

Big B launches 'Mohammed Rafi My Abba'

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Bollywood Shahenshah Amitabh Bachchan releases Yasmin K. Rafi's Book "Mohammed Rafi My Abba - A Memoir" An intimate portrait of one of the best-loved singers the world has ever known. The book was released by renowned actor, Amitabh Bachchan. The Hindi edition of the book, Hamare Abba- Kuch Yadein published in association with Yatra Books was also simultaneously released.

Yasmin K. Rafi's Book "Mohammed Rafi My Abba – A Memoir" is an intimate portrait of one of the best-loved singers the world has ever known. Famed music director Naushad Ali described Mohammed Rafi as India's new 'Tansen'. In a singing career spanning 35 years, Rafi came to be regarded by many as the greatest playback singer the Hindi film industry has ever known. Apart from Naushad, Rafi worked with all the wellknown music directors of his time, including S D Burman, Shankar-Jaikishen, Laxmikant-Pyarelal and O P Nayyar. One of his hallmarks was his ability to sing in a variety of styles, ranging from classical and patriotic songs to qawwalis, ghazals and bhajans, though he is best known for his romantic songs and duets. He became the 'voice' of most of the actors across the decades – including Dilip Kumar, Shammi Kapoor, Dev Anand, Dharmendra and Amitabh Bachchan. He also playbaced for superstar Rajesh Khanna on a few occasions including 'Gun guna rahen hain bhanware khil rahi hai kali kali' and 'Baagon mein bahaar hai, kaliyon pe nikhaar hai' in the film Aradhana. It was songs like these and countless others like 'Suhani Raat Dhal Chuki' (Dulari), 'O Duniya ke Rakhwaley' (Baiju Bawra), 'Yeh Zindagi ke Meley' (Mela), 'Naseeb Dar pe Tere Azmaney Aaya Hoon' (Deedar)

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and 'Shabaab pe mein zara si sharab phekoonga' (Amar Akbar Anthony), that have made Mohammed Rafi live on in the hearts of millions long after he passed away in 1980.