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The Tale of Despereaux Mar 21 2022 A brave mouse, a covetous rat, a wishful serving girl, and a princess named Pea come together in Kate DiCamillo's Newbery Medal-winning tale. Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and, ultimately, into each other's lives. What happens then? As Kate DiCamillo would say:
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Reader, it is your destiny to find out. With black-and-white illustrations and a refreshed cover by Timothy Basil Ering. [True to the Old Flag - A Tale of the American War of Independence](#) May 11 2021 You have probably been accustomed to regard the war between England and her colonies in America as one in which we were not only beaten but, to some extent, humiliated. Owing to the war having been an unsuccessful one for our arms, British writers have avoided the subject, and it has been left for American historians to describe. These, writing for their own countrymen, and drawing for their facts upon gazettes, letters, and other documents emanating from one side only, have, naturally, and no doubt insensibly, given a very strong color to their own views of the

events, and English writers have been too much inclined to accept their account implicitly. There is, however, another and very different side to the story, and this I have endeavored to show you. The whole of the facts and details connected with the war can be relied upon as accurate. They are drawn from the valuable account of the struggle written by Major Steadman, who served under Howe, Clinton, and Cornwallis, and from other authentic contemporary sources. You will see that, although unsuccessful,--and success was, under the circumstances, a sheer impossibility,--the British troops fought with a bravery which was never exceeded, and that their victories in actual conflict vastly outnumbered their defeats. Indeed, it may be doubted whether in any war in which this country has been

engaged have our soldiers exhibited the qualities of endurance and courage to a higher degree.

The Heptameron of the Tales of Margaret, Queen of Navarre
Sep 03 2020

Tale of the Twin-City Vampires
Jan 19 2022 Benjamin Hall has a deadly secret-one that threatens his very life. After returning to his childhood home of Minneapolis, Benjamin comes face-to-face with his worst nightmare; the sinister entity lurking inside his head. Multiple-Personality Disorder? Or possession by a fallen angel? Only one thing is for certain; his other side has plans for the body they share. Plans that involve Benjamin waking up hours later with blood on his hands. Meanwhile, bodies are turning up drained of blood with two distinct wounds on the neck. As the death toll rises, Benjamin has to wonder-is he the Twin-City Vampire?

The Crane Track: Whooping Cranes' Migration ... A tale of survival Jul 21 2019 Leki is a young whooping crane who has no idea that a spectacular journey is about to begin. He lives with his parents, Toluki and Karla, in the Northwest Territories of Canada. Leki has had many adventures there, like the day he ran across wild wolves! Still, his biggest adventure is yet to come as his parents prepare for their annual October migration. Every year, the whooping cranes travel south to warmer climates for the winter. Toluki and Karla plan to take young Leki 2,400 miles, all the way from their home in Canada to a
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winter resting place on an island in the Gulf of Mexico. The path they take is called "the crane track," and it is a journey filled with wild weather and hungry hunters. Whooping cranes are graceful creatures with white feathers and up to an eight-foot wingspan. Once almost extinct, there are now 513 whooping cranes in the world, and many of them travel the same path as Leki and his parents. Nature is a carefully balanced, beautiful machine. It's up to us to protect the path of the cranes' migratory journey. So is little Leki up for the trip?

The Span o' Life: A Tale of Louisbourg & Quebec Jan 27 2020 DigiCat Publishing presents to you this special edition of "The Span o' Life: A Tale of Louisbourg & Quebec" by William McLennan, Jean N. McIlwraith. DigiCat Publishing considers every written word to be a legacy of humankind. Every DigiCat book has been carefully reproduced for republishing in a new modern format. The books are available in print, as well as ebooks. DigiCat hopes you will treat this work with the acknowledgment and passion it deserves as a classic of world literature.

