Important & Famous Books of 2018

1. India Unmade - Yashwant Sinha
2. Feisty at Fifty - Sudha Menon
3. The Rule Breakers - Preeti Shenoy
4. Bebak Baat - Vijay Goel
5. A Rural Manifesto - Varun Gandhi
6. Changing India - Manmohan Singh
7. Of Counsel: The Challenges of the Modi-Jaitley Economy - Arvind Subramanian
8. Blue Waters Ahoy! - Anup Singh
9. Less - Andrew Sean Greer
10. Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder - Caroline Fraser
11. Milkman - Anna Burns
13. The Girl in Room 105 - Chetan Bhagat
14. The Power of your Subconscious Mind - Joseph Murphy
15. Think and Grow Rich - Napoleon Hill
16. A Suitable Girl - Vikram Seth
17. Life's Amazing Secrets: How to Find Balance and Purpose in Your Life - Gaur Gopal Das
18. Becoming - Michelle Obama
19. The Alchemist - Paulo Coelho
20. The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari - Robin Sharma
21. Pyjamas are Forgiving - Twinkle Khanna
22. Who Will Cry When You Die? - Robin Sharma
23. Brief Answers to the Big Questions - Stephen Hawking
24. The Theory of Everything - Stephen Hawking
25. Straight Talk - Abhishek Manu Singhvi
26. Why I Am a Hindu - Shashi Tharoor
27. The Diary of a Domestic Diva - Shilpa Shetty
28. Triple Talaq: Examining Faith - Salman Khurshid
29. Why I am Hindu - Shashi Tharoor
30. The Paradoxical Prime Minister - Shashi Tharoor

Autobiographies

- A Century Is Not Enough - Sourav Ganguly
- Imperfect - Sanjay Manjrekar
- Citizen Delhi: My Times, My Life - Sheila Dikshit
- Wings of Fire: An Autobiography of Abdul Kalam - Dr. Kalam and Arun Tiwari
- 281 and Beyond - VVS Laxman
- No Spin: My Autobiography - Shane Warne
- I Am Malala - Christina Lamb and Malala Yousafzai
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- Long Walk to Freedom - Nelson Mandela
- Story Of my Experiments with truth - Mahatma Gandhi
- An Autobiography - Jawaharlal Nehru
- Playing It My Way - Boria Majumdar and Sachin Tendulkar
- Straight from the Heart: An Autobiography - Kapil Dev
- The Bandit Queen Of India - Phoolan Devi
- Unbreakable - Mary Kom
- The Red Sari - Sonia Gandhi

Most Important Books of All Time for Various Government Exams

1. Exam Warriors - Narendra Modi
2. The Coalition Years - Pranab Mukherjee
3. I Do What I Do - Raghuram Rajan
4. Hit Refresh - Satya Nadella
5. Unstoppable: My Life So Far - Maria Sharapova
6. The Shershah of Kargil - Deepak Surana
7. Indira Gandhi: A Life in Nature - Jairam Ramesh
8. Matoshree - Sumitra Mahajan
9. What Happened - Hillary Clinton
10. An Unsuitable Boy - Karan Johar
11. The Perils of Being Moderately Famous - Soha Ali Khan
12. On the Origin of Species - Charles Darwin
13. The Discovery Of India - Jawaharlal Nehru
14. Two Lives - Vikram Seth
15. Geetanjali - Rabindranath Tagore
16. The Diary of a young girl - Anne Frank
17. A brief history of time - Stephen Hawking
18. Train to Pakistan - Khushwant Singh
19. The Audacity Of hope - Barack Obama
20. Lincoln in the Bardo - George Saunders
21. The Inheritance of Loss, Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard - Kiran Desai
22. Nehru: The Invention of India - Shashi Tharoor
23. Five Point Someone, One Night @ the Call Center, The 3 Mistakes of My Life, 2 States, Revolution 2020, Half Girlfriend, One Indian Girl, The Girl in Room 105 - Chetan Bhagat
25. Midnight's Children - Salman Rushdie
27. The Namesake, The Lowland - Jhumpa Lahiri

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29. **Shiva Trilogy** (The Immortals of Meluha, The Secret of the Nagas, The Oath of the Vayuputras), **Ram Chandra Series** (Scion of Ikshvaku, Sita: Warrior of Mithila, Raavan: Orphan of Aryavarta), **Immortal India** - Amish Tripathi

**Jnanpith Award**

A literary award which is conferred every year by Bhartiya Jnanpith to any one author (who writes in Indian Languages or in English) for their outstanding contribution towards literature. **Amitav Ghosh** is the first writer in English to win a Jnanpith Award.

