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Rajaji's books on *Marcus Aurelius*, the *Bhagavad Gita* and the *Upanishads* are popular. In *Mahabharata* he displayed his inimitable flair for story-telling and applying the moral of stories to the needs of modern times. In the present book *Ramayana*, Rajaji captures for us the pathos and beauty of Valmiki's magic in an inimitable manner. Written in homely style, the work is striking in its originality and beauty of expression. A fitting successor to *Mahabharata*.

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