Publications Apr 29 2020
A Tale of Two Castles: Thane Amulet Tales Book Two Mar 29 2020 Thane Amulet Tales A Tale of Two Castles Book Two The Thane Amulet is missing. Tri Earth world is about to be torn apart because of one thoughtless deed. Its perpetrator the one and only Pascal The second book of the Thane Amulet series takes

Connor, Kyle and Alex deeper into the world of the Tri Earth The wizard Necrov's power is waxing whereas the world of Lord Claus and the Elvin kind is waning. Who can restore the balance? In the gothic passages of Necrov Castle Connor, disguised as a Goblin, takes on evil face to face. In the Ice Palace, the eclectic Onderdharka Dark Duncan tries to break the siege. Beautifully illustrated, it is a story to enthrall young and old lovers of fantasy but particularly those between ten and sixteen

Dark, a Tale of the Down Country May 23 2022
The Tale of the Outcasts Vol. 6 Jan 07 2021 DESTINIES COLLIDE Two immortal great demons have each chosen a human companion to pass the endless years. Marbas' choice was a lonely girl, while Dantalion's was a bloodthirsty maniac. Their pacts with these humans began as mere diversions, but developed into unique relationships over time. When their chosen paths bring them into direct conflict, each demon's pride is on the line.

The Tale of the Duelling Neurosurgeons Jun 19 2019 For centuries, scientists had only one way to study the brain: wait for misfortune to strike - strokes, seizures, infections, lobotomies, horrendous accidents, phantom limbs, Siamese twins - and see how the victims changed afterwards. In many cases their survival was miraculous, and observers marvelled at the transformations that took place when different parts of the brain were destroyed. Parents

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suddenly couldn't recognise their children. Pillars of the community became pathological liars and paedophiles. Some people couldn't speak but could still sing. Others couldn't read but could write. The stories of these people laid the foundations of modern neuroscience and, century by century, key cases taught scientists what every last region of the brain did. With lucid explanations and incisive wit, Sam Kean explores the brain's secret passageways and recounts the forgotten tales of the ordinary individuals whose struggles, resilience and deep humanity made neuroscience possible.

The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell Jun 24 2022 The first book in Chris Colfer's #1 New York Times bestselling series *The Land of Stories* about two siblings who fall into a fairy-tale world! Alex and Conner Bailey's world is about to change forever, in this fast-paced adventure that uniquely combines our modern day world with the enchanting realm of classic fairy tales. *The Land of Stories* tells the tale of twins Alex and Conner. Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, they leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with fairy tale characters they grew up reading about. But after a series of encounters with witches, wolves, goblins, and trolls alike, getting back home is going to be harder than they thought.

The Red Man's Revenge: A Tale
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of The Red River Flood Apr 10 2021

Tales of the Gypsy Dressmaker Jul 01 2020 Thelma Madine, star of Channel 4's *Big Fat Gypsy Weddings* and fairy godmother of extravagant wedding dresses, reveals the drama, secrets and surprises involved in ten incredible traveller weddings.

The Strange Tale of Thaddeus Traveler Aug 22 2019 Some people mistakenly believe that the earliest reported UFO crash in the United States occurred at Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947. It did not. There are several other reported incidents about earlier UFO crashes in the literature. One of the earliest reported crashes occurred fully fifty years before Roswell in Aurora, Texas, in 1897. This story was suggested by a news article that first appeared in the *Dallas Morning News* in 1897, which describes the crash of an unidentified aircraft into the windmill and water tower of Judge James Proctor, who lived with his wife just outside the little town of Aurora, Texas. The pilot of the aircraft perished in the crash but a close examination of his burnt and broken body revealed that he was not of this world. History records and the alien was buried in the Aurora City Cemetery. Although a modern search for his remains have never produced any results. The novel also reveals the unreported story of the passenger on the aircraft who escaped detection and ultimately wended his way into the Aurora community

The Tale of Ginger and Pickles

by *Beatrix Potter - Delphi Classics (Illustrated)* Sep 22 2019 This eBook features the unabridged text of 'The Tale of Ginger and Pickles by Beatrix Potter - Delphi Classics (Illustrated)' from the bestselling edition of 'The Complete Works of Beatrix Potter'. Having established their name as the leading publisher of classic literature and art, Delphi Classics produce publications that are individually crafted with superior formatting, while introducing many rare texts for the first time in digital print. The Delphi Classics edition of Potter includes original annotations and illustrations relating to the life and works of the author, as well as individual tables of contents, allowing you to navigate eBooks quickly and easily. eBook features: * The complete unabridged text of 'The Tale of Ginger and Pickles by Beatrix Potter - Delphi Classics (Illustrated)' * Beautifully illustrated with images related to Potter's works * Individual contents table, allowing easy navigation around the eBook * Excellent formatting of the text Please visit www.delphiclassics.com to learn more about our wide range of titles

