

Your Favourite Writer
Or
The Writer you Like Most
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There have been many great authors of fame in India. Rabindranath Tagore is my favourite author. He wrote many novels, poems, short stories and plays. He stands for Indian culture in all respects. He was also an educationalist, a social reformer, a musician and a religious preacher. He was a great son of India.

Once in thousand years comes a man through whom the soul of an entire nation expresses itself. Such was Valmiki in ancient India; such was Homer in Greece, Dante in Italy and such was Rabindranath in modern India. "He is," in the words of Prof. Sarvapally Radhakrishnan, "the greatest figure in modern Renaissance." India expressed her dreams and aspirations, her ancient wisdom and modern questioning through him. For long years, the light of his genius, as vast and as innumerable as the ocean, lighted the literary sky of Bengal, nay of India.

Tagore's father was a landlord and a social reformer. It was a landlord family of Bengal. One of his brothers was an I.C.S. officer. Tagore was born in Kolkata on May 6, 1861. He was the youngest son of Maharishi Davendra Nath and grandson of prince Dwarka Nath Tagore. He was taught at home. He did not attend any school or college. He was educated in the open university of the world. He began to write in Bengali at an early age. He started a magazine. His belief was that the first language of the people was the first thing for an India writer. He wrote books in Bengali till he was fifty years of age.

He went abroad at the age of 52. People of other countries welcomed him as a noble ambassador of the Indian people. He was officially received by many governments. His book "Gitanjali" won for him the Nobel Prize in Literature. The king of England gave him the title of "Sir" in 1915. In 1919, he renounced it as a protest against the British repressive policy in Punjab.

Tagore felt that the Indians did not get proper education. He opened his own famous school at Shanti Niketan. Later, this school became a Centre of culture. It became a university.

His poems are full of the beauty of nature, love of God and children. He is, without doubt, the greatest India poet. He is called the "Shelley of Bengal". He is an inspired singer who sings because he cannot help singing. He is a master both of rhyme and rhythm. Out of his books of poems, the "Gitanjali" is the best. His song, "Jan-Gan-Man" is our national anthem. His novels "Gora" and "wreck" are very famous. His short stories deal with touching human experience. One cannot forget his satire like "The Home-Coming", "Cabuliwala" 'subha' and "The Postmaster." His other important works are the 'The Crescent Moon', 'One Hundred Poems of Kabir', 'My reminiscences', 'Broken Ties', etc. Tagore was successful in every field of writing. He is beyond appreciation, beyond praise, beyond comparison. He was a versatile genius. His best works have been translated into many foreign languages and have been liked by the one and all. In short, he is such a great writer as is born in a country only once in many countries.