



An Evening In Lucknow: Selected Stories

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Harper Perennial, New Delhi, 2011. Soft cover. Book Condition: New. In this collection, Abbas brings forth through his stories his rich background in journalism and film-making. The stories here embrace varied themes and contexts, with protagonists from cities and villages. Abbas manages to capture the dilemmas of all his characters, be it a has-been Nawab, a nurse or an untouchable in a village. He addresses themes of superstition, caste and romance, each in his own unique and rich style of writing. He writes with equal felicity of a modest young proofreader in Mumbai vying for the attention of a European girl (?The Umbrella?) and Chanda, an outcaste, old woman in a village (?Sword of Shiva?). Often satirical and hard-hitting, the stories give the reader a glimpse into Abbas's social conscience and perhaps his commitment to progressive causes. This special edition comes with a PS section that has interviews with the author, a letter from Mulk Raj Anand, and other information that makes it a must-buy for connoisseurs of early Indian writing in English. Page Extent: 296.

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