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RIVER

An American Dreaming

A mythic thriller, a love story, and a searing satire of modern America—Christoph Keller’s visionary new novel reimagines New York City as a stage for madness, memory, and resurrection.

Bolpur, India — December 5, 2025 — Parantap Chakraborty and the Birutjatio Sahitya Sammiloni proudly announce the publication of *RIVER An American Dreaming*, the extraordinary new novel by prize-winning Swiss author Christoph Keller.

Part mythothriller, part love story, and part meditation on the fate of outsiders, *RIVER* blends folklore, literature, and urban history into an unforgettable narrative.

The story begins with a song. A young woman named Neema Smallwood wakes to find herself singing in a language she has never learned—and cannot stop. Meanwhile, beneath the streets of New York, something ancient stirs. A river. A snake. A madness. At the center sits Kurt H. Adler, a wheelchair-using archaeologist drawn into a mystery that spans centuries and blurs the line between myth and reality.

With echoes of Goethe’s *Faust*, Bulgakov’s *The Master and Margarita*, and Lenape legend, *RIVER* is both timely and timeless—a dazzling exploration of history, possession, and the stories that possess us. Written in lyrical, razor-sharp prose, the novel is at once satire and song, fable and fever dream.

Christoph Keller—author of many acclaimed books including *The Best Dancer*, *Every Cripple a Superhero*, and *The Ground Beneath Our Feet*—has led an extraordinary literary journey: a Swiss writer who spent two decades in New York, writing in English about the city’s buried myths and returning to St. Gallen to finish the work that would be published in Santiniketan, India, the home of Rabindranath Tagore. *RIVER* thus completes a circle of languages, places, and dreams.

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- **The hardcover edition is available exclusively in India.**
- **The eBook edition is available worldwide and can be purchased immediately on Amazon.**

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