

RUSKIN BOND

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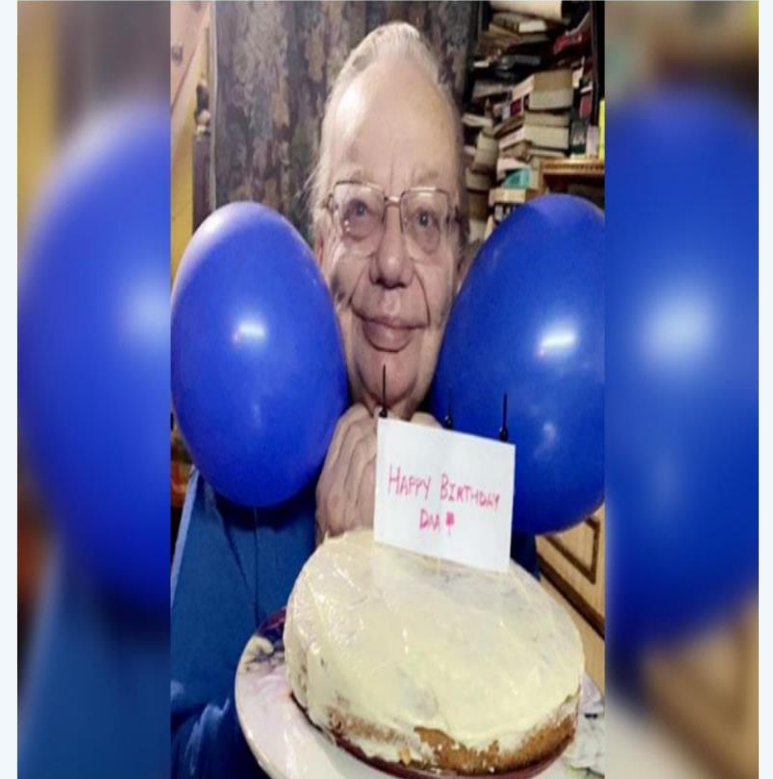
About :

Ruskin Bond (born 19 May 1934) is an Indian author . His first novel, [*The Room on the Roof*](#), was published in 1956, and it received the [*John Llewellyn Rhys Prize*](#) in 1957. Bond has authored more than 500 short stories, essays, and novels, including 64 books for children. He was awarded the [*Sahitya Akademi Award*](#) in 1992 for [*Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra*](#). He was awarded the [*Padma Shri*](#) in 1999 and [*Padma Bhushan*](#) in 2014. He lives with his adopted family in [*Landour, Mussoorie*](#), in the Indian state of [*Uttarakhand*](#).



Personal Life :

Bond was born to Edith Clerke and Aubrey Bond. Edith Clerke was working with the Royal Air Force that time. At the age of 4, Bond's mother Aubrey Bond remarried a Punjabi-Hindu called Hari and bond wen to live with his new father, spending his childhood in Jamnagar and Shimla. From the age of ten, for a few years, Bond went to live with this grandmother in Dehradun, after the sudden death of his father due to malaria. He did most of his schooling from the Bishop Cotton School, Shimla. During this time, he won many accolades in writing like the Irwin Divinity Prize and the Hailey Literature Prize.



Career:

In 1980, an Indian book and story publishing company established its name, Penguin. The company approached Ruskin to write some books for them.

Thereafter, he wrote the sequel of *The Room on the Roof* in 1965 and named *Vagrants in the Valley*. Both of the novels at a time by Penguin India in 1993.

Further, the company published a collection of his non-fictional writings, *The Best of Ruskin Bond* in the same year.

Ruskin has always had an interest in supernatural fiction writings and this led him to write several stories including, *Ghost Stories from the Raj*, *A Face in the Dark*, *A Season of Ghosts*, and many more.

After these, Ruskin Bond has written over 500 short stories, essays, and novels.



He also loves children and that's why he had written numerous poems and stories for them. Some of his popular writings for students were The Blue Umbrella, A Flight of Pigeons, Funny Side Up, and over 50 books.

