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Why are outsiders not allowed on Vypeen Island after sunset? What brought Richard Baxter to the dreaded Clifford Mansion in 1948? Where did Baxter and his wife disappear on the night of Pournami? Who is the visitor that the fishermen fear so much? How do true love and destiny justify their existence? How far will One Man go for the one he loves? Will he go beyond death?

Six decades later, Shiuli Dutta is mysteriously lured into the Mansion, where she encounters the ghost of Richard Baxter. The grieving ghost tells her an incomplete story of its life.

A story that will reveal the darker side of a man's mind. A story that shall unveil a venomous truth of the past. A story so sinister that it could alter the fate of an entire nation's future. A story of courage and cowardice, of deceit and insanity.

The Story of THAT FREQUENT VISITOR.

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Taylor Evon says

How far will one man go for the one he loves? I cannot imagine any farther than death and that is exactly what defines this spine-chilling book about an Englishman and his tryst with destiny. It is a weird story in which the author mixes up everything. From forms of narration to genre to elements of humor. At times you feel like it is a children's fantasy with tid bits of ghost humor and then in the second half you get this bloody nightmare on elm street like menace of a legend with no humor and all violence. I enjoyed these deliberate fluctuations as it played tricks on my mind as a reader.

Hari Kumar has used pleasant and unpleasant imageries to describe situations aptly in this gothic fiction. That Frequent Visitor definitely lives upto the expectation set by the book's grand trailer. What's more compelling is the fact that it is a quick read and you want more of it once it is over.

WordBite says

That Frequent Visitor by Hari Kumar is an engrossing paranormal tale whose timeline is roughly distributed between the years 1920 to 2012. That Frequent Visitor is a tale involving a ghost of an Englishman, a news presenter, her brother, her niece and a man who is in the race to become the next Indian Prime Minister. The story is actually a Kashmiri Carpet which is intricately woven and in the end everything threads together and solves the jigsaw puzzle revealing the secret of That Frequent Visitor.

If you have such an intriguing blurb then no one can stop you from buying the book. Like his earlier best-selling and acclaimed novel, When Strangers Meet, this novel is also divided into different important parts, three parts. The characterization was brilliant, narration was crisp and enthralling. The shocking twists and turns are definitely going to keep you on your edges. I loved the rebellious character of Richard Baxter, infact all his characters were brilliantly crafted. There are certain books and characters that leave such a mark in our heart that they serve as a reminder of why I initially fell in love with reading fiction books stories and this one is indeed one of those books. Hari Kumar has this very beautiful and engrossing way of storytelling that is clever and incredibly vivid, There is a line in the story, "Trust me, I know a lot more than you can imagine" and rightly so, each new page has something new to offer. A must-read for everyone because sometimes all you need is to have an eye of a person through which you can see a different world.

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Jennifer Bay says

I myself love the supernatural, it intrigues me, so when I saw that this was free, I had to give it try. I love to read, and if I find a great book, I will sit down and read it from start to finish and not put it down. That was the case with "The Frequent Visitor". What I really loved was how the author creates an adventure filled with romance, thrills, mystery and horror all at one time. So no matter what type of book you like to read, you will like this book. Even at the regular Amazon Kindle price of \$0.99 this is well worth it!!

So sit in your comfy chair, grab you a blanket and a settle in for a book that will captivate you to the point that you will not move until the story is over, and leave you wanting there to be more.

kumaresan says

Nice one. Cannot match the dots until the end.

I liked the story. Very simple English and interesting one. I like the character structure and author story telling nature.

Sanjeeta Ambre says

Its that kind of book which you start to read and want to finish it on the same day, why? Because the author is a genius and a story teller at heart. 'That frequent Visitor' is a mix of suspense, thriller, paranormal, emotions and all that good s***. Its a must read.

Deebiga Balasubramaniam says

Just finished reading the book and I'm left speechless. It is a great plot and definite page turner. Thanks to the author Hari Kumar, I'm happy to see books like these coming up that gives an impartial perspective towards politics, media, mind set of Indian youth and activists in general. Big salute for tribute. Without many Richard Baxters this great nation wouldn't (will not) get people like Lavanya Ghosh Baxter and Shiuli. It is sad that still women have to deal with such devilish acts on them.

