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Book Review

2 States: The Story of my marriage'

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Chetan Bhagat has a gift for relating to middle class people in two tier towns in India.

He has written four best-selling books.

The books One Night @ the Call Center (2005), Five Points Someone (2004), The 3 Mistakes of My Life (2008), and 2 States: The Story of My Marriage (2009) are published. Since their publication, Chetan's works have been best-sellers and have been turned into significant Bollywood films. He was dubbed the best-selling English-language novelist in Indian history by the New York Times. He focuses on youth and national development issues in his writing for prestigious Hindi and English newspapers.

He gives inspirational speeches as well.

His stories usually revolve around a current topic that appeals to young Indian people nowadays.

Bhagat can convey a tale fairly well. Who builds things slowly.

"Love marriages around the world are simple: Boy loves girl. Girl loves boy. They get married. In India, there are a few more steps:

Boy loves girls. Girl loves boy

Girl's family has to love boy. Boy's family has to love girl.

Girl's family has to love boy's family.

Boy's family has to love Girl's family.

Girl and boy still love each other. They get married".

'2 States: The Story of My Marriage' is a novel by Chetan Bhagat that dives into the complexities of intercultural relationships in India. The story follows Krish Malhotra, a Punjabi boy, and Ananya Swaminathan, a Tamil girl, as they passing the hurdles of convincing their families to accept their love and marriage.



Krish and Ananya meet at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad, where they both get their MBA degrees. As they both are coming from different cultural backgrounds, they fall in love and decide to get married. However, their families, deeply rooted in their respective traditions, are initially unwilling to accept their relationship.

Krish and Ananya take up on a journey to convince their families, facing numerous challenges along the way.

Krish's frisky Punjabi family clashes with Ananya's conservative Tamil family, leading to misunderstandings and cultural clashes. The couple tries various techniques to bring their families together, including arranging a meeting between them and seeking support from their friends.

As the story develops, the couple's determination to make their relationship work is tested by societal expectations and familial pressures. Krish and Ananya fight with their own insecurities and doubts, but ultimately, their love for each other helps them overcome the obstacles.

'2 States' explores themes of love, family, and identity against the background of India's diverse cultural landscape. Through Krish and Ananya's story, the novel sheds light on the complexities of intercultural relationships and the challenges faced by individuals who dare to disobey societal norms.

In the end, Krish and Ananya succeed in convincing their families to accept their love, and they get married in a traditional ceremony that mingles from both Punjabi and Tamil cultures. The novel concludes on a hopeful note, emphasizing the power of love to cut across boundaries and unite people from different backgrounds.

'2 States' is a novel by Chetan Bhagat that explores the complexities of intercultural relationships in India. Place against the backdrop of two distinct Indian states, Punjab and Tamil Nadu, the story follows the journey of Krish Malhotra, a Punjabi boy, and Ananya Swaminathan, a Tamil girl, as they navigate their love against societal expectations.



The critical evolution of '2 States' lies in its sketch of the clash between tradition and modernity, and the struggle to reconcile cultural differences. Through Krish and Ananya's relationship, Bhagat highlights the challenges faced by couples from different cultural backgrounds in India, including parental disapproval, language barriers, and many other things.

Furthermore, the novel addresses issues of identity, belonging, and the importance of communication in relationships, as communication is very important in relationship.

By addressing issues of international relationships with humor, sensitivity, and relatability, '2 States' has, all things considered, marked a remarkable shift in Indian popular literature. It has struck a chord with readers across and sparked discussions about marriage, love, and cultural diversity.

Author Chetan Bhagat is one of my faves. We cannot argue with the reality that this guy has transformed Indian reading, even though his books and writing style have many flaws.

In my opinion, 2 States is a compelling story about love that has no bounds when it comes to cultural differences.

It is set in India and centers on the romance of Krish and Ananya, who are from different states, as they work through resistance from their families.

Chetan Bhagat skillfully combines romance, humor, and social commentary to create a gripping story that highlights the challenges of cross-cultural relationships.

The tale delves into issues of tradition, acceptance, and a ability of love to triumph over adversity via the journey of Krish and Ananya.

Bhagat's likable characters and captivating narrative make '2 States' an enjoyable read.



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