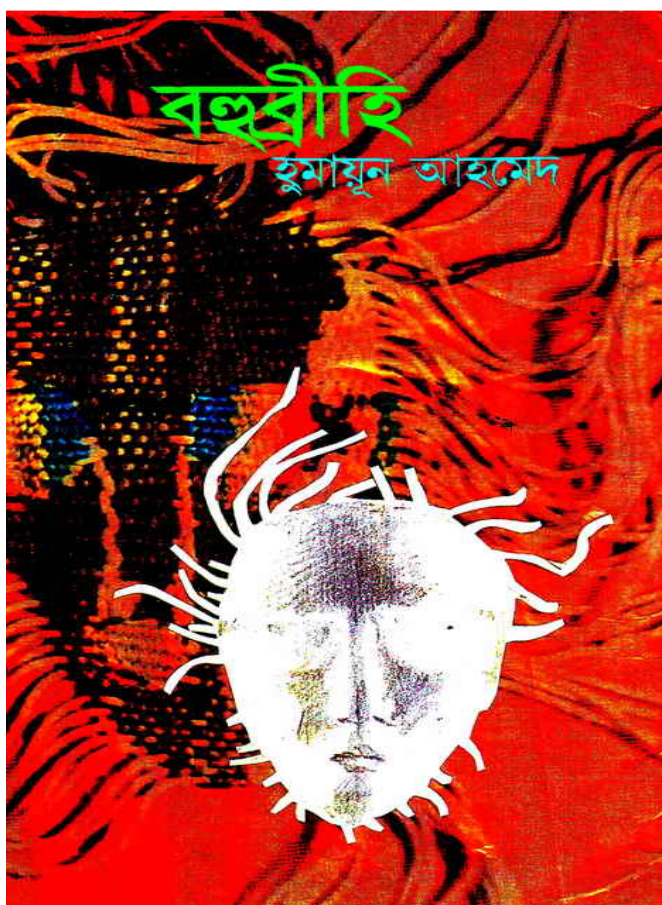


BOOK REVIEW

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Bohubrihi - by Humayun Ahmed

For me, reading is a source of calm and vigor. I can lose myself in any book and forget about life's woes. I'm going to talk about Bohubrihi today because it's one of my all-time favorite books. Humayun Ahmed, a great Bangladeshi novelist, wrote the masterpiece Bohubrihi. It was published in August 1990 by Pallab Publishers. Humorous comic fiction called Bohubrihi is based on Bangladeshi families in the 1990s. The story revolves around a house named "Niribili," which is owned by retired service holder Mr. Sobhan. He loves his country and is a great guy. He shares a home with his wife, brother-in-law, daughters, and househelps. . His tenants, visitors, and a few other characters are also present in the narrative. The novel mostly depicts middle-class Bangalis' daily lives in the 1990s. Most interestingly, there is also a drama named "Bohubrihi."

"Niribili" is a calming, quiet word. But there's practically never peace and quiet in this house. Mr. Sobhan, the owner of this home, is a lovely and admirable person. He is a patriot with some really odd views about how to improve this nation.

His wife, Minu, is another amazing person, who is just tired and annoyed at her super weird household. Minu's brother, Farid, has lived with them since he was a toddler. Farid is very smart. He is very talented, and he is aware of this. He hardly achieves anything, though, as he is unwilling to take the easy route. Then Mr. Sobhan's and Minu's kids, Bilu and Mili, arrive. Bilu, a medical student, primarily resides in Barisal.

Mili is a student at a university and lives with her parents. Rahima's Maa & Kader, two househelps, are employed by them. In addition to the primary family members, a few more individuals play an equally significant role in the narrative. Anis, the renter of Mr. Sobhan, and his kids, Togor and Nisha, come first. Second, Mr. Emdad and his granddaughter Putul, who traveled from the village of Mr. Sobhan. Third are Dr. Monsur and Mr.

Karim, the proprietor of his drugstore. Fourth, Ms. Esha, Farid's assistant at Anis' consultancy farm.

Mr. Sobhan enjoys considering solutions to issues. He overthinks everything and then presents issues that might not even be true. He keeps a storeroom full of large notebooks in which he records his ideas, theories, and answers to the challenges at hand. His desire to solve things sometimes puts him in uncomfortable and difficult circumstances. He once went to "Matshya Bhaban" to question the officers because he had the idea that he would conduct research on the "Fish Problem." He spoke with an officer, who informed him that his hypertension was caused by his insanity. After arriving home, he became ill, and the entire family was affected. He once passed out while driving because a man would not throw a banana peel in the trash. He stopped eating while researching the "Hunger Problem." Dr. Monsur once more became ill as a result of this, and he was forced to visit for treatment frequently. He is a good spouse, a loving parent, and a respectable citizen, but not all of his activities are proper.

The most typical character in this novel is Mrs. Minu. She is a devoted mother, a responsible wife, and a compassionate caretaker of everyone. She tends to the requirements of everyone in the home. Although she has a gentle nature, she can be severe when necessary. She maintains order in the home. She occasionally becomes frustrated and annoyed by others around her, but overall she is a warm and loving mother figure.

Farid is mostly referred to as Farid Mama throughout the book. He is a genius and he knows his potential really well. He has completed his SSC(2nd), HSC(3rd) and Honours with brilliant results. During his Masters he felt that the teachers don't have enough knowledge to teach him and so didn't study further. He spends most of the day by reading books and watching movies. Kader is his right hand man. Farid once left the house with Kader after being scolded by Mr. Sobhan. There they lived an adventurous life for a few days and then went to jail for Kader's poor

attempt to steal someone's briefcase. He also tried to make a film name "Heea Machh" after knowing about Mr. Sobhan's interest in the "Fish Problem". It was obviously a clear fail and Monsur almost got drown while playing the role of a boatman. Farid always kept giving unorthodox opinions about everything which made Mr. Sobhan angry. Later, Farid started working as the manager of Anis's consultancy farm. Lastly, he bought a bunch of parrots and taught them to say "tui rajakar" (most interesting speech) so that they will be given to known Razakars to make there lives a bit miserable.

