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Once more Keshav Rajpurohit and Saurabh Maheshwary is back with a case. This time its the case of a missing thirteen year old girl.

Keshav his parents and Saurabh is staying at Icon in Gurugram. He is preparing for IPS exams due to the pressure of his parents. They as usual is trying to get him settled down.

One day his parents make him meet Alia whom they thought as a prospective girl for their son. But it turns out to be that Alia is married and has a daughter.

Alia approaches Keshav with a case. The case of her missing elder daughter Siya Arora. Siya Arora was taken from her grand parents home at night nine months back. Police has made enquiries but nothing turned up. Everyone has stopped looking and police has turned the case as a cold one. Alia cannot stop looking for her daughter. She asks Keshav's help as a detective.

Alia was an upcoming model of eighteen years when she met Manish Arora who is in jewellery business. They started seeing each other and ended up married. Arora family being a Punjabi one was reluctant to accept Alia who is half Keralite and half Rajasthani. They had first Sita and then Suhana. They have left the family home and moved to Icon. Siya was abducted when they were visiting the family home. Police has made enquiries about the household help drivers and even Siya's tutor Dharmesh but it seems no one knew anything about her. Even the family came under suspects. The abduction came became a media drama too which strained the family relations. One ransom demand and another box of Siya's clothes and hair and some ashes all stopped further investigations. Everyone moved on or tried to move on except Alia.

The novel portrays the tension between an Punjabi Saas and daughter in law whom the son married against the wishes of mother. It also shows how the family blindly follows their family Pandit for anything and everything.

Whether Keshav can find Siya after all the time? Who is the culprit and why the

abduction? All these questions get the answer once you read the book.

Between the investigations the story also tells us the way Alia and Keshav gets closer to each other. How their relationship goes or ends or what happens to them is all to be read and learned.

Also the book tells us the way children are lured into the world of shady characters through social media. How the parents are not aware of the life their children are living through social media platforms.

Was Siya a victim of such a pedophile?

Since this is a book with a mystery I will not dwell more on the story lest the suspense is spoiled. Towards the end of the novel you may start suspecting the culprit.

As usual the story is in simple language which is Chetan Bhagat's style. My opinion is read the book if you like Chetan Bhagat's works.

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