# 10 Must Read Inspiring Indian Biographies & Autobiographies

We might know much things about Mahatma Gandhi, but do you know how this man became a soul, this journey in his own words seems to be the words of God himself. Once you read the book – ‘ My experiment with truth by M.K. Gandhi’, you would realize that this is altogether new world, new learning, the new horizon, witnessing the unthinkable. He frankly admits and revealed that while his father was extremely ill and dying on the bed, he was so lustful that even then he was thinking about sexual intercourse. How this lustful MK Gandhi transformed into the person who retaliated the British cruelty in South Africa for a cause and how he became a powerful source of energy for 32 crores Indian Population.

We only know his extraordinary ethics, values, and principles, we think of a man who must’ve been perfect, without any flaws! You would see in this book that he had his own flaws and how his determination, discipline, routine and improving on small things overcame his flaws.This book shows that “winners are not born, they are made!”

Similarly, each and every biography would help you become more flexible, determined, visionary, inspirational and above all a great human being.

The beauty of reading a book is that you can imagine the story in your own way of fascination. The reading book also helps us to become better human being and [smart person](https://discovervibe.blog/2016/01/13/why-everyone-should-read-powerful-bioautobiographies/). If you still looking for more reasons to convince yourself, read this

Below mentioned list the result of my reading habit and the little bit of research, so don’t waste your time in verifying the details about these books. These books are :

[**1. My experiment with truth by M. K. Gandhi**](https://www.amazon.in/gp/product/9380816804/ref=as_li_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=sudhirdwiwedi-21&camp=3638&creative=24630&linkCode=as2&creativeASIN=9380816804&linkId=2ee68f672d341ca060f198271cd78b92)

 Though as above mentioned, I have already briefed few things about “My Experiment with truth” by Mahatma Gandhi himself. He is at times brutally honest in describing his experiments and incidents.

This book is an invaluable insight into one of the 20th century’s most iconic characters for whom Albert Einstein once said that “Generations to come will scarce believe that such a one as this ever in flesh and blood walked upon this earth. (said of Mahatma Gandhi)”.

If such are the words of the greatest ever scientist of the world, then what more you need to get excited to read this wonderful book.

[**2. Vivekananda: A Biography – by Swami Nikhilananda**](https://www.amazon.in/gp/product/8185301417/ref=as_li_qf_sp_asin_il_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=sudhirdwiwedi-21&camp=3638&creative=24630&linkCode=as2&creativeASIN=8185301417&linkId=9f555da2b8dcb02a5b03f3bc17b34169)

   I recommend this ultimate book to energize and rejuvenate yourself, as I think this book carries the part of himself – Swami’s power. Many have already got energized by just reading him. Remember his famous quote:” Arise, awake and stop not, till the goal is reached”. Since you have reached here, it means you have come here with the purpose. A man with a clear vision and mind, a brilliant speaker, clearly inspiring our lives. His superhuman accomplishments in the 1890’s America with unbelievable odds working against him. Yet what he did in 1893 in Chicago will be heard for centuries.

Apart from your own read, this is one of the finest biographies to gift your near and dear ones of all age group and this will surely help ***students***.

**3.**[**Wings of Fire: An Autobiography of Abdul Kalam**](https://www.amazon.in/gp/product/8173711461/ref=as_li_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=sudhirdwiwedi-21&camp=3638&creative=24630&linkCode=as2&creativeASIN=8173711461&linkId=edc96a03fdd2972ef94444552a6209ae)

If you are expecting the story about his life than this is not that. This is more than autobiography. With very few resources and only dreams, hopes and aspiration, this man of the excellent character changed the defense scenario of India, achieved the highest honor of the country and reached to the highest position of the country.

APJ Kalaam always wanted to fuel the every Indian with the same pride, which he carries.

**4.**[**The Man Who Knew Infinity: A Life of the Genius Ramanujan by Robert Kanigel**](https://www.amazon.in/gp/product/0349104522/ref=as_li_qf_sp_asin_il_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=sudhirdwiwedi-21&camp=3638&creative=24630&linkCode=as2&creativeASIN=0349104522&linkId=be281d3896892eeb478ae4003067d9d5)

Born poor in India in 1887, this rigorously orthodox Hindu, exemplary mathematician rose to the heights before he died at the very young age of 32 years.This is a well-researched book and fascinating account of the short but outstanding life of the enigmatic and extraordinary

mathematician Ramanujan.

Ramanujan could be easily compared with the greatest of any subject or he could be described as the mathematical equivalent of a Mozart.

Everyone would surely find Ramanujan fascinating, even if you have no interest in math.

**5**[**. The Z Factor: My Journey as the Wrong Man at the Right Time**](https://www.amazon.in/gp/product/9351773248/ref=as_li_qf_sp_asin_il_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=sudhirdwiwedi-21&camp=3638&creative=24630&linkCode=as2&creativeASIN=9351773248&linkId=06d1630b5e08a8cc569a77d88c9ade1b)

This is for sure that you won’t regret to spend every single penny.

