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Book Review

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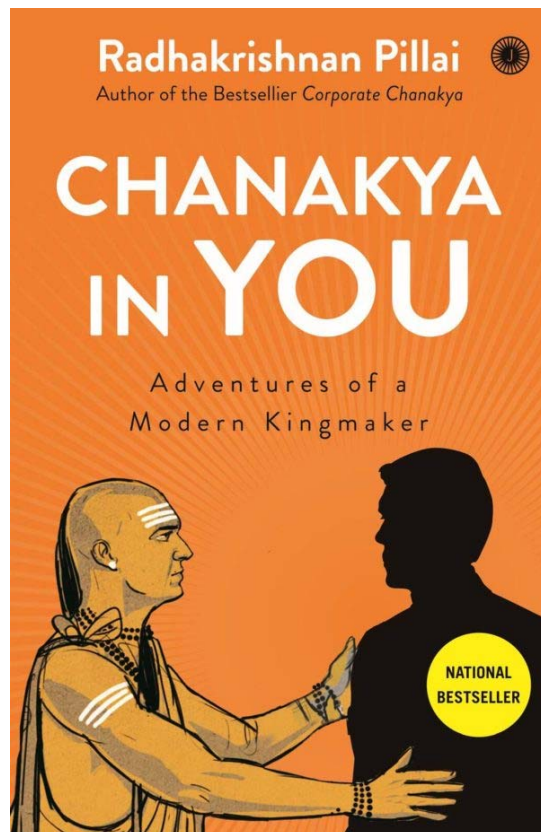
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Radha Krishna Pillai is an illusionary writer, awakens the readers with his wonderful thoughts. His books are full of wisdom, flow continues like gush of water. His famous books are corporate Chanakya, Chanakya in you.

Chanakya In You contains 60 chapters. Each chapter is a diamond, treasure of knowledge. It narrates the importance of books, reading habit, how this habit helps and enhances reading skills.

First chapter portrays grandpa and grandson relationship. Every grand son waits eagerly for vacation to spend with grandparents. Role of human relations and importance of grandpa is mentioned. Grandpa advises his grandson to read books , listening stories brings change in life. Grandson discovers Ramayana, Mahabaratha and the Upanishads. Grandson learns Kautilya's Arthasastra is his favorite book.

In the following chapters, author highlights Kautilya's diplomatic actions, promoting Chandra Gupta Maurya, Arthasastra's influence on society and speaks about practical advice and sound commonsense book. It emphasizes strategic management called, Aanvikshi. Chanakya advises his students to apply strategic thinking and planning in the war and Transformation of Chaturanga game into chess.

In the sixth chapter, Leadership qualities , Dharma, righteousness, Dharma Sankat are mentioned. Grandpa advises his grand son to read Bhagavad Gita, then focus on Arthasastra. Here Arjuna's Dharma Sankat of Vishada yoga and Krishna's preaching is narrated.

In the beginning of seventh chapter, Grandson receives the words of his grand pa's demise. Kathopanishad , Nachiketa story is narrated beautifully. Eighth chapter portrays reading techniques , avid readership of grandson and meeting a sage and learns the importance of student teacher relationship. In the Ninth chapter a sage appears, narrates like his grand father. He reminiscences association with his grand pa days. Sage stress on concepts like Teacher-student relationship, model of Gurukul, formal and informal interactions with teacher.

In the Tenth chapter, readers come to know the importance of conversations and impact of conversations at domestic life. Learning process from the ancestors transferred by paying heed to the words of elders. In the Eleventh chapter story revolves around profession, Gurukul system, one teacher- one student relationship.

The Twelfth chapter covers Grand son (Narrator) chooses Arthasastra as research project and spends his time in a village. Here Ashram system is highlighted. 13th chapter speaks about portrayal of fear, self reflection of thoughts. Parents concern and care. It relates the bond of parents and children. 14th chapter story revolves around Guru's familial bond, importance of Sanskrit books and old traditions.

In the 15th chapter readers learn the importance of Nap and influence on mind. His research guide supports him in choosing a research topic Arthasastra. 16th chapter covers Lord Ganesh, Gayatri mantra, Natya sastra, progress of western nations through their individual work.

17th chapter and 18th chapters relate the importance of Arthasastra. Impact of successful business man , narrator listens 30 day lectures series of Arthasastra. In the 19th chapter, 20th chapters Noble business man qualities , inculcation of study patterns are illustrated. In the 21st chapter The Athasastra is portrayed as Rajanitisastra.

22nd chapter and 23rd chapters cover Brahma vidya and thinking process, leaders qualities. The king should have mentors and pay attention to the advisors words. In 24th, 25th chapters story revolves around narrator's education, his conversations with his teacher at National conference and Arthasastra verses.

In the 26th chapter and 27th chapters narrator reaches home and betrothal process takes place.

He learns phonetics, rituals, grammar, etymology, astrology in Arthasastra and from his papa.

In the remaining chapters readers experience the importance of teachers blessings, training and discipline, rhetoric, narrator gets a job and promotion , parenting , money, qualities of potential manager, striving nature of king to impart skills and training to the prince , familial relationship, opting career path, purpose of human birth and role of spiritual life.

It is a wonderful one, readers feel unstoppable one. Usage of language is moderate and understandable to common readers as well as students.