

# Indian Authors & Literature – A Rich Heritage

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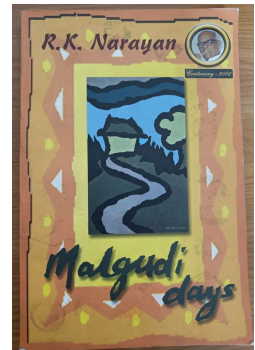
**Valmiki** was the Author of the path breaking epic **The Ramayana**. He was a Sanskrit Literature poet & owing to his Great work is honored by the title **Adi Kavi ( 1<sup>st</sup> Poet)** . He is believed to be the creator of the 1<sup>st</sup> Shloka or Verse and is hence called as **Rishi**

*Title: Maharishi Valmiki, Country: India, 14.10.1970*



**R K Narayan** is one of the most famous & widely read Indian novelist. He began his writing career with **Swami and his friends** in 1935. Most of his work is set in a fictional town of **Malgudi** which captures everything Indian while having a unique Identity of its own. He told stories of ordinary people trying to live simple lives in a changing world.

*Title: R K Narayan, Country: India, 10.10.2009*



**Rabindranath Tagore** was awarded the Nobel prize for his work on Gitanjali in the year 1913. His composition were chosen by 2 nations as their national anthems. India's "Jana Gana Mana" and Bangladesh's "Amar Shonar Bangla". The Sri Lankan national anthem was inspired by his work

*Title: Modern India Paintings - Rabindranath Tagore: India, 23.03.1978*

*Title: Definitive 11th Series Rabindranath Tagore*



**Prof. Balwant Gargi ( 1916 - 2003)** was the founder professor director of Department of Indian Theatre. He was awarded sahitya academy the highest literary award in our country for his book **Ranga Manch**. He is recipient of the **Jananpith award** followed by **Padma Shri**

**Bhisham Sahni ( 1915 -2003)** has been associated with Indian Peoples Theatre association for several years. He lived in USSR for seven years as a Hindi Translator. His last published book was an autobiography "**Aaj Ke Ateet**". He is recipient of the **Padma Bhushan** for his contribution to Literature

*Title: Eminent Writers, Country: India, MS Year: May 2017*



**K V Puttappa (1904 -1994)** also known by his poetic name **Kuvempu** was born in the state of Karnataka. He began his work in English & then moved to Kannada. His major work in English is a collection of poems called **Beginners Muse**. He has earned the **Title of Rashtrakavi**. He is recipient of the **Jananpith award**

**Pandit Shrilal Shukla ( 1925 - 2011)** has written over 25 books. His best-known work **Raag Darbari** has been translated into English & several other Languages. He highlighted the falling moral values in the Indian society post Independence era. He is recipient of the **Jananpith Award** in 2011 & **Padma Bhushan**

**Krishan Chander (1914 - 1977)** is a leading short story writer of India. His work **Mitti Ke Sanam** recounts his childhood memories. Around 30 collections of short Stories and 20 novels has come from his side. He is recipient of the **Padma Bhushan**. He also received the "**Soviet Land Nehru Award**" by the soviet Government