



**Saadat Hasan Manto
(1912 – 1955)**

Born: 11 May 1912, Samrala

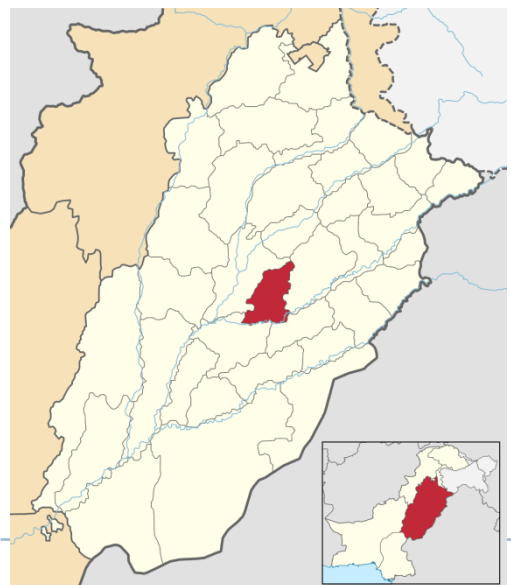
Died: 18 January 1955, Hall Road,
Lahore, Pakistan

Education: Aligarh Muslim University

Notable works:

- Toba Tek Singh
- Thanda Gosht
- Kaali Shalwar;
- Hattak

Toba Tek Singh is a District,
in Punjab, Pakistan



Saadat Hasan Manto is single-handedly famous for his finest work "Toba Tek Singh". The story is about Bishan Singh and some other lunatics who live in the Lahore Mental Asylum. The story starts two or three years after the Partition. The Government of India and Pakistan decided to exchange their lunatics from one country to other. Muslim lunatics from India would be sent to Pakistan and Hindus and Sikhs from Pakistan would be sent to India. The lunatics were totally confused when they came to know about the decision as they don't know anything about Pakistan. They were unaware of where it was situated and wanted to know whether they were in India or Pakistan.

They wondered that if they were in Pakistan how come a little while ago they were in India.



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- <https://www.englishskillsone.com/summaries-1/c/0/i/24458107/toba-tek-singh-summary>
- <http://www.columbia.edu/itc/mealac/pritchett/00urdu/tobateksingh/storynotes.html>

“War has brought inflation even to the graveyard.”

Fun Facts :

- A short film named Toba Tek Singh was released in 2018 in India, starring Pankaj Kapoor.
- A film based on a play adaptation of this story was made in 2005 by Afia Nathaniel, in Pakistan.