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A BOOK REVIEW OF SARANSH KUMAR'S *STORY OF AN UNSUCCESSFUL HOTELIER*

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Saransh Kumar scripted the whole story of the fiction based on the life of a celebrity Chef. It is author's first book. The whole book is divided into 15 chapters with an Acknowledgment in the beginning. Chitiz is the central protagonist of this fiction. The whole story revolves round with the happenings of his life. He speaks the entire story of his life to his lady love Nazia Tarannum on the verge of his death. The book is first published in the year 2010 and it receives good and positive responses from the readers and the critics.

The story opens with a cookery show on Television hosted by Chitiz, a celebrity Chef. But in the mid-time he started coughing and after few seconds blood is coming out from his mouth. Due to this condition of him they stopped the show and calls an Ambulance and immediately he is sent to the Apollo Hospital. His viewers are very tensed and showed their concern for Chitiz. Chitiz's this unhealthiness creates a breaking news. Ultimately Doctor's have confirmed that Mr. Chitiz is suffering from lungs cancer. His bleeding has reached the maximum level due to continuous smoking and alcohol consumption. The Doctors have also assured that he has only some time in his hand.

In this miserable condition, Chitiz wants to meet his lady love Nazia, for the last time in his life. Nazia Tarannum, who is now an established Doctor, came to Apollo after hearing all this. Then they meet with each other after a long time. After some conversation with Chitiz, Nazia wants to take him to her own house and ultimately, she is able to do this easily because Sheetal, Chitiz's present Doctor, is her intimate friend. And this way Nazia becomes Chitiz's personal Doctor. Chitiz's dream gets it reality. And from this time the whole story takes its new turn.

Actually Chitiz and Nazia both are very lonely and helpless in their respective lives. They both share everything of their lives to each other. And through their conversation the readers knew everything. Chitiz first meet with Nazia in his school. Then after seeing Nazia, Chitiz fell in love with her. He proposed Nazia but she refused. Then Chitiz one sidedly loves her throughout his entire life.

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In other hand, after refusing Chitiz's proposal, Nazia fell in love with a boy. His name is Nazar. He is actually physically challenged. But this story also ends in separation. Because Nazar is brutally killed out of suspicion.

After Nazia, Chitiz is also fallen in love with Sonali and Sonali also loves him truly and seriously. But this time Chitiz is not so serious about this relationship. He takes it as a time-pass. Ultimately this relationship also ends and Sonali is responsible Chitiz for this break-up.

From Chitiz's story, the reader also comes to know about the Hotel Management course, its structure, facilities. In this way the story progresses. At last with high chest pain, Chitiz died before Nazia, when he came to meet with Kaajal who loves him blindly. She is then also in critical condition in Apollo. But she can't see Chitiz because before his arrival, she is dead. Actually Kaajal has done everything for Chitiz, even the approval of the Bank loan is also the credit of her and her father Mr. Rakesh. After seeing this Chitiz's blood pressure is too high and he died.

He always wants to live a happy and secure life with Nazia, but when Nazia is agreed to do that, time snatched Chitiz forever. Next day Dr. Nazia Tarannum is also found dead in her house. And it was reported that she was dressed like a bride. From her Maid it is known that she had consumed poison. This way Nazia killed herself. But she fulfilled her promise. She made herself wife of Chitiz. And before dying she had donated all the money that she had and the money that Chitiz had given her to Chitiz's trust to open a Hospital so that no more Nazar should die due to inadequate medical facilities. So that no more Chitiz should take birth and struggle so much. But it is a matter of regret that they remain still.

Flashback is the most prominent technique used in this fiction, through which the author weaves his plot. This very book is wonderfully portrays the tragic ruin of almost all the characters in the fiction, especially Chitiz. They have everything except mental peace. The author extended this same theme in his next fiction *A Love Life So Painful*. Some claims that it is the sequel of *Story of an Unsuccessful Hotelier*. Some also says that it is author's real life story.

The language is casual and also the story telling. There were several scopes for better narration of the story. The cover page of the book is well designed and also attractive. The binding is lucid and the price of the book is easily affordable. One more impressive feature of the book is its printing quality.

I recommend this book to the readers, especially the young generation who indulges themselves in the complexities of relationship ignoring the realities of daily lives for its story and theme. Indeed, I will say the book is a must read.

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