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Centuries-old customs alive and well in Southern India

Fusing cultures requires a delicate balance for newlyweds Hindu Mohan and Christian Karen. Necessity moves the young couple from Cleveland, Ohio to Secunderabad in Andhra Pradesh, South India. Sights and sounds come alive as the reader moves about the vibrant countryside. Cultures of the orthodox Hindu come to life in seldom-viewed, rich, provocative rituals, including Seemantham. This fascinating love story also transports the reader to vibrant Tirupati, Kancheepuram and Calcutta's Kalipuja.

The newlyweds strive to protect their love as Nobel prize-winner Rabindranath Tagore said in his poem *Gitanjali* – “steadfast the lamp burns, sheltered from the wind.”

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Jane Richardson, considered by India's late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and India's late President V.V. Giri as the most widely traveled person in the Asian subcontinent, has lectured on this region for over 25 years. This is her fourth book on India.

Learn about Indian life, customs and culture in this fast-moving, captivating novel.



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