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Poems of life and creatures

PRATHAP KAMATH

Prathap Kamath (born 1966) lives at Kollam in Kerala teaching English at Sree Narayana College under the University of Kerala. He has had his doctorate from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. He has been publishing poetry in English and short stories in English and Malayalam in various print journals and online magazines for the last twenty five years. His first collection of poems *Ekalavya: a book of poems* was published in 2012 and his collection of fiction *Blood Rain and Other Stories* in 2014.

"This is Prathap Kamath's second collection of poetry in English. We live in a meaningless world, made so by our knowledge given to us of all that is happening around us simultaneously by today's media which bombards us with news every second that we would prefer not to know about. It is the world in which our childhood seems sacrosanct simply and precisely because we did not 'know.' In such a post-truth world, I have tried to follow Prathap's meaningful poems, short stories . . . with admiration and even a sense of gratitude for his refusal to compromise on the need to make sense of the world and be meaningful, while also not caving in to demands that his art be anything but the best he can make of it."

- A.V. Koshy

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