

1: Godaan - Wikipedia

Godan, Premchand's last completed novel is considered his best work. It is the most realistic interpretation of Indian village society, the backbone of India. It is a story of changing people, hungry and semi-starved, yet hopeful and optimistic, in the truest spirit of the age.

Plot[edit] The story revolves around many characters representing the various sections of Indian community. The peasant and rural society is represented by the family of Hori Mahato and his family members which includes Dhania wife , Rupa and Sona daughters , Gobar son , Jhunia daughter-in-law. The story starts from a point where Hori has a deep desire of having a cow as other millions of poor peasants. He purchased, on debt of Rs. Hori tried to cheat his brothers for 10 rupees. Jealous of Hori, his younger brother Heera poisoned the cow and ran away because of the fear of police action. Jhunia, the daughter of Bhola, was a widow and eloped with Gobar after she got pregnant by him. Because of the fear of the action from villagers Gobar also ran away to the town. The village Panchayat fines Hori as his wife tackles the personal attack of the Pandit on them for sheltering Jhunia. Hori again is compelled to take a loan and pay the penalty. Hori is in huge debt from local money lenders and eventually married off his daughter Rupa for mere rupees to save his ancestral land from being auctioned because of his inability to pay land tax. When he is about to die, his wife Dhania took out all the money she had 1. This eventually fulfils the traditional dream of Hori but still his desire to pay back the rupees to his son- in-law and to have a cow to feed the milk to his grandson remain unfulfilled. Hori is shown as a typical poor peasant who is the victim of circumstances and possess all the deficiencies of common man but despite all this, he stands by his honesty, duties and judgement when time requires. He is shown dead partially satisfied and partially unsatisfied. Characters[edit] Hori is a peasant who is married to Dhaniya and has two daughters and a son. He is an up-righteous man and struggles throughout his life to preserve his up-righteousness. He has two younger brothers and he considers his obligation as the eldest brother to help them and save them from problems, sacrificing his own family. He bribes the police officers who come to the village enquiring the death of his cow. He is a man who is bound to the community and considers the verdict of the panchayat as final. He is penalized for the death of the cow and accepts. He feels orphaned to be out of the community and hence accepts the penalty levied by the panchayat when Gobar brings home a low caste girl. Similarly, he allows Bhola to take his ox away as he is neither able to pay the cost of it nor willing to send Jhunia away from his house. They have accepted her as their daughter-in-law and her child as their grandchild. He is kind and generous. She is bold and fiery and cannot tolerate injustice. She raises her voice against injustice, against the wishes of Hori and irritates him. She is vexed when Hori puts up with a lot of oppression from the money lenders and the Brahmin priest. Hori, though he beats her at times for disobeying him, knows that her arguments are correct. She makes him see the truth and the reality of facts. She stands by what she thinks is correct and her dharma, rather than the traditional principles of the community. She knowingly accepts into her household, a low caste girl, as her daughter-in-law. She does not blame only Jhunia for placing them in an embarrassing position. She knows that her son, Gobar, is equally responsible. She is a kind and loving mother and sacrifices much for the sake of her children. Dhania has never known a life of peace and comfort, as throughout the novel we see her struggling along with her husband for a livelihood. She emerges as a powerful woman, who irrespective of caste or creed helps the needy. Gobar is the only son of Dhania and Hori. Born into a poor family, he aspires for a life of comfort. Though initially a simpleton like his father, he gets exposure in the city, Lucknow, and learns to be practical and worldly wise. His insensitive hasty behaviour creates trouble to Hori, who pays the penalty. Gobar works for Mirza Kursheed, but gradually starts his own business. He also lends money to other people. When he comes to the village dressed as a gentleman with pump shoes, on a short visit, he is unrecognized with difficulty. He becomes the centre of attraction in the village, the other young men are tempted to go to the city seeing him. He promises to get them jobs. When he comes to know that Datadin is exploiting his father, he advises his father to come out of the shackles of traditional bindings. He organises a function and with his friends enacts a skit to expose and satirize the mean mentality of the village money lenders and the Brahmin priest. He threatens to drag the priest