An inspiring story of a 17-year-old boy who decided to turn around the family business, who defeated bankruptcy to become one of the richest people in the country with an estimated wealth of around USD 70 Billion. Entered into media business at the best-ever favorable time to enter. The book shows the risk-taking, courageous character of Subhash Chandra.

You will surely learn a lot. With easy language, this is a must read!

[**6. Not Just an Accountant by Vinod Rai (Author)**](https://www.amazon.in/gp/product/8129134616/ref=as_li_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=sudhirdwiwedi-21&camp=3638&creative=24630&linkCode=as2&creativeASIN=8129134616&linkId=5d7d3723cefc09c125795b7474bc9fd1)

The book gives insights into the official communication between entities of the governments, how various warning bells have been neglected during the series of scams by UPA Govt. and Congress leadership. The way he addresses the criticism is impeccable.

The best part of the books is the clear and straightforward presentation of facts without any unnecessary storytelling.

He is surely just not an accountant, but more as a leader how he performed the duty with the power of audit is phenomenal.

**7.**[**Karmayogi: A Biography of E. Sreedharan by M.S. Ashokan**](https://www.amazon.in/gp/product/0143425307/ref=as_li_qf_sp_asin_il_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=sudhirdwiwedi-21&camp=3638&creative=24630&linkCode=as2&creativeASIN=0143425307&linkId=edddffc6f9d06c752e28d3fb4cc0a45c)

India needs more such examples of bureaucrats & engineers who have spent their lives in the service of fellow human beings. This is truly remarkable that projects of E. Sreedharan have been carried out with the highest degree of efficiency.

The book may influence to Stay humble even though you are such a highly accomplished person like Sreedharan.

### 8. [Beyond the Last Blue Mountain by R. M. Lala](https://www.amazon.in/gp/product/0140169016/ref=as_li_qf_sp_asin_il_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=sudhirdwiwedi-21&camp=3638&creative=24630&linkCode=as2&creativeASIN=0140169016&linkId=294bd76fdd58041c45a7d03b5f444791)

J R D Tata: “What is good for India is good for Tatas”

A book written with utmost detail and personal side of JRD is explained well.

Very inspiring read on JRD to understand the passion and desire that has gone behind setting up and establishing the airline industry and TATA empire in India.

**9.**[**I Too Had a Dream by Verghese Kurien (Author)**](https://www.amazon.in/gp/product/8174364072/ref=as_li_qf_sp_asin_il_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=sudhirdwiwedi-21&camp=3638&creative=24630&linkCode=as2&creativeASIN=8174364072&linkId=6fd69edc9faa03c9d25622a2ec7b434d)

While writing the autobiography, Verghese Kurien would have easily mentioned the interesting stories about his sacrificed personal life and hobbies rather he was very much focused towards showing us how he made Amul as the brilliant success story.

This book shows us about his legendary role in making the AMUL and how he drove the success of the co-operative movement and white revolution.

There are many similarities with another Gujrati Sardar Patel, he was really an Iron Man, whose strength was indispensable when the great work of nation building was underway.

Deserved to be read by every Indian. One of the best Indian Memoir!

**10.**[**The Journey Home by Radhanath Swami**](https://www.amazon.in/gp/product/8184954174/ref=as_li_qf_sp_asin_il_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=sudhirdwiwedi-21&camp=3638&creative=24630&linkCode=as2&creativeASIN=8184954174&linkId=5e097add21c557990f7977885a530ebc)

n outstanding story of a young American man, Radhanath Swami who travels to India seeking God and truth, this is an incredible adventure described in touching detail, which truly mesmerizes.

This book gives much deeper insights into the mysterious lives of true Saadhu’s and the reading of this book makes the swami, sadhu life quite understandable as well as the devotion path. His life takes him to the journey path from the United States to Europe, Middle East and finally to India.

I recommend this magnificent book to everyone.

This inspiring book spreads the positive attitude and shows the new way to look at the life.

**Some other notable Indian Biographies/Autobiographies:**

* [Sachin Tendulkar – Playing It My Way](https://amzn.to/2JkITEW)
* [Netaji Rahasya Gatha](https://amzn.to/2Hd6FC2)
* [Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel](https://amzn.to/2GEkOas) and [Patel a Life](https://amzn.to/2Jnl8MA)
* [Indra Nooyi – A Biography](https://amzn.to/2En7EMW)
* [Unbreakable by Mary Kom](https://amzn.to/2En0okf)
* [Born Again on the Mountain: A Story of Losing Everything and Finding It Back](https://amzn.to/2JmWdZJ)
* [Kalpana Chawla: A Life](https://amzn.to/2uO4SkF)
* [Veerappan: Chasing the Brigand](https://amzn.to/2GDQNHR)
* [Bhabha and His Magnificient Obsessions](https://amzn.to/2EluCnV)

As well said by Walt Disney that “There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island.”

So enjoy this great treasure!