Tales of the Taoist Immortals Dec 06 2020 As a girl growing up in Hong Kong, Eva Wong heard and memorized many tales told to her by Hong Kong's finest professional storytellers, by actors on the radio, and by her grandmother. These popular tales of the Taoist immortals were also often dramatized in Chinese operas. The stories are of

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famous characters in Chinese history and myth: a hero's battle with the lords of evil, the founder of the Ming dynasty's treacherous betrayal of his friends, a young girl who saves her town by imitating rooster calls. Entertaining and often provocative, these tales usually include a moral. The immortals are role models in Chinese culture, as well as examples of enlightenment. Some of the immortals were healers, some were social activists, some were aristocrats, and some were entrepreneurs. The tales chosen by Eva Wong here are of the best-known immortals among the Chinese. Their names are household words and their stories are told and retold by one generation to the next.

[A Tale for the Time Being](#) Jul 25 2022 A brilliant, unforgettable novel from bestselling author Ruth Ozeki, author of *The Book of Form and Emptiness* Finalist for the Booker Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award "A time being is someone who lives in time, and that means you, and me, and every one of us who is, or was, or ever will be." In Tokyo, sixteen-year-old Nao has decided there's only one escape from her aching loneliness and her classmates' bullying. But before she ends it all, Nao first plans to document the life of her great grandmother, a Buddhist nun who's lived more than a century. A diary is Nao's only solace—and will touch lives in ways she can scarcely imagine. Across the Pacific, we meet Ruth, a novelist living on a remote island who discovers a
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collection of artifacts washed ashore in a Hello Kitty lunchbox—possibly debris from the devastating 2011 tsunami. As the mystery of its contents unfolds, Ruth is pulled into the past, into Nao's drama and her unknown fate, and forward into her own future. Full of Ozeki's signature humor and deeply engaged with the relationship between writer and reader, past and present, fact and fiction, quantum physics, history, and myth, *A Tale for the Time Being* is a brilliantly inventive, beguiling story of our shared humanity and the search for home.

[The Tale of Genji](#) Aug 26 2022 In the eleventh century Murasaki Shikibu, a lady in the Heian court of Japan, wrote the world's first novel. But *The Tale of Genji* is no mere artifact. It is, rather, a lively and astonishingly nuanced portrait of a refined society where every dalliance is an act of political consequence, a play of characters whose inner lives are as rich and changeable as those imagined by Proust. Chief of these is "the shining Genji," the son of the emperor and a man whose passionate impulses create great turmoil in his world and very nearly destroy him. This edition, recognized as the finest version in English, contains a dozen chapters from early in the book, carefully chosen by the translator, Edward G. Seidensticker, with an introduction explaining the selection. It is illustrated throughout with woodcuts from a seventeenth-century edition.
Fairest of All Nov 05 2020 For anyone who's seen Walt

Disney's Snow White, you'll know that the Wicked Queen is one evil woman! After all, it's not everyone who wants to cut out their teenage step-daughter's heart and have it delivered back in a locked keepsake box. (And even if this sort of thing is a common urge, we don't know many people who have acted upon it.) Now, for the first time, we'll examine the life of the Wicked Queen and find out just what it is that makes her so nasty. Here's a hint: the creepy-looking man in the magic mirror is not just some random spooky visage—and he just might have something to do with the Queen's wicked ways!

With the King at Oxford: A Tale of the Great Rebellion Mar 09 2021 My father was the son of a gentleman of Oxfordshire that had a small estate near to the town of Eynsham, in that county. The monks of Eynsham Priory had the land afore-time; and 'twas said that here, as elsewhere, there was a curse upon such as held for their own uses that which had been dedicated to God's service. How this may be I know not, though there are notable instances—as, to wit, the Russells—in which no visible curse has fallen on the holders of such goods; but it is certain that my father's forbears wasted their estate grievously. Being but the third son, he had scarce, in any case, tarried at home; but, matters being as they were, the emptiness of the family purse drove him out betimes into the world. Being of good birth and breeding he got, without much ado, a place about the Court,