At present, the award is only conferred for the works published in the last twenty years.

- **2018 Winner**: [Amitav Ghosh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amitav_Ghosh) (English)
- **2017 Winner**: Krishna Sobti (Hindi)
- **1965 Winner**: G. Sankara Kurup (Malayalam)

**Man Booker International Prize**

- **2018** - [Olga Tokarczuk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olga_Tokarczuk) (Poland) - **Flights** novel in Polish
- **2005** - Ismail Kadare received first Man Booker International Prize

**All Important Man Booker Prize for Fiction Awards / Booker Prize**

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In 1993, to celebrate the 25th anniversary, **Booker of Bookers** Prize was given to Salman Rushdie's *Midnight's Children*
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In 2008, to celebrate the 40th anniversary, **Best of the Booker** was awarded to **Midnight's Children**.

In 2018, to celebrate the 50th anniversary, the **Golden Man Booker** was awarded to **Michael Ondaatje's The English Patient**.

Know about some Important Indian Authors

**APJ Abdul Kalam**

- **India 2020**: A Vision for the New Millennium
- **Wings of Fire**: An Autobiography
- **Ignited Minds**: Unleashing the Power Within India
- **Target 3 Billion**
- **Transcendence**: My Spiritual Experiences with Pramukh Swamiji

**Shashi Tharoor**

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**Chetan Bhagat**

- The biggest selling English language novelist in India’s history
- Filmfare Award for Best Screenplay for Kai Po Che! at the 59th Filmfare Awards on January 2014

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Arundhati Roy

Roy was awarded the 1997 Booker Prize for her novel The God of Small Things

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Salman Rushdie

Midnight's Children (1981), won the Booker Prize in 1981 and was deemed to be "the best novel of all winners" on two separate occasions, marking the 25th and the 40th anniversary of the prize.
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R. K. Narayan

An Indian writer known for his works set in the fictional South Indian town of Malgudi.

First Trilogy on Malgudi

- Swami and Friends (1935)
- The Bachelor of Arts (1937)
- The English Teacher (1945)

Other Novels

- The Dark Room (1938)
- Mr. Sampath (1948)
- The Financial Expert (1952)
- Waiting for the Mahatma (1955)
- The Guide (1958)
- The Vendor of Sweets (1967)
- The Painter of Signs (1977)
- Talkative Man (1986)
- The World of Nagaraj (1990)
- Grandmother's Tale (1992)

Jhumpa Lahiri

- Her debut collection of short stories Interpreter of Maladies (1999) won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the PEN/Hemingway Award, and her first novel, The Namesake (2003), was adapted into the popular film of the same name.
- Her second story collection Unaccustomed Earth (2008) won the Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award, while her second novel, The Lowland (2013), was a finalist for both the Man Booker Prize and the National Book Award for Fiction.

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Amitav Ghosh

The Circle of Reason won the Prix Médicis étranger, one of France's top literary awards. The Shadow Lines won the Sahitya Akademi Award and the Ananda Puraskar. The Calcutta
Chromosome won the Arthur C. Clarke Award for 1997. Sea of Poppies was shortlisted for the 2008 Man Booker Prize. It was the co-winner of the Vodafone Crossword Book Award in 2009, as well as co-winner of the 2010 Dan David Prize. River of Smoke was shortlisted for the Man Asian Literary Prize 2011. The government of India awarded him the civilian honour of Padma Shri in 2007. He also received - together with Margaret Atwood - the Israeli Dan David Prize.

Ghosh famously withdrew his novel The Glass Palace from consideration for the Commonwealth Writers’ Prize, where it was awarded the best novel in the Eurasian section, citing his objections to the term "commonwealth" and the unfairness of the English language requirement specified in the rules.

Novels

- The Circle of Reason (1986)
- The Shadow Lines (1988)
- The Calcutta Chromosome (1995)
- The Glass Palace (2000)
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- Sea of Poppies (2008)
- River of Smoke (2011)
- Flood of Fire (2015)

Amish Tripathi

- The Shiva Trilogy was the fastest selling book series in Indian publishing history.
- Ram Chandra Series was the second fastest selling book series in Indian publishing history.
- Sita: Warrior of Mithila was the highest selling Novel of 2017
- Forbes India has ranked Amish among the top 100 celebrities in India in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2017

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He has also written Immortal India (2017), a non-fiction book.