

Author of the week: Ruskin Bond



Ruskin Bond (born 19 May 1934) is an Indian author of British descent. He lives with his adopted family in Landour, in Mussoorie, India. The Indian Council for Child Education has recognized his role in the growth of children's literature in India.

Bond spent his early childhood in Jamnagar (Gujarat) and Shimla. At the age of ten, Ruskin went to live at his grandmother's house in Dehradun after his father's death that year from jaundice. Ruskin was raised by his mother and stepfather. He did his schooling from Bishop Cotton School in Shimla, from where he graduated in 1950 after winning several writing competitions in the school including the Irwin Divinity Prize and the Hailey Literature Prize. He wrote one of his first short stories, "Untouchable", at the age

of sixteen in 1951.

Filmography

The 1978 Bollywood film Junoon is based on Bond's historical novella A Flight of Pigeons. Ruskin Bond made his maiden big screen appearance with a cameo in Vishal Bhardwaj's film 7 Khoon Maaf in 2011, based on his short story Susanna's Seven Husbands. Bond appears as a Bishop in the movie with Priyanka Chopra playing the title role. Bond had earlier collaborated with him in the The Blue Umbrella which was also based on one of his works.

Awards

1. John Llewellyn Rhys Prize-1957
2. Sahitya Akademi Award-1992
3. Padma Shri-1999
4. Padma Bhushan-2014

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<http://www.thefamouspeople.com/profiles/ruskin-bond-6962.php>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSpPRpV8TPo>

"To be able to laugh and to be merciful are the only things that make man better than the beast"

-Ruskin Bond

"People often ask me why my style is so simple. It is, in fact, deceptively simple, for no two sentences are alike. It is clarity that I am striving to attain, not simplicity.

-Ruskin Bond

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