



**MULK RAJ ANAND'S *UNTOUCHABLE* : A TRUE PICTURE
OF INDIAN SOCIETY**



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ABSTRACT

Mulk Raj Anand is doubtlessly a remarkable and towering personality in the sphere of Indian English literature who is basically known for the realistic portrayal of his characters because of his first hand knowledge about the scenes and situations portrayed in his novels. *Untouchable* is a novel which has earned tremendous name and fame all over the world as it presents a true and crystal clear picture of Pre Independence Indian society where the condition of the untouchable of the subalterns was very pathetic because of their marginalised status. Anand is popularly known as a novelist of the lowly and the lost and in this novel he has presented the sorrows and sufferings of a low caste protagonist Bakha who is a subject of all torture and humiliations by the so called guardians of the Indian society. The novel evokes in the mind of the objective reader the horrifying social malady that existed in the colonial days and in the subsequent decades and creates a tale of socially manipulated woe to the downtrodden in the Indian society.

KEYWORDS

Untouchability, Downtrodden, Marginalised, Discrimination, Caste System