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Ahmed Ali (1910-1994), a pioneer of modern Urdu short story and cofounder of the All-India Progressive Writer's Movement and Association, taught at leading Indian universities and was a visiting professor in China and the United States. He published numerous works of fiction and nonfiction including the widely acclaimed translations of classical Urdu poetry. *The Golden Trodition*. His novels include the classic *Twilight in Delhi*.

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