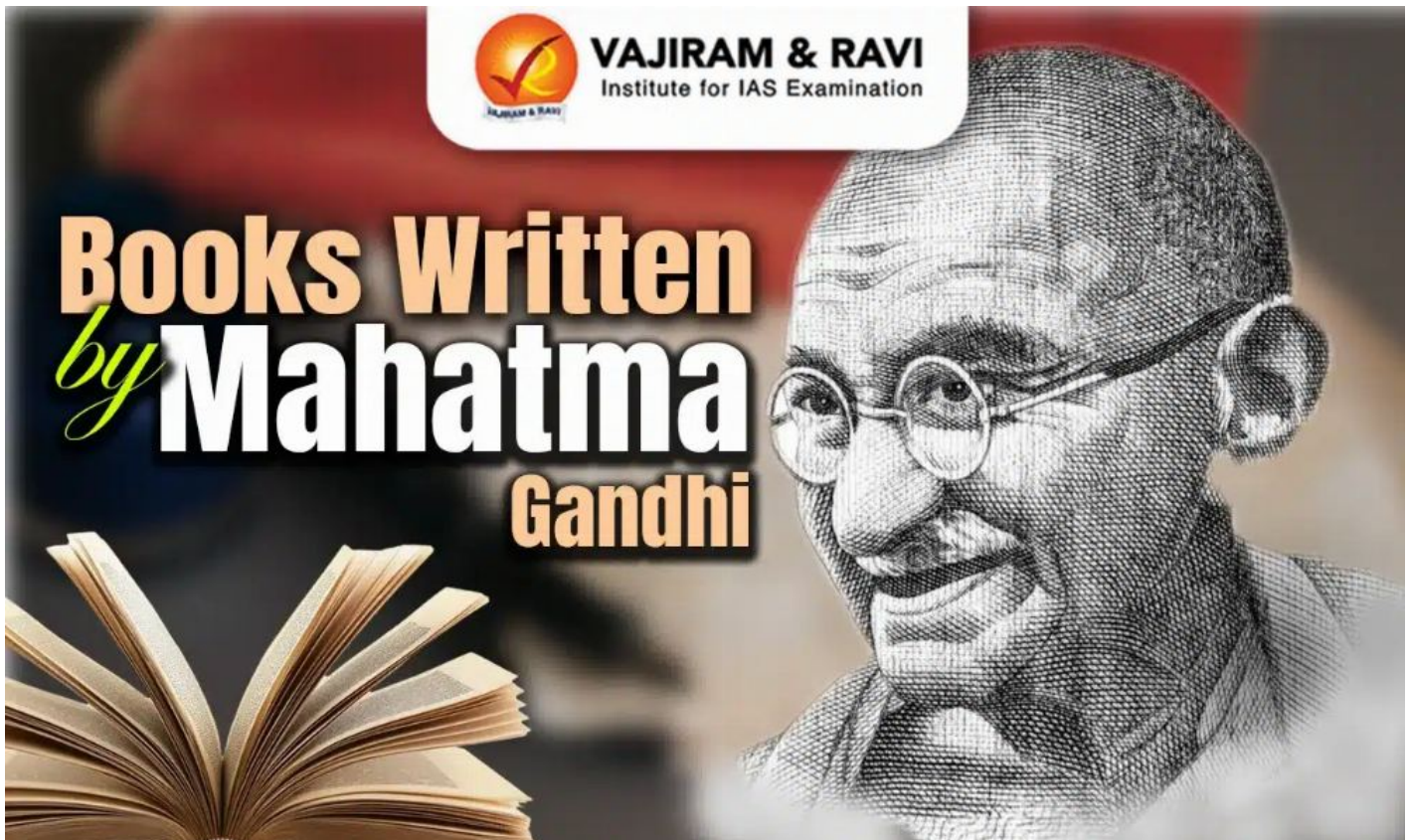


Books Written by Mahatma Gandhi, Famous Books List

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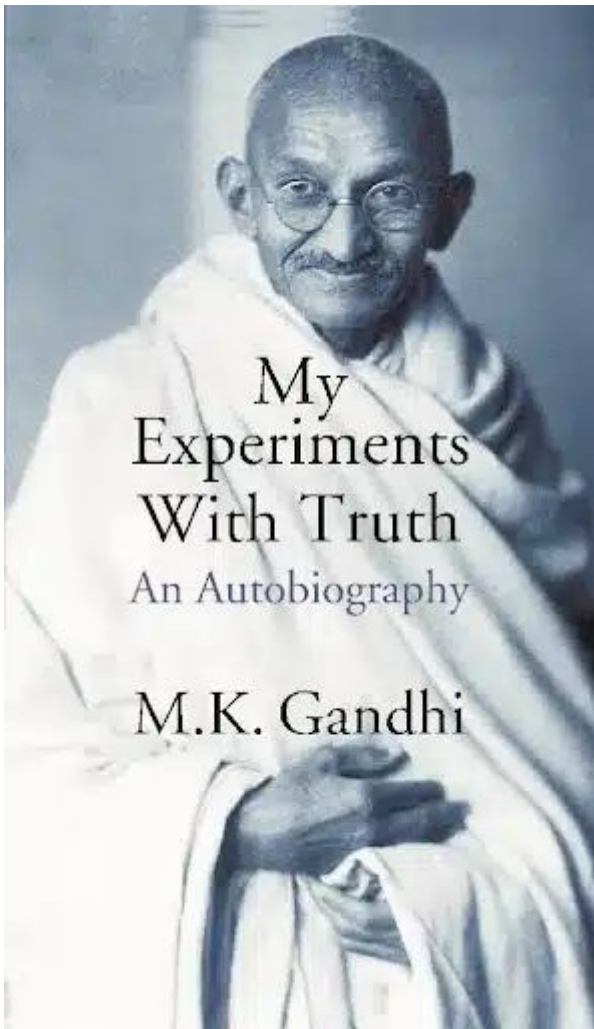


Books Written by Mahatma Gandhi reflect his profound insights into truth, nonviolence, and the struggle for justice. Mahatma Gandhi penned several works during his lifetime that continue to resonate globally. In his autobiographical account, Mahatma Gandhi shared personal experiences that shaped his philosophy and highlighted the moral challenges he faced.

The Story of My Experiments with Truth