I loved all the characters and the way they are portrayed. I can see that great effort has been to put on to balance between the fact and fiction. Thanks for introducing us the great women from all generations (Lavanya, Pakhi and Sooli(Shiuli) :D).

How apt it was that the great angel Mother Teresa is bring into the picture.

I'd like to know the significance of highlighting 'Q' in the cover. And also wanna know if it is mere coincidence or planned event that a tsunami book like this got released exactly 10 decades after the actually tsunami.

Except for little discrepancies here and there, it is a worthy read and I would definitely recommend it. Goes into my favorites list and my first read of the year... :)

Great message from the book - courage and will are the two great gifts a woman could wish for.

Sandeep Sharma says

The genre that still needs to be discovered truly by the Indian authors and readers is 'Horror'. 'That Frequent Visitor' by K Hari Kumar is one of the decent take over the journey of unknown, the journey of writing 'Horror' for the Indian Audience (Though the book is not completely for the Indian audience only because the author presents the same book with a pen name of John Harker for foreign audience as well).

I don't know why but horror genre excites me a bit and before reading the book, I already had high expectations from the book. The cover of the book is exceptional as it creates the anxiety to pick up the book and start reading it at the very spot.

The story picks up its pace pretty early and the slight hint of supernatural hooks you at the very start of the story. Narrative style of the author is something to look for but the story suddenly starts to lose the attention of reader in the middle section of the story but the suspense will never let you stop reading it further. Thing that annoyed me a bit was that, more than being a supernatural drama, it became a political thriller with a pinch of romantic angle in it.

The book fell a bit short to cope up with the vast plot about which the author had to write. Though the author did great work in the climax part as it was totally unexpected and hit the reader out of blue.

Overall the book doesn't disappoint you because the plot is excellent but if you are looking for something exceptional over the horror genre, then this book is not written for you. The book does contain the flavor of something unique in it and the promising writing style of author, will not let you leave the book midway.

Sivakumar says

Interesting read it was. Thought it is gonna be a creepy horror but it was more of a fairy tale. Nevertheless the suspense was intriguing and the back story was so convincing.
Love the way the dots are connected. Go for it.

Riya Bagchi says

The story takes up interest after the first ten pages of the novel, and then continuous to grab your attention throughout its length. K. Hari Kumar is a talented writer who knows how to weave the words beautifully to create a garland of stories. The story has much to offer, for those who love to dig in the past or have interests in ghosts, architecture or the British Period. I love the little details, and the beautiful words which has managed to capture all the emotions and the upheavals in the minds of the characters. Overall, a very good read. I deduct a star for a few errors I noticed (sorry, but I can't help being a grammar nazi). Haha

Athul Raj says

From para-psychological drama, Hari Kumar graduated to para-psychological thriller. The repeated self references in the story was a bit unnecessary. Some of the observations about current incidents and persons

were apt. The story is fresh locally, but not globally. The narration is the page turner. A quick and okay read.

Mehwish Mughal says

That frequent visitor is a cultural tale of changing times. We definitely have moved away from the practice of burning the widow in the same flames as the deceased but we are still fighting a battle of equality. The author makes this point very clear throughout the plot.

The characters were fully developed, the story-line was captivating, the end perfectly ties up and the bonus of a happy ending!

A worth read!

Jacqui says

A well attributed tribute to women

Plot – 5/5 -- Narration – 4/5 -- Characters – 5/5 -- Climax – 6/5

I am not sure how many of us actually would read a book written by an Indian writer unless it is a Deepak Chopra or Dalai Lama. Maybe that's why he has gone with this American name that is based on one of the protagonists from the classic 'Dracula' by Bram Stoker. Or maybe he was just making another tribute in this story that is filled with tributes. From actors to writers to social activists to directors, the writer Hari Kumar has not missed anyone. Above all, it is a tribute to woman. Ironically, Hari or Harker has given a strong feminist message despite jotting down a masculine driven plot.

The Story is simple but complicated at the same time. The writer has been critical about English rule in India as well as the social evils of India. He has critically questioned religion while justifying the divine in a different context through the protagonist. The Story begins with a young girl from Delhi entering a Haunted Mansion in Southern India and encountering the ghost of Richard Baxter (The protagonist). What follows is an adventure filled with romance, thrill, mystery and horror across different ages. The Historical placement of events makes this fiction a lot more believable.

Verdict – It's a classic!