In 1997, Ruskin Bond published a book covering his autobiography named Scenes from a writer's life. The book describes his biography including his formative years growing up in Anglo-India.

Recently in 2017, he published another autobiography book, Lone Fox Dancing.



Education of Ruskin Bond :

Ruskin Bond started his elementary education at Bishop Cotton School in Shimla. He was a very studious and intelligent student in his school.

He was extra fabulous in literature and writing. Following this, he has been awarded two big awards in his school time.

Those are Irwin Divinity Prize and Hailey Literature Prize. Ruskin graduated from Bishop Cotton School in 1950 and started his career.

He wrote his first and very short story in 1951 and named Untouchability. He then moved to his aunt's home in Channel Island in 1951 following his high school education and stayed there for two years.



Filmography :

In 1978, the Bollywood Film *Junoon* was released which is totally based upon Ruskin's novel, *A Flight of Pigeons*.

Even, his character Rusty and his stories have been taken into a TV series, *Ek Tha Rusty*. Later in 2005, Vishal Bhardwaj (Bollywood director) made a film which is based on Ruskin's novel for children, *The Blue Umbrella*.

It became an award-winning movie and won the National Award for Best Children's film.

In 2011, Ruskin appeared in Vishal Bhardwaj's film, *7 Khoon Maaf*. It was his maiden big-screen appearance.

The film was based upon one of the short stories, *Susanna's Seven Husbands*.

He played his role as a Bishop with the Bollywood actress, Priyanka Chopra. Also, Ruskin worked together with Bhardwaj in *The Blue Umbrella*.



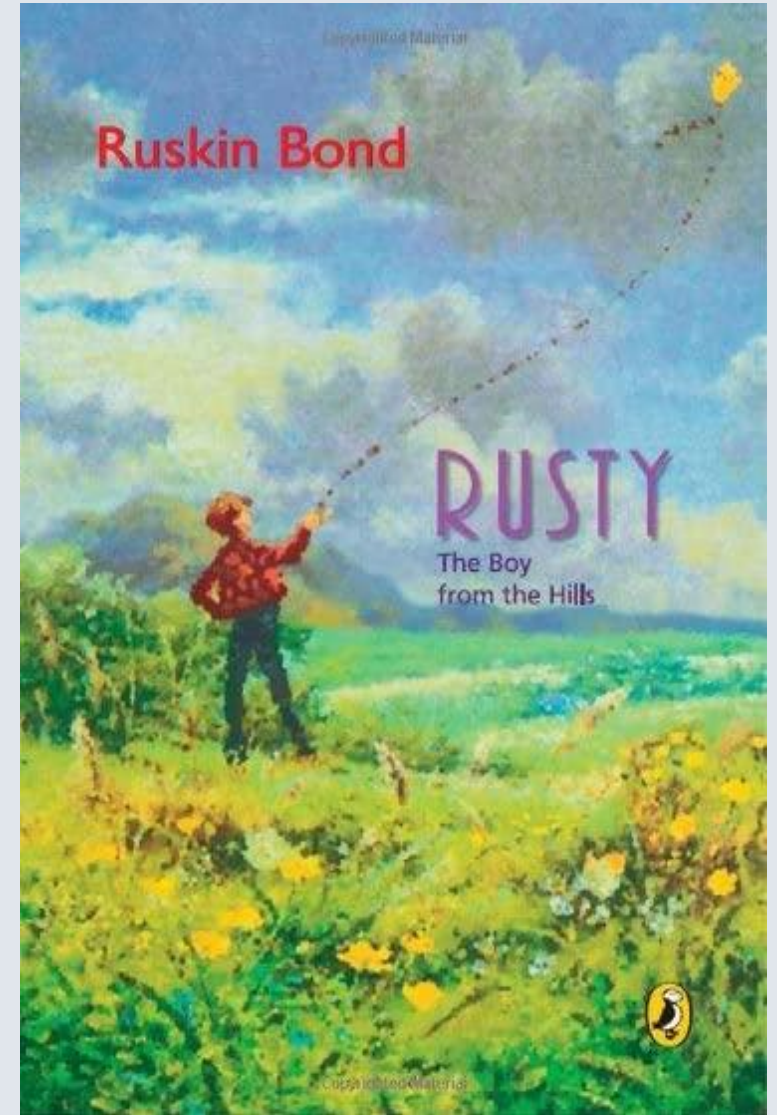
Rusty character of Ruskin Bond :

