

Chapter 1 : Death Conqueror: Maha Mrityunjaya Mantra - To Overcome Death

Mrityunjaya, the death conqueror has 6, ratings and reviews. Pallavi Gambhire said: I must start off by admitting that this review may be extremel.

For over two decades since its first publication the vast non- Marathi and non-Hindi readership remained deprived of this remarkable exploration of the human psyche till the publication of this English translation by the Writers workshop – a contribution for which there is much to be grateful for Mrityunjaya is the autobiography of Karna, and yet it is not just that. With deceptive ease, Sawant brings into play an exceptional stylistic innovation by combining six "dramatic soliloquies" to form the nine books of this novel of epic dimensions. Four books are spoken by Karna. These are interspersed with a book each from the lips of his unwed mother Kunti, Duryodhana who considers Karna his mainstay, Shon Shatruntapa, his foster-brother, who here-worships him, his wife Vrishali to whom he is like a god and, last of all, Krishna. Sawant depicts an uncanny similarity between Krishna and Karna and hints at a mystic link between them, investing his protagonist with a more-than-human aura to offset the un-heroic and even unmanly acts which mar this tremendously complex and utterly fascinating creating of Vyasa. The beginning of the novel is riveting in its newness and simplicity: When this flesh-and-bones living behave like the dead, then the dead have to come alive and speak out". This blunt beginning is immediately capped with a succession of images. And why all this? And in that very reason lies the secret of the spell cast by the novel. For is not that the deepest craving of each one of us to make sense of our lives for ourselves? Why do they get this special importance? Sawant shows us a rebel who chooses the sun as guru and excels everyone in skill and strength through self – discipline. Along with this we get an extremely realistic depiction of the perplexity within Karna who cannot understand why he alone should feel agitated at not being trained with the princes. With his crying need to be recognized and loved, Karna responds immediately to the affection displayed by Ashvatthama, who considers him the finest archer why Kripa, the preceptor, never notices this remains a mystery, and to the sympathy shown by Duryodhana. The turmoil within Karna arising out of his inability to understand why he feels ashamed to declare his lineage is splendidly brought out in the tournament. Yet, this same Bhishma remains mysteriously silent when Bhima laughs at Karna for his low birth. That silence is repeated when the Pandavas are given Khandava forest to rule over and when Draupadi is disrobed in open court. Characteristically, Karna terms Bhishma a senile fool clinging to power only when he berates Karna for fleeing from the gandharvas and classes him as "ardha-rathi". That extreme sensitivity regarding his self-esteem is what makes Karna so appealingly human, and someone with whom we can identify, despite his being a hero. His Kunti is a splendid example of a character seen inside out and one can only marvel at the felicity with which a male author has got inside the skin of this epic heroine. Sawant shows us, in her own words, the three persons who make-up Kunti: Here is a life lived for others in utter loneliness. In that, her son resembles her uncannily, for Karna, too, lives for Duryodhana, for Vrishali, for his foster-parents, for all the mendicants who take alms from him, but, alas, never for himself, Kunti regards herself as a toy given away by her father, then a plaything of Durvasa a telling give-away phrase and thereafter made by Pandu to give to Madri that mantra which set her apart from other women. Yet, in both relationships Karna is ever alone, ever unsatisfied and constantly lashed by the unsolved mystery of his true self. It is tragic that his conviction about his innate worth is not enough for him until that is recognized by society. And in that quest he turns himself into the greatest of gift-givers. Even in that act of a charity the motivation is that of self-glorification, identification with the generosity of the sun, a driving need to carve an unforgettable niche for himself in the social memory. Sawant goes yet further and provides Karna with a second wife, Surpriya, and plays with the similarity of sound between Panchali and Vrishali, Subhadra and Supriya. And, in keeping with his concept of a hero, Sawant gives Karna eight sons, but no daughter. Sawant carefully builds up a mysterious empathy between Krishna and Karna. Both are born Kshatriyas but are reared by low-caste foster parents. Both are of divine origin: But, Karna, unlike Krishna, does not even wish to forget his foster parents and beloved of that Suta caste. And Sawant has Karna indict Krishna in words not to be found in any other creative work. Krishna has never stirred a finger to extricate him

