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#### A HISTORY OF THE INDIAN NOVEL IN ENGLISH

A History of the Indian Novel in English traces the development of the Indian novel from its beginnings in the late nineteenth century to the present day. Starting with an extensive introduction that charts important theoretical contributions to the field, this History includes twenty-five chapters that shed light on the legacy of Indian writing in English. Organized thematically, these chapters examine how English was "made Indian" by writers who used the language to address specifically Indian concerns. These included the question of what it means to be modern as well as how the novel could be used for anticolonial activism. By the 1980s, the Indian novel in English was a global phenomenon, and India is now the third-largest publisher of English-language books. Written by a host of leading scholars, this History invites readers to question conventional accounts of India's literary history.

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