Ruskin has created a fictional character named Rusty. It is about an orphaned sixteen years Anglo Indian boy who lived in Dehradun. He had no real family, thus he started to live with his adopted guardian, Mr. John Harrison.

Mr. John has strict and harsh manners and rules. Rusty has to follow the hard rules of his guardian. If he obeys Mr. John, he could be beaten by him.

Even though he hasn't any friends, hence he lives in a lonely environment.

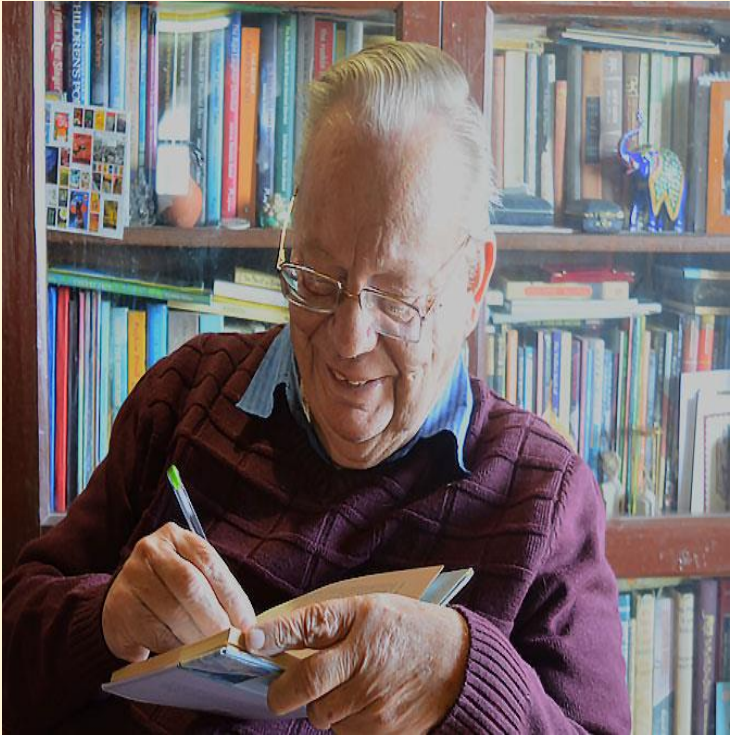
His character has been made with the vision of helping teenagers who were engaged in their life and happiness.



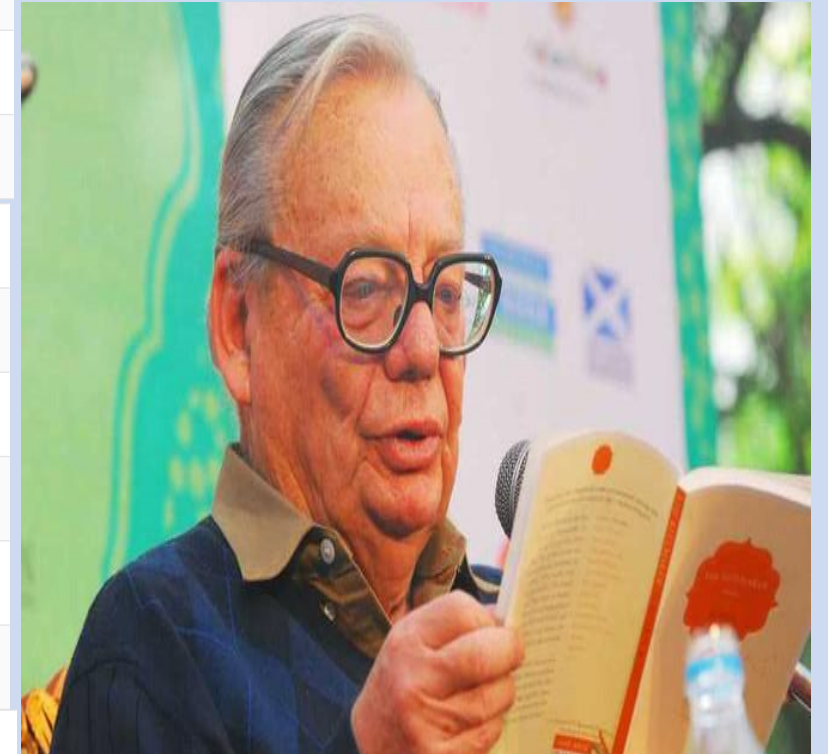
Ruskin Bond Books:

