

BOOKBUZZ



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The books that have left an impact: Too many. But the most important ones would be The Bhagavad Gita and The Mahabharata. These works touch upon every aspect of life and help restore your sanity in the chaotic world we live in. I always go back to C. Sivaramamurti's books on Indian art. Then there are Henry Zimmer's "Myth and Symbolism in Indian Art and Civilisation"; "This Fissured Land" by Madhav Gadgil and Ramachandra Guha; and "Nature and Orient." Kana-kasabhai's history of the Tamils is another fascinating read.

Favourite authors: Since I am a happy person and like to laugh a lot, I prefer P.G. Wodehouse and R. K. Narayan. Ramachandra Guha is also a favourite.

Current read: Amartya Sen's "The Argumentative Indian" and "Human Landscape" by Giti Sen and Ashish Banerjee.

Books I recommend to family and friends: I think kids should read Carol's "Alice In Wonderland". In fact, I often wonder if we are living in wonderland ourselves! Gerald Durrell is also a great read.

If I could have dinner with one writer: It would be P. G. Wodehouse. Especially since I grew up in a Blandings Castle kind of environment. I'd love to ask him how he managed to think up such fantastic characters and such funny situations.

(The honorary director, The C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation, spoke to SAVITHA GAUTAM)

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**Alice's Adventures
in Wonderland &
Through the
Looking-Glass
by Lewis Carroll**

