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Adyarite authors book on the Indian diaspora in the US

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Sreedevi Krishnan, a resident of Indira Nagar has authored a book, 'Silicon Castles.'

A freelance writer for more than 40 years, Sridevi has contributed to magazines and dailies, including Womans Era, Alive, Femina, Savvy, Indian Express and The Hindu.

Her articles have also been published in 'India Post' and 'Indzine' brought out in California.

For the 65-year-old former Professor of Political Science, 'Silicon Castles' is her maiden book.

The story is set in a typical Tamil Iyengar middle class home and revolves



around their son, Arun an engineer, who leaves for the US. He marries Dr. Lakshmi, a beautiful US born Iyengar woman. And the story delves into the challenges their relationship faces. Arun's traditional upbringing and simple values clash with Lakshmi's modernity and arrogance.

Written in simple style, with Tamil vocabulary thrown in to lend it

an authentic feel, 'Silicon Castles,' indeed keeps you engrossed.

Many incidents in the story seem to have been picked from life and it is easy to identify oneself with the characters of the story. The writer's keen observation of situations in daily life

are portrayed so well that by the end of the book, it is as if the 'Ranganathan family' lived right next door to you. One also gets a glimpse of life of the Indian diaspora in the US.

Based on the novel, a film is being made in California by CeeJay Media to be released shortly.

Says Sridevi, "I have been writing from the time I was twenty with my first article published in a Malayalam magazine. The film based on Silicon Castles has been directed by my son, Srinivasan Krishnan, a senior manager working for Xilinx, a software company based in California."

'Silicon Castles' is priced at Rs.300 and is available at Odyssey and 'Words and Worth,' Adyar.

Sridevi Krishnan resides at No.23, 1st Main Road, Indira Nagar. Ph. 24414734.

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