Memoir Writing (संस्मरण लेखन)

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Department of Media Studies, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Bihar "Memoir! A sweet word that, year after year, liberates writers caught between genres. Tell the story of your own life and you get some of the liberty of fiction and all the authority of nonfiction."

Virginia Heffernan

Memoir Writing: Definition

(संस्मरण लेखन: परिभाषा)

A book or other piece of writing based on the writer's personal knowledge of famous people, places or events.

Cambridge Dictionary

A written account of someone or something that is usually based on personal knowledge of the subject.

Learner's Dictionary

(प्रसिद्ध लोगों, लेखकों, या किसी व्यक्ति द्वारा घटनाओं का लिखित लेखा जो आमतौर पर व्यक्तिगत ज्ञान अथवा व्यक्तिगत अनुभव पर आधारित होता है।)

Characteristics Of The Memoir

(संस्मरण की विशेषताएँ)

Personal experience (व्यक्तिगत अनुभव) Include personal emotions

(व्यक्तिगत भावनाओं को शामिल करें) Voice of the first person (स्व

-अभिव्यक्त)

Rich details of events (घटनाओं का समृद्ध विवरण)

Characteristics Of The Memoir (संस्मरण की विशेषताएँ)

Based on real incidents (वास्तविक घटनाओं पर आधारित) Should be Unique and interesting theme (अद्वितीय और दिलचस्प विषय होना चाहिए)

Be creative (रचनात्मक हो)

Figurative language (अलंकारिक भाषा)

Types of Memoirs

(संस्मरण के प्रकार)

1. Video memoir- Memories are recorded through video camera.

(वीडियो संस्मरण- डिजिटल वीडियो कैमरे के माध्यम से रिकॉर्ड यादें।)

2. Workbook memoir- Compilation of events and dates.

(वर्कबुक संस्मरण- घटनाओं और तारीखों का संकलन।)

3. Scrapbook memoir- Compilation of experiences, memories, photos etc.

(स्क्रैपबुक संस्मरण- अनुभवों, यादों, तस्वीरों आदि का संकलन।)

Memoir: Possible Topics

(संस्मरण: संभावित विषय)

A. Objects and Events

(वस्तुएं एवम

घटनाएं)

- A favorite book (एक पसंदीदा पुस्तक)
- A favorite animal (एक प्रिय पशु)
- Vacations (छुट्टियां)
- Special gift (विशेष उपहार)
- Favorite
 clock/picture/chair
 etc.
 (पसंदीदा घड़ी/तस्वीर/कुर्सी
 आदि)
- Family functions (पारिवारिक समारोह)

Memoir: Possible Topics

B. Ideal person (आदर्श व्यक्ति)

- Relative (रिश्तेदार)
- Friend (मित्र)
- Ideal Teacher
 (आदर्श शिक्षक)

Memoir: Possible Topics

C. Place (स्थल)

- Your flat, house etc. (आपका फ्लैट, घर आदि।)
- Natural places (प्राकृतिक स्थल)
- Tree house (ट्री हाउस)
- Temple, church or holy places (मंदिर चर्च या पवित्र स्थान)
- Historical place (ऐतिहासिक स्थल)

Classification of memoirs (संस्मरणों का वर्गीकरण)

1. The retired-statesman (or-bureaucrat) memoir.

(सेवानिवृत्त-राजनेता (या नौकरशाह) संस्मरण)

ex. The military memoir

(सैन्य संस्मरण)

2. The traumatic-childhood memoir.

(दर्दनाक-बचपन का संस्मरण)

3. The substance-abuse memoir.

(दुर्व्यवहार संस्मरण)

4. The spiritual-journey memoir.

(आध्यात्मिक-यात्रा संस्मरण।)

5. The show-biz memoir.

(शो-बिज़ संस्मरण।)

6. The spirit-of-place memoir.

(जगह का संस्मरण)

ex. The ethnic- identity memoir.

(विशिष्ट संस्कृति संस्मरण)

The food memoir.

(व्यंजन संस्मरण)

The "nostalgia for vanishing small-town America" memoir.

(कस्बों इत्यादि के संस्मरण)

7. The illness memoir.

(बीमारी संस्मरण)

8. The sexual-exploit memoir.

(यौन-शोषण संस्मरण)

9. The bad-job memoir.

(बेड जॉब संस्मरण।)

10. The anti-travel memoir.

(यात्रा विरोधी संस्मरण।)

key points of Memoir writing (संस्मरण लेखन के मुख्य बिंदु)

Start with strong announcement. (मजबूत घोषणा के साथ शुरू करें।)

Begin with a specific message. (एक विशिष्ट संदेश के साथ शुरू।)

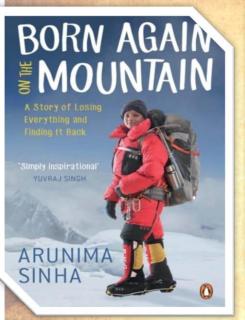
- Start with a quotation about character of the story. (कहानी के चरित्र के बारे में एक उद्धरण के साथ प्रारंभ।)
- Start with the mysterious lead. (रहस्यमयी प्रारंभ हो।)
- Use personal lingo. (व्यक्तिगत शब्दावली का उपयोग करें।)
- Introduce the narrator. (कथावाचक को प्रस्तुत करें।)

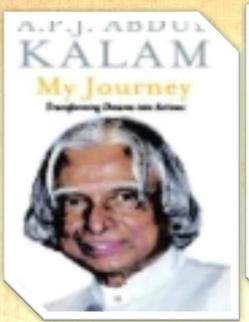
Famous Memoir

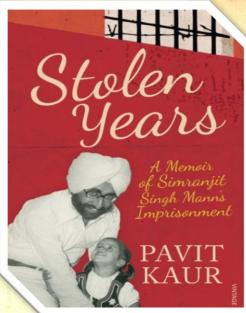
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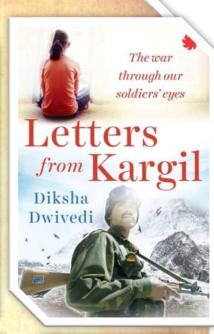
- Becoming By Michelle Obama
- The Story of My Life By Helen Keller
- All Creatures Great and Small By James Herriot
- Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance By Barack Obama
- Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy,
 India and Indonesia By Elizabeth Gilbert
- I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban By Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb
- Educated By Tara Westover
- The Glass Castle BY Jeannette Walls
- The Water Is Wide By Pat Conroy
- The Sky My Kingdom By Hanna Reitsch
- West with the Night By Beryl Markham

Indian Memoirs

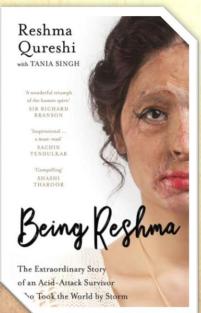


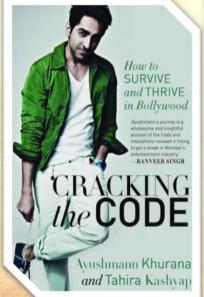














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