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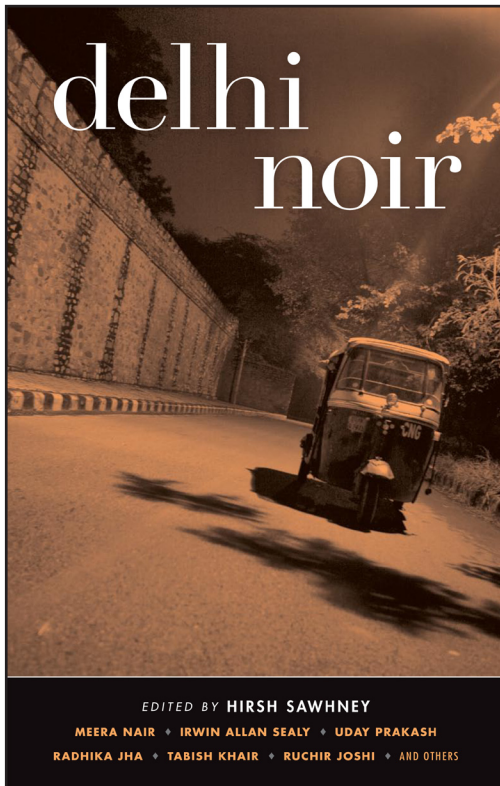


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Delhi Noir

edited by
Hirsh Sawhney

The legendary city of Delhi, India, provides
fertile ground for stories of darkness
and despair.

Brand new stories by: Irwin Allan Sealy, Omair Ahmad, Radhika Jha, Ruchir Joshi, Nalinaksha Bhattacharya, Meera Nair, Siddharth Chowdhury, Mohan Sikka, Palash K. Mehrotra, Hartosh Singh Bal, Hirsh Sawhney, Tabish Khair, Uday Prakash, and Manjula Padmanabhan.

THE EYES OF THE WORLD are gazing at India—the world’s largest democracy. But the books you read about this Asian giant only show part of the picture. *Delhi Noir* offers bone-chilling, mesmerizing takes on the country’s chaotic capital, a city where opulence and poverty are constantly clashing, where old-world values and the information age wage a constant battle.

DELHI NOIR’S FOURTEEN ORIGINAL STORIES are written by the best Indian writers alive today—the ones you haven’t yet heard of but should have. They are veteran authors who have appeared on the Booker Prize short list and budding geniuses who your grandchildren will read about in English class. *Delhi Noir* is a world of sex in parks, male prostitution, and vigilante rickshaw drivers. It is one plagued by religious riots, soulless corporate dons, and murderous servants. This is India uncut, the one you’re missing out on because mainstream publishing houses and glossy magazines can’t stomach it.

HIRSH SAWHNEY has written for the *Times Literary Supplement*, the *Guardian*, *Time Out New York*, *Outlook*, and the *Indian Express*. His parents migrated from Delhi to New York in the 1960s, and he moved to the Indian capital’s Green Park area in 2005. He now splits his time between Delhi and Brooklyn and is working on his first novel. Read his writing at www.hirshsawhney.com.

Launched with the summer '04 award-winning best seller **BROOKLYN NOIR**, Akashic Books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies. Each book is comprised of all-new stories, each one set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book.

BOOK EVENTS FEATURING THE EDITOR AND SELECT CONTRIBUTORS FOR
DELHI NOIR

- **Wed. June 10, 7:00-8:30pm—NEW YORK, NY—**The Rubin Museum of Art, 150 W. 17th St.
*Featuring editor Hirsh Sawhney and contributor Meera Nair in conversation with Pete Hamill

- **Wed. June 24, 6:30-8pm—NEW YORK, NY—**Mysterious Bookshop, 58 Warren St.
*Book launch featuring editor Hirsh Sawhney, contributors Meera Nair and Mohan Sikka, and translator Jason Grunebaum

- **Thurs. June 25, 7pm—NEW YORK, NY—**Idlewild Books, 12 W. 19th St.
*Launch party featuring editor Hirsh Sawhney, contributors Meera Nair and Mohan Sikka, and translator Jason Grunebaum

- **Tues. October 13, time TBA—NEW YORK, NY—**Asian American Writers' Workshop, 16 W. 32nd St., Suite 10A
*Featuring editor Hirsh Sawhney, contributor Meera Nair, and others TBA