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which was not, however, much to his liking. I have heard him say—and this, though, as will be seen hereafter, he was a great lover of monarchy—that, between a weak king and villainous courtiers, Whitehall was no place for an honest gentleman. Robert Carr, that was afterwards Earl of Somerset, he liked little, and George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, he liked yet less, being, as he was wont to say, by so much a greater villain than Somerset as a duke is greater than an earl. He was right glad, therefore, to leave the "sunshine of the Royal presence;" for so did men speak of the Court in the hyperbolical language of those times, even for so dismal and outlandish a part as Ireland. But I know not whether he did not wish himself back, for of Ireland he would never afterwards speak with any measure of patience, declaring that he knew not which were the worse, the greediness and cruelty of the English conquerors, or the savagery and unreason of the native people. Here he tarried for some three or four years, having, indeed, had bestowed upon him an estate, which, for its boundaries, at least, was of considerable magnitude, but from which he received nothing but trouble. Who hath it now I know not; and, indeed, he charged me to have nought to do with it, saying—for I remember his very words—"If they will give thee the whole island in fee, say them nay, for it is fit for nothing but to be drowned under the sea." Yet his next venture was not one

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whit happier, as will be readily concluded, when I say that he took service with Sir Walter Raleigh, whom he chanced to fall in with at Cork, at which place Sir Walter touched on his way to the Indies in search of gold. Gold got they none, but of hard blows not a few, and of pains and sickness still more. My father was with the boats that sailed up the river Orinoco, and caught in his arms, I have heard him say, Walter Raleigh the younger, when this last was slain by a bullet from a Spanish arquebuse. From this voyage he came back beggared in and purse not a little broken in health; to the end of his days indeed he suffered much at times from the fever that he contracted in those parts. The year following that wherein Raleigh was beheaded, came what seemed at the first sight good news, namely, that the Bohemians had bestowed the crown of their country upon the Elector of Bavaria, husband to the Princess Elizabeth, the king's daughter. Thereupon there arose such a tumult of joy throughout the country as the oldest man living scarce remembered to have heard before. There was nothing too good to be hoped for as about to come from this promotion. Indeed, I have heard my father say that he was himself present when the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Abbott) preached a sermon wherein he declared that this event was foretold in Scripture, naming even the chapter and verse, which were, if I remember right, in the Book of the Revelation. My father was

carried away with the rest, and having, as may well be thought, a special gift for choosing for his own that which should be the losing side, forthwith took service with the Elector, to whom King James, though scarce approving of the cause, sent at this time auxiliaries to the number of four thousand. In this army my father had a captain's commission, with pay to the amount of four shillings by the day—handsome wages, only that he never received of them so much as a doit. Nor did the campaign recompense the defect of gains by any excess of glory. It was, indeed, as barren of laurels as of gold; and my father, who, being favourably known of old time by the Princess, was appointed to command the guard of the Elector, arrived in his Highness's company at the Hague without a penny in his pocket, and scarce a coat to his back.

Monty, A Tale of No Tail Oct 24 2019 Monty is a dog who lives on a farm and likes to chase butterflies and run through the hay. The horses and pigs and sheep all laugh at him and won't play with him because he doesn't look like other dogs. You see, Monty is a Corgi, so he has short, stumpy legs and no tail. But when the queen's crown is stolen, the very things that make Monty different, also make him a hero. "Monty, A Tale of No Tail" was inspired by "The Ugly Duckling" by Hans Christian Andersen, and by Bella the Corgi.

When Wilderness was King: A Tale of the Illinois Country Nov 17 2021 DigiCat Publishing

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Tales of the Supernatural Level 3 Jun 12 2021 Award-winning original fiction for learners of
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English. At seven levels, from Starter to Advanced, this impressive selection of carefully graded readers offers exciting reading for every student's capabilities. Six stories about a world we cannot explain. A film star discovers the dangers of dancing with a stranger. A man comes face-to-face with his father's history. An Irish-American family cannot escape someone from the past. A woman doesn't listen to warnings about an old tree. An English writer slowly becomes more and more Japanese. And a killer watches himself die in hospital. Paperback-only version. Also available with Audio CDs including complete text recordings from the book.
The Tale of the Wedding Rings 02 Aug 14 2021
The Tale of the Russian Daughter and Her Suffocated Lover Apr 22 2022
The Last Chance: A Tale of the Golden West Oct 16 2021 "The Last Chance: A Tale of the Golden West" By Rolf Boldrewood, the pen-name for Thomas Alexander Browne is one of his later books about traveling around the much uncharted Australian landscape. Though the author may be better known for his book "Robbery Under Arms" however though this work is less known, many consider it to be his masterpiece. Boldrewood lived an exciting and at times unconventional life, which made him uniquely qualified as an adventure writer. Readers will find themselves transported to an Australian outback that may no longer exist but in the minds of

those who are able to imagine it.

