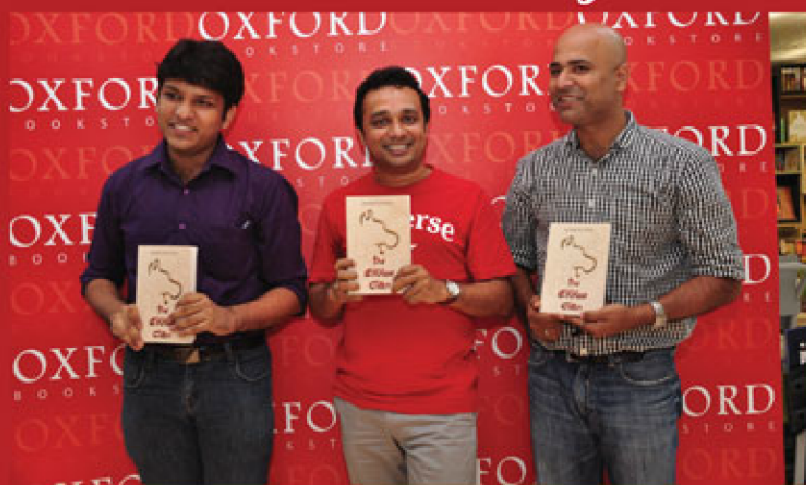


BOOK LAUNCH

Book Lover's Day - November 2



at Oxford Bookstore, Delhi, where the writer talked about the rich Indian History, Rigveda and its multiple layers of interpretations and how it is an anthology of poems, beautifully arranged. Sudipto wanted to come out with a literature that flourishes with Indian history and decoded with secrets, his inspiration being Dan Brown. All his cultivated thoughts and inspirations are imbibed in this piece of literature he crafted.

Reading a book is a journey where your imagination can take different forms.

You can get indulged in the Vocabularial stream, characterization or deep intellectual perspective that the book claims to project. So, it is absolutely true that when you read a book, your involvement in it paints your life and especially your emotions. Books have power over the readers. A young reader very often falls in love with the Hero when reading books like "*Gone with the Wind*"



and its character like Rhett Butler, who displayed great humor and sarcasm

throughout the book; and then Ayan Rand's "*Atlas Shrugged*", its Hero John Galt's farsightedness is inspirational and you are bound to be in his aura. Talking about another classic "*To Kill a Mocking Bird*", Atticus Finch's compassionate and courageous ideals, fills the readers heart with

similar feelings.

A decade of sensation for Harry Potter, revolutionized the world of magic. When you read Ashok Banker's *Ramayana*, you are exposed to a whole new version of Ramayana. Moving on to the Trilogy of Amish Tripathi's Shiva Trilogy - you keep thinking that these are the subjects to write about. Another book "*And the Mountains Echoed*" by Khaled Hosseini makes a sad and soft approach to an ordinary life of an ordinary person, and you start considering it your religion. Also, on the other hand, there are books; you wonder why you read it in the first place.

On Book Lover's Day this year, lets collect books, visit library and organize book reading sessions and search for new books around.

Delhi Diary would like to take up - "*The Ekkos Clan*" by Sudipto Das. After claiming success at various other cities, the book was recently launched

ABOUT THE EKKOS CLAN

It is a contemporary mystery novel dealing with some intriguing aspects of ancient Indian history. Kubha tells lots of stories to her kids. She has heard these stories from her ancestors. Many years later sometime during the nineties of the last century, long after Kubha died a gruesome death during the partition riots of 1947, her grandson Kratu, who is doing his masters at Stanford University, and his girlfriend Afsar, who studies linguistic palaeontology, figure out that the stories are not mere bed time tales. They also come to know that all the unnatural deaths that have happened in their family over the past hundred years were all murders. Some fanatic group wants to eliminate the entire family of Kratu's to remove all traces of Kubha's stories, which if exposed will change the way the fanatics want the Indian history to be seen as.

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