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SRIVATSAN has poured out her heart in total devotion to Tyagaraja just as the great saint did when it came to singing the glory of his Ishta Devata—Lord Ram. This work is refreshingly new in many ways. The text has been amplified through translations into English and Tamil by the author herself. A close reading of the text will show that Tyagaraja is the guru, the supreme reality—the Brahman. These outpourings of this lonely seeker of the ultimate reality would not confine the relevance of this text to devotees of the saint-composer alone. All seekers of Brahman will find this text to their taste, as neither a single path of worship nor a single God for devotion, form the content of this book. The entire work abounds in peculiar compounds, innovative use of grammar, figures of speech like alliteration and double entendre and is a welcome addition to the shelf of any seeker of knowledge about reality, irrespective of the path one may choose to follow.

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