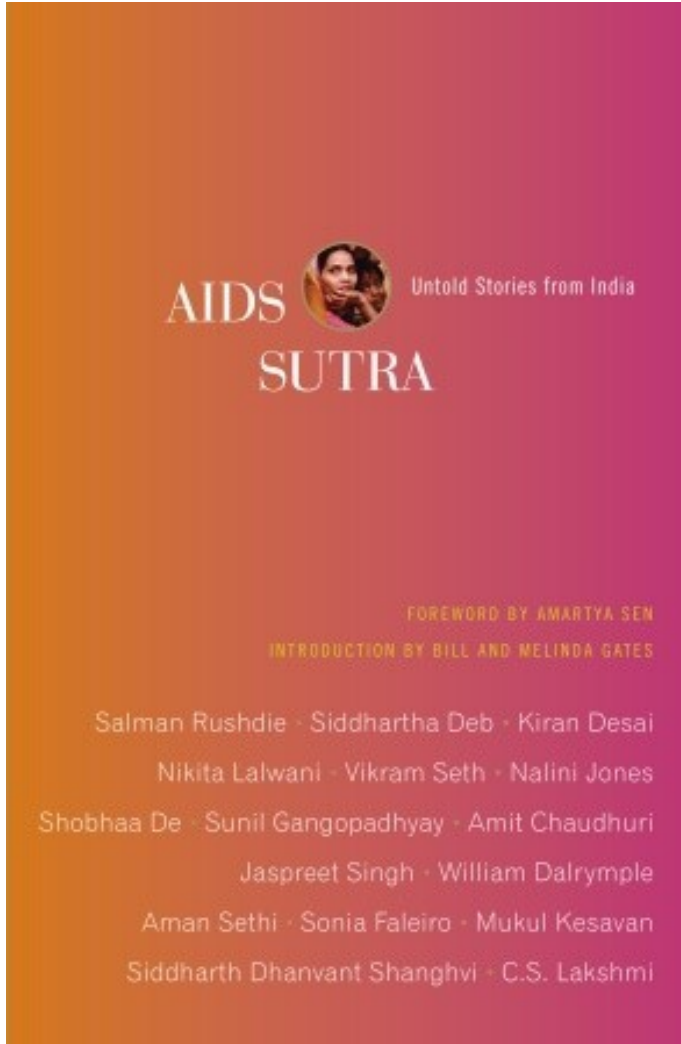

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AIDS Sutra: Untold Stories from India



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Description

In this groundbreaking anthology, sixteen renowned writers tell the hidden story of the AIDS crisis, illuminating the complex nature of one of the major problems facing the developing world. India is home to almost 3 million HIV cases, but AIDS is still stigmatized and shrouded in denial. Discrimination against HIV-affected individuals in hospitals, schools, and even among families is common, just as discussion about HIV and participation in prevention or treatment programs are not. In this riveting book, sixteen of India's most well-known writers go on the road to uncover the reality of AIDS in India and tell the human stories behind the epidemic. Kiran Desai travels to the coast of Andhra Pradesh, where the sex workers are considered the most desirable; Salman Rushdie meets members of Mumbai's transgender community; William Dalrymple encounters the devadasis, women who have been "married" to a temple goddess and thus are deemed acceptable for transactional sex. Eye-opening, hard-hitting, and moving, *AIDS Sutra* presents a side of India rarely seen before.

Insightful reviews

Katie: I love the personal stories captured by Indian authors. Very powerful...Ready to get on a plane back to India!

Lena: Heavy read that leaves you with a heavier heart. Maybe not the book to finish reading at 1am before going to sleep.

Rosun Rajkumar: This is a gripping anthology of poignant tales of real life people. Harrowing traditions, filthy occupations, restlessness and then HIV/AIDS. The stories told thru some of the most well known names in Indian writing leaves you with heavy sighs. These are not some tailored heroes or heroines. They are real people trying to survive the stigma and live thru the dreaded disease. I was disgusted and appalled learning so much about sex workers and their conundrum- health and ethics vs occupational hazards. The MSM (Men having Sex with Men) angle to prostitution leaves little to imagination. Society's presumptuous attitude to poz (HIV+) kids and widows, the glorified sex workers called 'Devdasis', adventurous truck drivers and then the restless youth taking to drugs.

The facts and figures keep you dumbfounded throughout. Beginning with the idea that India might not be ever affected with this pandemic curse on humankind because we don't have gay men (as was assumed earlier), we have come a long way. Combating the stigma and the disease itself still poses a stringent challenge.

Great read! SIGH!

Sangyasharma: not so good as i had was hoping it is going to be.. yet a very good read..

Sara Leibovich: this can be a really attention-grabbing selection of nonfiction concerning the AIDS epidemic in India - nominally anyway. With a couple of exceptions right here and there, this e-book is set the lives of Indian prostitutes from each nook of the country, and the tales of those men and women are advised with honesty and respect. it truly is inspiring and heartbreaking and that i can slightly placed it down.

Parikhit: cherished the booklet yet my expectancies have been a bit higher. a few of the tales might have been narrated better, from the viewpoint of the folks residing with a good status. A deeper insight, I felt, used to be missing. I loved the tales through Kiran Desai, Nalini Jones, William Dalrymple and Siddhartha Deb. A poem by means of Vikram Seth within the publication is heart-rending. total it's a stable booklet and kudos to the authors who've contributed their time and ability for a noble cause.

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