Bio

- Born Ahmed Salman Rushdie
- From Bombay (Mumbai), India
- June 19, 1947
- Spoke Hindustani
- Raised Sunni Muslim
- Attended Cathedral School in Bombay
- At 13 he went to England to attend Rugby School then King’s College at Cambridge
Books

Grimus - 1975
Midnight’s Children - 1981
Shame - 1983
The Satanic Verses - 1988
The Moor’s Last Sigh - 1995
The Ground Beneath Her Feet - 1999
Fury - 2001
Shalimar the Clown - 2005
The Enchantress - 2008
~ 30 Awards

Aristeion Prize
Arts Council
PEN Pinter Prize
MIT Honorary Professorship
Golden PEN Award
Knighthood
The Empire Writes Back

- Literature from post colonial nations
- Interactions between languages and dialect
- Former colonies should strive for supremacy in English and literature
  - word play (e.g. title), insight in global problems
- Chinua Achebe, Ngugi wa Thiong’O, Nadine Gordimer, Derek Walcott, and R.K. Narayan
The Satanic Verses/Fatwa

- The Satanic Verses (1988)
- Fatwa 1989 - Rushdie goes into hiding
- Mahound/Muhammed
- Apology/rejected
- Banned in 13 countries
- Book burnings
- Rushdie makes appearance at U2 concert in 1993
Magical Realism

http://bigthink.com/videos/magical-realism-is-still-realism