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Review

“Searing, savage, and deeply moving: an unforgettably vivid picture of a time of turmoil.” (Amitav Ghosh)

“Haunting...Mukherjee can recall Tolstoy in his ability to bring to life a diverse and expansive set of characters and to sharply invoke interior worlds...[it’s] a sophisticated meditation on suffering that invites empathy for characters who embrace violent ideologies as a result of injustice without ever vindicating the horrific violence they commit.” (Hirsh Sawhney - New York Times Book Review)

“A devastating portrayal of a decadent society and the inevitably violent uprising against it. . . . It is ferocious, unsparing, and brutally honest.” (Anita Desai)

“Very ambitious and very successful. . . . One of Mukherjee’s great gifts is precisely his capacity to imagine the lives of others. . . . Neel Mukherjee terrifies and delights us simultaneously.” (A. S. Byatt - Guardian)

“Masterful. . . . His fierce intelligence and sophisticated storytelling combine to produce an unforgettable portrait of one family riven by the forces of history and their own desires.” (Patrick Flanery - Daily Telegraph)

“Rich and engrossing. . . . Consistently vivid and well realised.” (Theo Tait - Sunday Times)

“Unfailingly beautiful. . . . Resembles a tone poem in its dazzling orchestration of the crescendo of domestic racket. His eye is as acute as his ear: the physicality of people and objects is delineated with a hyper-aesthetic vividness.” (Jane Shilling - New Statesman)

“Mukherjee’s scope is vast yet so intimately personal that it’s easy imagine him donning different costumes for the characters as he composes their stories... How he accomplished such a wonderful feat is unknown. What is known is that this novel stands as a literary boon. Short-listed for the Man Booker Prize, its American edition was rushed into print.” (Booklist, Starred review)

“A devastatingly detailed account... This challenging epic has the scope of a political novel and the humanity of a family saga without sentimentality.” (Publishers Weekly)

“Breathtakingly tense... the force of this journey hits you in waves.” (Entertainment Weekly)

About the Author

Neel Mukherjee was born in Calcutta. His first novel, *A Life Apart*, won the Writers’ Guild of Great Britain Award for best fiction, among other honors, and his second novel, *The Lives of Others*, was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize and won the Encore Prize. He lives in London.

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