

## NIGHT OF HAPPINESS

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Pragmatic entrepreneur Anil Mehrotra has set up his thriving business empire with the help of his lieutenant, Ahmed, an older man who is different in more ways than one. Quiet and undemanding, Ahmed talks in aphorisms, bothers no one, and always gets the job done. But when one stormy night, Mehrotra discovers an aspect to Ahmed that defies all reason, he is forced to find out more about his trusted aide.

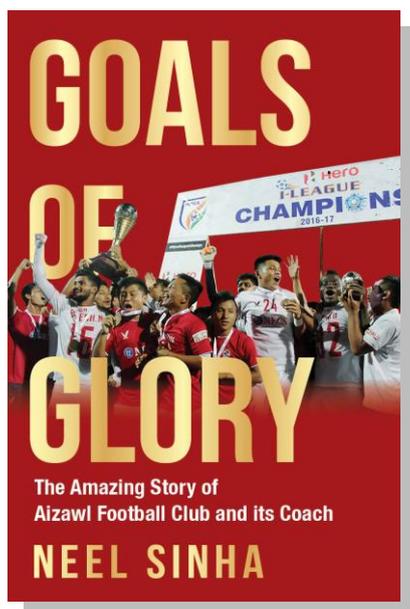
As layers and layers of Ahmed's history are peeled off, Mehrotra finds himself confronting some deeply unsettling questions. Does Ahmed really have a wife? Does he keep her imprisoned in their flat? Is Ahmed deranged, or is he just making desperate sense of the horrors that afflicted him in the past?

By turns poetic, chilling and heartbreaking, *Night of Happiness* is an unforgettable novel set in a world without tolerance.

Born and educated in Gaya, a small town in Bihar, **TABISH KHAIR** is the author of various acclaimed works, including the novels, *The Bus Stopped*, *Filming: A Love Story*, *The Thing About Thugs*, *How to Fight Islamist Terror from the Missionary Position*, and *Jihadi Jane* (available as *Just Another Jihadi Jane* outside India), the poetry collections, *Where Parallel Lines Meet* and *Man of Glass*, and the studies, *Babu Fictions* and *The Gothic*, *Postcolonialism and Otherness*, and *The New Xenophobia*. Khair is currently an associate professor at Aarhus University, Denmark, and a Leverhulme guest professor at the School of English, Leeds University, UK. He has won the All India Poetry Prize. His novels have been shortlisted for major prizes, including the Man Asian Literary Prize and the Encore Award, and translated into several languages.

#### USP:

- Haunting story set in a time of intolerance, making the novel topical, urgent for an Indian readership
- Graceful, elegant prose with an eerie/haunting quality; unforgettable story told like a literary thriller
- Latest from a highly acclaimed, award-winning writer, poet and critic



## **GOALS OF GLORY**

The Amazing Story of Aizawl Football Club  
and its Coach

Neel Sinha

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Non-Fiction > Sports > Football  
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### **GOALS OF GLORY: The Amazing Story of Aizawl Football Club and its Coach**

**An inspirational story of the triumph of Aizawl Football Club from being relegated to becoming champions of the I-League in 2017.**

*Goals of Glory* relives this most romantic story out of Indian football, from the club's roots to its triumph on a mad night in Shillong' – Sharda Ugra

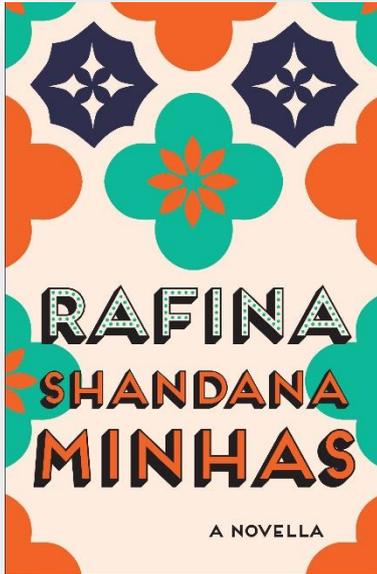
In 2016, Aizawl Football Club was relegated to the second division of I-League and the coach of Mumbai Football Club, Khalid Jamil, was sacked. They joined forces and became champions of the league in 2017! This is one of the most fascinating turnaround stories in Indian sports. How did the underdogs achieve such an amazing feat?

In *Goals of Glory*, Neel Sinha tells us not just about this wonderful victory but also traces the evolution of the 'beautiful game' and its support base in Mizoram in the past four decades. The book explores the interesting coincidences which brought together the winning combination and leaves us with an inspiring story of determination, passion and grit which conquered all odds.

**Neel Sinha** has lived and played his football in Aizawl in the late 1990s. Now a Data Scientist based in Dubai, he retains his passion for football and Mizoram. A fitness athlete himself, Neel regularly writes blogs about sports in India.

#### **USP:**

- Inspirational true story of turnaround and victory in Indian football.
- Fast-paced insider account of the momentous victory of Aizawl FC in the I-League 2017
- Engaging story of the historical context and evolution of football in Mizoram and India.
- Recreates the passion and magic of a rare underdog story in Indian sports.



**Rafina: A Novella**

Shandana Minhas

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Rafina looks at the glamorous girl on the billboard outside her window in Karachi and thinks, *It won't be long before I'm up there*. Too poor for college and dismissive of marriage, the clear-eyed young woman cajoles her mother's friend and Radiance beauty parlour masseuse, Rosie khala, into taking her on as an apprentice. Thus begin her brave misadventures – from clumsy parlour assistant, to mostly dependable tea girl, till in a stroke of serendipity, she is 'discovered'.

Poised to have everything she thought she wanted, the only thing standing between Rafina and that billboard are the people who think she should still be using the service entrance.

**SHANDANA MINHAS** is the award-winning Pakistani author of the novels *Tunnel Vision*, *Survival Tips for Lunatics* and *Daddy's Boy*.

USP:

- Award-winning writer Shandana Minhas
- A delightful novella about a seventeen-year-old girl with big **dreams** in Karachi who learns the **painful cost of social mobility**
- **Gritty story** with an inspiring quality