Ruskin Bond has written many books in his life story. Most of his writings were inspirational and very interesting. In fact, children love to read and write Ruskin’s poems and stories. Let you know the major old and new books which Ruskin Bond has written in his career.

Books Name	Released Year
The Eyes Have It	1953
The Room on the Roof	1956
The Hidden Pool	1966
Grandfathers Private Zoo	1967
Strange Men	1969
Angry River	1972
The Blue Umbrella	1974



Love is a Sad Song	1975
A Flight of Pigeons	1978
Night of the Leopard	1979
The Road to the Bazaar	1980
Flames in the Forest	1981
Tales and Legends from India	1982
Earthquake	1984
Getting Granny's Glasses	1985
Cricket for the Crocodile	1986
The Night Train at Deoli	1988
Ghost Trouble	1989
Snake Trouble	1990
Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra	1991
An Island of Trees	1992



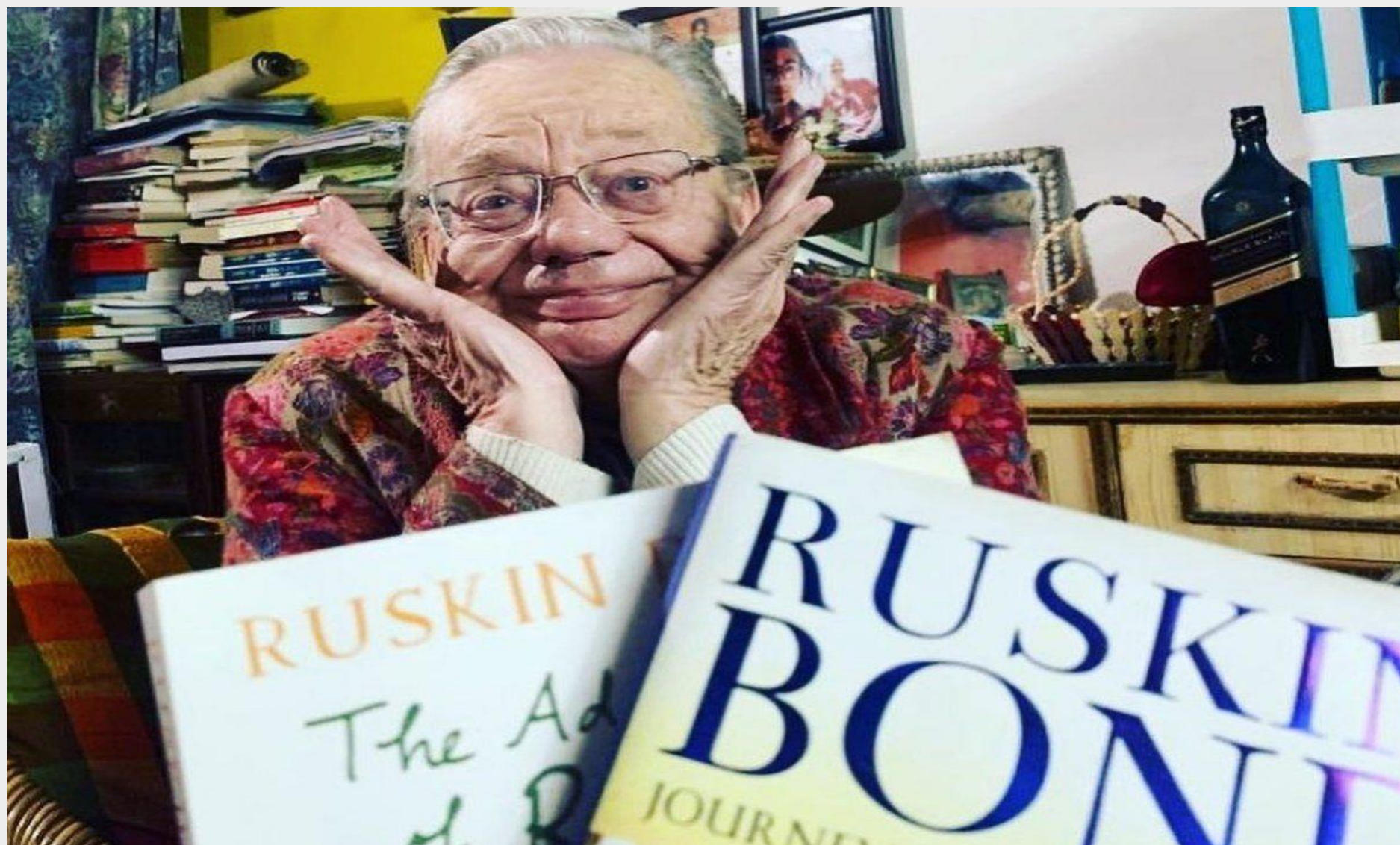
Hanuman to the Rescue	1993
Indian Railway Stories	1994
The Ruskin Bond Children's Omnibus	1995
Scenes from a Writer's Life	1997
A Bond with the Mountains	1998
Collected Fiction A Season of Ghosts	1999
Friends in Small Places	2001
The Landour Cookbook	2002
A Long Walk for Bina	2002
Rusty Runs Away	2003
The Little Book of Comfort	2003
The India I Love	2004
Road to Mussoorie	2005
A Town Called Dehra	2008



The Sensualist	2009
Great Stories for Children's	2011
Crazy Times with Uncle Ken	2011
Tales of Fosterganj	2013
The Very Best of Ruskin Bond	2014
A Book of Simple Living	2015
Vagrants in the Valley	2016
Lone Fox Dancing	2017
The Great Train Journey	2018
Owls in the Family	2018
How to Be a Writer	2020



