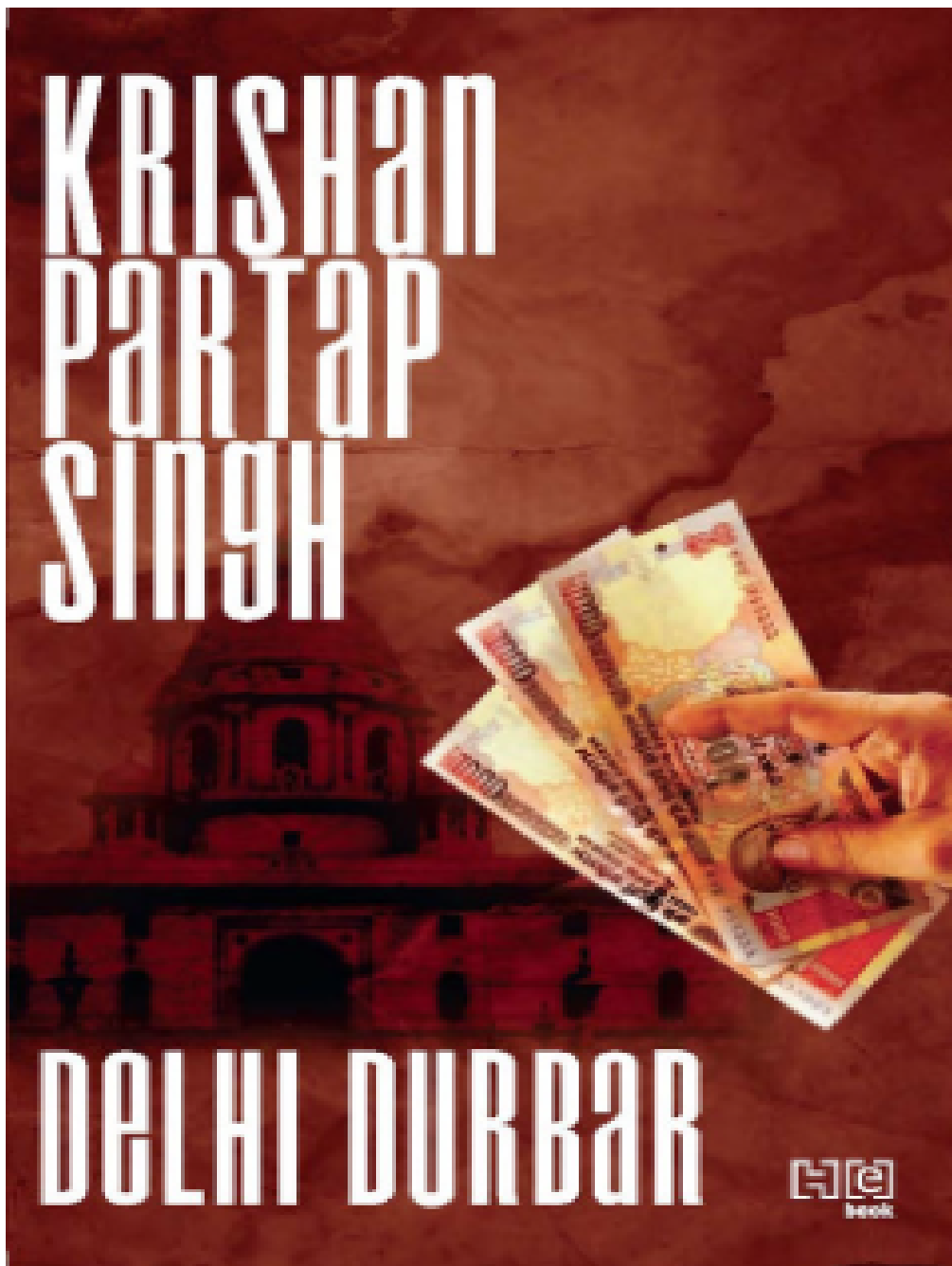


BOOK REVIEW

Name of the book: Delhi Durbar

Name of the author: Krishan Pratap Singh



INTRODUCTION:

I chose this book because ever since my late teens I was intrigued by politics and the functioning of the constitution. I have always been fascinated about what goes behind the scenes before agreeing to a certain kind of amendment or imposing new law within the country's constitution.

My initial expectations from this fictional political novel were to get some behind the scenes of Indian politics and how some of the corrupted politicians try to outweigh the real and nerve-wracking allegations made on them which mostly come out to be harsh reality of their false images in politics.

SUMMARY:

The story about a private banker Jasjit Singh Sidhu who works in overseas and leads a mediocre life yet dealing with some gigantic business men to hide their accounts in the bank where he works. The special clients were mostly the people to whom he was referred by his father who worked as the financial broker for the riches of Raisina hills and most importantly to PM. His father's efforts were mostly behind the scenes and according to nation he is the domestic adviser of the PM.

The real story begins after Jasjit gets a call from his mother that his father was no more. Jasjit's father Gurucharan Singh Sidhu died in an Aero plane crash in the outskirts of Uttar Pradesh's Bareilly. He had come to Delhi to pay his last rites to his late father, at this gathering all the people from MPs to business tycoons all had marked their presence. This entangled a series of political drama in his life. At that time, he had been going through a rough patch in his married life as well and felt at most need of having his wife Neena by his side during this major loss in his life. Neena was the daughter of then army chief Brajesh Dayal. General bastard is what he calls his father-in-law who was newly appointed as the vice president of India. This book revolves around the rival between midget PM Paresh Yadav and general Dayal.

ANALYSIS AND OPINION:

The thing best worked in this book is that each character in it has had great importance that is from a chauffeur at Rashtrapati bhavan to media reporter everyone had gasping role in the entire story. The part which felt little down was portraying Jasjit as a coward which I did not like about this book, nevertheless he had some mind game going there.

The only character which stood out was Azim Khan, who had great character plotting though at climax because he had the ability to disclose the dirty politics played by the leaders to fulfill their desire of excess money and fame.

This book shows how the world behind the tag of democracy in India works between the politicians and bureaucrats. In the name of fair rule leaders get elected only to fill their banks with money and assets which they did not deserve just by making some false allegations on oppositions and vague promises to people of the nation which never met the reality till date.

‘Your threats do not scare me. There is nothing you can do to me. I have two months of service left and after that I will be rid of you,’ the defence secretary retaliated.

PERSONAL CONNECTION:

I indeed do not carry a personal connection in real life but the political news airing in the news channels always intrigued me. This book played a good role in making me believe that corruption always leads to disruption and its impact leaves long living scars behind in the history of the country. It changed my perspective on politics which I have had since my school age that politics is what is shown in television and it is what the

leaders speak in the world to fulfill the needs of the people who are underprivileged rather than getting elected by making some false promises and rooting dreams of better place for life meeting all the hi-tech facilities and once elections done they fill their banks with country's wealth and maintain a false image of trying to implement the promises made until getting caught off redhandedly which happens once in a blue moon with lots of hidden information safeguarded by the officials within their cabinets. In politics one day they give a cold shoulder to their opposition and the other day they get into coalition. The leaders try to climb up to higher positions rather than being grateful of the success in the career in politics. They sell out their values to gain favor, access, and status.

CONCLUSION:

I would recommend this book to readers who have just begun or need a new but near to reality kind of novel and fascinated towards politics can go for this fictional political novel by Krishan Pratap Singh.

