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## **Book Review**

## CANVAS OF A MIND by Purba Chakraborty

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Psychological thrillers are generally considered aberrations when it comes to penning them down in the flowing verity of words. It is difficult to penetrate into the authenticity of their diagnosis and it's rather an onerous task begetting an untold story of effervescent young characters that exist merely in writer's head and whose story demands exceptional mental acumen and courage. But the best part about this tale is it has been thought, conjured, shaped and molded by an astute writer who silently explores the deep realms of unconscious mind and reveals the light of reason brilliantly behind the clouded epiphanies. The wordsmith of this book is a Sun and she gives a new life to the vicissitudes of journeys of Akashi and her younger sibling Ipsha through her vivacious energy of narration and ideal heat of pace.

The story is riveting and the vibrations exuded by the book are chilling. The episodes in the book seem predictable but they aren't. Generally, a reader feels like he/she beholds the shadow of future occurrences and sees the twisted reality hanging by the cliff but the science of deduction fails to make the correct guess. This is where the story delighted me the most and the ultimate revelation of the exposition of truth made the story even more fascinating, compelling and engrossing.

The quotes in the dawn of each chapter showed the gist in the most beautiful and moving way. The poetic beauty of the writer's heart which she expresses through the medium of prose got

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etched in my heart forever. They achingly moved me and taught me at the same time the most urgent lessons of my life. I could revisit them again and again and derive the same refreshing joy that I felt the first time I read them. It almost feels like a rendezvous with a guru who has explored the deep waters of life and is imparting me the slices of wisdom through the bond of a known companionship.

The writing is lucid yet refined. It shows immense potential and I think writer has a very promising future in the field of literature. Her writing is ripening wonderfully.

The character development and the relationship between characters have been perfectly portrayed through the mighty pen of the writer. The effulgence of climax has been unveiled in an impressive way. Purba is adept at narrating the story in the simplest way possible and yet, uncovering the most intricate aspects of human beings.

The short length of chapters is another merit of this book. It made the book more intriguing and embellished it with panache.

I earnestly thank the writer who is also a dear friend of mine for showing such faith in penning down an unconventional story. The silent storm of thoughts that gave birth to this offspring of story certainly surely deserves my admiration and heartfelt appreciation. I would also like to read other novels of this dynamic soul who rekindles the Indian literary world with each word that she pens down.