

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

SSC CGL General Awareness - Complete Guide

Important for All Competitive Exams



Indian Literature - Important Books & Authors



Fiction & Novels

The God of Small Things

Arundhati Roy

A Suitable Boy

Vikram Seth

The White Tiger

Aravind Adiga

The Palace of Illusions

Chitra Banerjee

The Inheritance of Loss

Kiran Desai

Train to Pakistan

Khushwant Singh



Non-Fiction & History

The Discovery of India

Jawaharlal Nehru

India After Gandhi

Ramachandra Guha

The Argumentative Indian

Amartya Sen

My Experiments with Truth

M.K. Gandhi

Wings of Fire

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

The Great Indian Novel

Shashi Tharoor

**Poetry & Drama****Gitanjali**

Rabindranath Tagore

Madhushala

Harivansh Rai Bachchan

Geet Govind

Jayadeva

The Golden Threshold

Sarojini Naidu

Tughlaq

Girish Karnad

Hayavadana

Girish Karnad

★ Important Facts - Indian Literature

- ✓ First Indian to win Booker Prize: Arundhati Roy (1997) for **The God of Small Things**
- ✓ First Indian to win Nobel Prize in Literature: Rabindranath Tagore (1913) for **Gitanjali**
- ✓ Longest novel in English literature: **A Suitable Boy** by Vikram Seth (1,349 pages)
- ✓ First Indian English novel: **Rajmohan's Wife** by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay (1864)



International Literature - Famous Books & Authors



Classic Literature

War and Peace

Leo Tolstoy

Pride and Prejudice

Jane Austen

1984

George Orwell

To Kill a Mockingbird

Harper Lee

The Great Gatsby

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Moby Dick

Herman Melville



Modern Literature

Harry Potter Series

J.K. Rowling

The Alchemist

Paulo Coelho

The Kite Runner

Khaled Hosseini

The Da Vinci Code

Dan Brown

The Hunger Games

Suzanne Collins

Life of Pi

Yann Martel

**Nobel Laureates**

One Hundred Years of Solitude

Gabriel Garcia Marquez

The Old Man and the Sea

Ernest Hemingway

The Stranger

Albert Camus

Beloved

Toni Morrison

The Trial

Franz Kafka

The Remains of the Day

Kazuo Ishiguro

★ Important Facts - International Literature

- ✓ Best-selling book of all time: **The Bible**
- ✓ Best-selling fiction series: **Harry Potter** by J.K. Rowling
- ✓ Youngest Nobel Laureate in Literature: Rudyard Kipling (41 years)
- ✓ First novel ever written: **The Tale of Genji** by Murasaki Shikibu (11th century)



Award-Winning Books & Authors

Award Book Author Year Booker Prize The God of Small Things Arundhati Roy 1997 Booker Prize The White Tiger Aravind Adiga 2008 Booker Prize The Inheritance of Loss Kiran Desai 2006 Nobel Prize Gitanjali Rabindranath Tagore 1913 Nobel Prize Various Works V.S. Naipaul 2001 Pulitzer Prize The Goldfinch Donna Tartt 2014 Jnanpith Award Various Works Amrita Pritam 1982 Sahitya Akademi Train to Pakistan Khushwant Singh 1956



Major Literary Awards

Booker Prize

Best English novel

Nobel Prize in Literature

Lifetime achievement

Pulitzer Prize

American literature

Jnanpith Award

Indian literature

Sahitya Akademi Award

Indian languages

Man Booker International

Translated works



Recent Award Winners

The Promise

Damon Galgut Booker 2021

Shuggie Bain

Douglas Stuart Booker 2020

The Testaments

Margaret Atwood Booker 2019

Milkman

Anna Burns Booker 2018

Lincoln in the Bardo

George Saunders Booker 2017

The Sellout

Paul Beatty Booker 2016



Recent Important Books (2020-2024)

2023-2024 Releases

The Covenant of Water

Abraham Verghese

Poverty, by America

Matthew Desmond

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store

James McBride

The Fraud

Zadie Smith

The Book of Love

Kelly Link

2021-2022 Notable Books

The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida

Shehan Karunatilaka Booker 2022

Demon Copperhead

Barbara Kingsolver

Trust

Hernan Diaz

The Candy House

Jennifer Egan

Checkout 19

Claire-Louise Bennett

💡 Important Points to Remember

- ✓ First Indian to win Booker Prize: Arundhati Roy for **The God of Small Things** (1997)
- ✓ Only author to win Booker Prize twice: J.M. Coetzee and Margaret Atwood
- ✓ Youngest Booker Prize winner: Eleanor Catton (28 years) for **The Luminaries**
- ✓ First non-English book to win Booker International: **Celestial Bodies** by Jokha Alharthi
- ✓ Rabindranath Tagore wrote national anthems of both India and Bangladesh



Exam Special - Must Remember

Books by Indian Prime Ministers

Discovery of India (Nehru), Exam Warriors (Modi)

Autobiographies of Presidents

Wings of Fire (Kalam), My Presidential Years (Narayanan)

Books on Indian Freedom Struggle

India's Struggle for Independence, Freedom at Midnight

Famous Science Books

Brief History of Time (Hawking), Cosmos (Sagan)

Books that became Movies

Slumdog Millionaire, Life of Pi, The Namesake

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