

BOOK REVIEW

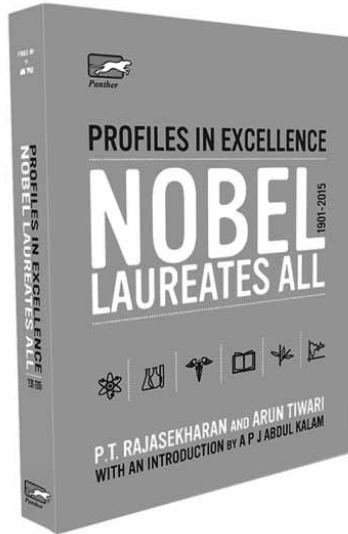
P.T. Rajasekharan and Arun Tiwari:
Profiles in Excellence: NOBEL LAUREATES ALL 1901-2015 Panther Publishers
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The authors have done a job of documenting the entire NOBEL process of 114 years since its inception in 1901 to 2015. All the 900 Nobelists who contributed to the progress of humanity in 150 years are listed.

The book with the photos of the laureates and brief note / bio-sketch on each laureate and his / her contribution which won the most coveted prize of the mankind, makes it a worthy volume of reference. It not only serves as a reference book for research students but also very useful for students of all branches of science, economics and literature as well as a very useful info book for journalists, speech writers etc.

The volume contains a very detailed introduction by none other than Sri APJ Abdul Kalam. He peeps into the "establishment of the prize" and goes on to explain the history of worthy-contributions behind the award of the prize, which in itself is a history of mankind during this period since it covers all major discoveries



and milestones that changed the life and times of mankind during this period. He wonders as to why Thomas Alva Edison was never given a Nobel for his discovery of light bulb or Alexander Graham Bell, among a few others, was not considered for "telephone". And why Gilbert Newton Lewis was nominated 35 times but did not get the prize. He rightfully wonders whether personal destiny is at work with the Nobel?

An exhaustive history of Nobel, his life and works is a bonus to the readers provided by the authors, which also includes the details about the fund, awards and even the prize amounts distributed through the years.

The authors deserve to be congratulated on the painstaking work which is undertaken by them in this compilation. This is a collector's item, beautifully printed by Thomson Press (I) Ltd., and is published by Panther publishers.

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