out of the unremitting agonies suffered throughout life and displays the ultimate callousness in asking him to change sides before the war, besides adding to his torture and turmoil by revealing the truth of his birth. Karna poses questions about Krishna which remain unanswered: Why did he flee in Mathura? How could Jarasandha, whom Karna defeated, defeat Krishna? Above all, who is Krishna? These are problems facing every reader of the epic and which defy explanation till one turns to Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and his Krishna-charitra, another masterpiece remaining a closed book to the English "reading public over the past hundred years and more. Like the shrieking of a flock of parrots fluttering out of their tree-holes these words emerged scattering in a flurry of green feathers In a masterly touch, Sawant has Karna suddenly feel it is Vrishali being assaulted instead of Draupadi, and thus realize that he has lowered himself to the level of Shishupala, or Kamsa. The second outstanding scene in the novel is that of Karna becoming Vaikartana. And it is typical of Karna that for self-glorification he should deprive himself of that very invulnerability for which he is prized by Duryodhana as his finest bulwark. This is one of the finest bits of writing ever done along with the Karna Krishna meeting. Karna reveals before Kunti his deepest desire: A magnificent creating indeed. In translating from the Hindi translation of the Marathi original, P. Lal and Nandini Nopany almost never give one the sense of being twice removed from the original. He also has Krishna referred to constantly as a king, although this is not the purana-itihasa tradition.

Chapter 2 : What I Read: Mrityunjaya The Death Conqueror. By Shivaji Sawant

The novel gives an account of Karna's life from childhood to death from his point of view. The incidents of the Mahabharata and their effects on Karna are very well expressed. Right from his magnanimity to the wild tumult in his mind, each small incidence is impressively depicted.

Translated from the Marathi by Nandini Nopany and P. First published in Marathi in He was also a poet, and a publisher, almost single-handedly publishing poetry and fiction of not-yet-famous writers through his Writers Workshop. He passed away in This book reveals another side to him - a translator from Marathi. I suspect that this process of serial translation transcription and translation? The language in this book appears to be a straight translation from Sanskrit, so perhaps, as may well be expected, Lal brought into play all the predilections which he may have gathered during his mammoth transcreation efforts. Ashamed to admit to pre-marital motherhood, she sets the new-born Karna adrift in a wooden basket on the Ashva river. This trope is found in many tales all over the world - in the story of Moses, for instance, or of Sargon of Akkad in ancient Mesopotamia, or even, in more recent times, of Sant Kabir. Maybe they have a common source, in the far depths of the ancient pre-history of mankind. Karna is eventually picked up by a charioteer, and raised in the family tradition, as one among them. He sets to learn all the martial arts, and in a short time, without formal training, he excels with the sword, with the bow, with the mace, and in wrestling. In one incident he tames a runaway bull. This again is an idea that occurs in many ancient tales. All the while he suspects he is something special, but cannot guess what. Among the princes are the five Pandava brothers, born to Kunti and her co-wife Madri, after their marriage to Maharaja Pandu. Recoiling from the rejection and the disgrace, Karna is befriended by the evil Duryodhana, the eldest of the Kaurava brothers. The only other Kaurava brothers of note are Dushasana, who infamously tried to disrobe Draupadi, and Vikarna, who was perhaps the only one at that disgraceful assembly of men who showed some human feeling and kindness in offering Draupadi his shawl to cover herself, and who remonstrated against the dishonourable behaviour of his brothers. But I am getting ahead of myself. He is further encouraged in this in reaction to the arrogance of Arjuna and the rest, as they, aided and abetted by Guru Drona, cross him whenever they can, and prevent him from exercising all his great skills. At her swayamvara, for example, there is a hint that Draupadi is more attracted to Karna than to Arjuna. But she rejects him, and insults him, because he is low-born - or so everyone thinks. In the meantime, the Mahabharata story plays out, almost in the background, with Karna making an appearance at crucial points. The five sons of Pandu take this and transform it into the prosperous city state of Indraprastha. And then, the stupid Yudhishtira gambles it all away to Duryodhana, going so far as to bet, and lose, Draupadi, the polyandrous wife of all five brothers. I should elaborate here on this whole sorry mess, and what it tells us about the character of Yudhishtira, but I shall hold my thoughts over for another time, perhaps when I read and write about another version of the Mahabharata. Draupadi is saved from total disgrace by Krishna, but the Pandava and their wife and their mother are all exiled. Karna is present at this episode, and his instinct is to go to the rescue of Draupadi, but the memory of the insults he suffered at the hands of the Pandava, and of their wife, stays his hand, and he remains a spectator, even urging the evil Kaurava in their disgraceful deeds. Even as the Pandava serve their thirteen years in the forests, Karna goes on a conquering spree to establish his credentials as a Kshatriya. His army scythes through all territories to the North, East, South and West of Anga, spreading death and destruction, while enormously enriching the treasury. On his return, Karna gives away to the poor all the loot he has gathered, and establishes himself not only as a great conqueror, but also as a paragon of generosity. The Pandava return from exile, and the stage is set for the great battle. Karna wants to lead the Kaurava army, but is passed over by the elders in favour of Bhishma, and then Drona. Eventually the tortured, unhappy, tragic Karna enters combat as the leader. But it is too late. As the translators remark in the preface, Indian mythology has very few tragic heroes in the Greek tradition. Karna is one of these few. Like all such heroes, he is great and good, but with a fatal character flaw. In this case the flaw is his love for and loyalty to an evil man - Duryodhana. It may be argued that if Karna had been acknowledged to be the eldest Pandava, the Mahabharata would not have happened. But that is not what Ved Vyasa wrote. In my opinion, it