Young man Kader works as "Niribili's" housekeeper and carer. Kader is a huge admirer of Farid Mama and loves him dearly. He brings fresh movie tapes, and he and Farid watch them together. He always has enthusiasm for the odd and humorous household jobs. He cares for his family members as if they were his own. he has a spectacles and a photo also .

The younger daughter of Mr. Sobhan, Mili, is a university student. She is a charming and vivacious individual. She eventually develops feelings for Dr. Monsur, which results in a number of amusing yet romantic occurrences. After being married, Monsur has accept a scholarship to study overseas, which starts Mili's life in a depressing phase. Everyone's hearts are truly warmed by Monsur and Mili's unique love tale.

Bilu, the eldest daughter of Mr. Sobhan, attends Barisal Medical College. She lives in the hostel there and travels home occasionally. She marries their widower tenant Anis after falling in love with him. She is a really kind and modest woman. She genuinely cares about Togor and Nisha and greatly improves their lives.

Monsur is a young doctor who lives alone in this metropolis. He rents space from the owner of his local drugstore. He has had a serious crush on Mili ever since he first met her. Throughout the entire novel, he was driven by this emotion to engage in strange and entertaining behaviors. While visiting to "Niribili" to check Mr. Sobhan's BP, Monsur left his BP machine at home. Another fast comedy event included Mili and his marriage and his jokes telling .

Anis is a widowed man with two mischievous kids – Togor and Nisha. He is a struggling writer and doesn't earn much. He has vast knowledge and an aura of understanding, which Mr. Sobhan liked and let him live as a tenant. Togor and Nisha was really naughty and Anis was not able to control them. He got the chance to be a bit relaxed after moving to "NIRIBILI," as everyone loved them there. Anis and Bilu got married and lived happily. This man is my favorite character.

Mr. Emdad is an old man who has none but his granddaughter, Putul. Putul is a good girl with brilliant results and amazing behavior. Whereas Mr. Emdad is a sly and greedy man. He is poor and wants to ensure a good life for Putul. This is why he has come to Mr. Sobhan's house. Mr. Emdad tries a lot to make Monsur fall for Putul and get them married. Putul doesn't want to marry so soon. She wants to pursue higher education. Though she feels a weird attraction towards Anis and suffers from a deep sadness. She is loved by all in the house. Mr. Emdad also finds a reason to live when he gets to work with Mr. Sobhan on his project for collecting information about the freedom fighters. Despite all his flaws, his love for Putul is commendable. In the last scene, he prays to God for Mr. Sobhan's illness.

Rahima'r Maa is the helping hand of Minu. She helps Mrs. Minu with the household chores. She tries to imitate Kader every now and then. She also gets sad when Togor and Nisha pull her leg and make fun of her. She is also a good soul. She teases Monsur whenever he comes to the house. She also watches movies with Farid Mama and Kader.

These characters' lives form the basis of the narrative. As a devoted and responsible father figure, Mr. Sobhan wishes the best for everyone. He showers care on Bilu, Mili, Farid, Monsur, Anis, and Putul, but he also corrects them when necessary since he wants them to live happy lives. Everyone in the house has their basic needs and mental health taken care of by him. When it comes to selecting their life partners, he is in support of Mili and Bilu. He also considers how he can best advance the nation and

wants to do so. Mrs. Minu is a classic mother figure who is a perfect blend of sweetness and strictness. Farid is a bohemian soul with a heart as big as an ocean. He loves his nieces a lot and is very affectionate towards them. He also loves Anis from the core of his heart. Anis is an example of a struggling family man, who earns a little and wants to ensure a good life for his children. Anis was emotionally dependent on his wife, Ratri, a lot. After his wife's death, he was struggling to handle the kids and his career which came to a balance after going to Mr. Sobhan's house. Bilu was a lot like Ratri which made him fall for her and eventually They ended up together. Monsur got Mr. Karim as his guardian in the city. Mr. Karim always inspired him to be more focused to his career and also made him realize his love for Mili. Bilu and Mili are two amazing humans raised by Mr. Sobhan and Mrs. Minu. They are lively, sweet, friendly and caring. They also consider Putul as their sister and shower her with love and affection. Putul gets a new life after coming to this house. Mr. Emdad seems to be a bad person throughout the book but he is not that bad if we pay close attention to his motive of securing a good life for Putul. Rahima'r Maa and Kader prove that Being a family isn't always about being related through blood. Togor and Nisha are the source of Happiness for everyone in the house. Their mischief, their childish thoughts, their innocent questions are enough to melt anyone's heart. They have brought a new life to the house.

This book is connected to my heart . Full of love , harmony , family emotions, life problems, , love for country just a nice combo of sweetness . This feels like a story of the next door neighbors, and i wonder how nice the 90s was. I have thoroughly enjoyed it. The book could use a little more length. It might be longer and contain more information. The history of Anis, Mr. Emdad, Rahima'r Maa, and Kader could have been included in the narrative as well. The early life of Mr. Sobhan and Minu with Farid, Bilu and Mili would also be a good read. We could also know a lot more about the life of Bilu-Anis and Mili-Monsur after marriage. How Togor and Nisha found inspiration to have more fun and how their lives went after his father got married again could also be added to the book. It is very

unique and simple book one can read the full book in a day without any monotony . I advise everyone to read the book at any time in their lives.