

RAJEE SETH

Rajee Seth, an Indian national, was born in October 1935 in Naushera, then a part of undivided India. She has degrees in literature, comparative religion and philosophy. She is a short story writer, novelist, poet, critic and essayist and has won several prestigious awards for her contribution to literature- Bharati Bhasha Parishad Award for the novel *Tatsam*, 1985, Hindi Academy Samman, 1987, Anant Gopal Shevde Award again for the novel *Tatsam*, 1993, Janpad Alankaran, U.P. and several others.

Human predicament is her forte and her vision does not restrict itself to any one experience but is always exploring the lurking polarity in human consciousness. Her writings are critically acclaimed for being a qualitative bridge between the classicist and the modernist style of writing in Hindi. Her works have been translated into many languages and are now prescribed in post graduate level. They are also widely researched upon for Ph.D. and M.Phil by research fellows.

Her first novel *Tatsam* (1983) was acclaimed for its extraordinarily rich language and subtle tapestry of human interaction. She has published seven collections of short stories and her recent novel *Nishkavach* is available in English translation as *Unarmed*, Macmillan India Limited, 1998.

Rajee is a prolific essayist and poet and has published her works extensively in prestigious journals. She has translated into Hindi two collections of Rainer Maria Rilke's letters on the theme of creativity. She has also translated "The Prince and the Coral Sea", a book for children written by the renowned philosopher and peace activist Dr. Daisaku Ikeda, and several poems of Octavio Paz and Lakshmi Kannan that are published in distinguished journals.

Rajee was a Fellow of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla (1996-1998), a nominated member of the General Counsel and Advisory Board, Sahitya Akademi, Delhi (1998-2002), the Co-Editor of the literary journal *Yug Sakshi*(1987-1996), has conducted several literary workshops and has presented over forty papers in various seminars.

Besides Hindi and English, Rajee knows Urdu, Punjabi and Gujarati. She is based in Delhi.