of Northern New Mexico's Parks, Monuments, and Public Lands ed. by L. Greer Price
The American Home Garden Book and Plant Encyclopedia

Poetry

- Greatest Hits 1974-2008** by Judy Ray
After Tagore by David Ray
Greatest hits 1960-2004 by David Ray

Fiction

- Watership Down** by Richard Adams
Nowhere Man by Aleksandar Hemon
In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez
White Crosses by Larry Watson
Dune House Atreides by Brian Herbert & Kevin Anderson
Flickering Shadows by Kwadwo Kamau
The Body Artist by Don DeLillo
Tengo Sed by James Fleming

Juvenile

- The Chronicles of Narnia** (all the stories in one volume) by C S Lewis
The New Prophecy Warriors Series by Erin Hunter: **Midnight, Moonrise, Dawn, Starlight, Twilight, Sunset,**
Power of Three Warriors Series by Erin Hunter: **The Sight, Dark River, Outcast, Eclipse, Long Shadows, Sunrise**

Mystery

- Stormy Weather** by Carl Hiaasen
Skinny Dip by Carl Hiaasen
The Lies of Fair Ladies by Jonathan Gash
The Great California Game by Jonathan Gash
Quantico by Greg Bear

Books on CD

- Rage** by Jonathan Kellerman
Naked Prey by John Sandford
Off Season by Anne Rivers Siddon

Films

- Monsoon Wedding** (VHS) . . . **Open Water** (DVD)
Terror by Night (DVD)

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Thurs: 5:30 - 7:30pm Fri: 10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am–2:00pm

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