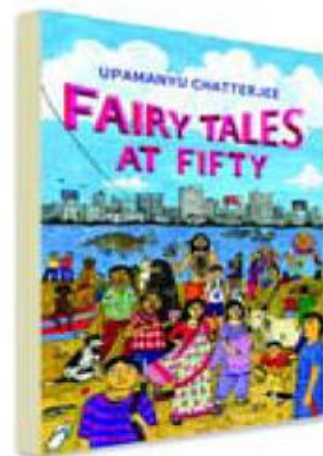


DU alumnus Upamanyu Chatterjee's *Fairy Tales at Fifty*
“ is the best novel of 2014 ”



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Evil, though, has to be slayed. And it happens on a warm Wednesday night in late November just outside Leopold's on Colaba Causeway. "Anguli's end, to me, is extremely significant," says Chatterjee. "It is the point where fiction clashes with fact. He dies in a terrorist attack. You can't imagine how difficult it was for me to say here is one point where a fairy-tale world meets this horrible world we know. Evil is just fundamental to us. The rest is just dross. So how do we get rid of a serial killer? One way to do this is to overwhelm it with something more evil."

Fairy Tales is the journey from Angulimala to 26/11. Angulimala had a Buddha to offer salvation. In our evil times, there is only the possibility of a greater evil. It is the best Indian novel of the year. Read it. Then read it again.

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