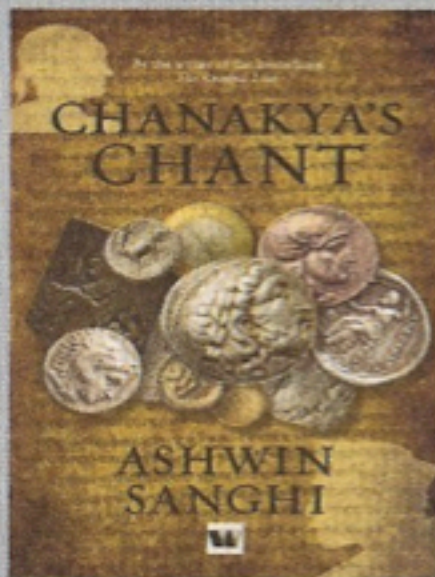


Chanakya: The original Prince

Ashwin Sanghi, author of bestseller *Rozabal Line*, is back with his latest novel *Chanakya's Chant*. This is a historical thriller beginning with the times of Chanakya, Alexander and Chandragupta Maurya and concluding with modern times. The author believes that Chanakya was probably the greatest political strategist that ever lived.

"My personal view would be that Niccolò Machiavelli was Europe's Chanakya. As a writer of fiction, I find Chanakya's personality and character extremely interesting. Here's someone who penned reams of statements on government policy, statecraft, strategy and



diplomacy almost 1,800 years before Machiavelli!"

There has been a lot of literature surrounding Chanakya in the recent past. But the author argues the primary objective of *Chanakya's Chant* was to entertain the reader, not to

'educate'. There are many parallels to present Indian politics of course. "I thought to myself, 'Was politics in India always this messy?' The quest for political power was resolved through wars in ancient history whereas today those wars have simply been substituted by elections," he states.

Chanakya still lives in the minds of today's politicians. Savage and poetic, it is a book you cannot put down!

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