

FIVE POINT SOMEONE

What not to do at IIT

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INTRODUCTION

The story of five point someone by Chetan Bhagat is about 3 boys Hari ,Ryan and Alok studying in IIT. It shows how 3 normal guys can screw their college life if they not think straight. This book leads to their adventures ,their friendship ,conflict and love affairs . Moreover it reflect how three different person from different backgrounds can make it in the intense environment of the prestigious IIT.

Reason for choosing this book-

I picked Five point someone because of its immense popularity among college students. Also I had heard about it from many of my friends, as it is a classic fictional book .Being a first year college student I thought choosing this book will give me some insights about friendships, academics and life.

Initial expectations

First of all I thought why the book name was five point someone thus I made multiple assumptions like it can be a story of 5 people like stuff but when I red the book I came to know that 5 points are nothing but the grades out of 10 of the main characters who are studying in college. Being honest I got to know that the famous Bollywood movie ‘3 idiots’ was inspired from this book , so I was very much intrigued how similar the book will be from the movie .

SUMMARY

The main characters of the story are Hari , Ryan and Alok who were mechanical engineering students at IIT Delhi. All three of them belonged to different backgrounds .Ryan is rich and rebellious , he always disliked the education system and dreamt of changing it but is frustrated by IIT's rigid structure. Alok belonged from poor family background , he just wanted to secure a good job to support his family and Hari , the main protagonist is stuck between perspectives of his two friends.

All three of them struggle with academic pressure , but then also instead of focusing on studies they bunk classes , enjoy life which results in low grades . They try different methods to secure good grades but it doesn't results in anything . Meanwhile comes the entry of Neha who is the daughter of Prof. Cherian , the strictest professor of their department , Prof . Cherian believed in traditional ways of teaching like importance of grades and discipline. Mean while Hari fells in love with Neha .Neha tells Hari about her brother Sameer who died because of an accident.

Now in desperation to improve their grades, boys chose a wrong way to secure good grades but they get caught in the end .Knowing this Prof. Cherian decides to expel the boys from the college when Neha comes in the scene and open the eyes of his father which saves them from their expulsion.

ANALYSIS AND OPINIONS

Five point someone is that book which hit different than any other book especially for college students , as it captures all – the highs and the low of student life . The best part of book is that the students are able to relate the story with their own life..

While the book is fun and relatable some of the scene were quite unrealistic and a bit exaggerated . For example ,the whole scene of getting into professor's cabin and stealing the exam papers seemed dramatic and unrealistic. Also the way professors were shown strict and heartless was a bit exaggerated , as not every teacher is like that .

Among the main characters , Ryan stood out . He was creative , bold , rebellious and didn't cared much for the rules and regulations . He just wanted to follow his passion , also he was the one who always pushed the group to think differently . One of the line of Ryan which remained in my mind was that , “ *Why cant we have fun in college and still be graduates* ”. This line summed up the whole book.

Overall , this book remind us all that the college in not about grades , moreover its about learning who we are ,building relationships, learning from mistakes and growing through them . Book also teaches us about the importance of balance between personal life and studies. Lastly it reminds us that failure should not define us , mistakes are a part of life important thing is that we have to learn and move forward .

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Indirect :- Ryan asked why they couldn't have fun in college and still be graduates.

PERSONAL CONNECTION

Back when I was preparing for JEE , I was in the middle of rat race , chasing ranks and cutoff. I thought once if I get into a good college thing might slow down but the pressure hasn't gone anywhere in the college , It still feels that everyone's in rat race but just a different track . This book made me to take a step back and *look back* on what college is really about . Its not about the assignment and grades , its about growing as a person and figuring out who we are. Also the way the characters dealt with failures got stuck with me . I got a new perspective that its okay to *mess up* thing sometimes , we don't have to be perfect as no one in the world is perfect .Like there is a saying that '*not every cloud has silver lining*' , there is always to something to learn even when things go wrong .It also reminded me not be *a stick in mud* .Sometimes we have to take a risk ,try new things .Ryan's attitude of being bold reminded me how important it is trust our gut and not to follow the crowd blindly.

Overall , book gave me a new perspective , It made me realize that grades matter but they should never come as a cost of mental peace and relationships that truly matter to us.

CONCLUSION

The book is fun and relatable , I would definitely recommend this book to students who are in college or in school as they can easily connect to this book . It can speaks to any individual who ever feels lost in the pressure of performance . It teaches us that student life is not all about academics – its about friendships , growing up and figuring life along the way .