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India's great novelist presents "a gallery of colorful characters" in this collection of short stories set in the mythical village of Malgudi. LJ's reviewer found the tales "compelling miniature gems" (LJ 4/1/82). Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

About the Author

R. K. Narayan (1906-2001) was born in Madras, South India. He is best-known for his vivid fictional recreation of urban India in the Malgudi series of novels. His 1958 novel *The Guide* won him the National Prize of the Indian Literary Academy, his country's highest literary honour. In 1980 he was awarded the A.C. Benson Medal by the Royal Society of Literature and in 1981 he was made an Honourary Member of the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters.

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