

Ecological Sensibility in Selected Short Stories of Ruskin Bond



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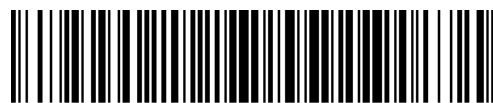
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ABSTRACT

Ecology is defined as the study of the relations of organisms or groups of organisms to their environment. It is the science of the interrelations between living organisms and their environments. The term 'ecosystem' was coined by A. G. Tansley in 1935, who defined it as 'the system resulting from the integration of all the living and non-living factors of the environment. Ruskin Bond's poems and short stories reflect his love of nature and concern for wildlife, ecological balance in the hills. It is painful for him to see felling of trees and rapid deforestation going all around him. He depicts life of wild animals Deforestation results into depletion of wildlife, tigers, and panthers are on verge of extinction. Poaching, hunting for skins was increased and Bond is witness of such destruction. It

makes him restless and uneasy. Bond has pictured beautiful nature and its vivid scenes and landscapes of various seasons. He meditates on wildlife. He has sympathetic attitude for animals, birds, and all other creatures. Tiger is vanishing from the forest. It is out of country. It is painful to see that animals are being shot for skin and meat he is writer of extra ordinary sensibility. His poems are spontaneous and candid expression of his genuine feelings. His short stories reflect his concern for forest wealth, ecological sensibility. He appeals to preserve nature, love nature because it is valuable for future of humanity .He expresses regret for animals are being killed for skin and other commercial purposes. At same time he also appreciates Indian foresters through his poem, who takes care of forest and animals.



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