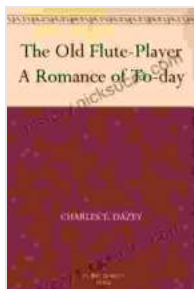


# The Old Flute Player: A Romance of Today

The Old Flute Player is a romantic novel by Rabindranath Tagore, a Nobel Prize-winning Indian poet. The novel tells the story of an old flute player who falls in love with a young woman. The novel explores themes of love, loss, and the power of music.



## The Old Flute-Player A Romance of To-day by Russell Elkins

★★★★☆ 4.6 out of 5

Language	: English
File size	: 271 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
Print length	: 130 pages
Lending	: Enabled



The novel begins with the old flute player, named Bansi, sitting on the banks of the Ganges River. He is playing his flute, and his music attracts the attention of a young woman named Kamala. Kamala is drawn to Bansi's music, and she begins to visit him every day. Bansi and Kamala fall in love, and they spend their days together, talking and making music.

However, their happiness is not to last. Kamala's father disapproves of her relationship with Bansi, and he forbids her from seeing him. Kamala is heartbroken, and she agrees to marry another man. Bansi is devastated by Kamala's decision, and he wanders the countryside, playing his flute and singing songs of love and loss.

One day, Bansi comes to a village where he meets a young boy named Ravi. Ravi is a talented musician, and Bansi teaches him how to play the flute. Ravi becomes Bansi's adopted son, and they travel together, playing music and spreading joy wherever they go.

The Old Flute Player is a beautiful and moving story about the power of love and music. The novel is also a reminder that even in the face of adversity, there is always hope.

### **Characters**

- Bansi: An old flute player who falls in love with a young woman.
- Kamala: A young woman who is drawn to Bansi's music.
- Ravi: A young boy who is adopted by Bansi and becomes a talented musician.

### **Themes**

- Love
- Loss
- The power of music

### **Setting**

The novel is set in India, on the banks of the Ganges River.

### **Publication history**

The Old Flute Player was first published in 1916. The novel has been translated into many languages, and it has been adapted into a film and a play.

## Critical reception

The Old Flute Player has been praised for its beautiful prose and its moving story. The novel has been compared to the works of Charles Dickens and Leo Tolstoy.

## Legacy

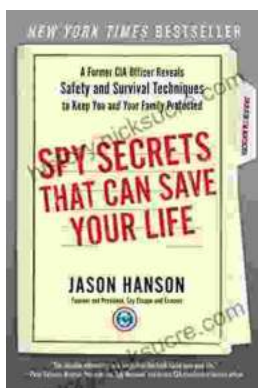
The Old Flute Player is a classic work of Indian literature. The novel continues to be read and enjoyed by people all over the world.



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