

[Low Mortgage Rates](#)

Refinance at a Low Mortgage APR. See Qualifying Rates. BBB Rated 'A' TheEasyLoanSite.com/Mortg.AdChoices ▶

NEWS FLASH SEARCH All Sections GO

- HOME
- CITY NEWS
- SPORTS
- BUSINESS
- EDITORIAL
- TECHNO STUFF
- NATION
- TELEVISION
- BOLLYWOOD
- HOLLYWOOD
- BRUSH WITH ART
- INTERVIEW
- OFFERS
- EPAPER

• **Special Section** • [Vastu Tip](#)

[Home](#) > [Book Review](#) > When 'different' becomes 'dangerous'

When 'different' becomes 'dangerous'

Monday, November 05, 2012

My Magical Palace by Kunal Mukherjee takes us to the other side of the gay realm, and has us see what transpires in the life of a male who is fascinated by all things male. Rahul has grown up with a crush on Rajesh [Khanna](#). The obsession with the stars lips, and romantic gestures, has him fantasizing about intimacies with him, and [natural](#) progression in this kind of thinking has him yearning for the brother of a classmate.

The brother is 'greek god' handsome and even has a [girlfriend](#), but that not deter him from noticing Rahul's vulnerability. Even as he enjoys the thrill of kissing the girl, he takes Rahul to the changing room after football [practice](#), and there introduces him to the pleasures of man with man, with the hugs, the rubs, the thrill of sweaty bodies and male smells. For Rahul, this is a heady experience, and he longs for more.

He has grown up being more in [the company](#) of his sister's friends, and the girls and women who visit the expansive [home in Hyderabad](#) that his father has occupied by virtue of being a government official. It was once a palace but was abandoned before being lived in because a dead bat discovered there was deemed a bad omen.

The story of Rahul coming of age and understanding himself, is played against other peripheral stories in the book. Discovering that being a girlish boy can bring in problems of ragging, and seeing a classmate being sacked and treated with [electric shocks](#) for [writing](#) a love [letter](#) to another boy is scary.

There is Mallika, the daughter of family friends, who falls in love with a Muslim boy, and Rahul and his sister witness the budding romance, before the romance is discovered and the girl is sent off, to be [married](#) off later to a man of the parent's choice. The Muslim boy is beaten for approaching them with his own suit. The backdrop has Hindu-Muslim tensions over the demand for more land for expansion of a dargah, that too from what is perceived as temple land. This seals the fate of the lovers even more strongly.

This all is recounted by Rahul to his lover Andrew in the US, who breaks off after coming to know that Rahul is in the midst of interviewing the girls being sent to him by his parents who are planning an arranged [marriage](#).

The Magical Palace

by Kunal Mukherjee
HarperCollins
Rs.399

[Facebook](#) [Delicious](#) [reddit](#)

Email this

COMMENTS

No Comments Posted

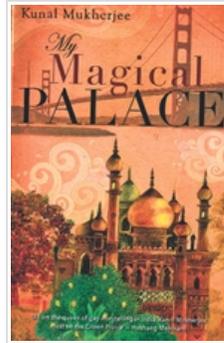
POST YOUR COMMENTS

Name:

Email:

Comments:

SUBMIT



[How To Self Publish Book?](#)

Get A Complimentary Book Publishing Guide & Self Publish Your Book.
www.Trafford.com/SelfPublishBook

[Why Women Reject Men](#)

10 Dangerous Mistakes Men Make That Ruin Their Chances With Women
DoubleYourDating.com

AdChoices ▶

Local Search

Classifieds

Go Shopping!

Afternoon LOCAL SEARCH

Find: In:

Powered by **getit**

Afternoon CLASSIFIED

Find: In:

Powered by **FREE ADS**

Afternoon malls

Select Your City

Select Area Select Mall

Powered by **getit**

Leisure

8								3	9	6	5
9			6	9	7			4	1	7	6
8	1	9	6			1	2	6	5	4	8
5			2								
				1	2	6		9	5		
									1		
				7		5		3			
4	9	3	8		2	7	4			9	6
			4	8			2	6			5
5	2		7			6		7	2	1	5
										4	8
		2		7	6				4	8	9
									9	7	2

WORD PUZZLE 210

WORD PUZZLE 210

SAMURAI SUDOKU 209

SAMURAI SUDOKU 209

CODE WORDS 92

CODE WORDS 92

DVD Review Contest