



Margaret Rumer Godden was born Dec. 10, 1907, in Sussex, England. She was nine months old when her family moved to India, where her father ran a shipping line. Her works are a powerful blending of the cool English blood in her veins and the hot India sun under which she lived for so many years.

She was the author of more than 60 books, including novels, short story collections, poetry, plays and non-fiction. She published her 21st novel, "Cromartie vs. the God Shiva," in 1997. Rumer Godden died November 8, 1998, in Thornhill, Scotland, at the age of 90.



Una and her younger sister Hal have been abruptly summoned to live in New Delhi by their diplomat father Sir Edward Gwithiam. From the first meeting with their new tutor and companion, the beautiful Eurasian Alix Lamont, Una senses a hidden motive to their presence. But through the pain of the months to come, the poetry and logic of India do not leave Una untouched. And it begins with the feather, a promise of something genuine and precious . . .



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In "The Peacock Spring" Rumer Godden evokes the magic of an India she knows so well - and all the bitter sweetness of loyalty and love. And in the preface she explains how this perennially popular novel came to be written.

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