to court and has a fight with his father on this issue. He realizes that Hori is too simple, god fearing and cannot go against his dharma. Angrily, he leaves the village with his wife Jhunia and returns to the city. His weakness for liquor and short tempered nature affects his relation with Jhunia. He realizes his mistake only when his devoted wife nurses him during his illness. Dattadin is the village Brahmin priest and a greedy moneylender. It is ironic that this man with low standards goes about the village policing the wrongs of the other villagers. He penalizes Hori for accepting and sheltering a low caste girl, Jhunia, as their daughter-in-law. He invites pundits from Varanasi to perform the purifying rituals of his defiled son so that he is brought into the mainstream of Brahmanism. Matadin is the son of the Brahmin priest Dattadin. He is young and has an affair with Seliya, a low caste woman who works on the farm for him. The villagers know about it. Seliya does not have entrance to his house. Her parents and relatives hopefully wait for her to be accepted by him. Finally, they decide to punish him and beat him and put a piece of bone into his mouth—a taboo for the Brahmins. Seliya comes to his help and saves him. Matadin becomes an outcast in his own house. His father performs purifying rituals to bring him back to the mainstream of Brahmanism. He spends a lot of money on the rituals and pundits from Kashi are called in. When Matadin comes to know that he has a son from Seliya, he longs to see the child and goes on sly in her absence. He is repentant and sends her two rupees through Hori. He realises that he is bound by duty to Seliya and his son. He removes his holy thread and thus liberates himself from the shackles of Brahmanism. Now, he is free to live courageously with Seliya as his wife. Bhola is a cowherd of the neighbouring village. He is a widower and has two married sons and a young widowed daughter, Jhunia. Bhola agrees to give Hori a cow on loan and in turn Hori promises to find a companion for him to remarry. Hori does not have Rs. Bhola threatens to take his oxen away, that would reduce Hori to a labourer. When Hori pleads with him, Bhola suggests that they should throw Jhunia, their daughter-in-law, and his own daughter out of the house as she had hurt his feelings. The urban society is represented by Malati Devi doctor, Mr. Mehta lecturer and philosopher, Mr. Rai Sahib has won the local elections twice. He wanted to marry his daughter off to a rich zamindar to again win in the election and claim the property of his in-laws. Thus, he married his daughter off to another rich, widower and rake zamindar. He claimed and won the zamindari of his in-laws. He won the election and became the municipal minister. He is in love with Saroj, the younger sister of Malati Devi. They both married and went away to London. His son claimed and won the entire property Rai Sahib won from in-laws leaving Rai Sahib in huge debt. His daughter got divorced. This eventually left Rai Sahib too dissatisfied despite all his efforts. Malati is a beautiful lady intelligent doctor who is educated in Europe. She is one of the three daughters of Mr. She is the centre of attraction in the parties and is flirtatious. Khanna flirts with her and she is envied and disliked by Govindi. Malati in turn falls in love with Mr. Mehta because of his ideology, his simplicity and intelligence. On a trip to the village of Hori, she explores herself. She starts serving the poor and gets involved in many social activities. After seeing the change in Malati, Mr.

