

BOOK REVIEW

Title : House of Cards

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Introduction:

I chose to read *House of cards* by *Sudha Murthy* because of her simple storytelling style and how these stories reflect the reality of Indian society.

The story is written in a simple language. So it will encourage and support first-time readers.

The things I expected from the very beginning is that it might offer insights about human relationships, ambitions, and values and especially within a middle-class family. I found this book very close to my personal life as a middle-class girl. It beautifully portrays the struggles faced by an Indian middle-class family.

Summary:

House of cards is the story of Mridula, a bright young woman with great enthusiasm for life who comes from a Karnataka village. A chance meeting with Sanjay, a talented but not successful doctor, leads to love. And the couple marry and settle in Bangalore.

The more Mridula sees of the world, the more she realizes how selfish and greedy people can be. But she does not take the ups and downs of life to heart, and lives each day with lots of joy and positive energy.

Trouble arises when Sanjay quits his government job and starts a successful private practice. With the state of wealth comes the never-ending ambition for more, and the inevitable slide into corrupt practices. At first, Mridula has no idea about all these things; but when the truth hits her, she has no other choice but to walk out on him.

Analysis and Opinion:

This book is a simple and emotional story. This book shows the affects on relationships when people run behind money and success. The best part about this book is it's easy and simple language and highly relatable characters. While reading this book, it feels that it might happen to anyone around us.

The most stood out character in this story is Mridula. She is innocent, kind and soft-hearted yet strong. She stays loyal to her true values even when life gets tough. She supports and encourages her husband, Sanjay in every decision he makes. She tries to hold the family together but also realizes she cannot neglect her own happiness.

What didn't work so well in this book is that most situations are easily predictable and very slow. But the emotions are portrayed perfectly.

The book gives us the message: A peaceful and happy life matters a lot. Not money. When people run after money, they become selfish and lose love and trust from their loved ones.

Direct speech: Mridula says "*What's the point of having everything if we lose ourselves in the process?*" This shows her feeling about changes in their life.

Indirect speech: when Mridula felt very bad because Sanjay didn't care about her thoughts anymore and was only focused on his success.

Personal Connection:

Reading this book made me realize the difference between success and true happiness. Mridula's journey inspired me because when life became difficult, she stood her ground. This book made me realize that we should never forget our roots that is, where we come from.

Conclusion:

I would definitely recommend House of Cards without any hesitation to anyone. It is a simple yet beautiful story highlighting the importance of human values, relationships, self-love, peace and happiness. Whoever reads this book will be inspired a lot and learns that money is not the only important thing in life.