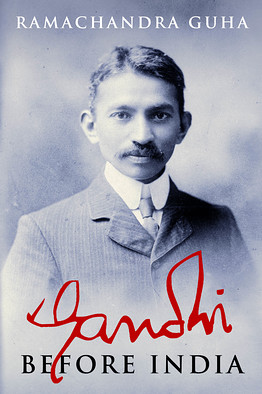
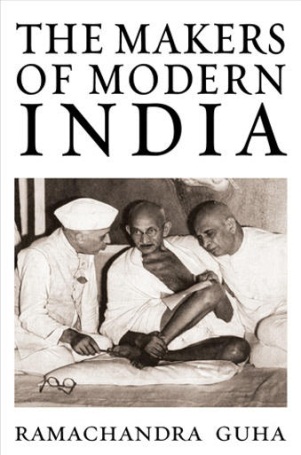
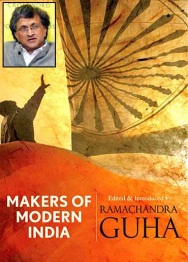
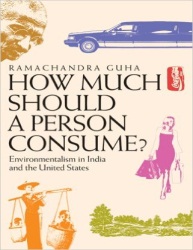
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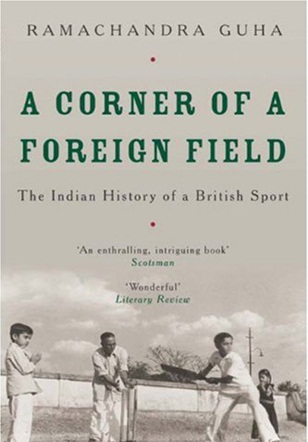


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Awards and recognition

* His essay, "Prehistory of Community Forestry in India", was awarded the Leopold-Hidy Prize of the American Society for Environmental History for 2001.
* "A Corner of a Foreign Field" was awarded the Daily Telegraph Cricket Society Book of the Year prize for 2002.
* The US magazine Foreign Policy named him as one of the top 100 public intellectuals in the world in May 2008
* Padma Bhushan for 2009, India's third highest civilian award
* 2011 Sahitya Akademi Award for India after Gandhi
* In 2014, Guha was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities by Yale University
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