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Andy dwells on his premature ejaculation; Nina, bored and lonely (she cannot teach without adjustments, difficulties and misunderstandings in different cultures. Much of the book is about the sentence construction and proofreading errors are irritating. The contrasts between the propinquity of too many people, the overwhelming impressions of heat and noise in India and the cool, solitary and often isolated life in Canada are striking. The certainties of the codes of conduct and obligations to relations in India are contrasted with the amorphous confusing lack of accountability in Canada, adding to our understanding of the different cultures. Much of the book is about the adjustments, difficulties and misunderstandings in marriage. Couples may marry for love, for money, because of pregnancy, convenience, or by arrangement. The differences between the necessary adjustments between two people in this arranged marriage and any other seem slight, except that these two people are isolated from their traditional ways of behaving and have to find, or perhaps are enabled to find, their own solutions.

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Antigona and Me


Nina, a lecturer in English at a college in Delhi, dreads her thirtieth birthday. She is still unmarried, a condition much bewailed by her mother. Following her father’s death, she and her mother had been forced to live in reduced circumstances, first with her disapproving grandparents and now sharing one room. Their every notice is noticed and commented on by others.

Her mother arranges an astrologer reading and from this follows an introduction to the family of Ananda who is seeking a bride. Ananda is in Canada working as a dentist having re-qualified there. He left India after his parents were killed in an accident, initially to join his uncle who is married to a Canadian. Ananda has survived the first intense loneliness and the confusion of cultures and has reinvented himself as Andy. He is now a meat eater, wears Western clothes, and has left his uncle’s house to live alone.

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