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MATERIAL ON

G.V. DESANI

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**Govindas Vishnoodas Desani** (1909-2000) was the son of a merchant born in Nairobi, Kenya. He was educated in Karachi, and as a boy he was considered unteachable. Dasani ran away from home several times and finally made his way to England. By the age of 19 he was employed as a foreign correspondent working from London and by 25 he was a correspondent for *Reuters*, the *Associated Press* and *The Times of India*.

During the war years Dasani was regularly broadcast on the Indian Section of the British Broadcasting Corporation and in 1948 his cult novel *All About H. Hatterr* attracted serious attention. In 1952 he returned to India and spent many years in seclusion studying yoga, and mental cultures of Hindu and Buddhists. Called on by the Burmese Foreign Office and others Dasani became a famed speaker on meditation techniques to audiences all over the world.

Dasani moved to Texas in 1967 where he was employed as a professor in Oriental Philosophy at the University of Texas along with noted professor Raja Rao (also an Indian writer). Dasani retired in 1978 and died in November 2000.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G.\\_V.\\_Desani](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G._V._Desani),  
<http://www.open.ac.uk/researchprojects/makingbritain/content/g-v-desani>, December 2016

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