

Don't miss "Return to India: Tales of the Indian Diaspora in Fiction and Memoir"

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As a part of International Celebration week, Clackamas is hosting an Authors' Night featuring two women writers that have explored their Indian cultural background through works of fiction, memoir and cultural cookbooks.

The event will be presented in the Gregory Forum, May 2 at 7 p.m., and is co-sponsored by Friends of the Library and the English Department. Although admission is free, contributions of \$2 to Friends of the Library would be appreciated.

Mir Kamdar, a Senior Fellow at the World Policy Institute at New School University, directs the India portion of the institute's Emerging Powers program. She is a graduate

of Reed College and earned her Ph.D. at the University of California at Berkeley. Her works have been published around the world.

She will read her memoir, *Motiba's Tattoos: A Granddaughter's Journey into Her Indian Family's Past*. Of mixed Asian Indian and Danish American ancestry, Kamdar became fascinated by the geometric tattoos on her grandmother's face and forearms. The mystery behind the tattoos led her to explore her Indian heritage



Author Mir Kamdar

by tracing the history of her family, beginning in a small village in India where her grandmother Motiba was born. She follows her

family's journey from rural India in the early 1900's to their lives in Rangoon in the 1920's and 1930's. When the Indian Diaspora took place in the 1960's, her family was expelled from Burma and began a new life in Bombay. From there, her father was sent to the United States to be educated. Her grandmother Motiba never left India.

Bharti Kirchner is the author of two novels and four cookbooks of India cookery. Her articles have been published in magazines such as *Food and Wine*, *Writer's Digest* and *Fitness Plus*. Her cookbooks include *The Bold Vegetarian*, *The Healthy Cuisine of India*, and *India Inspired*. Her third novel, *Darjeeling*, will be published in 2002.

Sharmila's Book, her last published novel, is centered around artist Sharmila Sen's search for a deeper connection with her Indian heritage. After ending a relationship, Sharmila decides to leave Chicago and follow in the footsteps of generations of Indian women, including her mother, who



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entered into arranged marriages. Spending the two months prior to her wedding in the home of her husband-to-be gives her the opportunity to discover the modern Indian culture of Delhi, establish a

friendship with an educated member of an untouchable caste and question her decision to marry.

Books by both authors will be available for purchase and signing at the reading.

International Celebration

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Clackamas is hosting their annual International Celebration May 3 featuring Native American, Latin, German, French, and Indian cultural experiences. Events begin on Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. in the McLoughlin Theatre with a Native American flute exhibition and cultural pre-

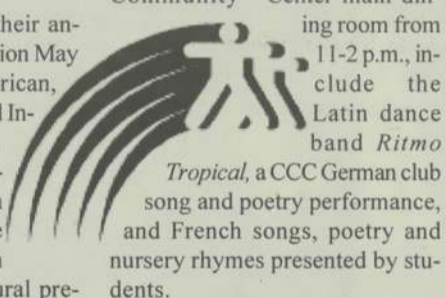
sentation. Wednesday's events, held in the Community Center main dining room from 11-2 p.m., include the Latin dance band *Ritmo Tropical*, a CCC German club song and poetry performance, and French songs, poetry and nursery rhymes presented by students.


Wednesday evening's Authors' Night in the Gregory forum at 7 p.m. features Mira Kamdar and Bharti Kirchner sharing memoirs about their Indian heritage (see above). Throughout the cultural awareness celebration, an international art display will be open in the Pauling Center.



The International Celebration developed from the Foreign Language Department's international food festival and includes participants from campus foreign language club members. The International Celebration is free to the public and ethnic foods will be for sale in the community center.

Schedule
Tues. May 1: Native American Flute Exhibition, McLoughlin Theater 12-1 p.m.
Wed. May 2: 11-2 p.m. Community Center: Latino Dance Band, CCC German Club performance, French song and poems
Authors' Night: 7 p.m. Gregory Art Display in Pauling May 2-3






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by Maggie Jirasek

Aries: Do you feel like having an adventure? Well, this week is going to be one big adventure for you. You don't need to go far in order to find it. It will come to you. Your magic place of the week: Costco.

Taurus: Nobody is listening and you cannot get your point across. Try to be patient and listen to other people's opinion. Only if it's absolutely necessary, explain your position. This will save some time. Great week to expose yourself to other points of view. Your magic place of the week: Library.

Gemini: This is going to be one happy shiny week for you. Your individuality will really shine. Try showing off the qualities that make you different and unique. Tell others your most unique desires. Your magic place of the week: Cafeteria.

Cancer: This week you will have dual needs. On one hand you want to attend social events and on the other hand you want to hibernate. Unfortunately, it's impossible to do both at once. Plan your time wisely. Your magic place of the week: Home.

Leo: Do you feel watched? Do you have the feeling that someone is constantly following you? You need to let go of your phobia. It is not good if you let your imagination take over. Your magic place of the week: Closet.

Virgo: Wow! Your creativity this week is amazing. You should think about writing poetry or preparing a nice dinner for yourself. But be careful. Too much creativity can wear you out easily. Your magic place of the week: Kitchen.

Libra: You are looking for a solution but you feel left in the darkness. Maybe you need to look someplace else. Try visiting weird places and a solution will appear. Your magic place of the week: Rest room.

Scorpio: Use your superiority for noble causes. Remember that making people do something they don't want to do has only short-term benefits. Your Karma will be enlightened as well if you are willing to negotiate and help out other citizens. Your magic place of the week: Retirement Center.

Sagittarius: Others tend to be short-tempered and inconsiderate this week. Hold your tongue and remember that they are as tired as you are. Devote more time to your family. Your magic place of the week: Bakery.

Capricorn: You have the desire to be around young people and children. They give you a feeling of happiness and you can act normal around them. Be careful though. You might be perceived as childish. Your magic place of the week: Kindergarten.

Aquarius: Your judgement regarding the use of money is at below normal levels. But it will get better soon. Don't worry. Also, avoid advising others how to spend their money. Your magic place of the week: \$0.99 store.

Pisces: Something is stirring your soul, turning you into a walking, talking piece of art. Others might see you as a blur as you rush along because of your inability to relax. Try to sit down and relax for just a couple hours. Your magic place of the week: Museum.