SOURCE: HUMANS OF BOMBAY INSTAGRAM



- **Novels :**

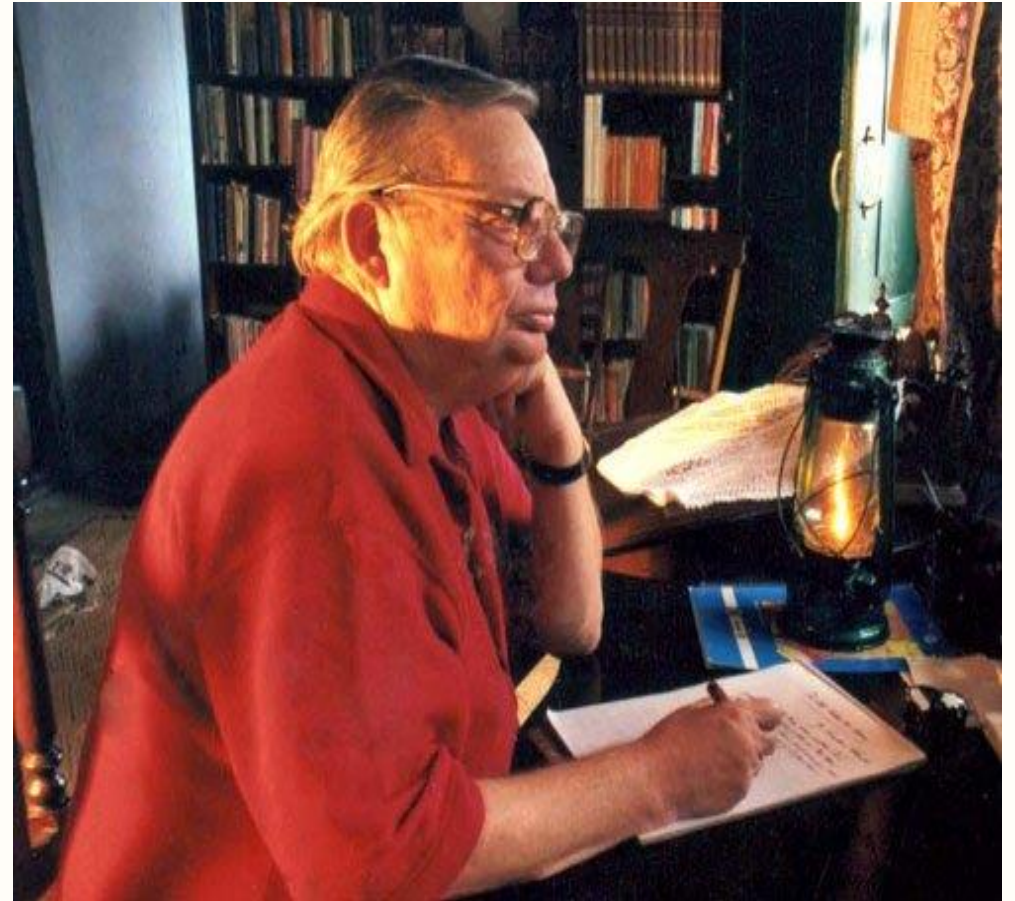
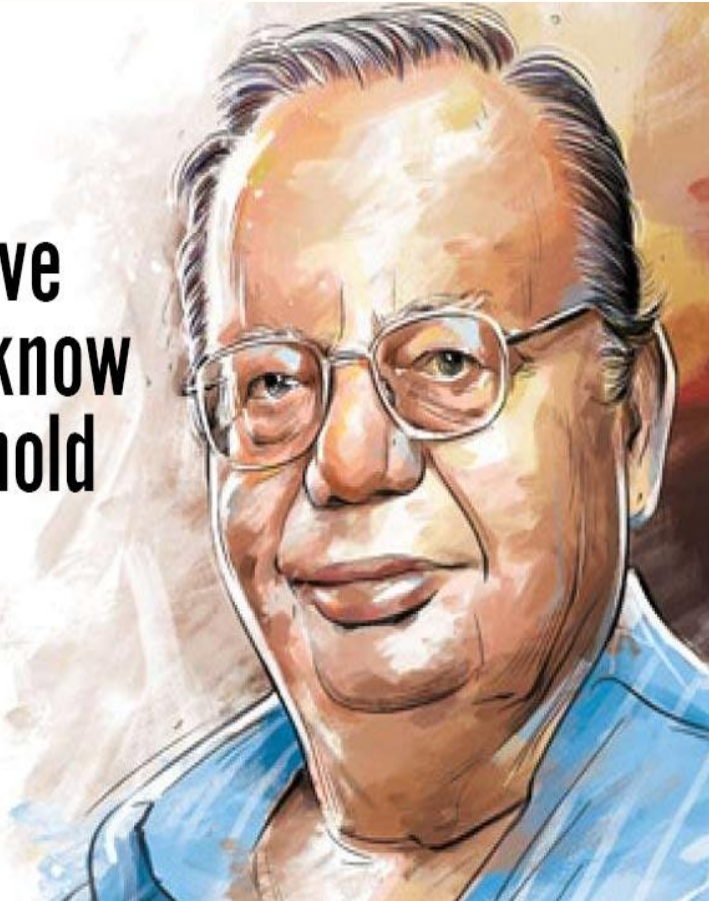
- [The Room on the Roof](#)
- Vagrants in the Valley
- [Rusty Runs Away](#)
- [A Flight of Pigeons](#)
- [The Sensualist](#)
- The Panther's Moon
- Once Upon A MonsoonTime
- Delhi is Not Far
- [Angry River](#)
- Strangers in the Night
- All Roads Lead To Ganga
- Leopard on the Mountain

