

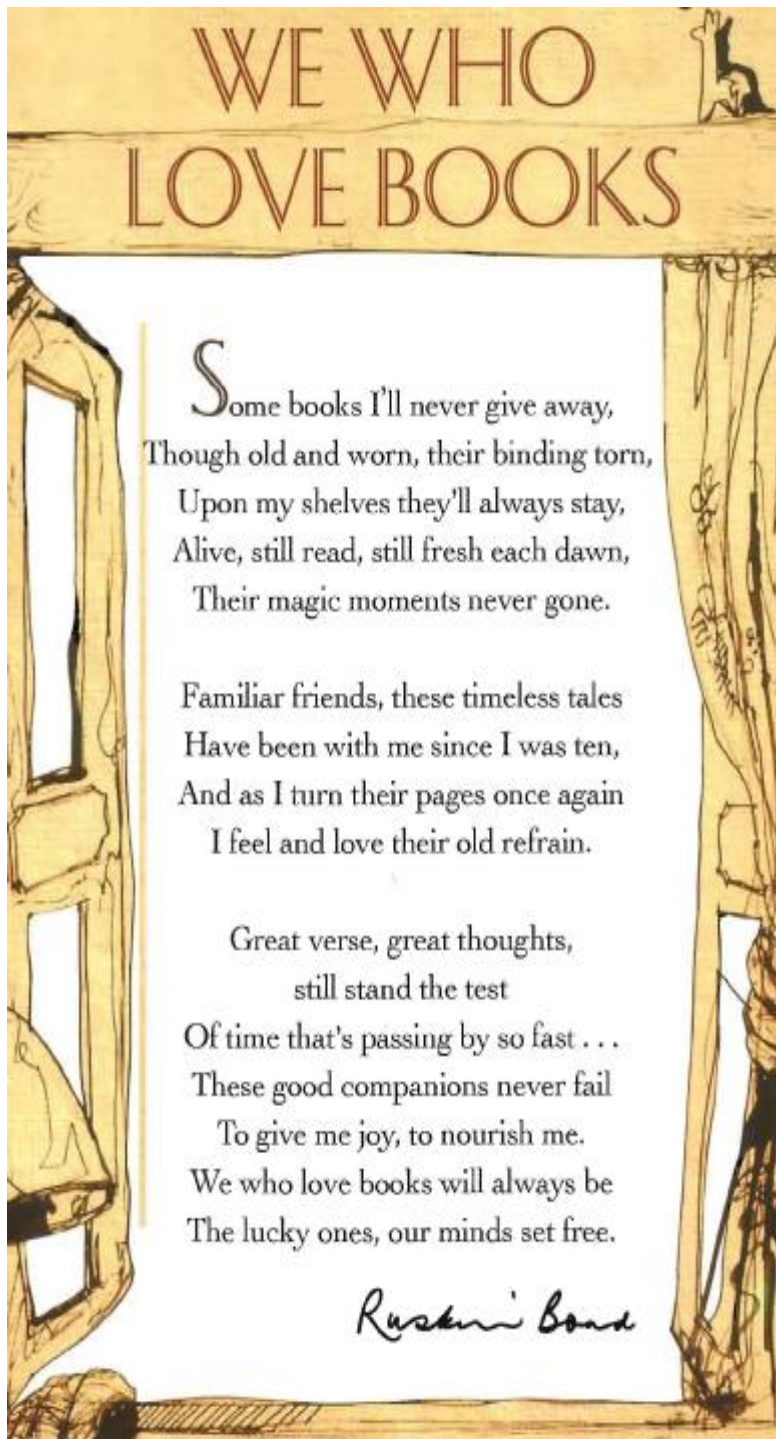


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"We become writers before we learn to write. The rest is simply learning how to put it all together."

-Ruskin Bond



If there's one name that is synonymous with children's literature in India, it's 'Ruskin Bond'. The 84-year-old Padma Bhushan awardee has played the role of a storyteller since time immemorial and has inspired many to become voracious readers.



Some Bond-ing time

Ratna Sagar Publications organized a mega event, 'Memorable Moments with Ruskin Bond' at The Park Hotel, New Delhi on 8 September 2018, Saturday. The evening was a platform for the members of the teaching fraternity to interact with the Sahitya Akademi Award winner and immensely popular Indian writer in English, Ruskin Bond. Bal Bharati Public School, Noida was represented by Ms. Kamna Joshi and Ms. Deeksha Sharma, both from English faculty.

Mr. Ruskin Bond shared that he had been motivated strongly throughout his writing by the natural surroundings he lived in. He regaled the audience with anecdotes and stories from his school days.

The event witnessed the illustrious writer, reading an excerpt from his famous horror fiction ‘*Overcoat*’, followed which, the participants were asked to share their personal experiences with ghosts.

Mr. Bond’s sense of humour and utter humility charmed everyone. He promulgated that one should be persistent and a good observer of ‘men and manners’ in order to become a good writer. Also, one must read a lot and respect the language.



The Master Storyteller



Elated teachers in thrall

The session culminated with an open house with Mr. Bond who wittily answered a host of questions.

Altogether, it was a truly memorable evening.

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