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Swami Samarpanananda (Samarpan) is a creative writer (poems, articles and philosophical novels) in English, Hindi, and Bengali. His first book *Tiya -- A Parrot's Journey Home*, brought out by M/S HarperCollins has been well received throughout the country. Its foreword is by Mr. Upamanyu Chatterjee, senior I.A.S. officer and a famous English novelist. Commenting on the merit of the book, the former President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam wrote, "For the first time I have read a great book in the past five years." Later he listed the book in one of the five must read books.

Tiya has been translated into Hindi, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, and Bhasha Indonesian. Its audio book is also available, and an animation movie on it is under way from New York, America. The book has also been prescribed as suggested read for class XI-XII students of the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi.

His second English book, *Param*, has also been brought out by M/S HarperCollins. Like *Tiya*, this book has also been well received.

Both *Tiya* and *Param* have been supplementary reader at IIM, Indore in some courses.

His third book, *Junglezen Sheru* has been brought by M/S Pan Macmillan. The book received excellent reviews in newspapers and magazines all over the country.

Pathik is his book of Hindi poetry, brought out by Tavleen Foundation, Indore.

His transcribed talks delivered at the Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University books on Scriptures in Bengali (totalling more than 3,000 pages in A4) are available at archive.org. These books cover the entire range of Indian spiritual traditions.

His next book, *Carving a Sky* is being brought out in July 2016 by M/S HarperCollins. The book next to this is "*The World of Religions*" that will be published in July 2017 by the same publisher.

Apart from these books, he writes regularly for international journals and newspapers.