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In Search Of Gandhi: A Biographer's Journey



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Mahatma Gandhi is one of the most written-about figures in modern history. Why then a new biography of him? In his talk, Ramachandra Guha explains why he chose to research and write a new, two-volume study of the life and struggles of Gandhi. He explores the complex interplay between biography and history. He explains the kinds of primary sources he used, dwelling on materials ignored by or not accessible to previous biographers. He lays emphasis on the importance of 'secondary characters', the family, friends, colleagues and rivals who profoundly shaped what Gandhi did and thought. Finally, he shares some of the findings that he was himself most surprised or moved by.

Prof. Ramachandra Guha is a well-known Historian and a Biographer. His research interests include environmental, social, political, contemporary and cricket history. Ramachandra Guha's most recent work is a two-volume biography of Mahatma Gandhi. The first volume, '*Gandhi Before India*' was published in 2014. The second volume, '*Gandhi: The Years That Changed the World*' was published in 2018. Recently he has been selected for the honorary foreign member award from the American Historical Association (AHA).



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