



Relationships: Jogajog

By Rabindranath Tagore Translated and with an Introduction By Supriya Chaudhuri

Oxford University Press, New Delhi, India, 2006. Hard Cover. Book Condition: New. Dust Jacket Condition: New. First Edition. This is the fifth volume within the Oxford India Translations series, and this time it is a novel, written nearly eighty years ago by Rabindranath Tagore, representing a society which existed some hundred years ago. The milieu where the action takes place may no longer exist, but the analysis of human relations and personalities are of lasting import. Tagore began Jogajog with the intention of writing a kind of family history--of two families (the Ghosals and the Chatterjees) locked in a bitter feud over trivial issues of pride, and larger issues of incompatibility of values. Madhusudan Ghosal, from the impoverished Ghosal family, with his own efforts, becomes a wealthy man, a director of a prosperous company, and sends a marriage proposal to the last unmarried daughter (Kumudini) of the zamindari Chatterjees, now reeling under financial debt. This relationship is an instrument used by Madhusudan to impress and insult the Chatterjees. The novel is a self-evaluation of the Bengali bourgeois, one in which Tagore's own emotional and ideological investments are critically involved. There is a substantial introduction and detailed notes, and the...



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