2: English Summary of Gaodan | Urdu

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However, Munshi Premchand has deftly played on the meaning of Godaan. He has increased its scope from a religious rite to the epitome of mirage, a symbol of unattainable ambition, that each one of us aspires for, but only a few can actually achieve. In Godan, I found a continuation of the exploration of human nature that Premchand began in Kayakalp. In reality, every man lives life as per his conditioned mind, largely governed by his upbringing and circumstances. They continue to torture him in youth, and acquire a stubborn permanence in old age. So, a man who is born rich, may think of money as dirt, a burden, an obstruction in his path of being a good man but, try as he might, he would never be able to spend the same for the benefit of others. The wealthy ones would never be able to evade the charm of status, position and money, howsoever benevolent and altruistic, they may claim themselves to be. Similarly, a man born in abject poverty, continues to remain hungry, even if he earns a decent amount of money. More often than not, it becomes a hiccup in his smooth, tension free life. And, before, he could taste and savor his success, he succumbs to liquor and luxuries, squandering what little he had, and is once again forced to squirm in front of blood sucking money lenders. They may be insanely rich or unbelievably poor, but each of them harbors an ambition, a goal they wish to fulfill. Most importantly, none of them is innocent to human vices of greed, ego and anger. They are normal human being, well suited for the lives they live, adhering to social diktats, yet breaking boundaries in their own inimitable manner. Frankly speaking, the novel exhibits two extremes of life, one is the harsh, debt-ridden village life, striving to feed and clothe their starved selves, and the other is the luxurious, lazy life of wealthy people, who are yearning to free themselves from the boring, bland, comfortable existence. Strangely, both the worlds aspire to break their niche, but are afraid of the new lives they hope for. While poor can only live within their small circles, bounded by religious superstitions and social sanctions, the rich can destroy an entire village at their whims and fancies, indulging in hollow socialistic propaganda, sucking blood of natives in true feudal style. And, this is what I exactly liked in this novel. The characters are life-like, their stories familiar, yet their intermingling a novel experience. It seemed a mirror image of life that goes on despite the arrival of young ones and departure of old. But, commendably the novel was concluded well, though I was left desiring for more, as I could not bear to part from the wonderful characters. When he helped Punia, even after her husband killed his cow, I felt indignant at his meekness and stupidity. But, when his son Gobar reprimanded him for his foolishness, I felt a surge of sympathy for the poor, hardworking though manipulating Hori. He touched my heart and is perhaps the most realistic character, I have come across till date. He is not your everyday innocent villager, most of the novels portray, but a worldly wise man, who does not hesitate from making false promises to Bhola and sood-khor mahajans, and yet is God fearing enough to give up his claim on the crop, to escape the wrath of a Brahmin. He is a symbol of all the good and evil that lies within a man, and based on the circumstances, the good or bad side takes over. Dhania, Jhunia, Rupa, Sona, Silia, all the village belles had some magnetic charisma, and had the story been continued, each of their lives could have been explored endlessly, adding hundreds of pages to this treatise of human emotions and his idiosyncrasies. The novel is fantastic and its greatness can hardly be summarized in this short review. I have not divulged the story, as I feel it would be injustice to even try to reproduce this wondrous tale. As with life, each one of us should explore it for himself. Though, the first time Hindi readers may find the narrative slightly difficult to follow, as it is written in Avadhi dialect, abundant in local slang and twisted mispronounced English words, that actually gives the novel a very realistic, rustic flavor. Munshi Premchand has peppered Godan with love, romance, comedy and tragedy in equal dose. Needless to say, I just loved this novel and can read it again and again without getting bored. Godan is truly life-like, neither pristine white nor depressing black, but a healthy glowing grey!

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Godan (Hindi: गदण, lit. 'Cow donation') is a Hindi novel by Munshi Premchand, translated into English as *The Gift of a Cow*. It was first published in and is considered one of the greatest Hindi novels of modern Indian literature.

