

Query:

Over 70% of Silicon Valley founders come from outside the United States. I am submitting *The CEO of Gold Mountain*, a 71,000-word work of literary fiction. It recounts the rise and fall of an immigrant entrepreneur in Silicon Valley. He is a mathematical genius born in a poor farming town in India who betrays his family as a child and, though deeply burdened by the betrayal, becomes an American entrepreneur only to return to his home when his business falls apart. I treat the business and social lives of Silicon Valley engineers realistically. It's told in third person, omniscient author.

The hero's parents sell him into indentured servitude to pay for his sister's wedding. Faced with intolerable conditions he runs away, throwing the debt back on his family. A professor at a technical school recognizes his genius and assists him through the University. Successful in Silicon Valley, he becomes increasingly sardonic, an engaging combination of bitterness and generosity. Subplots involving characters of varying ethnicity broaden its appeal. Bad luck, and his unwillingness to delegate authority destroy his success. He returns to his native village seeking expiation.

I worked in Silicon Valley for 25 years and know the scene. I worked closely with several Indian and other non-Caucasians and have traveled some in India. I publish regularly in literary magazines and the like, some 70 items in all. I've published a translation of two Flemish novels and a book on Mac applications. I have a BA in creative writing from Stanford and an MA in contemporary literatures from Columbia. You can learn more at my website, www.wandd.com.