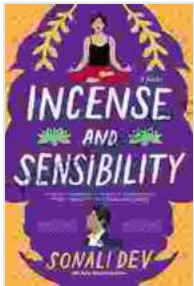


# Incense and Sensibility: A Novel of Indian Life by Vikram Chandra



## Incense and Sensibility: A Novel (The Rajes Series Book 3) by Sonali Dev

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*Incense and Sensibility* is a novel by Indian author Vikram Chandra, first published in 1993. The title is a play on Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*. The novel follows the lives of four sisters in New Delhi, India, as they navigate the complexities of love, marriage, and family.

The four sisters are: Bela, the eldest sister, who is a successful doctor; Tara, the second sister, who is a talented artist; Ambika, the third sister, who is a housewife and mother; and Sonia, the youngest sister, who is a student.

The novel opens with the death of the sisters' father. The sisters are left to cope with their grief and to find their own way in the world. Bela is determined to continue her medical career, while Tara hopes to become a

successful artist. Ambika is content to be a housewife and mother, but she longs for something more. Sonia is still trying to figure out what she wants to do with her life.

As the sisters navigate the challenges of their lives, they learn to rely on each other for support. They also learn to appreciate the different ways that they can find happiness.

*Incense and Sensibility* is a beautifully written and moving novel about the complexities of love, marriage, and family. It is a story that will resonate with readers of all ages and backgrounds.

## Characters

- **Bela:** The eldest sister, Bela is a successful doctor. She is intelligent, ambitious, and independent. She is also the most pragmatic of the four sisters.
- **Tara:** The second sister, Tara is a talented artist. She is creative, passionate, and unconventional. She is also the most emotional of the four sisters.
- **Ambika:** The third sister, Ambika is a housewife and mother. She is kind, loving, and devoted to her family. She is also the most traditional of the four sisters.
- **Sonia:** The youngest sister, Sonia is a student. She is intelligent, curious, and idealistic. She is also the most naive of the four sisters.

## Themes

- **Love:** *Incense and Sensibility* is a novel about love in all its forms. It explores the love between sisters, the love between spouses, and the

love between parents and children.

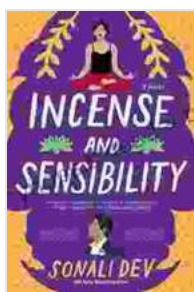
- **Marriage:** The novel also explores the complexities of marriage. It shows how marriage can be both a source of joy and a source of pain.
- **Family:** *Incense and Sensibility* is also a novel about family. It shows how family can be both a source of support and a source of conflict.

## Reception

*Incense and Sensibility* was met with critical acclaim upon its publication. It was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize and the National Book Award. The novel has also been translated into more than 20 languages.

## About the Author

Vikram Chandra is an Indian author. He was born in New Delhi in 1961. He studied at Columbia University and the University of Iowa. Chandra is the author of several novels, including *Red Earth and Pouring Rain* (1995) and *Sacred Games* (2006).



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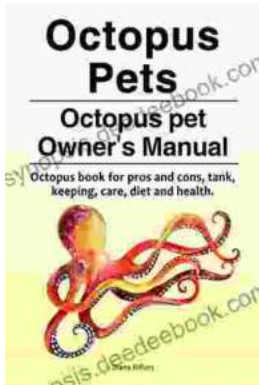
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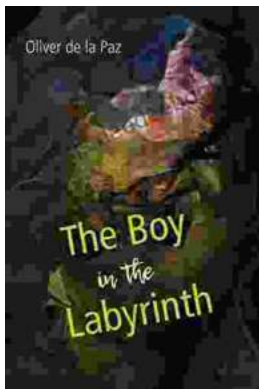
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