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JUDGE'S JUDGEMENT

I had the privilege of going through this book.

The book is in poetry form and begins with a travelogue which is pictured from USA to South America to Europe and the Gulf. To a person who has travelled, it is a collection of worthy photographs that evokes memories of sight seen. The poet's pen flows across the palette of the world with fluency, picking up emotions describing sights on the way. He blends in feelings and desires, swirling them with the dexterity of a French chef into a palatable medley.

Mr. Shashidaran brings in his knowledge of human beings and emotions, the impressive poem on 'zero and one' is one which inspires and stimulates the thinking process that man without woman and woman without man are incomplete halves and the importance of their togetherness is brought out well in his poem.

He uses everyday living, events reported in newspapers, and the rich plethora of human feelings to create interesting and thought provoking reading in the minds of the readers.

His expertise in Hindu lore, his in depth knowledge of the sastras and slokas are woven into the tapestry of his creativity seamlessly.

Just as day follows night he impresses upon us that there is light at the end of tunnel and that the wellspring of hope beats strong in the human heart.

He has divided his book methodically into 3 themes; the first theme has its base on travel, the second on love and the third theme deals with spiritualism, mysticism, our Indian ethos and our framework of Vedic ideology as it were. It is an obeisance to the various gods and goddesses and the poet has succeeded in bringing in a sense of reverence of holiness and prayer in his poetic dissertation of the slokas and their importance in human life.

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He immerses us in shower of divine grace, he likes a guru symbolically guides us to path of bliss, the importance of karma and dharma and he reiterates that the soul is eternal and we are just the shell in which it inhabits before freeing itself and transcending into a higher stratosphere.

He brings us the realisation that we are each of us divine because god resides in each one of us.

At a glance I could assess the remarkable effort put in by this author in coming out with such a useful book. The topics have been systematically arranged.

The entire book makes an interesting reading. I found this a wonderful creation to be a gift not only to the legal fraternity but to all.

Great poets would indeed enjoy reading this book, the lay readers would even more.

I really appreciate the style and presentation and the planning of the work promising to be a classic.

I am sure this book will be extremely useful for those for whom it is meant.

I congratulate the author great success and hope.

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