Tale of a Tail Oct 28 2022 Strange and exciting things are in store when Tom and his mum move to Prodigy Street one ordinary Thursday. There's a man with a magical name, a friendly dog with a powerful, waggy tail, and some remarkable surprises when anyone makes a wish. Includes more than 50 hilarious black and white illustrations by Tony Ross, who also illustrates Francesca Simon's Horrid Henry books and David Walliams' children's books, as well as his own picture books.
Tale of a Winter's Night. A Poem Oct 04 2020
Neville Trueman, the Pioneer Preacher : a tale of the war of 1812 Sep 15 2021 DigiCat Publishing presents to you this special edition of "Neville Trueman, the Pioneer Preacher : a tale of the war of 1812" by W. H. Withrow. DigiCat Publishing considers every written word to be a legacy of humankind. Every DigiCat book has been carefully reproduced for republishing in a new modern format. The books are available in print, as well as ebooks. DigiCat hopes you will treat this work with the acknowledgment and passion it deserves as a classic of world literature.

The Tale of the Whale Dec 26 2019 A child and a whale embark on a beautiful journey together in this lyrical, gorgeously illustrated picture book about friendship, hope, and love for the world around us in the vein of *The Fisherman & the Whale* and *Cynthia Rylant's Life. Where land*

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becomes sky and sky becomes sea, I first saw the whale and the whale first saw me. A child joins a friendly whale for a magical journey of discovery. They sail the blue ocean, dance with dolphins, and tail-splash seagulls. But the child also sees an ocean filled with plastic trash. And that inspires a promise of help, for the whale and all earth's creatures.

The Tale of Peter Rabbit Feb 20 2022 The Tale of Peter Rabbit, first published by Frederick Warne in 1902, is a classic children's story by Beatrix Potter that is a must read for new and returning readers alike. Beatrix Potter was an English author, illustrator, natural scientist, and conservationist best known for her children's books featuring animals. Potter's artistic and literary interests were deeply influenced by fairies, fairy tales and fantasy. 'The Tale of Peter Rabbit' was her first publication. It tells the story of a very mischievous rabbit and the trouble he encounters in a vegetable garden. Peter disobeys his mother by going into Mr. McGregor's garden and almost gets caught. Potter's books continue to sell throughout the world in many languages with her stories being retold in song, film, ballet, and animation. The basis for the 2018 film, Peter Rabbit has been hailed as one of the bestselling stories of all time. The warmth and charm of Beatrix Potter's animal stories have made them favorites with generations of children and adults.

Emperor of the Eight Islands
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Jul 13 2021 In the opening pages of the action-packed Book One of Lian Hearn's epic Tale of Shikanoko series--all of which will be published in 2016--a future lord is dispossessed of his birthright by a scheming uncle, a mountain sorcerer imbues a mask with the spirit of a great stag for a lost young man, a stubborn father forces his son to give up his wife to his older brother, and a powerful priest meddles in the succession to the Lotus Throne, the child who is the rightful heir to the emperor barely escaping the capital in the arms of his sister. And that is just the beginning. As destiny weaves its rich tapestry, a compelling drama plays out against a background of wild forests, elegant castles, hidden temples, and savage battlefields. This is the medieval Japan of Lian Hearn's imagination, where animal spirits clash with warriors and children navigate a landscape as serene as it is deadly. The Tale of Shikanoko, Book One: Emperor of the Eight Islands (April 2016) The Tale of Shikanoko, Book Two: Autumn Princess, Dragon Child (June 2016) The Tale of Shikanoko, Book Three: Lord of the Darkwood (August 2016) The Tale of Shikanoko, Book Four: The Tengu's Game of Go (September 2016)
A Tale of a Tub and Other Works Nov 24 2019 A Tale of a Tub is the masterpiece of Swift's earlier years. It is presented here with The Battle of the Books, The Mechanical Operation of the Spirit, and the Additions. ABOUT THE SERIES: For over 100 years

