

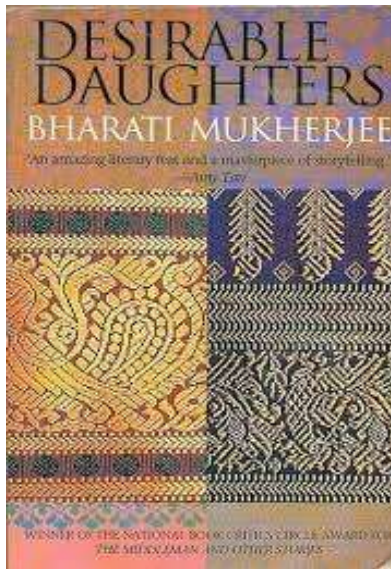
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BOOK REVIEW

Name of the Book: - DESIRABLE DAUGHTERS

Name of the Author: - Bharati Mukherjee

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“Desirable Daughters” by Bharati Mukherjee is a nice hybrid combining the suspense of a thriller with the intricacies of family epic. It is from the perspective of a woman who was born in an orthodox Bengali Brahmin family but later moved to the West. The novel explores the theme of identity, culture and values in an individual’s life as well the challenges of living in two completely different culture. The book serves as a guide for people seeking their identity which may have been overshadowed due to change in geography. It is a refreshing take on issues like culture and identity crisis without being too mundane. Ms Mukherjee has painted vivid images of certain events like natural disaster and how they are related to familial structures. She has also pointed observations about certain Indian as well as American stereotypes especially for Indian immigrant community in America. There is also beautiful descriptions of life in India interwoven in old Indian tales. The book is very intriguing and will keep the readers on their toes at all times.