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Book Review

CHETAN BHAGAT



$$y = \sqrt[3]{x+1}, x = t^2t$$

$$X_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + \beta + \gamma \\ \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}, X_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha \\ \beta \\ -\gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\alpha| + |\beta| \neq 0, \gamma \neq 0$$



$$x^3 + x^2 + y^3 + z^3 + xyz - 6 = 0$$

Five point someone

WHAT NOT TO DO AT IIT

$$x_1 = -11p, x_2 = -p, x_3 = 7p, p \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\lambda_2 = i\sqrt{14}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{n+1} + n}{\sqrt[n]{3n^2 + 2n - 1}}$$

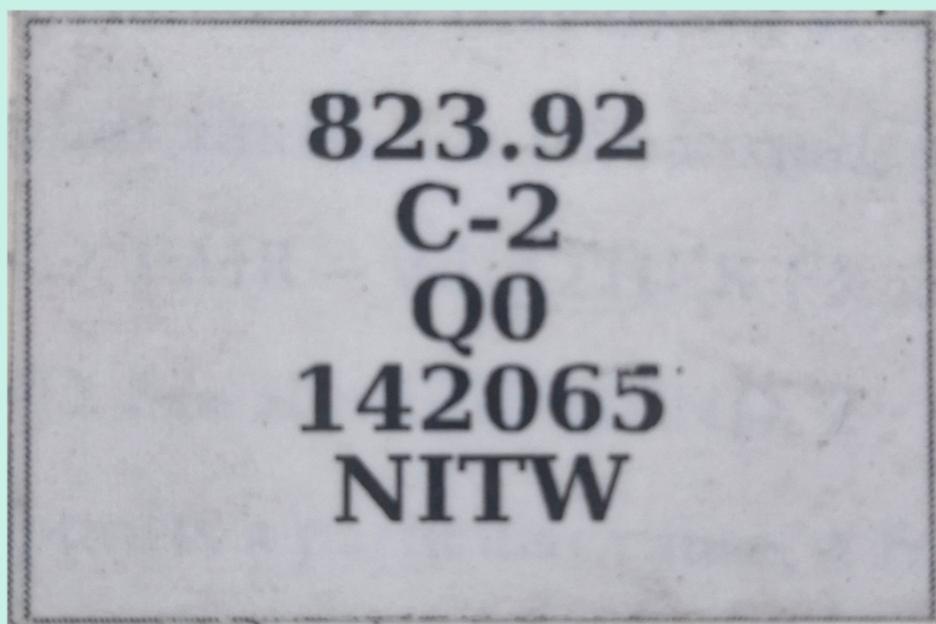
$$y' - \frac{\sqrt{y}}{x+2} = 0; y(0) = 1$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} x, 4x^2, 1 \\ y, 4y^2, 1 \\ z, 4z^2, 1 \end{pmatrix}, x=0, y=1, z=2$$



TITLE: FIVE POINT SOMEONE

AUTHOR: CHETAN BHAGAT



Main Characters and Themes:

- 1) Hari Kumar- (The Narrator) An average student and in academics, falls in love Neha.
- 2) Neha Cherian- Whom Hari has interested on, has some family issues.
- 3) Ryan Oberoi- A friend, he is dare and dashing and has capability to debate about education system.
- 4) Alok Gupta- Sometimes emotional and sometimes serious, has family responsibilities to handle.
- 5) Professor- Called as professor Cherian(Neha's father) Strict and demanding.

INTRODUCTION

Chetan Bhagat's 'Five point someone' is a book which explains about experience of writer in his IIT(Delhi) life when he was a student. It includes what not to do at IIT. The author tells that it isn't to teach you how to get into IIT or even survive it, infact it describes how bad things can get if you don't think straight. It is funny, dark and emotional. It is basically a story of 3 friends surviving their college life. The story revolves around friendship, love life and academic pressure. The book highlights the flaws in education system and students self discovery about realization of life is more than just marks. The title itself is about GPA's of those 3 friends (Hari, Ryan, Alok) Five point something. These students go through many stages like facing expectations of parents, overcoming strict professors and all. It really makes us question whether grades only lead to success or there's something more than numbers??

WHY DID I CHOOSE THIS BOOK?

The main reason to choose this book is that the Author- Chetan Bhagat is my all time favorite one. Sir is my inspiration and I have read many books of his which are mostly fictional and each with a plot twist. They are thrilling, suspense and crime themes. This book caught my attention because it's about his college life in IIT Delhi (Of course the authour is an alumni) which is the current stage of my life I'm going through as an NITian. Many students found it interesting as well. And it includes real life experience. So I thought it would be intresting to start this book.

My Initial Expectations:

At initial stage when I started reading, I thought it was about how to crack IIT and some study tips just like pre Under graduate things. Expected it to be deeply intellectual and serious. Thought its about Author's motivational and successful story but it's not at all, it was about humour and portrayal of student life. Just so as i guessed it'll include some college drama like a fun tale and college adventures and yes it is.



