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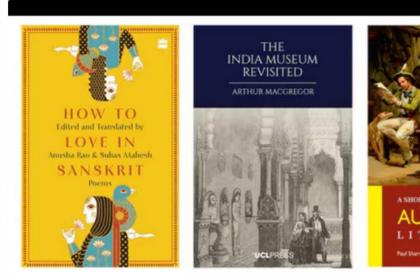


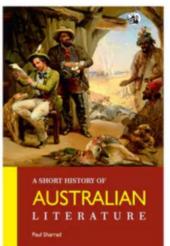






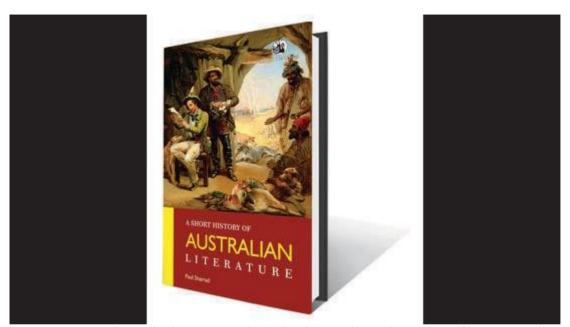
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The creative spirit of Oz



342pp, ₹845; Orient BlackSwan (An introduction to the major writers from Australia)

A Short History of Australian Literature fills a gap in study materials for Indian readers interested in a country that shares a lot of colonial history, many sporting ties, and increasing diasporic connections. Australia is, however, a unique land that has developed its own idioms, cultural mix, and literature. This book introduces the major writers across two centuries, places them in historical contexts of political and social change, and provides a glossary of local usages and a list of reference materials. It blends comprehensive coverage with selective attention to works so readers can "get the feel" of a nation's creative spirit. A Short History of Australian Literature will be an indispensable companion to anyone interested in Australian studies.