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PREFACE

There are four basic objectives of teaching and learning English in India. These include: listening comprehension, reading comprehension, oral expression and written expression. Reading comprehension forms a major component of learning a language; its teaching and learning become more significant when we find that almost all the prestigious competitive examinations of English language accord a substantial weightage to it. A significant improvement in the teaching and learning of reading skills can be brought about if the course content is interesting and relates to the culture of the learner.

The present textbook, aiming at enhancing the learner's extensive reading skills, consists of ten short stories dealing with universal values deeply rooted in the Indian ethos. The textbook, thus, does away with the problem of cultural alienation. Besides, these stories are equally remarkable for their entertainment values. The juxtaposition of entertainment and ethical values in every text aims at the learner's involvement and participation in classroom teaching. Every lesson includes the text of the story, its summary and a set of comprehension questions of different kinds.

I hope the teachers and learners would find the text book useful for improving the competence of students in English language.

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