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From Indias grand old man of letters comes a new compilation of essays that profile some of the most iconic figures in the last century of the subcontinents history. This book will appeal not only to admirers of Khushwant Singhs writing but also to anyone Interested in the history, politics and socio economic scenario of twentieth century India.

People profiled in this book include Jawaharlal Nehru, Krishna Menon, Indira Gandhi, Sanjay Gandhi, Amrita Sher Gil, Begum Para, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, M. S. Golwalkar, Mother Teresa, Faiz Ahmad Faiz, Dharendra Brahmachari, Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, General Tikka Khan, Phoolan Devi, Giani Zail Singh and Bhagat Puran Singh.

About the Author

Khushwant Singh is one of Indias best known and most widely read authors and columnists. He was founder-editor of Yojana and editor of the Illustrated Weekly of India, National Herald and the Hindustan Times. His first book, The Mark of Vishnu and Other Stories, was published in 1950 and he has published several acclaimed and bestselling books of fiction and non-fiction in the six decades since. He has also translated the work of major Punjabi and Urdu poets and writers, as well as the Japji and the Rehras: The Morning and Evening Prayers of the Sikhs.

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Mallika says

Loved it!

I loved this book in concept and the way it is written. Extremely insightful about the world that was. So many amazing people (or not) in history to know about. And he tells it like it was.

Anil Swarup says

Khushwant Singh does not spare any one. It is true of this book as well. He is candid, appreciative and acerbic, depending upon his understanding of the individual. Hence, he terms Krishna Menon as a person who "had a strong streak of sadism". He lays the ground rules in the introduction to the book : "The truly good and great are not diminished when their faults are exposed; on the contrary, they earn greater respect for rising to admirable heights despite their human flaws"

Karan Sood says

Khushwant Singh is at its best. He is acerbic, sarcastic and didn't spare anyone (not even himself) in the book. Lot of unknown incidents about famous people from all fields such as politics, bureaucracy, plays, movies are worth the read.

KNShaikh says

A nice short book of history on different personalities from Khushwant Singh. Gives a different view of lot of important persons in subcontinent.

Priti says

Many authors write stories about the people they have met in life, incidents they have experienced or observed from far away. But most of the time while writing these stories they never picture themselves in a negative way.

But Khushwant Singh is different from all. He loves to criticise people but then he does not shy away from criticising himself also. As he says in the beginning of book that he is a big gossip and opinionated, that is clearly reflected in each story of his. It seems at times that he just says whatever comes to his mind without thinking anything. You might find yourself hating and loving him at the same time. His friendship with Sanjay Gandhi and his support to Emergency seems questionable.

The stories are funny, witty and humorous. I know I have kind of used synonyms right now but this is how I felt while reading these completely enjoyable stories. With this book I have one advice and request that please do read introduction and don't directly jump to the stories. It's really good and is actually like a small story of Khushwant Singh life.

For complete review visit: <https://bibilophile.wordpress.com/201...>

Jaseena AL says

Rating : 3.5 stars

Vikas Garud says

Enjoyed it thoroughly.

Chapters on Gaiji Zail Singh, Indira Gandhi & Bhindranwale are very informative & interesting. Presents unknown sides of these personalities & events associated with them.

Nakul says

Khushwant Sir has described many famous and infamous celebrities of different genres in the most brutally honest way. These characterisations were completely contradictory to their social images and reputations.

Arjun says

A scandal sheet of who's-who in post-Independence India. Written with intensity, love, and zest. And perhaps a scotch in one hand.

Maharsh says

The Good, the Bad and the Ridiculous is an interesting concept and has some terrific, very personal and visceral insights into some of the most prolific people (writers, government officials, presidents and prime ministers) that shaped India in an influential way. While the anecdotes are small (I actually wished some to be longer), its a breezy read and some of the pieces do seem coloured with Khushwant Singh's personal opinions of the said people alone. The kind of people mentioned generally always polarise the masses in their opinions of them. And whether one agrees with Khushwant Singh's personal agendas towards some or not, to me the essays are definitely worth reading over an evening.

Ordinary. Falling short on expectations. Very short topics with not much details or insights. Not interesting considering other good books written by Khuswant Singh.

Rohan says

Nice book to read

My respect for khushwant singhji has increases manifold by reading this wonderfully written book. He is really Gem of India.

Ridwan Anam says

खुशवंत सिंह, एक महान लेखक और विचारक हैं। उनकी 'गंगा' नामक पुस्तक भारत की संस्कृति और इतिहास को गहराई से समझने के लिए एक बेहतरीन स्रोत है। यह पुस्तक केवल एक लेखक के दृष्टिकोण से नहीं, बल्कि एक राष्ट्रप्रेमी के दृष्टिकोण से भी लिखी गई है।

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