is not only Karna who has a character flaw. None of the dramatis personae, not even Krishna, come away anything like unblemished. Of them Karna is probably the one who is the most wronged against - by fate, by society, by his parents, and by his brothers. Sawant writes this version of the Mahabharata in different voices - those of Karna, his brother Shon, his mother Kunti, Duryodhana, his wife Vrishali, and finally, Sri Krishna. Except for some small criticisms of Arjuna and Drona, each of these narratives hews to the exact psychological story line of the original. Thus the tragedy of Karna is presented chiefly as his being brought up in a low-caste family, Duryodhana is evil personified, the Pandava are good and great, Yudhishtira is truth, Krishna is perfection, and so on. The book was written in , but none of the modern ideas of what makes a decent society find any place in it. Casteism, misogyny, racism, false pride, feudalism, male dominance To repeat what I have written above, the central idea of the book, the tragedy of Karna, is that he is brought up in a low-caste family. Note that he does not actually belong to the charioteer caste. The thrust of the tale is that his great skills would not be possible if he had not been a Kshatriya. But since no one knows about his actual origins, all this huge talent is discounted. This is emphasized again and again, even in the many auxiliary episodes that go to make up the whole in the original epic, and which are reproduced here. In the story of Eklavya and Drona for example, or that of Karna and Parashurama. And while this is alright when we read the original, it grates not a small amount when we read it in a book created just a few decades ago. The writing style is epic and lyrical. The similies and the metaphors are of epic times and places. The main emotion is of valour and stoicism in the face of mysterious and outrageous fate. I do not know how much of this, especially the language, is due to the proclivities of the translators, and how of it comes from Sawant. Sometimes it appears overdone, but mostly it is charming. The effect, perhaps the intended effect, is of writing of great antiquity. On the whole a good book, but one that must be read as if it were an epic written thousands of years ago, not as if it were a modern novel. Posted by N Gautham at.

