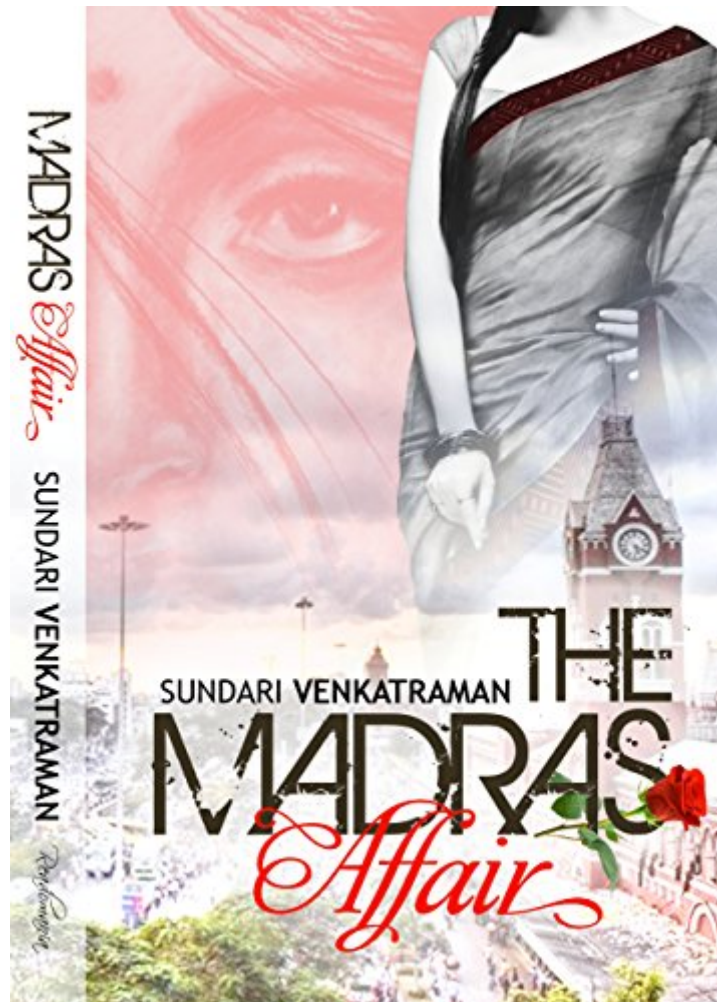


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The Madras Affair



Synopsis

Sangita, head of Penn Urimai - an NGO for downtrodden, homeless and abused women - was not always this successful and confident... Born and brought up in the city of Madras and widowed at just twenty, Sangita builds an iron wall around herself till she meets Gautam who makes her aware of her sensuousness and charms. But Sangita not only has to fight her family's orthodox and outdated rules, but also her own inhibitions and hesitations before she can walk into the future with her blue-eyed lover. Will Gautam be able to solve Sangita's dilemma or will she be forever trapped in her past? About the Author: Sundari Venkatraman is a Mumbai-based romance fiction author. More than 3000 copies of her books have been downloaded across the world and she has been on the bestselling romance list of many times over.

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I have literally grown up on a staple of romantic novels, hungrily chomping on anything and everything that has love printed across it, whether in bold prints or fine! Reading *The Madras Affair*™, I realized that I will always be a sucker for romance and that one can never be too old for it! Ever! This ooh-so-endearing book by Sundari Venkatraman had me in a hook-line-and-sinker™ from the word go! Whether it was the nubile Sangita and her

'will-she-won't-she' moments, or the sexy Gautam causing you to shamelessly salivate over his blue eyes and hot body (much to the amusement and/or suspicions of your hubby hovering around!) or the steamy scenes towards the end that almost sets your senses (and body) on fire, The Madras Affair scores on all fronts! The story is so real, the settings are so live and the characters are so believable that it is hard to stand aside and take a third person view of the story. Surprisingly, you will find yourself becoming a part of the story as it unfolds, you'd perhaps assume the form of Sangita or Gautam or any of the several other characters binding the story together. What I also liked about the story is that it doesn't rush you through the delicate affair; rather it takes its own pace and form- allowing the characters to guide the story forward. I also like the way the characters interact with each other and the beautiful way the author has brought them together. For instance, there's a scene where Gautam meets Sangita's son Sandeep for the first time. That scene is so vivid and rife with emotions that it brought tears to my eyes just reading it! There are several such delicately handled scenes that manage to make you smile, or bring a lump to your throat or create a palpable sensual excitement as you read through.

Love blooms between Sangita and Gautam, he is suave and handsome; a perfect gentleman. She is shy, beautiful, resplendent in her charms and yet innocently unaware as Gautam falls for her simplicity and sensuality. The Madras Affair is a story that reads itself; you end up turning the pages even as you wish the book would not finish so fast! But there is more to the story. When I read the book in its beta it moved me and to say the end product gleams like the glittering Diamond Rose Sangita receives is true for the book too! To address issues that affect women and to present the "happy ending" as well has been dealt expertly. Society changes if we change and The Madras Affair shows how! This book takes a look into the unfair and malicious society that preys on simple, young women and then blames them too. Forced marriages, strict control and abuse are pretty common in our societies but not many women get a chance to break free. Gautam tries his best that Sangita soars and how!! We see women like Sangita but here the author has written a story that I feel delves into the heart of the matter. Most of the times these women do not know any different; that a better world, a happier world that awaits them if only they embrace it. Looking for the silver lining, the light at the end of the tunnel of despair; The Madras Affair is one such story, Sangita is married at 19 and then a widow soon she knew little of happiness and love in her life. Sundari has written Sangita with a lot of thought, she represents the scores of young women who bow to their parents and husbands wishes, living their life as dictated by them.

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