

# Rural Culture and Customs: An Exploration of Ruskin Bond's Literary Opus

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## ABSTRACT:

Indian English has come to be perceived as an assortment of English in its own right. Indian English writing has turned out to be a standout amongst the most noteworthy writing in literature. Indian authors in English have been utilizing every one of the types of writing in literature. The Indian short story essayist in English started his work under the influence of the west, at the end of the nineteenth century. These scholars have made numerous creative investigations with the frame and the story strategies.

A modest attempt has been made to examine Ruskin Bond's artistic works. He has achieved mindfulness about the provincial Indian life. He depicts the life of provincial individuals with solidness and decorum. He portrays successfully and skillfully a lifestyle of individuals living in towns, their qualities, standards, convictions, states of mind, conventions, traditions, superstitions, religion and so forth in his accounts.

There are noticeable highlights of rustic culture which are reflected in the different accumulations of short fiction of Ruskin Bond. He delineates different parts of human presence in his accounts against the foundation of country India. He depicts the Indian Festivals and its social importance from the awesome to earthbound substances and its effect on the history and the human progress of contemporary society.

In this exploration the paper has investigated the Social Customs, Festivals and Gods in the writing of Ruskin Bond. Ruskin Bond cherishes India, as well as the general population and convention of the considerable number of religions of India and gives due regard to them. In his works, Ruskin Bond frequently gives us plentiful depiction about Indian social traditions, celebrations and religious divine beings. Regardless of being a Christian, he knows about Indian traditions, as he has seen and appreciated this nearly. India is a major nation possessed by the general population of various religions and traditions. Security predominantly concentrates towards the celebrations celebrated in North India. Ruskin Bond's portrayal of Indian traditions and celebrations is loyal and with no sort of bias. The researchers propose to investigate Ruskin Bond's portrayal and legendary undertone of Indian God in its actual soul and sense.

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## INTRODUCTION:

The term 'rural culture' implies a lifestyle of individuals living in towns as recognized from life in the city. India has a substantial number of towns. It is certifiably called as the 'country of towns'.

Ruskin Bond uncovered the genuine idea of reality with the assistance of dreams. These accounts are composed out of his social perceptions. The settings of his tales and dreams are slope-top, a mountain, a stream bank, a valley or a villa. The characters of his dreams are either superstitious villagers or crude people. These accounts have solid message important to our time.

## INDIAN CUSTOMS AND RURAL CULTURE:

In Bond's works we run over the continuous reference of Indian traditions and Indian ceremonies. Ruskin Bond was conceived and raised in India in this way he is well comfortable with the Indian culture, social ceremonies and traditions. He adores India and has meandered in North India with his Indian companions. His sharp perception of India and the general population of India have

empowered him to know about the different traditions and the customs of India. Indian traditions and customs are portrayed in a significant number of his works. These depictions uncover the sound information of Bond about Indian traditions.

It is standard in India that when the memorial service parade passes out and about, individuals who meet in transit pay due regard to the dead regardless of whether they don't regard a man when he is alive. The collection of people isn't as critical as his spirit. In Delhi isn't Far Bond portrays finally a memorial service parade that is headed to incineration ground.

In Delhi is not far Bond likewise remarks on the issues of noisy speakers. In India, particularly in country regions or residential areas amid marriage capacities and some religious get-togethers individuals jump at the chance to play music, film melodies or religious tunes so noisily that ruin numerous individuals' rest around evening time. He additionally talks about this aggravation that does not enjoy others. So individuals need to become accustomed to it. Here Bond does not censure this custom but rather introduces the genuine picture

In A Flight of Pigeons he portrays an antiquated Indian custom of piercing nose and ears among Indian ladies to wear adornments. Indian ladies are partial to wearing distinctive sort of adornments on various events. Bond talks about this custom through the discussion among Kothiwali and Mariam. As indicated by the Indian custom a spouse or husband should call each other by name. Bond remarks this custom in A Flight of Pigeon, when he portrays the residential undertakings of Lala Ramji Lal's family: Indian individuals love watching films than whatever else. A large portion of the Indian film houses are constantly stuffed as the general population of all class are enamored with watching motion pictures. It is extremely hard to anchor tickets on the grounds that there is a mayhem at Indian film houses. Bond satirically remarks on the fever of Indians of watching films through the character of Kishen in The Room on the Roof: "There was a jam before the bazaar's solitary film, as there was no sorted out lining for booking."

It is a typical sight in Indian avenues where we discover dairy animals meandering all over. Individuals of India think about cow as "Mata" (the mother) consequently pays due regard to her and don't hurt the cow. In his story 'The Blue Umbrella', Bond portrays the dairy animals of various hues. Regularly we find in the uneven regions.