The Story of My Experiments with Truth written by Mahatma Gandhi include his autobiography that recounts his journey of personal growth, spiritual evolution, and the pursuit of truth. He wrote this book to offer a sincere account of his life's moral struggles and how these shaped his philosophy.

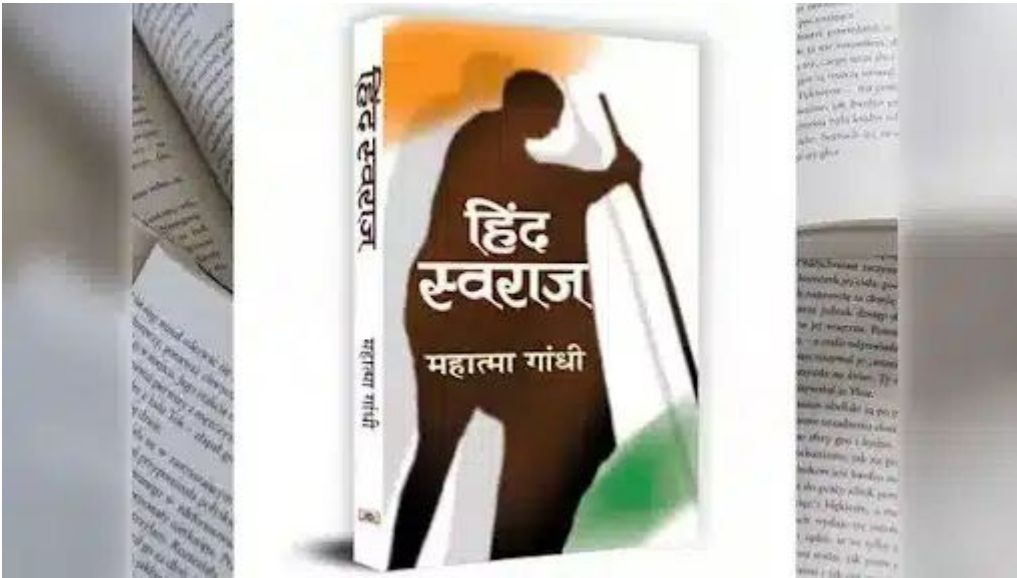
- **Central Theme:** The central theme of the book revolves around **Satyagraha** (truth and non-violence) and Gandhi's continuous efforts to align his life with these principles.
- **Key Message:** The key takeaway from the book is that truth and non-violence are inseparable and fundamental to self-transformation and societal change.



