

Bharati Mukherjee



Bharati Mukherjee was born in Calcutta (now Kolkata) in 1940. She received her B.A. from the University of Calcutta in 1959, an M.A. in English and Ancient Indian Culture from the University of Baroda in 1961, an M.F.A. from the Iowa Writers' Workshop in 1963, and her Ph.D. in English and Comparative Literature in 1969. She moved to Canada in 1968 with her husband, Clark Blaise, where they lived in Montreal and Toronto. They then returned to the United States in 1980. She wrote about the move and her reasons for it in "An Invisible Woman," which was published in the magazine *Saturday Night* (1981). She teaches at the University of California at Berkeley.

Her short-story collections are *Darkness* (1985) and *The Middleman and Other Stories* (1988). Her novels include *The Tiger's Daughter* (1971), *Wife* (1975), *Jasmine* (1989), *The Holder of the World* (1993), *Leave it to Me* (1997), *Desirable Daughters* (2002), and *The Tree Bride* (2004).

Mukherjee and Blaise co-authored the non-fiction works *Days and Nights in Calcutta* (1977) and *The Sorrow and the Terror: The Haunting Legacy of the Air India Tragedy* (1987).

Bharati Mukherjee won the National Book Critics Circle Award in 1988 for *The Middleman and Other Stories*.