



## Gaban: A Timeless Classic

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Cedar (Pustak Mahal), New Delhi, 2011. Soft cover. Book Condition: New. 8vo - over 7? - 9?" tall. It is the rainy season - Savan, the fifth month of the Hindu calendar. Golden clouds are gathered in the sky. It keeps drizzling now and then. It is afternoon, but it seems as though it were evening already. Swings have been placed in the mango orchards. Girls and their mothers enjoy using them. Two or four of them are on the swings, while another two or four are assisting them, pushing their swings. Some sing the kaljli, a song of the rainy season, and some sing barahmasi songs, sung all round the year. In this season, the women's childhood memories are aroused. It seems as if it washes away the worries of their hearts, and revives and greens the wilted soul. Everybody's hearts are filled with ecstasy. The green coloured saris of the women seem to develop a relationship with the greenery around. At this moment, a peddler came and stood close to the swing. The swinging stopped, and everyone, whether young or old, surrounded him. The peddler opened his box and started taking out glittering objects to show them. There...

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