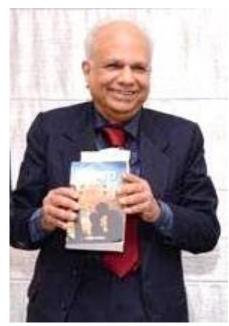
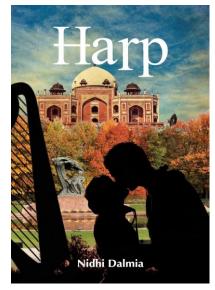
Author **Dr Gun Nidhi Dalmia**—*Harp*- ing on the sixties



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Born into one of India's oldest industrialist families, he was brought up surrounded by a business and industry culture since childhood.

However, it is the spiritual environment prevalent in his home, where Vedas, Upanishads were a part of his home schooling, which Nidhi most cherishes.

A member of several prestigious professional bodies, Nidhi has received extensive professional training across the world. His professional life exposed him to diverse business responsibilities especially in the manufacturing sector.

He is a sports enthusiast — from tennis, swimming to chess.

Nidhi also likes travelling, Western pop music, Indian and Western classical music and playing the piano.

He divides his time between Delhi and Paris. *Harp* is his first novel . Synopsis

Here Nidhi Dalmia talks about love, passion and sacrifice.

Set in late 1960s, this novel takes you to the world of music, literature and travel. The story is mesmerizing with really intense descriptions of the places from the smallest parts of Europe; it also takes you to Indian culture and morality.

It is a story of love revolving around three central characters:

Ashok, who belongs to the industrial background, wants to learn more about Dairy productions, leaves India and travels to Europe, where he meets a Polish musician Lauren and falls in love with her.

And then, he finds another love Aparna, an Indian girl also thinking of Ashok as the ideal husband.

Dalmia has also put a lot of foreign words using expressions (a glossary is included) and also the lyrics of the songs belong to that era to make you feel the sixties way. It has elements of the Dairy Industry and Business management however, his writing makes them interesting for a layman person.

The story is really refreshing as it blends with your regular love story and the twists and turns in this very unique story simply make it difficult to put it down.

The simple things that establish their love interest is entertainment, music and dance. Remarkably woven in between the Ashok- Lauren saga is the existing socio -economic situation of that time both in India and abroad.

In that sense *Harp* is a period book and a classic.

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