He wrote both in Urdu and in Hindi and is acclaimed as a master storyteller in both languages. There was no short story in Urdu before Premchand. The novel, though known, was based on the romances and adventures of medieval patriarchs. Premchand brought it out of the world of dreamland and fantasy and introduced it to the realities of contemporary life. The princes and fairies gave way to ordinary men and women engaged in the struggle for existence. Premchand imparted to Urdu fiction an originality, a sympathetic treatment and a social and political awareness. He depicted with stark realism the tragedy and pathos of rural India. He showed a deep sympathy for the masses in their misery and poverty, for he saw beneath their squalor a certain dignity and worth and regard for humanity. He, like Turgenev, was above all a realist and was chiefly interested in the living truth of the human race. With Premchand, Urdu fiction became a product of the soil. Three estimates of Premchand exist in English, Munshi Premchand: *Godan* is available in English translation by Jai Hatan and P. Many other stories of Premchand were translated into English and have appeared from time to time in various Indian and foreign newspapers and magazines, for which reference should be made to "A Bibliography of Premchand" by Carlo Coppola, *Mahfil*, vol. Narang, to appear in *Mahfil*. It highlights the struggle between the peasant and the money-lender backed by various forces. It depicts an agricultural community with its hard work and simple pleasures, its exploitations and misery, its frustrations and hopes. Though Premchand had a tendency toward idealization, this novel is realistic, controlled in form and disillusioned in spirit. Pregnant and frightened that her father will kill her if he discovers this, she turns to Gobar for help. But afraid of the consequences, he stealthily leaves the village. She rushes to Hori. Upset and angered, they agree not to give shelter to Jhunia. Gradually, however, as they are walking back to the hut, their determination gives away, and their hate turns into affection. They permit Jhunia to stay with them, although they know that this will mean alienating the entire village. Premchand wrote a bald, simple, factual prose. His language is neither the elegant Urdu nor the high-flown Hindi. Instead he used common core Hindustani, the speech of millions in upper India, and a medium particularly suited to his themes.

4: Godan by Premchand | Review

अन्यासों के अभाव में किसानों की दशा बहुत खराब है। किसानों को अपने पशुओं के अभाव में बहुत परेशानी है। अनाज की कमी के कारण किसानों की दशा बहुत खराब है। अनाज की कमी के कारण किसानों की दशा बहुत खराब है।

Themed around the socio economic deprivation as well as the exploitation of the village poor, the novel was the last complete novel of Premchand. Its English translation first published in , by Gordon C. Roadarmel is now also considered a classic by itself The protagonist, Hori, a poor peasant, desperately longs for a cow, a symbol of wealth and prestige in rural India. In a Faustian twist of fate, Hori gets his cow, but ends by paying for it with his life. After his death, the village priests demand a cow from his widow to bring his soul absolution, and peace Godaan. The narrative can be said to represent the existence of the average Indian farmer under colonial rule, with the protagonist facing cultural and feudal exploitation. Roadarmel is now considered "a classic in itself". The peasant and rural society is represented by the family of Hori Mahato and his family members which includes Dhania wife , Rupa and Sona daughters , Gobar son , Jhunia daughter-in-law. The Story starts from a point where Hori has a deep desire of having a cow as other millions of poor peasants. He purchased, on debt of Rs. Hori tried to cheat his brothers for 10 rupees. Jealous of Hori, his younger brother Heera poisoned the cow and ran away because of the fear of police action. Jhunia, the daughter of Bhola, was a widow and eloped with Gobar after she got pregnant by him. Because of the fear of the action from villagers Gobar also ran away to the town. The village Panchayat fines Hori as his wife tackles the personal attack of the Pandit on them for sheltering Jhunia. Hori again is compelled to take a loan and pay the penalty. Hori is in huge debt from local money lenders and eventually married off his daughter Rupa for mere rupees to save his ancestral land from being auctioned because of his inability to pay land tax. When he is about to die, his wife Dhania took out all the money she had 1. This eventually fulfils the traditional dream of Hori but still his desire to pay back the rupees to his son- in- law and to have a cow to feed the milk to his grandson remain unfulfilled. Hori is shown as a typical poor peasant who is the victim of circumstances and possess all the deficiencies of common man but despite all this, he stands by his honesty, duties and judgement when time requires. He is shown dead partially satisfied and partially unsatisfied.

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Maybe godan by premchand in hindi summary are simply a matter of bad translation, or maybe it is more. It is an apt work of a adroit mind how he expresses his concern that why women are trying to fight with men when they are at higher position than men in all aspects.

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