



Book Review

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The background to the novel "Sacred Tears" by Rod Grigson is the civil war in Sri Lanka and the story is woven around it.

The narrative in "Sacred Tears" is set around the period of the 1980s in Sri Lanka and is the story of two men fighting on either side of the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka. One fights for his government and love; the other to survive and protect his family. Actual events have been woven into this gripping story providing insight into the tactics of guerilla warfare and the dark side of human values.

The novel attempts to cover some of the inter-ethnic relationships that were found in a very culturally diverse society. The story is engaging to the reader and the narrative keeps the reader engrossed to keep reading. The author has certainly spent lots of time and energy to delve into details and descriptions of places and events surrounding the ethnic conflict.

The author must be proud of this manuscript he has produced for the reader. The style of writing he has evolved is very readable and appealing, making it interesting and engrossing. The author has made use of the local vernacular which will bring back memories specially to expatriate Sri Lankan readers and has included a glossary for those who are not familiar with the local terms used. The book also gives an account of some geographical areas of the Northern peninsula.

Author Grigson was born in Sri Lanka and educated there until he was twenty one when he decided to migrate to the U.S. where he worked for the U.N. for twelve years. He later joined the U.S. Peacekeeping forces and was stationed in the Suez Canal front and in South Lebanon. He returned back to New York, worked there for some time and decided to migrate to Australia where he now lives in Melbourne continuing with his dream of writing.

The author has planned a trilogy of books and readers can expect the next two instalments to be equally interesting and readable.

The book is available for sale online from Amazon.

Sacred Tears

