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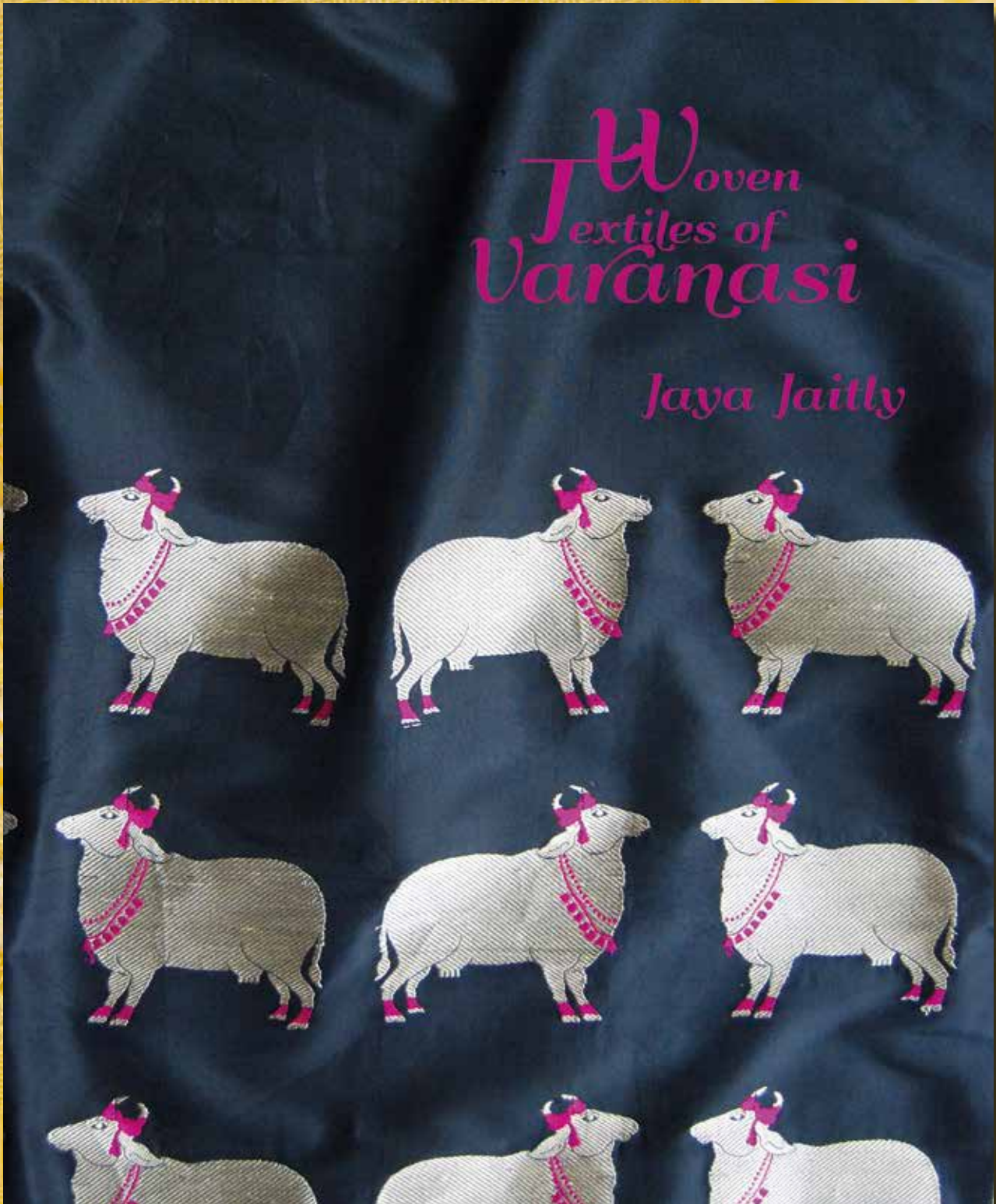
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- **A tumultuous history of ups and downs of one of the strongest and best known traditions of weaving in India that has steadfastly refused to be obliterated.**

The book presents a significantly curated cross - section of the textile treasures offered by Varanasi. It combines the past and the present, linking them to different moments in the city's history, and makes a powerful case for rediscovering, preserving and patronizing these textile treasures that are inextricably bound to the ancient aura of the city.

Jaya Jaitly, emphasises the need to acknowledge the beauty of Varanasi's textiles emerging out of age-old traditions and techniques. She highlights the danger of the loss of livelihoods and highly sophisticated skills. She expresses concern over erosion of identity and importance in the wake of machine-made imitations being produced in other parts of the world that has already begun.



Jaya Jaitly studied in Japan, Burma, Belgium, and the UK graduated from Smith College, USA. She has an intimate knowledge of the craft traditions of the country having worked in the field for over 40 years.

In 1986 she founded an association of crafts people called the Dastkari Haat Samiti, which enables traditional workers to gain confidence in the marketplace through many innovative strategies. She is the creator of the concept of Dilli Haat, a crafts marketplace in Delhi. It enables thousands of artisans to sustain their livelihoods and preserve their cultural heritage. She has created a vast documentation of the arts, crafts and textiles of India through 24 highly artistic and unique maps of all the states of India, called Crafts Atlas of India. She has assisted in creating a syllabus for schools of India's craft heritage for NCERT. She is also the editor and Publisher of The OtherSide, a political monthly journal of democratic socialist thought and action.

