

## IMPORTANT POETS IN ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY

Famous court poets of India

Poet	Patron	Contribution
Amarasimha	Chandragupta II	—
Ashvaghosa	Kanishka	Buddha Charitra (a biography of Buddha), Saundarananda
Banabhatta	Harshvardhan	Kadambari, Harsha Charita
Bharavi	Yasodharman	Kiratarjuniyam (about Kirat and Arjun)
Bhavabhuti	Yasovarman	Malatimadhava, Mahaviracharita
Dandin	Narsimhavarman	Dasakumaracarita, Kavyadarsa
Harisena	Samudragupta II	Prayag Prashasti on Allahabad Pillar inscription
Jayadev	—	Geet Govinda (Krishna and Radha)
Jinasena	Amoghavarsha	Harivamsa Purana
Kalidasa	Chandragupta II	Kumarasambhava, Raghuvamsa, Meghdoota, Ritusambara. His plays are Abhijnana Shakuntalam, Vikramorvasi, and Malvikaganimithram.
Magha	King Varmalata	Sisupalavadha (about the killing of Shishupal)
Rajashekhar	Mahindrapala	Kavyamimamsa, and Karpuramanjari (written to please his wife in Sauraseni Prakrit).
Ravikirti	Pulkesin II	Aihole inscription
Shudraka	—	Mrichchakatikam
Thiruvalluvar	—	Thirukkural (Tamil epic)
Vishakhadatta	Harshavardhan	Mudra Rakshas and Devichandraguptam