-SUMMARY-

So this book of Chetan Bhagat (Five point someone) is about lives of 3 friends Hari, Ryan and Alok who joined IIT Delhi having many dreams but later realized life there isn't that easy as they thought. After struggling with academic problems the three of them end up with 5. Something GPA's. Them being not too much worried about it and started to enjoy their college life by hanging out, night life things, crazy ideas, and risks that push them in troubles sometimes, and actions that could ruin their career. In this journey, many themes can be explored such as family pressures, love, friendship, ambitions colliding with stressful IIT environment etc... In the way they had to go through difficult professors, misunderstandings between them due to personal choices, and fear of not making their parents satisfied. Hari's love has more twists because of the girl being a daughter of professor. There are many ups and downs in the middle. Instead of guiding on how to join IIT this reflects on how to not loose focus, cause of bad choices, finding yourself, and all. It is the real spirit of college life, different humours and life lessons. Readers mindset changes to questioning education system and hectic pressure for marks.

~~ANALYSIS & OPINION~~

When I first picked this book, I thought it would be all about how tough IIT life is, but to be honest, it was much more deeper than that. I have immersed in this book, its like you're living in their Hari, Ryan, and Alok's places. I imagined the pressure they were facing from parents, professors, and even themselves. I liked the way how the author didn't try to sugarcoat anything. Life at IIT, it was full of mistakes, confusion, and the scenes where everything felt like they were falling apart(soo dramatic).

I really liked Ryan's attitude. At one point, he says, "We screw our grades, but we don't screw our happiness."-(Ch-2, pg no. 27). At that line I paused and thought the importance we give to marks even today.

I couldn't even put down this book. I laughed at some parts but also felt really bad for the characters when things went wrong. The story made me realize that not only marks are important, but discovering yourself, your passion matters more. It wasn't a perfect book, but it definitely impressed me with realistic story and different theme.

What worked well?

- The humor and interactive storytelling gave life to the story.
 - The characters were too natural and good just like in real life backbenchers
 - Thought provoking reality of education system
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What didn't work?

- The romance between them felt a bit forced and not so convincing.
- Some plots were predictable.
- The theme, it was too encouraging that grades aren't that important

Standout Character & Important Message!

Ryan was the most interesting character. His mindset and creative thinking made him stand out and unique from others. Unlike Hari and Alok, he never really cared about grades affecting him or letting him down.

The book delivers an important message that success isn't just about being topper; it's about learning, exploring, and finding one's passion. As Ryan once said, "Life is not to be taken seriously, as we are really temporary here." He also said that they shouldn't have to work hard for grades in a screwed-up system.

□ Personal Connection □

Reading Five Point Someone felt like recalling my own past school and college struggles. I felt pity when Hari, Ryan, and Alok were crushed under academic pressure. In some of the scenes where they messed up important assignments, deadlines, I genuinely felt stressed as they were, almost like it was happening to me. When Alok finally tears up about family pressure, it hit me hard because something similar I faced in my personal life. Some of Ryan's dialogues, talks made me laughing on the floor. Overall, the book made me realize how common it is outside people are loosing themselves while chasing marks. It taught me that grades too matter but fun is fun anyways. I'm thankful it didn't give me mental trauma that they didn't end up taking their lives and kept going on.

→Impact It Created On Me

The book had a big impact on me because it opened my eyes on how life's real behind the tag "IIT" actually looks like. From my perspective, I feel like the book made me realize that grades aren't everything.

Finally you can end up anywhere irrelevant of your CG. So I decided not to stress and take pressure too much and mess up my mental health after reading it. In some cases the characters were completely careless about academics so I wanted to make sure that doesn't happen with me and don't want to get motivated by such type of things.

♣Perspective♣

My perspective changed on how society puts pressure on students. We only look up on top scorers, rankers forgetting many intelligence have many forms. So other talented people often get neglected and going unnoticed. Thinking out of the box is essential and following crowd and society blindly is purely dumb.

The novel also made me realize that failure is not the end always, it's just a step up towards self-discovery. Instead of giving in to pressure, we should focus on what truly makes us happy.

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|Conclusion|

Hari, Ryan, and Alok's lives at IIT reach a breaking point. After spending their college life struggling with bad grades, they finally made up a very risky plan. They implemented the bold idea to steal the final exam paper to save their grades for once and last. They were tempted and desperate, but deep down, they know it's wrong. Things went bad when the plan didn't workout and got caught. The moment when their friendship got tested. It concluded that you should accept your mistakes and how one wrong decision could cost you everything. Learn and grow, face your life honestly. It also taught how to behave and act in tough situations. The climax wasn't that heroic, but success isn't about shortcuts or numbers, it's your own choices and how you build up in any different way. ♠

I would love to recommend this book to my friends as many of them are novel enthusiasts. As all of us are students it is 100% relatable and reflects on how only grades are considered and there is lack of creativity. This book had also used simple accessible language and easy to read for anyone. My collegemates will definitely like it because of the content and as it is about college life.

★ THE ★
★ END ★

