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**Contemporary Indian English
Fiction: Search for Identity** by
Prof Jagdish Batra

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Prof. Dr. Jagdish Batra is Professor of English and former Founding Head of English Language Centre at O.P. Jindal Global University, India. With more than three decades of teaching and research experience, he specialises in Indian English Fiction on which he has presented papers at many international conferences in Europe and South East Asia. A Rotary Foundation awardee to USA, Dr Batra has published eight books including *T.S. Eliot: A Deconstructive Reading*; *Rohinton Mistry*; *21st Century Indian Novel in English*, *A New Approach to Literary Theory and Criticism and Postcolonial Literature Today*.

Contemporary Indian English Fiction: Search for Identity

Ever since Rushdie won the Booker in 1981, hundreds of Indians have published their stories and novels. Since 2000 AD, some 1400 novels have been published by Indians living in India or abroad. One finds almost every theme taken up – individual psyche, socio-political issues, economic problems, history and myths, space and region, popular fiction of all variety, etc. Similarly, style variations range from conventional realistic to postmodern ones. And yet there is much left to be desired. Most of it reflects an outsider elitist's point of view and speaks poorly of Indian ethos. Some show the proclivity to a certain approach or theory. Dr Batra examines the strengths and weaknesses in a number these novels.

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