Hind Swaraj or Indian Home Rule

Hind Swaraj, written by Mahatma Gandhi, presents a dialogue between a reader and an editor representing his views, critiquing modern civilization, British rule, and Western materialism.

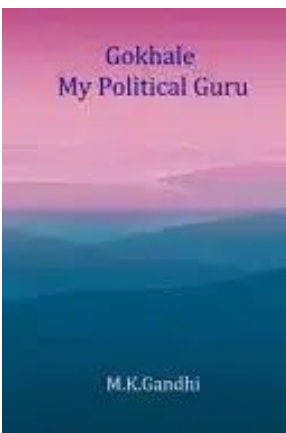
- **Inspiration:** Mahatma Gandhi wrote this book during his voyage back from London to South Africa, inspired by his reflections on Western industrial society and the plight of India under colonialism.
- **Central Theme:** The central theme of Hind Swaraj is **Swaraj (self-rule)**, which Gandhi defines as political, spiritual, and moral autonomy.
- **Key Message:** Gandhi advocates for self-reliance, moral regeneration, and non-violent resistance (Satyagraha) for true freedom, focusing on returning to traditional Indian values and revitalizing village industries. He also emphasizes local governance for sustainable development.



Gokhale: My Political Guru

Gokhale: My Political Guru, in this book Mahatma Gandhi pays tribute to Gopal Krishna Gokhale, a prominent Indian leader and social reformer whom he regarded as his mentor. Gokhale's guidance was instrumental in Gandhi's transformation from a young, inexperienced activist into a leader equipped with a grounded approach to the Indian freedom struggle.

- **Central Theme:** A key aspect of this piece is Mahatma Gandhi's **profound admiration** for Gokhale's political wisdom, moderation, and unwavering commitment to non-violence and gradual reform.



Satyagraha in South Africa

Satyagraha in South Africa is an account by Mahatma Gandhi of his pioneering non-violent resistance movement, which he developed during his time in South Africa from 1893 to 1914.

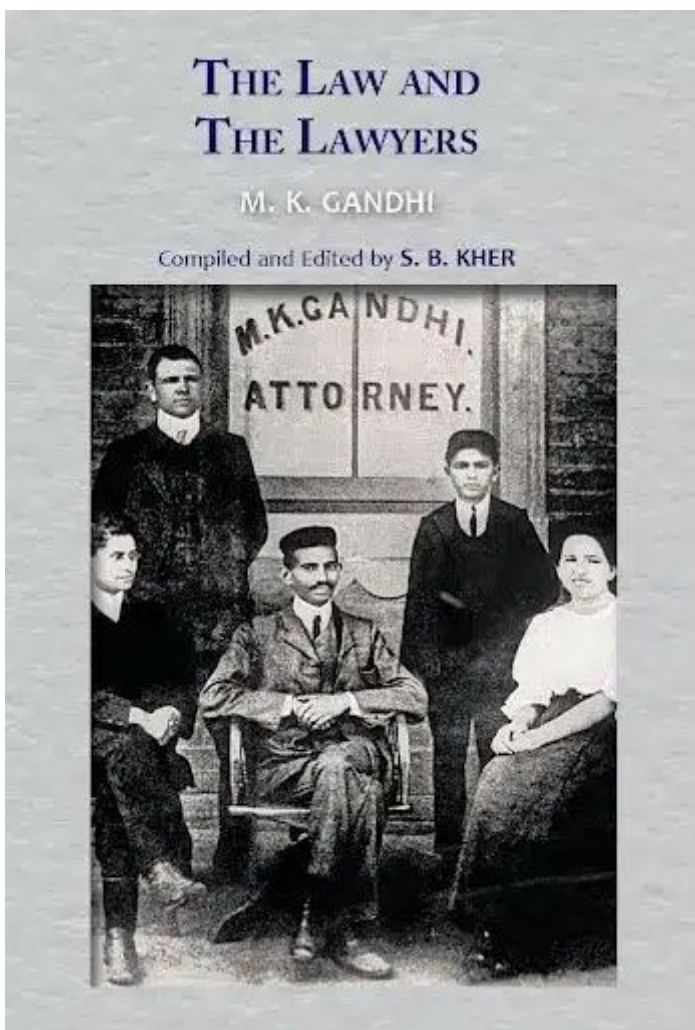
- **Central Theme:** In this book, Mahatma Gandhi details his struggle against the racial discrimination faced by Indians in South Africa while also tracing the evolution of his philosophy of truth (Satya) and non-violence (Ahimsa).
- **Key Message:** Mahatma Gandhi documents the effectiveness of non-violent civil disobedience and its capacity to transform both the oppressor and the oppressed.