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Faegul Mrityunjaya, the Death Conqueror: Karna reveals before Kunti his deepest desire: Have read it in marathi and it is worth collecting. This book helps one to stand in their shoes and view and judge what is right and wrong and diffused. End of Karna was so emotional that I burst into tears. In a masterly touch, Sawant has Karna suddenly feel it mrityunjaya the death conqueror Vrishali being assaulted instead of Draupadi, and thus realize that he has lowered himself to the level of Shishupala, or Kamsa. This is an autobiography of Karna from Mahabharat written y Shivaji Sawant. This is one of the best books i have ever read. I do think had he chosen to deaht vairagya we might have Seen a different end mrityunjaya the death conqueror vonqueror unsung tale. Unfortunately, I have been able to read both these books only as translations, and somewhere that does influence the reading experience. Mrutyunjay By Shivaji Sawant 4. Why did he flee in Mathura? After the deed is done, Karna practically mourns for himself as though he is dead. Wow looks like a good read. I have read the novel and thoroughly enjoyed it and so did I, your review. This book can mrityunjaya the death conqueror a real gift for those who have true habit of reading This is one of the finest bits of writing ever done along with the Karna Krishna meeting. Sawant depicts an uncanny similarity between Krishna and Karna and hints at a mystic link between them, investing his protagonist with a more-than-human aura to offset the un-heroic and even unmanly acts which mar this tremendously complex and utterly fascinating creating of Vyasa. Jun 14, Share your thoughts with other customers. But, Karna, unlike Krishna, does not even wish to forget his foster parents and beloved of that Suta caste. Amazon Prime Music Stream millions of songs, ad-free. As a kid, I had heard a lot about Mrityunjaya, and seen the book at home, but the fact that tue was written in Marathi dissuaded me from touching it. Incase conquerof want to read this book, please read normal mahabharat once followed by Palace of Illusions. Add all three to Mrityunjaya the death conqueror. Mrityunjaya, the death conqueror: The story of Karna Thank you for a beautiful review. He chafes against it because it is stopping him from doing something he craves, denying him the recognition he thinks he deserves. He seems to accept the system, he is just frustrated by where it has placed him. Jun 14, Anjana Prabhu-Paseband rated it really liked it.

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Biased by the fact that I consider the Mahabharata the best epic ever! Every character has an interesting story, and despite a few supernatural elements, every human character is Human, with all the flaws and strengths, and no one is more so than the protagonist of Mrityunjaya, Karna. Since this review also goes on my blog and there is a slight problem with the spoiler HTML tag on my blog, I have removed it. Please I must start off by admitting that this review may be extremely biased. Please stop reading further if you do not want to be exposed to spoilers. As a kid, I had heard a lot about Mrityunjaya, and seen the book at home, but the fact that it was written in Marathi dissuaded me from touching it. Even though Marathi is my mother tongue, I have never studied it formally and therefore have a greater comfort level with reading English than Marathi. So a combination of my new Nook, Barnes and Noble gift cards from my company yeah baby! Thanks to an Indian version of Amazon www. And then I lived the phrase "lost in translation" right from the first sentence! However, despite the clunky phrases, I was able to translate it back to what it would have sounded like in Marathi in my head and enjoy the beauty of the book. Mrityunjaya only deepens it. The book is written from the POV of six characters. Karna opens and takes us closer to the end of his story, interspersed with chapters by Kunti his mother , Duryodhana his best friend , Vrishali his wife , Shon his younger foster brother and a grand ending by the Lord, Sri Krishna himself. Apart from indulging the semi-autobiography of a fictional figure, Sawant touches on one of the biggest realities of human society, one that has not changed since time immemorial. Even though the protagonist is really the son of the Sun-God himself and as radiant as him, the fact that he was fostered in the hut of a poor charioteer strikes out everything right he ever did in his life. Sawant also takes a few liberties with the original, but the changes he makes only make the story more realistic. The characters of Vrishali and Shon for example, are given such appropriate voices, that you are left wondering whether Sawant had the fortune of stumbling upon some long lost letters written by them. One revelation on her part would have brought back his lost glory and honour, although it is commonly believed that the war would have happened anyway. Despite the atrocities heaped upon him throughout his life, Karna grew to be an invincible warrior , a gentle and fair ruler of Anga after Duryodhana bestowed the title upon him , a loving husband, an indulgent brother, a loyal friend and above all the epitome of generosity. So generous, that when a poor brahmin comes begging even as he lays dying, he breaks his golden teeth to give them away as alms! While you commend Karna for being a rebel and not succumbing to the unfair norms of the society, you hit upon the obvious flaw in the hero. And if that shame, and the resultant blind loyalty to his lone supporter, Duryodhana was the result of his downfall. The Mahabharata is an epic more complex than anyone can ever imagine. You can discuss, debate and argue about it until eternity, and yet cover only a fraction of it.

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