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Welcome to the May 2019 issue of *RTC LIBRARY E-NEWSLETTER*

In this issue: Recommended Reads: Teachers that ever taught a lot, Childhood memories, The Namesake, Depa Bondeypa's Relatives, The Long Road Home.

Recommended Reads from the RTC community

Teachers that ever taught a lot

A taper in the rushing wind
Flowers in the icy hands of frost
Men for man under the upended car
A pauper hunting alongside the street
An invitee outside in the tempest for a halt
Dulcified rhyme of the tree's thoughts uttered
Young girl out in search of romance
Desolate rocks worn down by water
More comrades rejected than accepted
Are ever luminous glimmer of lights
That retains my hearty eyes of sights.

**Thank you
Dil Man Rai,
BA Eng Studies.**

Childhood memories

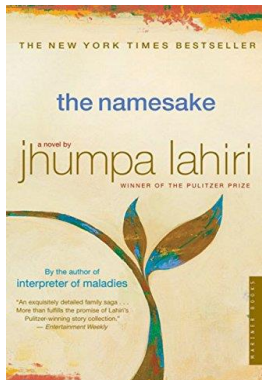
To you, to others, the world entire
Is just a despicably rubberized orb
Which at no time can be purchased
And tossed away without worth, and beware of
Substantially small sub-routined sizes.

But to me it's not just merely a ball
A witty warm white whacking willow
Still in its mid profusion of my puerility
With an unused envelope of retired juvenility
And its beam diffuses all the bittersweet days
As if a bygone clip has a reverting pedal.

The disgrace of artlessness ruled those days
Strolling through the blade of grasses
Patches around as a modern mode
Laughter and smile a mutual trade
And the joy of spontaneity
More than my rational thinking ability.

**Thank you
Dil Man Rai,
BA Eng Studies.**

The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri



The Namesake takes the Ganguli family from their tradition-bound life in Calcutta through their fraught transformation into Americans. On the heels of their arranged wedding, Ashoke and Ashima Ganguli settle together in Cambridge, Massachusetts. An engineer by training, Ashoke adapts far less warily than his wife, who resists all things American and pines for her family. When their son is born, the task of naming him betrays the vexed results of bringing old ways to the new world. Named for a Russian writer by his Indian parents in memory of a catastrophe years before, Gogol Ganguli knows only that he suffers the burden of his heritage as well as his odd, antic name.

"That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet."

-Jhumpa Lahiri.

**Thank you
Swati Chakraborty,
Business**

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Depa Bondeypa's Relatives by Dr. Rinzin

Title of the book is Depa Bondheypa's Relatives. Written by Dr. Rinzin Rinzin. Published in 2016. Character I liked the most is Depa, who is believed to have been a descendant of local chieftain of Ngondela. He is also a hardworking man who ensures to preserve Bhutan's cultures and traditions which are dying out.

I hate the villagers in this book, who are the relatives of Depa because he was ignored when he was in need. When people are poor they are not counted in the society. We don't become poor by choice that Depa's relatives don't understand.

The book 'Depa Bondeypa's Relatives' is a captivating story about a poor man's experiences with human relations-friends and relatives in particular. The story is based on local Kurtoep legend of a man called Depa Bondeypa who was believed to be a descendant of local chieftain who ruled the locality of Nyondela many generations before him. This book shows how difficult the life was during the ancient times with no road connectivity in the village. Depa Bondeypa and the villagers followed the trade route between Lhuntse and Bumthang. Despite the harsh weather condition people followed the route to meet their leader. People had to walk weeks carrying along the food in their back to reach their destination. This book portrays the beauty of village life that Depa lives in, he enjoys with every little things that he have despite he suffers. Trust and Faith in a relationship is important for any society that we live in irrespective of the places. Though Depa was a poor village man who was neglected by his relatives due to his hard work at the end he was able to achieve his goal. Reading this book will make us understand the traditions and cultures followed by our four fathers that we still follow.

Theme of the book is hard work is always rewarded.

**Thank you
Gita Dhakal
Intern
Library Department**

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The Long Road Home by Danielle Steel

Gabriella Harrison, daughter of John Harrison and Eloise Harrison underwent series of problems, each one with equal depth of pain and torture until she finally realized that she is the strongest soul on the Earth like everyone she met said. Gabriella or Gabbie as she has been called had worst childhood. Instead of loving kisses and warm hugs, she got hits and kicks almost regularly from her monster like mother. Her father was no less than a monster because he remained passive and ignorant and let her mother do whatever she liked with her.