Jimena says

One of the best books in recent times!

That Frequent Visitor is a different book. The story is unusual. It is set in a far away land (India) in two different eras. The protagonist is a man from England. The book has been divided into three parts and each part has a different style of narration. The first part is the introduction and moving in to the story line gradually second part will be interesting as it becomes a gothic romance which soon merges into an Indian horror folklore. Then there is nail biting third part leading to the climax that is mind blowing.

Most of the books these days don't have a good ending, this book doesn't have an ending at all! Though the story of the visitor is wrapped up beautifully by the author but only after sowing the seeds for an even more

mysterious sequel. Its a damn good and i loved every one but my favorites were shiuli, baxter and iyer. It is a classic tale of love, death, mystery and horror.

Nazmul Hosen says

One of the exciting and thrilling story I have read. Making a sense that you have to finish the book if you start reading. I like to read various genre of book. Thriller is my fav...
And this one will be all time fav!!

Kiran Kumar M says

Book is 202 page long, but story takes off exactly after page 101. Still I'm giving it 4 stars because of the way story goes in second half. First half is generic, clichéd story telling which is just the set up required for the chilling second half. In second half, every chapter leaves a thread hanging loose which gets tied at the final sections. I seriously recommend it if you are into mystery, romance and fantasy genre.

Shani Greene-Dowdell says

I read it twice in two days!

That Frequent Visitor is a Paranormal Romance by John Harker (who's actually Hari Kumar when I checked the fanpage on facebook). I'm beginning to enjoy reading Paranormal Romance and that is exactly why I picked up this book after I found this on goodreads. The book is a self-proclaimed Most Awaited Paranormal Fiction of 2015! Well, here's what I have to say about it.

For those who are looking for sex and erotic dialogues, this is not the book for you because That Frequent Visitor has neither. It is literally a Paranormal Thriller with an essential Love Story that serves the Romance part decently.

Shiuli Dutta is a sad little girl who lost her mother recently. Her dad is a bestselling Indian author who is not going to write a story and he takes Shiuli and his sister to kerela (described as if it were a lonely planet article). Here Shiuli ends up in a haunted mansion where she encounters the supernatural force. Now, the supernatural factor gives a riddling story to the young girl who has to resolve the mystery with her father and aunt. What follows is thrilling climax that will take the reader's breath away. Although, it is kind of repetitive in the last part of the book, Hari Kumar has successfully pulled a nerve-clenching climax altogether. Most of the questions that I had were answered convincingly.

I think you will love this story and the mystery that unfolds.

Mital Pritmani says

A nicely written thrill book. I loved reading it. Story keeps connected. Though at times, I felt why would someone take such step of leaving his beloved wife behind alone when he doesn't have phone (in those times) or particular address for keeping in touch with her. Also seemed some events were put just to give the story a sharp turn otherwise they don't seem much important or even relevant with story but overall it was good. An unpredictable suspense at the end - good one !!

I could visualize whole story (including places, characters, their actions and reactions) as a movie while reading it which made it more interesting and so I think a nice movie can be made on this if directed by a very good director.

Sonali says

too good

Madhvi says

I really enjoyed this Gothic romance tale. Amazing story with lots of twist and turns.!

Sankrutyayan says

After reading When Strangers Meet by this author, I bought this book with such enthusiasm as the former one never bored me. He is a good story teller and has a great way to reveal things after holding up all the suspense. Reading this book was as good as watching a thriller movie, almost like happening before your eyes. After some time the ghost thing has become a little comforting until the real story started. How things from childhood can alter a man's mind and the people around him were depicted perfectly. Characters were well developed and were defined as much as is needed of them.

Connecting the recent incidents to the plot was really intelligent and made me think constantly about the aftereffects after having completed it about what would happen to the perpetrators of the crime described at the start and end of the book. Shiuli Dutta has a gift, a terrifying gift. Nothing to worry about her, she is already brave. Various references were made in the book about the real people, I suppose and the author was successful in venting out his frustration.

The whole thing is woven meticulously back and forth in time. All the characters and their respective stories made sense even if they are ugly and repulsive. The consequences could have been altered by the better judgment of the conscience. It was a great read. Loved the story.

But I still could not help but wonder why the cover designer or whoever is responsible placed a Half Rupee coin (1945) on the book cover, when the coin given by Lavanya to her husband was during 1942.