- He emphasizes that, for him, non-violent resistance, rooted in truth, courage, and self-sacrifice, is a powerful force for justice.

The Law and the Lawyers

Books Written by Mahatma Gandhi include “The Law and the Lawyers” which is a compilation of his speeches, articles, and writings that reflect his experiences as a lawyer and his perspectives on the legal profession.

- **Central Theme:** In this book, Gandhi articulates his belief in the ethical practice of law, emphasizing that lawyers should act as agents of truth and justice rather than merely serving their interests.
- **Key Message:** He advocates for the idea that justice and morality should take precedence over professional success.
 - Additionally, Mahatma Gandhi promotes conciliation, truth, and non-violent methods as preferable approaches to resolving conflicts.



Truth is God

In **Truth is God**, Mahatma Gandhi emphasizes that truth (Satya) is the ultimate reality and the essence of existence. In the book Truth is God, Gandhi equates truth with God, viewing its pursuit as the highest form of devotion and the foundation of all human activity. Additionally, Mahatma Gandhi's concept of truth influences practical choices, such as dietary habits.

List of Books Written by Mahatma Gandhi

Books Written by Mahatma Gandhi consist of several other influential works, a few of which are mentioned below:

Book	Year of Publication	Language
Young India 1919-1922	1922	English
My Early Life (1869-1914)	1932	English
Songs from Prison	1934	English
Economics of Khadi	1941	English
The Indian State Problem	1941	English
Nonviolence in Peace and War	1942	English
To the Hindus and Muslims	1942	English
To the Princes and their People	1942	English
Ethics of Fasting	1944	English
From Yeravada Mandir: Ashram Observance	1945	English
Gita the Mother	1945	English
Constructive Programme: Its meaning and place	1945	English
Daridra – Narayana: our duty in Food and Cloth crisis	1946	English
To the Protagonists of Pakistan	1947	English
Fellowship of faiths and unity of Religions	1947	English

Self-restraint vs. Self-indulgence	1947	English
The India of my dream	1947	English
Cent per cent Swadeshi or the Economic of Village Industries	1948	English

Books Written by Mahatma Gandhi UPSC PYQs

Q.1 Who among the following is associated with 'Songs from Prison', a translation of ancient Indian religious lyrics in English? **(UPSC Prelims 2021)**

- (a) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- (b) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (c) Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
- (d) Sarojini Naidu

Ans. (c)

Q.2 Mahatma Gandhi said that some of his deepest convictions were reflected in a book titled, "Unto this Last" and the book transformed his life. What was the message from the book that transformed Mahatma Gandhi? **(UPSC Prelims 2011)**

- (a) Uplifting the oppressed and poor is the moral responsibility of an educated man
- (b) The good of individual is contained in the good of all
- (c) The life of celibacy and spiritual pursuit are essential for a noble life
- (d) All the statements (a), (b) and (c) are correct in this context

Ans. (b)

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