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Attempting to put the unsavoury experiences of her life behind her, Sunaina returns to the Doon valley. But the idyllic valley is now a bustling metropolis, its old world charm eroded by the harsh realities of modern life. Drawing upon the constancy of her childhood friend Tanuja, she begins her journey inwards, following the light and shade of the classical music ragas.

Delicately and sensitively, Jaskiran Chopra guides her protagonist in her search for inner strength as she accepts both the beauty and the pain of her past and one day at a time, begins to build a future, symbolised by her daughter, Roop. Ultimately, *Autumn Raga* is not only a wistful sigh for the past, but also a hope for the morrow.

About the Author:

Jaskiran Chopra, born in Nangal in Haryana, did English Honours from St. Stephen's College, Delhi, post graduation in English Literature from Garhwal University and a course in journalism at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi.

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