At 10, her mother left her at the convent which became her home. It was in this convent that she was able to graduate from Columbia University on insistence from Mother Gregoria- who was like her mother and perhaps more than her mother. At Convent, she decided to join as nun after which she met Joe Connors, a young priest with whom she fell in love. The love between them grew stronger day by day and they did everything they could to get time to see each other secretly. He came to Convent every morning to hear confessions from Nuns. Soon they found themselves longing for each other because of which they ended up making love in Joe Connor's friend's apartment only to know later that she got pregnant. They had very serious obligations since one of them were Priest and the other nun. The rumours about their relationship soon spread and Gabbie was ready to leave Convent and do everything to face the world and be with him.

However, unlike Gabbie, Joe Connors wasn't strong enough to face the challenge that was coming their way. Although he loved her very much, he was a coward who was incapable to fight for what he really wanted. Consequently, he hanged himself leaving Gabbie behind to take care of herself. At that time of misfortune, Gabbie had miscarriage and she was also sent out of the Convent leaving her nowhere to go because her father left her when she was 9 years old and her mother a year later. Now Joe has also left her.

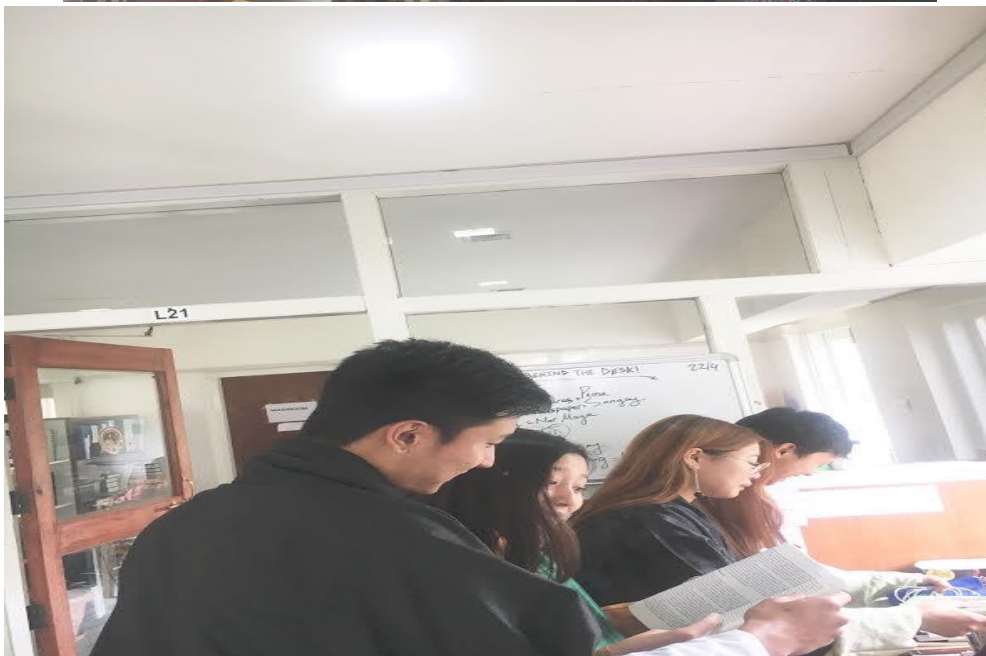
With so much pain, she made an effort to rent a room in boarding house where she met Professor Thomas, who became her only family and who encouraged her to write. It is also in the boarding house where she met Steve Trevor who claimed to have undergone numerous problems like Gabbie and who studied in Stanford and Yale and came to New York in search of new life. However, in the end, it turned out that Trevor was a cheater and a liar who pretended to love Gabbie to in order to take her money.

When he knew that professor had found out truth about him, he killed the professor and later he nearly killed Gabbie when she refused to give 600 thousand dollars that professor had left for her. It was in hospital after Trevor's attempt to murder her that she met Peter, her doctor. She could foresee what lay ahead of her and Peter that is different from rest of her past life.

Everyone throughout the Novel said, "Gabbie! You are strong, you can take it." And I have noticed that people use that statement "you are strong" as an excuse to hurt you more. Gabbie met numbers of problems before she finally realized her worth and met the right man she deserved.

Thank you
Tshering Choden
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Royal Thimphu College would like to thank Dr. John Barker for generously donating a large number of Anthropology books to RTC library. First year Anthropology students dropped by the library to check out the new additions on 23/04/2019.



Wanted! Book reviews from Faculty, Staff, and Students

If you have read a good book and would like to contribute a review to the Library Newsletter, we would love to receive one from you. Tell us a little about the book and why you liked it in 250-500 words. If interested, send your review to gyanupradhan@rtc.bt or come by the library and see the library staff.

Thanks!!

YOU MUST TELL YOURSELF, "NO MATTER HOW HARD IT IS, OR HOW HARD IT GETS, I AM GOING TO MAKE IT..."-Les Brown.