

DISTANT THUNDER

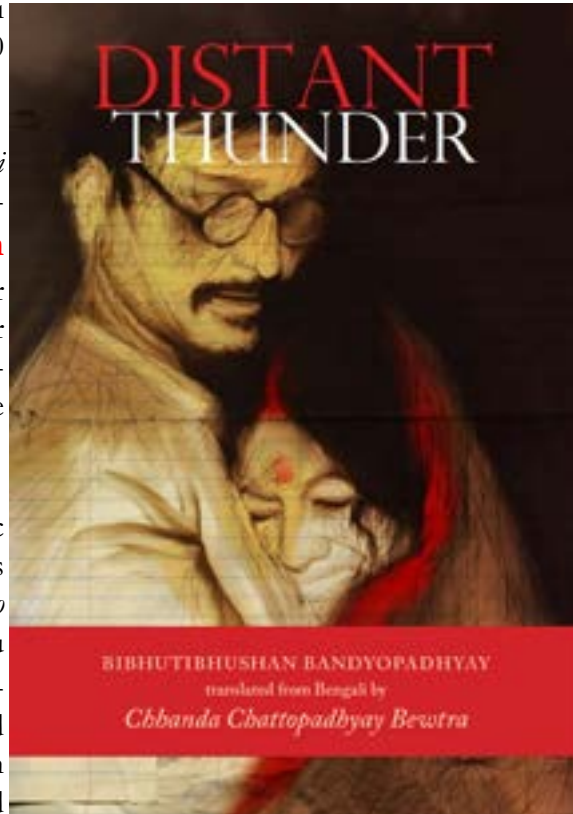
BIBHUTIBHUSHAN BANDYOPADHYAY
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Amartya Sen has shown that the Great Bengal Famine of 1943, when millions of people died, was also an example of a ‘man-made famine’, caused by the War time economy in India under the British Raj. Recent studies directly implicate Churchill, as referenced recently by Shashi Tharoor in [an article](#) in *The Washington Post*, March 10 2018.

This famine forms the backdrop for the novel *Ashani Sanket*, written contemporaneously by the greatest portrayer of rural Bengal, **Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay**. Through the eyes of Ananga, her husband Gangacharan and their compatriots, the author has drawn with deep sympathy their daily lives in a remote village as they face with utter bewilderment the onset of the famine--the distant thunder.

Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay is an iconic and beloved Bengali writer of the twentieth century. His novels *Pather Panchali* (*Song of the Road*) and *Aparajito* (*The Unvanquished*) were made into the famous ‘Apu Trilogy’ by **Satyajit Ray**, another iconic movie director (Life-time Oscar, 1992). Ray also made a movie based on this novel *Ashani Sanket* (*Distant Thunder*) which conquered the Golden Bear in Berlin Film Festival and is claimed by *New York Times* as being one of the “1000 best movies ever made”.

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