

Translator's Note

We present here a few stories by Abburi Chaya Devi translated into English.

Abburi Chaya Devi has been described as the 'grand young' feminist writer in Telugu and is the recipient of the Sahitya Akademi award in 2005 for her short story collection *Tana Margam*.

Chaya Devi hails from a family that pioneered the romantic first and later the progressive literary movement in Telugu.

She has served as librarian in various institutions and was the deputy Librarian at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Her stories capture the subtle mix of the emotions as well as the problems women face as a housewife and a working woman.

Our selection includes the following:

1. The Journey
2. Marriage and Career
3. Bonsai Life
4. Behind Every Successful Man . . .
5. On Equal Footing
6. You Have To Ask For It!
7. The Touch

I want to offer my grateful thanks to the author for her permission to translate these stories into English.

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