

LIVING GHOSTS AND OTHER UNCANNY STORIES

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Mr. Chansa Makan's Living Ghosts and Other Uncanny Stories are interesting tales told by those witnesses who believe to have encountered living ghosts in real life. Collected from the Hill regions of Manipur, North Eastern India, these imaginary stories represent the voices of a section of Manipurites who still cling to the old beliefs and practices in the age of globalization. The living ghosts in the stories are wicked to the core, who come in disguise to live with the human soul. Pretending to love, they try and harm humans till they are punished by the gods. Peppered with local dialects, these stories mediate between earth and heaven, gods and human beings, surreal and sensual and the living and dead. I appreciate Makan's efforts in trying to put together such hair-raising folk stories in a seamless blend of the unknown and the utopian, tailor-made for the metropolitan millennials today, blissfully oblivious to the same.

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This book delves into the mystic world of the Tangkhul Naga where the line between the real and spirit worlds are blurred. Drawn from the deep oral storytelling tradition, the author successfully takes the readers to a place where the present and past exist together side by side – where supernatural is a part of everyday life. The book captures a very important essence of the Tangkhul Naga and their beliefs and is a welcomed addition to the growing depository of English writing from the North East India.

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Author of Homecoming and Other Stories.

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