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#### Review

"Dev's exquisitely written second novel seamlessly integrates the explosive tension of Ria and Vikram's love story with the universal complications of family, identity, and feeling like an outsider, even in your own skin. The modern Indian-American setting offers a glimpse of a rich culture and enhances the book's overt and subtle messages of love, compassion, hope, and common ground. A bright, beautiful gem." - Starred Kirkus Reviews

"Proving she is a talent to be reckoned with, Dev delivers an emotionally powerful and poignant story of childhood friends whose burgeoning love is stymied by seemingly insurmountable obstacles. The stigma of mental illness and uncertainties of genetic predisposition have weighed terribly on Bollywood actress Ria Parkar. Dev does a remarkable job developing a unique and moving love story that is brimming with sentiment, sacrifice and hope. Truly unforgettable!" - RT Book Reviews, 4.5 Stars Top Pick

"A lush, emotional, vivid story about the power of first love told in a breathtaking, lyrical voice. Sonali Dev is one of a kind." - Kristan Higgins, New York Times Bestseller

"Sonali Dev is a gifted writer who creates characters that capture the heart. The Bollywood Bride is raw and powerfully emotional, a story that made my heart both ache and hope. I can't wait for Sonali's next book." - Nalini Singh, New York Times Bestseller

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"The characters are so richly drawn, the writing is utterly breathtaking. . .A voice like none other. I highly recommend you read this book." --Kristan Higgins, *New York Times* bestselling author

"An impressive debut. . .

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"Make note of the name Sonali Dev! Based on this marvelous debut, Dev is set to become a star. . .An absolute winner from beginning to end, this spellbinding tale grabs your heart and never lets go!" –*RT Book Reviews*, 4.5 Stars, TOP PICK

#### About the Author

Sonali Dev's first literary work was a play about mistaken identities performed at her neighborhood Diwali extravaganza in Mumbai. She was eight years old. Despite this early success, Sonali spent the next few decades getting degrees in architecture and written communication, migrating across the globe, and starting a family while writing for magazines and websites. With the advent of her first gray hair her love for telling stories returned full force, and she now combines it with her insights into Indian culture to conjure up stories that make a mad tangle with her life as supermom, domestic goddess, and world traveler. Sonali is an active member of RWA and WFWA. She lives in the Chicago suburbs with her very patient and often amused husband and two teens who demand both patience and humor, and the world's most perfect dog. Visit her on the web at [sonalidev.com](http://sonalidev.com).

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