

Author of the week: Munshi Premchand



Premchand better known as Munshi Premchand, Munshi being an honorary prefix, was an Indian writer famous for his modern Hindi-Urdu literature. He is one of the most celebrated writers of the Indian subcontinent and is regarded as one of the foremost Hindustani writers of the early twentieth century. He began writing under the pen name "Nawab Rai", but subsequently switched to "Premchand". A novel writer, story writer and dramatist, he has been referred to as the "Upanyas Samrat" ("Emperor among Novelists") by writers. His works include more than a dozen novels, around 250 short stories, several essays and translations of a number of foreign literary works into Hindi.

His Life and career

Premchand was born on 31 July 1880 in Lamhi, a village located near Varanasi (Banaras). His father Ajaib Rai was a post office clerk. His mother was Anandi Devi of Karauni village, who could have been the inspiration for the character Anandi in his *Bade Ghar Ki Beti*. When he was 7 years old, Premchand began his education at a madrasa in Lalpur, located near Lamahi. He learnt Urdu and Persian from a maulvi in the madrasa.

Adoption of the name Premchand

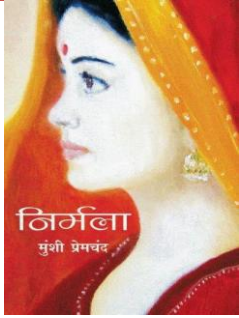
In 1909, Premchand was transferred to Mahoba, and later posted to Hamirpur as the Sub-deputy Inspector of Schools. Around this time, *Soz-e-Watan* was noticed by the British Government officials, who banned it as a seditious work. The British collector of the Hamirpur District ordered a raid on Premchand's house, where around five hundred copies of *Soz-e-Watan* were burnt. Dhanpat Rai had to change his pseudonym from "Nawab Rai" to "Premchand".

खाने और सोने का नाम जीवन नहीं है।
जीवन नाम है
सदैव आगे बढ़ते रहने की लगन का !
- मुंशी प्रेमचंद

चिंता एक काली दीवार कि भांति चारों ओर
से घेर लेती है, जिसमें से निकलने की
फिर कोई गली नहीं सूझती !
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To be successful in
life what you need is
education, not
literacy and degrees.

Books by Munshi Premchand



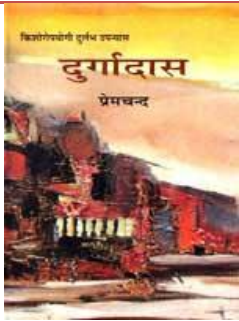
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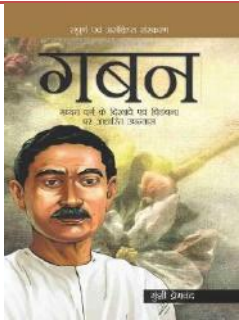
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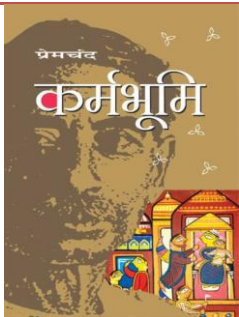
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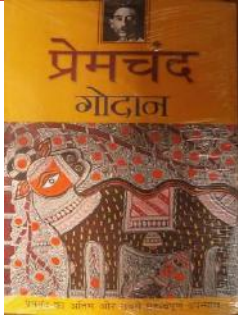
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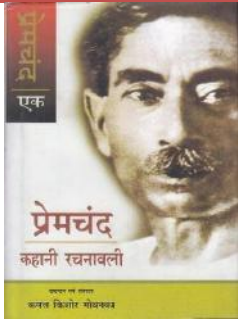
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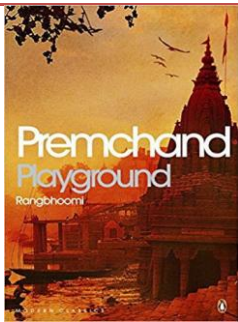
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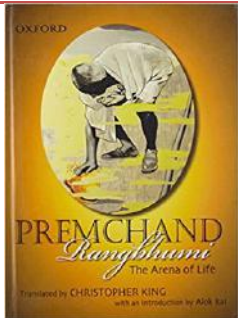
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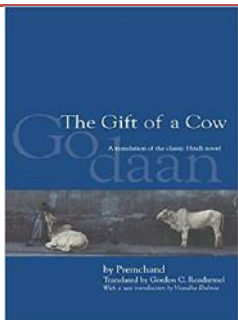
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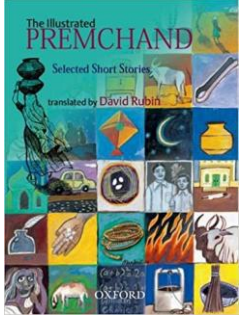
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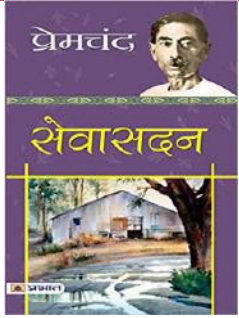
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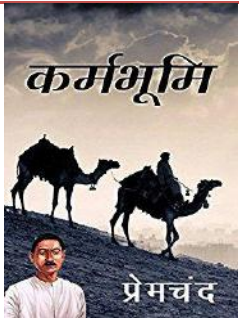
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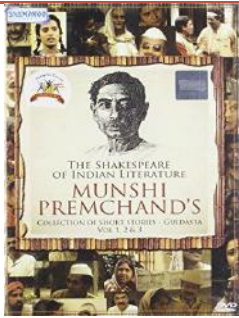
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