

Author of the Week: R. K. Narayan



R. K. Narayan (10 October 1906 – 13 May 2001), full name **Rasipuram Krishna swami Iyer Narayana swami**, was an Indian writer, best known for his works set in the fictional South Indian town of Malgudi. He was a leading author of early Indian literature in English, along with Mulk Raj Anand and Raja Rao. Narayan's mentor and friend, Graham Greene was instrumental in getting publishers for Narayan's first four books, including the semi-autobiographical trilogy of *Swami and Friends*, *The Bachelor of Arts* and *The English Teacher*. The fictional town of Malgudi, Narayan's mentor and friend, Graham Greene was instrumental

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Narayan highlights the social context and everyday life of his characters, and he has been compared to William Faulkner, who also created a similar fictional town, and likewise explored with humor and compassion the energy of ordinary life. Narayan's short stories have been compared with those of Guy de Maupassant, because of his ability to compress a narrative. However, he has also been criticized for the simplicity of his prose.

In a career that spanned over sixty years, Narayan received many awards and honors, including the AC Benson Medal from the Royal Society of Literature, **the Padma Bhushan and the Padma Vibhushan**, India's third and second highest civilian awards. He was also nominated to the Rajya Sabha, the upper house of India's parliament.

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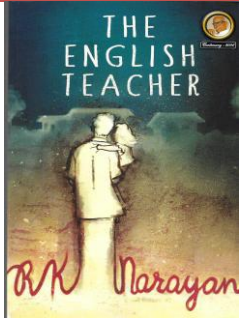
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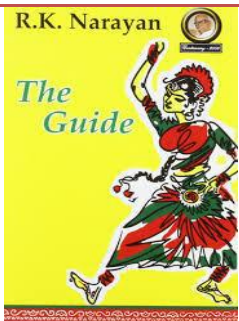
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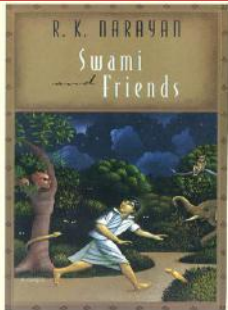
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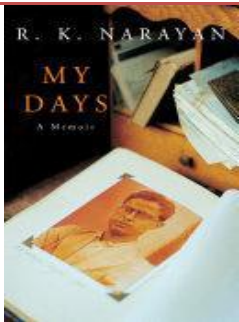
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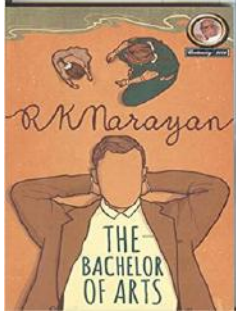
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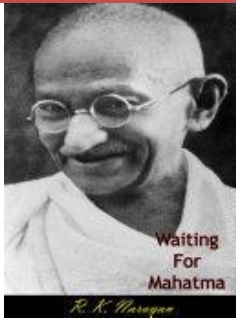
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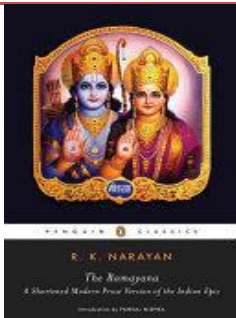
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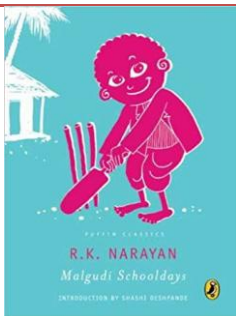
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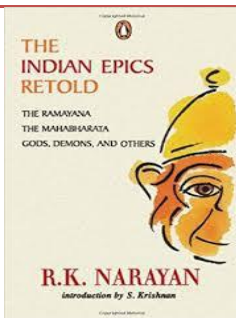
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