



The Distorted Mirror

By R.K. Laxman

Penguin, New Delhi, India, 2004. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Dust Jacket Condition: New. First Edition. R.K. Laxman, cartoonist par excellence, is also one of the countrys most entertaining writers. The Distorted Mirror brings together some of his best short stories, essays and travelogues. The collection begins with An Accident, a most unusual mystery story where the murder weapon is a newspaper. In other stories, we are introduced to Gopal, a schoolboy in an ordinary small town that is transformed one day when the Viceroy visits; Shantha, a little girl who makes an interesting discovery in the midst of a wedding; and Bhasker, a writer who is suddenly confronted by his past. Each story is marked by Laxmans ability to delineate a character or a moment with a few deft strokes and imbued with his trademark wit. No less fascinating are the travelogues about the United States, Australia, the Andamans, Darjeeling, Mauritius and Kathmandu which are brought to life by Laxmans vivid descriptions and his inimitable way of looking at the world around him. The collection is rounded off with a few rare and delightful anecdotes about Laxmans cartooning career, a subject on which he is usually reticent. Accompanied by Laxmans...

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