

Classic Literature for Children

Kabuliwala

Rabindranath Tagore



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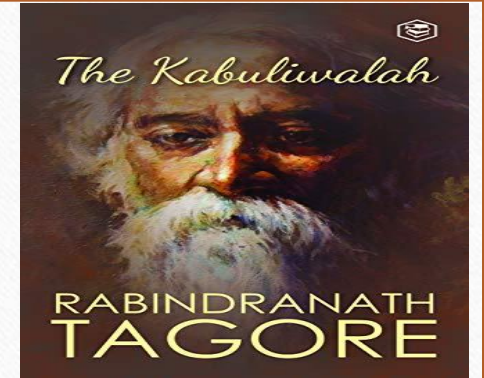
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR



- RABINDRANATH TAGORE (7 May 1861 – 7 August 1941)
- Who worked as a poet, writer, playwright, composer, philosopher, social reformer and painter.
- He became in 1913 the first non-European and the first lyricist to win the Nobel Prize in Literature for the poetry of *Gitanjali*.
- He was a fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society. Referred to as “the Bard of Bengal”.
- His compositions were chosen by two nations as national anthems: India's "Jana Gana Mana" and Bangladesh's "Amar Shonar Bangla".
- He reshaped Bengali literature and music as well as Indian art with Contextual Modernism.
- He was the founder of Visva-Bharati University.

Kabuliwalah the Story



- Kabuliwalah means the man who comes from Kabul and also called “*THE MAN FROM KABUL*”
- It is a Bengali Short Story. Written in 1892.
- The story is of a merchant from Kabul, named Abdul Rahman, who comes to Calcutta, India for selling dry-fruits and nuts.
- He becomes friends with a talkative five-year-old girl Mini.
- He gave chocolate, fruit and nuts for her.
- The girl always waiting for his arrival.



Themes

Theme



- The main theme of the story is filial love -the deep love that fathers have for their children.
- In the story we encounter three examples of filial love-
- 1. the author and his daughter;
- 2. the kabuliwalah and his own daughter in Afghanistan; and
- 3. the kabuliwalah and Mini.
- The main theme of this story is that humans, no matter what their nationality or background, are all the same, as symbolised by filial affection—the deep love that fathers have for their children.



CHARACTERS



- **The Narrator** : Mini's father and the story's unnamed first-person narrator and protagonist
- **Rahamat / The "Kabuliwala"** : Rahamat is a traveling fruit seller from Afghanistan, or a Kabuliwala. He is the hero of the story.
- **Mini** : Mini is the only child of the narrator and his wife. At the beginning of the story, she is a talkative, inquisitive, and energetic five-year-old. She is very close with her father.
- **The Narrator's Wife / Mini's Mother** : Like the narrator, Mini's mother is never named in the story.
- **Parvati** : The narrator refers to Rahamat's daughter back in Afghanistan as "his little mountain-dwelling Parvati," suggesting that that's her name.



Conclusion



- Kabuliwala was collecting the payment from his customer but his customer denied his debt to Kabuliwala and so Abdul Rahman stabbed the man and as a result,
- Rahman was put into jail. (15 years sentenced).
- After his return, he wants to meet Mini that the time she went to Mother-in-law's house.
- Rahman traveled back to his own country to reunite with his daughter again.

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