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#### About the Author

Saadat Hasan Manto has been called the greatest short-story writer of the Indian subcontinent. He was born in 1912 in Punjab and went on to become a radio and film-script writer, journalist, and short-story writer. His stories were highly controversial and he was tried for obscenity six times during his career. After Partition, Manto moved to Lahore with his wife and three daughters. He died there in 1955. Aatish Taseer has worked as a reporter for Time and written for the Sunday Times, the Sunday Telegraph, the Financial Times, Prospect, TAR Magazine and Esquire. He is the author of Stranger to History: A Sons Journey through Islamic Lands (2009). His novel, The Temple-Goers (2010) was shortlisted for the 2010 Costa First Novel Award. His second novel, Noon, was recently published. His work has been translated into over ten languages. He lives in London and in Delhi.

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