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Title : The Rupa Book of Ruskin Bonds Himalayan Tales

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Introduction : I choose the Himalayan Tales because I always liked reading stories that give a picture of nature and enable one to imagine what it feels like to live simple serene lives. I liked it too because it is written by Ruskin Bond whose writing style one feels so intimate and real. My early expectation was that the book would be a series of quiet, introspective tales in the hills - with characters who make a gentle impression. I was looking for it to provide me with a deeper insight into the Himalays, not as a location but as a living thing itself.

Summary : This is a beautiful set of short stories each one capturing the beauty, mystery, and enchantment of the Himalayan hills. It is almost an anthology of vignettes of the life of men and animals in the hills - of brave boys and endless treks, haunted houses and curious meetings. The common thread among them is nature, nostalgia, simplicity and being there with mountains. They are various stories but of the same zone - warm observational, and gentle.

Central to the action are young Ruskin himself who often narrates the tales, and the other villagers, creatures and the occasional visitor with a magic glow about him. Not too much revealed, every story is a moment in time - now then tomorrow, now and then melancholy but always meaningful.

#### Analysis and opinion :-

closest it got was with the almost intimacy of Bond's writing. He does not bank on dramatic plot twists - his magic is in micro-suspensions: rustling leaves, murmuring distant calls of birds, soft moments of reflection, the strongest was when a stranded figure on the hills is provided with the comfort, "the Mountains have their own way of finding you, the pine was breathed into my ear as if the very hill were speaking. The most touching character was an old man who lived alone and had birds and animals come to his house. Ruskin pointed out that he found peace not from man but because there was life around him - a very simple but profound observation. If something didn't quite get it for some readers as well as it could have maybe it was the glacial speed. Action readers will诅咒 for men however that slowing down was the magic.

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life doesn't always have to be loud to mean this book reminds us. It teaches us the patience of listening - listening to nature, to stillness and to stories.

personal connections :-

This book truly made me pause and reflect. I'm someone who enjoys adventure, but the Himalayan Tales reminded me that sometimes the greatest journeys are inward. It made me appreciate the little things more - like a cool breeze or a quiet morning.

Reading about life in the hills made me feel like slowing down and smelling the roses. It was also reminder to go to nature more often - it has so much to share with us. The book also made me understand that I must never take peace granted. We always look for excitement and forget the fact that deep waters runs still. I also understand that you don't have to shout to be heard - action louder than words and the characters of this book show it time and again.

Conclusion :- I would certainly recommend the Rupa Book of Ruskin Bond - the Himalayan Tales to readers who enjoy peaceful writing with nature and plain life themes. It's no action or suspense type of book but it will catch your attention by its peaceful setting and philosophical thought. It is especially suitable for readers of books who enjoys savoring mountain serenity and treasures of ordinary hours. No matter whether you're an experienced Ruskin Bond