



## Spice as the Cultural Symbol in *The Mistress of Spices*



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**Abstract:** *The novel talks about the life of main protagonist named Tilottama. After her stay in the Island, she is placed in Oakland as the Mistress of Spices running a Spice store. Here the word Spices refers to Indian Spices. Each chapter is named after a spice. Spice symbolizes Indian culture. Each spice here has its own history and an ancient tale rooted*

*in Indian culture and context. Not just Tilottama is a migrant in America but spices are also bearing the tag of an immigrant and are widely accepted by native people.*

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