- [The Blue Umbrella](#)
- *Too Much Trouble*
- *When The Tiger Was King*
- "Cherry Tree"
- "The Great Train Journey"
- Children Of India
- Owls In The Family
- Dust On The Mountain
- Adventures Of Toto
- The House Of Strange Stories
- Big Business
- When the Night Falls

**You don't have
to lie if you know
how to withhold
the truth.**

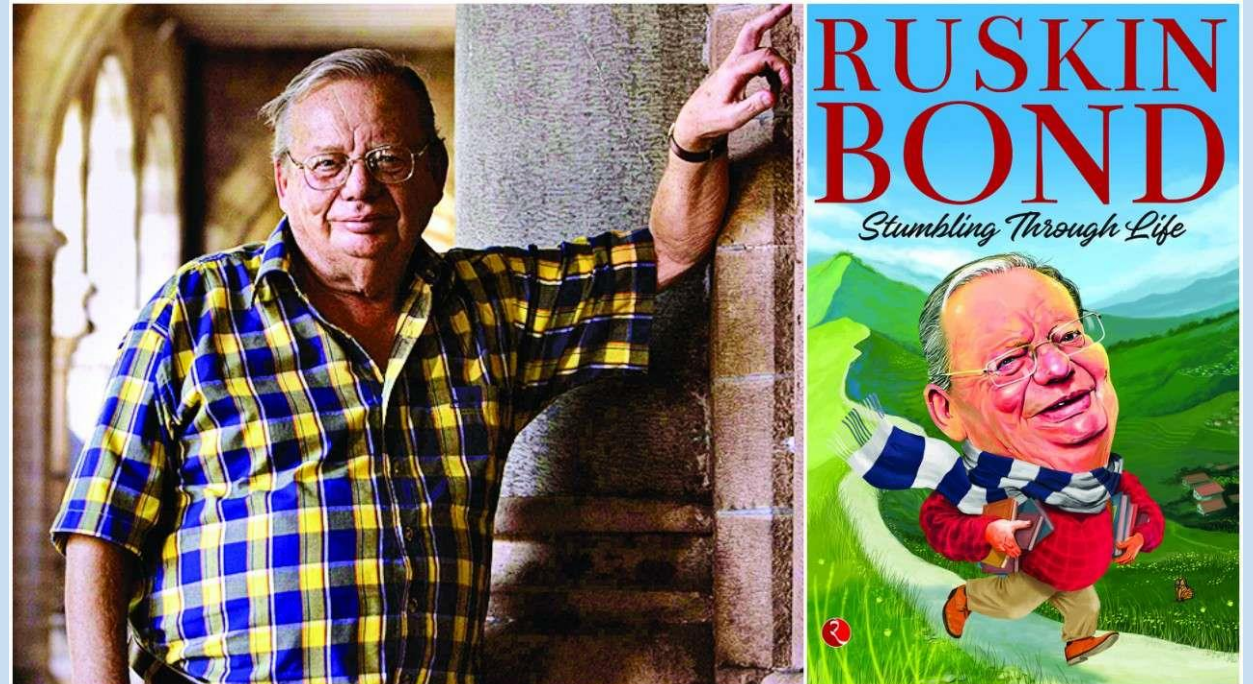
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Memories:

- *Landour Days – A writers Journal*
- *Scenes from a Writer's Life*
- *With Love From The Hills*
- *Roads To Mussoorie*
- *Looking for the Rainbow*
- *Till the Clouds Roll By*
- *Coming Round the Mountain*
- *A Song of India*
- *All the roads lead to Ganga*



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