



# What's Wrong with You, Karthik?

AUTHOR Siddhartha Vaidyanathan

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WH: Humour

## IMPRINT

Picador India

## Shortlisted for the Restless Books Prize for New Immigrant Writing

**'A warm, minutely detailed evocation of boyhood . . . textured like life itself' — Samanth Subramanian**

**A charming tale of a young schoolboy trying to find his place in a changing world.**

Twelve-year-old Karthik Subramanian has just been granted admission into St George's, an elite boys' school in Bangalore that has supported the academic lives of 'four state cricketers, one India captain, tens of professors, hundreds of doctors, engineers and scientists, thousands of chartered accountants ...' In this most exalted of institutions, Karthik yearns for recognition as an academic superstar.

Rigorously prepped by his parents and grandfather, dutifully offering his prayers to Lord Ganesha, Karthik steps into this new world. But nothing has prepared him for the challenges that lie in wait and he is left to himself to navigate the cruelties of school life, and the transition into adolescence. The less his family learns about his friends, the better. There are threats all around, even violence.

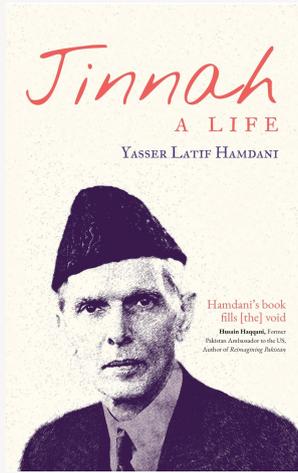
Brilliant in its observations of a motley cast of characters, and finely calibrated for humour and sadness, *What's Wrong with You, Karthik?* is a poignant, exuberant debut from a writer of rare calibre.

## AUTHOR DETAILS

Siddhartha Vaidyanathan is a writer and editor based in Seattle. He has worked at ESPNcricinfo and *Wall Street Journal*, and contributed to *Guardian*, *Forbes* and *Wisden*. *What's Wrong with You, Karthik?* is his first book.

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# Jinnah: A Life

AUTHOR Yasser Latif Hamdani

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## IMPRINT

Macmillan

**'No biography of Mahomed Ali Jinnah – Pakistan's Quaid-e-Azam – has been true to the man who described himself as "plain Mr Jinnah". Yasser Latif Hamdani's book fills that void. The author puts together an account of Jinnah's life with affection, without neglecting key facts and by including commonly repeated distortions. Jinnah's greatness shines through [in this book] while maintaining the humanity of his character'**

**Husain Haqqani, Former Pakistan Ambassador to the US, Author of *Reimagining Pakistan***

**Was Jinnah the sole driving force behind the Partition of India? Or was he a champion of Islam who stood for a new Islamic renaissance?**

Mahomed Ali Jinnah started his political career firmly in the Congress as a staunch Indian nationalist. He believed in secular politics and was opposed to bringing religion into that politics. But he changed his belief and ended up making a separate state for Muslims at the very end of his career.

This new biography casts fresh light on the life of Jinnah, his political and legal careers, his relationship with Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru as well as his disagreements with their ideas. Carefully examining the major events of his life – from early childhood to his first speech as President of the All India Muslim League – Yasser Latif Hamdani presents a complex and fascinating portrait of Jinnah who is often wrongly regarded as a votary of a theocratic Islamic state, an idea which he, in reality, stood against.

Based on extensive research and a wealth of archival material, Hamdani has revealed those traits of Jinnah's personality that made him the most misunderstood leader of his times. He also comments on how religious zealous elements have turned Pakistan into the Islamic Republic contrary to Jinnah's vision.

## AUTHOR DETAILS

**Yasser Latif Hamdani** is a well-known human rights barrister and writer based in Pakistan. His most notable and successful legal case was getting YouTube

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unbanned in Pakistan. He is the author of *Jinnah: Myth and Reality* (2012) and *Between Worlds, A Pakistani's Quest to Forge Meaning* (2016). He is a member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn in London. *Jinnah: A Life* is his third book.

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# The Machine is Learning

AUTHOR Tanuj Solanki

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**'Drawing on the years he has spent in the strange world of insurance, Tanuj Solanki writes one of those rare novels which deals with the world of work, where his protagonist circles India, terminating unwanted employees and flushing his cufflinks down the toilet in an airport loo. A keenly observed and nuanced portrait of the working life, this novel tells you what it must be like to be part of the Tinder generation' JERRY PINTO, author of *Em and the Big Hoom* and *Murder in Mahim***

Saransh works at a life insurance company, as part of the Special Projects Group (SPG). Their current project is top-secret: the development of an Artificial Intelligence system that will leave 552 branch-level employees redundant overnight. Because of site-specific customizations, however, the system needs to collect information from the company's various branches. Thus begins a cycle in which Saransh travels across the country, interviewing the very people that his machine will replace soon. Meanwhile, his conscientious ex-journalist girlfriend Jyoti repeatedly questions Saransh's complicity in the impending destruction of hundreds of lives.

*The Machine is Learning* is a novel about twenty-first-century workplaces, love and the impact of technology in all of our lives. It interrogates a world order that accommodates guilt but offers no truly ethical course correction.

## AUTHOR DETAILS

Tanuj Solanki's first novel, *Neon Noon*, was shortlisted for the Tata Literature Live! First Book Award. In 2019, he was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar for his second book, *Diwali in Muzaffarnagar*. Solanki's short fiction has been published in the *Caravan*, *Hindu Business Line*, *DNA*, *Out of Print*, and several other publications. He lives in Gurugram with his wife.

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