**CLASSICS**

**THE GUIDE BY R.K. NARAYAN**

***The Guide*** is a 1958 novel written in English by the Indian author R. K. Narayan. Like most of his works, the novel is based on Malgudi, the fictional town in South India.

The novel describes the transformation of the protagonist, Raju, from a tour guide to a spiritual guide and then one of the greatest holy men of India.

The novel brought its author the 1960 Sahitya Akademi Award for English.

**MALGUDI DAYS BY R.K. NARAYAN**

***Malgudi Days*** is a collection of short stories by [**R.K. Narayan**](https://www.bookgeeks.in/days-memoir-r-k-narayan-book-review/) published in 1943.

The book includes 32 stories, all set in the fictional town of Malgudi, located in South India. Each of the stories portrays a facet of life in Malgudi.

**THE ROOM ON THE ROOF BY RUSKIN BOND**

***The Room on the Roof*** is the story of an orphaned Anglo-Indian boy, Rusty, living in a European colony in Dehradun with his guardian Mr. Harrison, who wants him to stay away from Indians and groom him as a pure Englishman.

**THE GOD OF SMALL THINGS BY ARUNDHATI ROY**

***The God of Small Things*** by Arundhati Roy is a story about the childhood experiences of fraternal twins Esthappen and Rahel, whose lives are destroyed by the “Love Laws” that are laid down by the society.

The book explores how the small things affect people’s behaviour and their lives. It won the Booker Prize in 1997.

## **Mythological Fiction**

**EMPIRE BY DEVI YESODHARAN**

Devi Yesodharan’s ***Empire*** is the tale of an archer and warrior in the empire of Rajendra Chola, who ruled a vast empire from 1014-44.

This warrior is not from South India but rather a Greek woman, who has been surrendered in defeat by a raiding party bested by the Cholas.

**Raavan: Enemy of Aryavarta by Amish**

[***Raavan: Enemy of Aryavarta***](https://www.bookgeeks.in/raavan-enemy-of-aryavarta-amish-book-review/) is worth every minute that you spend reading it.

With the classic combination of action and adventure doused in a generous dose of mythology and fantasy, the book appeals to almost every kind of reader.

That Amish decides to pour in a generous amount of information and detailing is like the icing on top.

## [**Best Biographies and Memoirs** by Indians](https://www.bookgeeks.in/category/non-fiction/biography/)

### ****THE STORY OF MY EXPERIMENTS WITH TRUTH BY MAHATMA GANDHI****

**The Story Of My Experiments with Truth** is the autobiography of Mohandas K. Gandhi, covering his life from early childhood through to 1921.

It was written in weekly instalments and published in his journal Navjivan from 1925 to 1929. The English translation was done by Mahadev Desai.

### ****PLAYING IT MY WAY BY SACHIN TENDULKAR****

**Playing It My Way** is the autobiography of the God of Indian cricket, Sachin Tendulkar.

The book summarises Tendulkar’s early days, his 24 years of international career and aspects of his life that have not been shared publicly.

**WINGS OF FIRE: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY BY A. P. J. ABDUL KALAM**

In ***Wings of Fire: An Autobiography***, [**A. P. J. Abdul Kalam**](https://www.bookgeeks.in/my-life-illustrated-autobiography-abdul-kalam/) examines his early life, effort, hardship, fortitude, luck and chance that eventually led him to lead Indian space research, nuclear and missile programs.