

Author of the Week: Amitav Ghosh



Biography

Amitav Ghosh was born in Calcutta and grew up in India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. He studied in Delhi, Oxford and Alexandria and is the author of *The Circle of Reason*, *The Shadow Lines*, *In An Antique Land*, *Dancing in Cambodia*, *The Calcutta Chromosome*, *The Glass Palace*, *The Hungry Tide*, and the first two volumes of *The Ibis Trilogy*; *Sea of Poppies*, and *River of Smoke*.

Awards and Achievement

The Circle of Reason was awarded France's Prix Médicis in 1990, and **The Shadow Lines** won two prestigious Indian prizes the same year, the **Sahitya Akademi Award** and the **Ananda Puraskar**. The *Calcutta Chromosome* won the Arthur C. Clarke award for 1997 and *The Glass Palace* won the **International e-Book Award** at the Frankfurt book fair in 2001. In January 2005 *The Hungry Tide* was awarded the Crossword Book Prize, a major Indian award. His novel, *Sea of Poppies* (2008) was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize, 2008 and was awarded the Crossword Book Prize and the India Plaza Golden Quill Award.

Amitav Ghosh's work has been translated into more than twenty languages and he has served on the Jury of the Locarno Film Festival (Switzerland) and the Venice Film Festival (2001). Amitav Ghosh's essays have been published in *The New Yorker*, *The New Republic* and *The New York Times*. His essays have been published by Penguin India (*The Imam and the Indian*) and Houghton Mifflin USA (*Incendiary Circumstances*). He has taught in many universities in India and the USA, including Delhi University, Columbia, Queens College and Harvard. In January 2007 he was awarded the Padma Shri, one of India's highest honours, by the President of India. In 2010, Amitav Ghosh was awarded honorary doctorates by Queens College, New York, and the Sorbonne, Paris. Along with Margaret Atwood, he was also a joint winner of a Dan David Award for 2010. In 2011 he was awarded the International Grand Prix of the Blue Metropolis Festival in Montreal.

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