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Editorial Review

Review

A provocative, clever and radiant line of theology, Sanghi suggests that the cult of Mary Magdalene has its inspiration in the trinity of the Indian sacred feminine, thereby out thinking and out-conspiring Dan Brown.'
--The Hindu, Chennai, India

'Sanghi's flair for religion, history and politics is clearly visible... a mixture of comparative religion, dangerous secrets and a thrilling plot makes for an esoteric read.' --The Statesman, Calcutta, India

'...a must-read for all those who enjoyed Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code. A fine combination of history, religion, spirituality and mystery, the book is thought-provoking and definitely not for the faint-hearted.' -- Deccan Herald, Bangalore, India

'Though Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code may still be the uncrowned king in conspiracy theory fiction, he has an Indian challenger in Ashwin Sanghi.' -- The Week, India

'The ultimate reward that The Rozabal Line holds for the reader is the treasure-house of surprises that lie in store, as history gets presented ... as delightful, jaw-dropping trivia.' --Indian Express

"Haigins' ideologically provocative outcome is every bit earned... philosophers, conspiracy believers, and fans of Mary Magdalene tales will find Rozabal to be worthy..." -- ForeWord Clarion Reviews, November 7, 2007

"Taking The Da Vinci Code a step further, The Rozabal Line triples the intrigue ante..." -- Kirkus Discoveries, November 5, 2007

From the Author

The notion that Jesus may have indeed spawned a bloodline came to my attention in late 1999 when I read "Holy Blood Holy Grail" by Michael Baigent, Richard Leigh, and Henry Lincoln. A few years later, I read Holger Kersten's "Jesus Lived in India" and was fascinated with the idea that Jesus could have been inspired by Buddhism and that he may have drawn much of his spiritual learning from India. The research was meticulous, and I was soon hooked! I followed it up by reading Margaret Starbird's "The Woman with the Alabaster Jar: Mary Magdalen and the Holy Grail" and was convinced that the persona of Mary Magdalene closely resembled the trinity of the Indian sacred feminine. The release of Dan Brown's "The Da Vinci Code" was what eventually prompted me to write "The Rozabal Line".

I realized that it was much more interesting to learn history through the format of a fiction thriller than to read a non-fiction hypothesis/theory about Jesus having lived in India. "The Rozabal Line" is a work of fiction and should be read as such. Religion, history and factual narrative have been liberally interspersed with the fictional narrative in order to give context and color to the plot.

Unlike most novels, wherever possible, notes have been provided at the end of the book to explain, justify, attribute or acknowledge although it is unnecessary to read these as part of the overall plot.

About the Author

Ashwin Sanghi is an Indian writer and entrepreneur. He has also written: Chanakya s Chant and The Krishna

Key. He is also known by his pseudonym: Shawn Haigins. A graduate of the Yale School of Management and St. Xavier's College, he has since been awarded several acclaims for his work. His second book has been optioned for a movie by UTV and is expected to begin production soon. He currently lives in Mumbai with his loving family.

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