



## The research paper on “Child psychology and Ruskin Bond’s stories”

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### Abstract

The Child psychology is very interesting to study for the man kind. The children are most creative and most natural in thinking and they live in their own world. The one of the famous writer had written many stories related to children. The Author has studied the stories of Ruskin Bond with respect to Child’s psychology. Ruskin Bond (born 19 May 1934) is an Indian author of British descent. He lives with his adopted family in Landour, in Mussoorie, India. The Indian Council for Child Education has recognized his role in the growth of children's literature in India. He got the Sahitya Academy Award in 1992 for *Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra*, for his published work in English. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 1999 and Padma Bhushan in 2014.

Ruskin Bond was born on 19 May 1934 in a military hospital, to Edith Clarke and Aubrey Bond, in Kasauli, Punjab States Agency, British India. His siblings were Ellen and William. Ruskin's father was with the Royal Air Force from 1939 till 1944. When Bond was eight years old, his mother separated from his father and married a Punjabi Hindu, Hari. Ellen lived in Ludhiana until she died in 2014.

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### 1. Introduction

Bond spent his early childhood in Jamnagar (Gujarat) and Shimla. At the age of ten, Ruskin went to live at his grandmother's house in Dehradun after his father's death that year from jaundice. Ruskin was raised by his mother and stepfather. He did his schooling from Bishop Cotton School in Shimla, from where he graduated in 1950 after winning several writing competitions in the school including the Irwin Divinity Prize and the Hailey Literature Prize. He wrote one of his first short stories, "Untouchable", at the age of sixteen in 1951.

Following his high school education he went to his aunt's place in the Channel Islands (U.K.) in 1951 for better prospects and stayed there for two years. In London, he started writing his first novel, *The Room on the Roof*, the semi-autobiographical story of the orphaned Anglo-Indian boy named Rusty; he did various jobs for a living. It won the John Llewellyn Rhys Prize, (1957) awarded to a British Commonwealth writer under 30. He moved to London and worked in a photo studio while searching for a publisher. After getting it published, Bond used the advance money to pay the sea passage to Bombay and settle in Dehradun.

### 2. Ruskin Bond and Child’s Stories

Ruskin Bond is a well known Indian Writer in English. He has written more than hundred short-stories, six novels, three collections of verse and over thirty books for children. Ruskin Bond received Sahitya Academy award for his book “Our Trees Still Grow at Dehra” in 1992, and was honored with title “Padam Shree” in 1999, for his life time contribution to Indian literature in English. He has been writing for the last fifty years in different genres of literature.

### 3. Achievements of Ruskin Bond

The Ruskin Bond Stories and novels got wide publicity world wide in India Specially the various Director’s produced films on his Novels. He was also appreciated by various prizes and awards at national level. To brief Filmography The 1978 Bollywood film Junoon is based on Bond's historical novella A Flight of Pigeons (about an episode during the Indian Rebellion\_of\_1857). It was produced by Shashi Kapoor and directed by Shyam Benegal. The Rusty stories have been adapted into a Doordarshan TV series *Ek Tha Rusty*. Several stories have been incorporated in the school curriculum in India, including *The Night Train at Deoli*, *Time Stops at Shamli* and *Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra*. In 2005, the Bollywood director Vishal Bhardwaj made a film based on his popular novel for children, *The Blue Umbrella*. The movie won the National Award for Best Children's film.

Ruskin Bond made his maiden big screen appearance with a cameo in Vishal Bhardwaj's film *7 Khoon Maaf* in 2011, based on his short story *Susanna's Seven Husbands*. Bond appears as a Bishop in the movie with Priyanka Chopra playing the title role. Bond had earlier collaborated with Bharadwaj in *The Blue Umbrella* which was also based on one of his works.

### Awards Received by Ruskin Bond

Table 1

Award	Year
John Llewellyn Rhys Prize	1957
Sahitya Academy Award	1992
Padma Shri	1999
Padma Bhushan	2014

#### 4. Study of Child Psychology

Developmental psychology is the scientific study of how and why human beings change over the course of their life. Originally concerned with infants and children, the field has expanded to include adolescence, adult development, aging, and the entire lifespan. Developmental psychologists aim to explain how thinking, feeling and behavior change throughout life. This field examines change across three major dimensions: physical development, cognitive development, and socio emotional development. Within these three dimensions are a broad range of topics including motor skills, executive functions, moral understanding, language acquisition, social change, personality, emotional development, self-concept and identity formation.

1. Early Adolescence: 9 to 13 years (preteen),
2. Mid Adolescence: 13 to 15 years and
3. Late Adolescence: 15 to 18 years



Fig 1

#### 5. Importance of Study of Child's Psychology

1. To Know the Child Better.
2. To Know the skills of the child and develop them in positive way.
3. To find out dislikes of the child.
4. To identify the strengths of the child at young age.
5. To teach best things in life to child through morals and stories.
6. To understand behavioral problems in child.



Fig 2

#### 6. Issues Faced by Today's Children

1. Lack of Guidance Support and Motivation from parents.
2. School Pressure.
3. Expectations from family and society.
4. Changes in their bodies ad peer pressure.
5. Emotional Imbalance.
6. Family Conflicts and illness problems.
7. Misunderstanding with parents.
8. Anger, ego and stress related problems.



Fig 3

#### 7. Solutions to Above Issues and Problems

1. The Children require healthy environment in family so parents should be happy and healthy themselves first.
2. Faith and better understanding between parents and child.
3. Reducing School Pressure.
4. Guiding properly and in considerable manner to the children
5. All-round development by identifying the skills of the child and motivating them.

#### 8. Ruskin Bond's Stories and Child's Psychology.

Ruskin Bond has very nicely related the child's behavior and expectations in his short stories. If they are seriously read by the young children they will get better understanding of the problems and the parents will be benefited by these stories. The Stories are very interesting and are widely accepted and read.

#### 9. Conclusion

The Paper is decent contribution to the child's psychology and how we can relate the stories of Ruskin bond with this important issue of the children. The Stories can be best way to educate the children in major issues faced in this young age. The world of children is different form the adults. The Children are more imaginative, creative and most natural in behavior. These qualities when utilized in best way they can become better citizens of the world.

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