



## Manjula Padmanabhan

- ✚ Indian playwright, journalist, comic strip artist, cartoonist and children's writer
- ✚ Born in Delhi in 1953 in a diplomat family
- ✚ She grew up in Europe and South Asia, returning to India as a teenager.
- ✚ Writing is characterised by satire and humour
- ✚ Realism and sensitive social issues like gender roles and economic disparities are always present in her plays
- ✚ Creator of the comic character Suki
- ✚ Her major works
  - Hot Death, Cold Soup (1996)
  - Getting There (1999)
  - Lights Out (1984)
  - This is Suki! (2000)
  - Harvest (2003)-
    - ❖ A futuristic play (set in 2010 Bombay)
    - ❖ Attempts to expose Organ selling in Third World countries like India
    - ❖ Won her Greek Onassis Award
  - Short story collection- Kleptomania