

### An Evaluation of MGR biographies in English by Sri Kantha

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Attar Chand</b>	<b>Pandian</b>	<b>Mohandas</b>	<b>Roopa Swaminathan</b>
Publication year	1988	1992	1992	2002
Pages	229	166	181	80
Chapters	19	31(uneven)	31	6
Author	journalist?	Social scientist	Police officer	unknown
Link to MGR	nil	nil	personally known	nil
Content	mediocre	critical of films	rich in politics	sophomoric
Prime focus	whole life	film career	political career	film career
1917-47 period	minimal	one paragraph	no mention	minimal
Autobiography	no reference	referenced	no reference	no reference
Design esthetic	subnormal	subnormal	good	good
Filmography	nil	complete	nil	partial
Political coverage	sophomoric	reasonable	good	brief
Electoral details	nil	good	nil	nil
Eelam issue	one chapter	nil	rich details	minimal
Will details	mentioned	no mention	no mention	no mention
Bibliography	marginal	good	nil	poor
Sachi's grade	a 'quicky'	sloppy	friendly	skinny (in length)