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## Lanthanbatheriyile Luthiniyakal

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## **From Reader Review ?????????????????? ????????????? | Lanthanbatheriyile Luthiniyakal for online ebook**

### **Manish says**

An outstanding piece of historical fiction. Set in the 50s in Lanthan Bathery or Dutch Battery - a tiny island in the Vembanad lake with mainland Cochin 'looming' across, the novel provides a riveting account of the history of Kerala, the influences of the Portuguese, the Dutch and the later British in making Kochi what it is today, through the eyes of a teenaged girl. Translated from the Malayalam original, this gem of a book brings alive the sights, sounds and smell of the unique land called Keralam. Recommended to all.

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### **Balasankar C says**

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### **Hanoob says**

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### **Sandeep Gopalakrishnan says**

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### **Amit says**

The first thing you notice about the book is this weird title. What does it even mean? And as you start with the book, trying to get a grip on random set of things happening, you realize that Dutch Battery is actually a place (also known as Lanthan Bathery). And as Madhavan takes us on a whirlwind tour, anchored at this (imaginary: wikipedia entry tell me) island -- which is a, and I understand it's a cliche but, microcosm of India, in one sense, and yet very very individual/eccentric place with a personality of its own -- it's like a Jigsaw puzzle taking shape, with colors and contours forming abruptly, shapes materializing out of nowhere, and you start to have some bearing on the place -- just as it happens in real life, as you spend time with a place, with its people.

[More here: <https://asuph.wordpress.com/2016/10/1...> ]

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### **Jithu Kachappilly says**

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### **Athul Domichen says**

This book is definitely one of the finest novels to come out of Malayalam. It follows the life of Jessica, a young girl, residing in the island of Lanthan Bathery (Dutch Battery or Bolgatty Island) in Kochi. The novel is great fun to read and has an adventurous feel to it. The stories and legends of Jessica's parents, grandparents, relatives, and the people of the area told in a light and witty manner, combined with the socio-political ambience of Kerala and India at the time, providing for great entertainment and evoking a sense of awe in us.

A factor which strikes out while reading is its closeness to the Bible and its stories, mainly the parallels between the life of Jesus Christ and Jessica. The chapters denote various stages of Jessica's life. The elements regarding the oft ignored and almost extinct art form 'Chavittunadakam' and the reasons for its slow decline are woven seamlessly into the story, bringing in a sense of nostalgia in us for lost gems such as Chavittunadakam.

The novel shows us how legends are made up, borrowing from snippets of stories heard and from other outside influences, blended with some local flavour. Jessica's story tells us a lot that we know about inherent nature of people around us - judgmental, fault-finding, blaming, silencing, adventurous, caring, nostalgic, jovial, artistic, fun, persecutive, mob-minded, religious, devout, fanatic, regressive, progressive, aggressive and much more. Have to read the English version and draw a comparison soon. A great read.

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### **Rithin Ravindran says**

awsome mix of history and imagination..

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## **Mukthar says**

Excellent book.

Some of the songs mentioned in the book

ek bangla bane nyara-sung by-kl sehgal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1QwnF...>

jab dil hi toot gaya.. K L saigal -shahjehan-1946-majrooh sultanpuri -naushad-a tribute

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQQPV...>

K.L.Saigal - Ae Dil-e-Beqarar Jhoom - Film Shah Jahan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DL5Kp...>

DUKH KE AB DIN BEETAT NAHI KL SAIGAL FILM DEVdas [1935] MUSIC TIMIR BARAN.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGKec...>

Engine nee marakkum kuyile

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ij-0O...>

tu ganga ki mauj main

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKmst...>

Mera Joota Hai Japani - Raj Kapoor - Nargis - Shree 420

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wjGc...>

Hai apna dil to awara

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3K8TH...>

Periyare Parvatha Nirayude Panineere - from Bharya

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YafAz...>

Kannum pooti uranguka - Snehaseema

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pn8O6...>

Thumpi Thumpi Va Va

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBsTX...>

Bali kudeerangale

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4Xia...>

kandam bechoru kottaanu

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rw2A1...>

babul mora

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## **Akhil Raj says**

The novel takes you through the history of Kochi in the 1950s. It focuses the stories of an island named Lanthanbathery. The novel shows you the emerging of communism, religions, cuisines, trades and companies in Kochi.

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## **Vishnu Prasad says**

a good one by the author of higuitta. Great description of half a century old Cochin.

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### **Mahesh says**

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### **Sarath Krishnan says**

See my review of the book in my blog:

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<http://onlookkers.blogspot.in/2011/01...>

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### **Mazhar says**

Cochin has historical importance and multi-continental influences in language and social progress for centuries together. This novel provides a great window to the history of this place. Reminiscences of influence to the social fabric of the natives of Cochin, which is not known to many of us - even though we are born and brought up in this city.

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### **Ajay says**

This must be the first real book I have ever read. "Lanthan Batheriyile Lutheeniyakal" contains the right mixture of history and story telling. It caught me by surprise how different life was just 50 years back, And how ignorant I am about our own immediate history. I have already become a fan of N S Madhavan the Genius with his exceptionally well researched work.