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The Complete Sagas of Icelanders, Including 49 Tales Feb 08 2021

Gerald; a tale of conscience Feb 26 2020

A Tale of Magic... Dec 18 2021 This #1 New York Times bestseller is the first book in a new series set in Chris Colfer's Land of Stories universe, perfect for both new and longtime fans! When Brystal Evergreen stumbles across a secret section of the library, she discovers a book that introduces her to a world beyond her imagination and learns the impossible: She is a fairy capable of magic! But in the oppressive Southern Kingdom, women are forbidden from reading and magic is outlawed, so Brystal is swiftly convicted of her crimes and sent to the miserable Bootstrap Correctional Facility. But with the help of the mysterious Madame Weatherberry, Brystal is whisked away and enrolled in an academy of magic! Adventure comes with a price, however, and when Madame Weatherberry is called away to attend to an important problem she doesn't return. Do Brystal and her classmates have what it takes to stop a sinister plot

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that risks the fate of the world, and magic, forever? Fall in love with an all-new series from Chris Colfer, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Land of Stories, filled with adventure, imagination, and wonderfully memorable characters both familiar and new. A #1 New York Times bestseller An IndieBound bestseller A USA Today bestseller A Wall Street Journal bestseller Don't miss: A TALE OF WITCHCRAFT...

The Handmaid's Tale Sep 27 2022 An instant classic and eerily prescient cultural phenomenon, from "the patron saint of feminist dystopian fiction" (New York Times). Now an award-winning Hulu series starring Elizabeth Moss. In this multi-award-winning, bestselling novel, Margaret Atwood has created a stunning Orwellian vision of the near future. This is the story of Offred, one of the unfortunate "Handmaids" under the new social order who have only one purpose: to breed. In Gilead, where women are prohibited from holding jobs, reading, and forming friendships, Offred's persistent memories of life in the "time before" and her will to survive are acts of rebellion. Provocative, startling, prophetic, and with Margaret

Atwood's devastating irony, wit, and acute perceptive powers in full force, *The Handmaid's Tale* is at once a mordant satire and a dire warning.

Asura : Tale of the Vanquished
May 31 2020 The epic tale of victory and defeat... The story of the Ramayana had been told innumerable times. The enthralling story of Rama, the incarnation of God, who slew Ravana, the evil demon of darkness, is known to every Indian. And in the pages of history, as always, it is the version told by the victors, that lives on. The voice of the vanquished remains lost in silence. But what if Ravana and his people had a different story to tell? The story of the Ravanayana had never been told. Asura is the epic tale of the vanquished Asura people, a story that has been cherished by the oppressed outcastes of India for 3000 years. Until now, no Asura has dared to tell the tale. But perhaps the time has come for the dead and the defeated to speak. "For thousands of years, I have been vilified and my death is celebrated year after year in every corner of India. Why? Was it because I challenged the Gods for the sake of my daughter? Was it because I freed a race from the yoke of

caste-based Deva rule? You have heard the victor's tale, the Ramayana. Now hear the Ravanayana, for I am Ravana, the Asura, and my story is the tale of the vanquished." "I am a non-entity-invisible, powerless and negligible. No epics will ever be written about me. I have suffered both Ravana and Rama - the hero and the villain or the villain and the hero. When the stories of great men are told, my voice maybe too feeble to be heard. Yet, spare me a moment and hear my story, for I am Bhadra, the Asura, and my life is the tale of the loser." The ancient Asura empire lay shattered into many warring petty kingdoms reeling under the heel of the Devas. In desperation, the Asuras look up to a young saviour-Ravana. Believing that a better world awaits them under Ravana, common men like Bhadra decide to follow the young leader. With a will of iron and a fiery ambition to succeed, Ravana leads his people from victory to victory and carves out a vast empire from the Devas. But even when Ravana succeeds spectacularly, the poor Asuras find that nothing much has changed for them. It is when that Ravana, by one action, changes the history of the world.