Individuals in India give distinctive names of ladies to various cow as indicated by the shade of their body and these cows are known by these names as it were. In Room on The Roof Bond introduces the celebration of Holi which is exceptionally acclaimed in Hindu people group of North India. Holi is the celebration of shading.. He likewise specifies the essentialness of the celebration of Holi through the mouth of Ranbir who welcomes Rusty to play Holi with him As the celebration is of Hindus, the others don't praise this celebration. At the point when Rusty gets some information about his interest in Holi, Somi advises Rusty that it isn't feasible for him to join with them since he has a place with an alternate network called Sikh who have their distinctive celebrations and traditions and don't play Holy. "I don't play Holi. I am not the same as Ranbir. I wear a turban and he doesn't, likewise there is a bangle on my wrist, which implies that I am a Sikh. We don't play it.

Further, he portrays in The Room on The Roof how individuals appreciate the celebration. Youngsters and young fellows of the town frame gatherings, all around furnished with supply of hues. They additionally utilize bike pumps and bamboo stems, from which was squirted fluid shading. Kids leave their home the entire day, yelling and making clamor in the avenues. By and large, in the event that anyone doesn't leave his home to play Holi, his companions achieve the home and endeavors to make him play Holi using any and all means. As Bond makes reference to, "Suri is covering up" cried somebody.

This day individuals overlook their homes and work and all issues of life as Rusty who additionally overlooked in any event for one day his watchman and his home. Consequently, Bond depicts the essentialness, significance and reason and the method for festivity minutely in this novel. His portrayal is very practical and fascinating. His tale Delhi isn't Far presents the portrayal of surely understood celebration Janmashtami. Ruler Krishna's birthday is praised on this day. At the point when Lord Krishna was conceived, there was an enormous rain and tempest. As Bond depicts, "It was Lord Krishna's birthday, and the rain descended as intensely as it more likely than not done the day Krishna was conceived in Brindaban"

In A Flight of the Pigeons Bond portrays the storm celebration particularly celebrated in North India by ladies amid the blustery season. They put on their new vivid dresses and swing to discharge their sentiments. We can't help thinking that Ruskin Bond is altogether comfortable with this celebration primarily celebrated in the rustic piece of the North India

In addition, Bond intensely makes reference to the strategy of the Monsoon celebration how womenfolk make swing. The celebration gives an exciting background while swinging watching the bringing mists above up in the sky. Bond's depiction of this celebration is clear and magnificent. This depiction uncovers his sound learning about this celebration Ruskin Bond cherishes to depict the picture of Indian divine beings. In a significant number of his books, he portrays their identity as well as their significance

and notoriety among Indians. Alongside this, he likewise alludes to the fanciful stories related with these Indian divine beings. In Delhi isn't Far, he makes reference to the fanciful story about the blue throat of Lord Shiva and how Lord Siva is known as Nilkanth.

Ruskin Bond has consequently exhibited Indian culture dependably. His depiction about Indian traditions, celebrations and God is persuading, believable and satisfactory by any Indian. Bond adores India and views himself as an Indian. Nobody can test his constancy and commitment towards India as he says: "I am as Indian as the residue of fields or the grass of a mountain glade." Nothing can express the adoration for a nation betterly than these words by Ruskin Bond.

Ruskin Bond's depiction of Indian culture is exceptional on the grounds that numerous authors of Indian birthplace have additionally composed affected by the British philosophy yet Ruskin Bond acknowledges India in Toto. As Usha Bande composes Ruskin Bond experienced childhood in changing India and his steadfastness dependably stayed with and still stays with India. After the Independence a large portion of the Britishers moved to their local nation yet not very many who were exceptionally old to relocate or who did not have money related help, remained in India. For Bond, India has never been only a land parcel. It has implied love, effortlessness, solidarity and acknowledgment. As Bond has constantly chosen north India as the foundation for his works, one can obviously observe that north

India converges at last into an Indian soul. Bond himself thinks about India as a living life form. He states, "To cherish it through the companions, I made and through the mountains, valleys, fields and backwoods which have establish a permanent connections at the forefront of my thoughts. For India is an environment as much as it is a land"

### Conclusion:

Accordingly, this paper uncovers that Ruskin bond who is known to be highly caught up with subjects like peaceful and country life, nature and traditions. He proceeds to scrutinize the social molding and the pervasive oppressive thoughts with respect to rustic culture. He reasonably draws the contemporary rustic culture, country culture. The 'genuine' India is found in the towns, some connect it with enormous urban areas and mechanical focuses. Bond's India is the residential area India where characters appear to be finished just in their contact with nature. His special commitment to post-autonomy, postcolonial writing is this double vision, this hybridity that imparts his composition with intricacy and wealth. Despite the fact that Bond has a few lacks excessively like his ineptitude, making it impossible to compose long books, his seeking after of just the straightforward parts of life, and so forth.; the reality rests that Ruskin Bond displays incredible craftsmanship, energy and trustworthiness in the majority of his works. He is one of only a handful couple of scholars who can recount a story normally, uncovering at each stage it's most astounding proportion of feeling. His straightforward yet refined and streaming writing transmits his philosophical point of view in a way that youthful and old both can pursue and experience sincerely.

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