



ABSOLUTE KHUSHWANT – (February 2, 1915 - March 20, 2014)

The most read columnist is no more! A fearless writer, a man of great discipline, yet full of zest for life, an irreverent wit and considerable scholar.

The man who spared none and spread cheer with his celebrated column-'With Malice Towards One and All'(as 'The Tribune' rightfully quoted "Above all, there was malice to none!") was born in Hadali (now in Pakistan) on February 2, 1915. Known for his humors and abiding love for poetry, Khushwant began writing in 1969, and continued to contribute columns to various newspapers, until recently. He wrote about 65 novels ranging from politician commentary, to translations of Sikh religious texts and Urdu poetry. Among the several works he published, was a classic two-volume 'A History of the Sikhs' and others such as 'Train to Pakistan', 'Delhi' and 'In the Company of Women'. Fond of his evening Scotch with friends, he had a full innings--a century almost.



the logo that illustrated his column—a 'Sardar' with a pen, sitting in a bulb, surrounded by books and a glass of whisky by his side. But as we all know of his tremendous discipline in writing, a man who stuck to his daily schedule and took pride in not missing deadlines—the perfect traits of a journalist and above all a perfect man.

The master of wit is dead now, the man who taught us celebrates life and lives every moment, is no more.

Composing his epitaph, he wrote,

*"Here lies one who spared neither man nor God;
Waste not your tears on him, he was a sod;
Writing nasty things he regarded as great fun;
Thank the Lord he is dead, this son of a gun."*

He is gone, but lives in our hearts! **RIP KHUSHWANT**

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Khushwant was educated at Modern school, New Delhi. He did his Bachelor's from the Government College, Lahore, followed by a degree in law from the King's College, London. Khushwant edited 'Yojana', 'The Illustrated Weekly of India', and 'The Hindustan Times'. The man behind witty, fearless and acerbic writings was also a member of Rajya Sabha from 1980 to 1986. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1974 for his service to the nation, but returned the honour in 1984 in protest against the Operation Bluestar at Golden Temple. Subsequently, he was bestowed with an even higher honour, the Padma Vibhushan, in 2007.

Khushwant Singh's father, Sir Sobha Singh, was a prominent builder in Lutyen's Delhi. Khushwant practiced law at the Lahore High Court for several years before joining the Ministry of External Affairs in 1947. He got married to Kawal Malik in 1939, who died in 2001. He is survived by his daughter, Mala, and son, Rahul Singh.

Khushwant Singh has chronicled his life in his writings, so there is nothing that any of us can say of his personality that is not already known. It is equally true that he deliberately created a person for himself, immortalized by

SPORTS NEWS-

- **BEST SWIMMER**
Roopneet Kaur, Kaleka, XII Science, has been declared the Best Swimmer for the year 2013
- **HOUSE POSITIONS**
 - Cricket matches in under-14 age group: I-MH, II-PH, III-DRH
 - Cricket under-17 matches: DRH, II-PH, III-MH
 - Hockey under-14: I-PH, II-MH, III-DRH
 - Hockey under-12: I-MH, II-DRH, III-PH
- **INTER SCHOOL FIXTURES**
School Basketball and Cricket teams played matches against The Lawrence School, Sanawar, teams on Sunday, 9th March.
The School lost the basketball match. The score was 43-45. Simranjeet scored 16 points. The School team won the cricket match in U-12 age group by 27 runs and in the U-19 age group by 186 runs. Mayank Markande scored 111 runs in the latter and remained not out.