

BOOK TALK

HINT OF MYSTERY

Crime fiction fans have much to look forward to as authors Ashwin Sanghi and James Patterson collaborate on a new thriller series with an Indian twist



Currently pursuing his PhD in creative writing at Bangor University in Wales, Sanghi, the bestselling author of *Chanakya's Chant* and *The Krishna Key*, is ready to embark on his next literary adventure. "My collaboration with James Patterson is specifically oriented towards writing a thriller for his famous 'Private' series, but in an Indian setting and context. I see it as an opportunity for a wonderful marriage of a taut and nail-biting Patterson plots with the colour, chaos and mystery of India," says Sanghi.

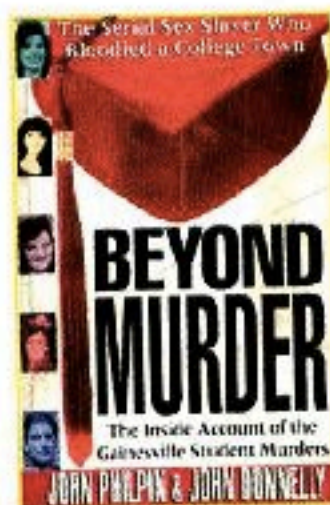
Sanghi, who holds a masters degree in business management from Yale University, took up research work at Bangor

University to examine the impact of his first novel, *The Rozabal Line*, in the genre of theological thrillers. "I enrolled for the PhD programme at Bangor as I wanted both the flexibility of being able to work at my own pace, given my parallel careers of business and writing in India, along with the academic rigour and personalised mentoring of a renowned university. My dissertation has now blossomed into a project covering five of my novels with a critical self-evaluation of my own writing. I had not expected to learn as much as I have from my experience at Bangor but I have been pleasantly surprised," adds Sanghi.

By Sonali Acharjee

THE DARK SIDE OF UNIVERSITY LIFE

These thrilling reads explain why students can sometimes go astray



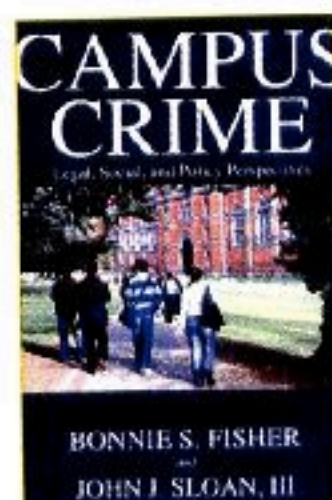
Beyond Murder

John Philpin & John Donnelly

Onyx Publishers | Pages: 416 |

Price: ₹1,900/-

Noted psychological profiler John Philpin and veteran journalist John Donnelly reveal the inside story of the serial slayer who was responsible for the shocking Gainesville student murders of 1990 in the US.



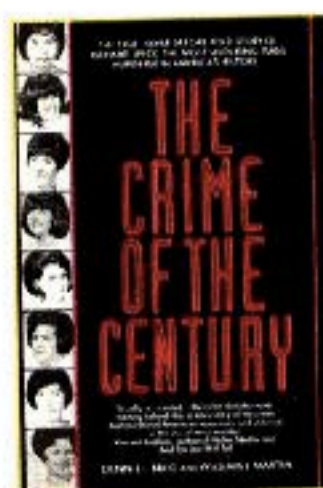
Campus Crime

Bonnie S. Fisher

Charles C Thomas Publishing | Pages: 347 |

Price: ₹2,200/-

This insightful book examines the advancements and new tactics that have been introduced in order to better understand campus crime, especially student victimisation, and address security issues effectively.



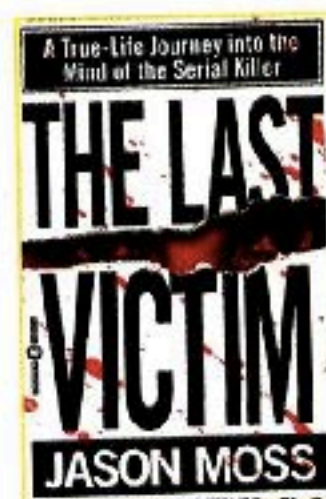
The Crime of The Century

Dennis L. Breo

Bantam Books | Pages: 462 |

Price: ₹1,800/-

The behind-the-scenes story of young Richard Speck, who murdered eight nurses in Chicago in 1966, is detailed in this eye-opening book by the very prosecutor who put him in prison for life. Speck died in prison in 1991.



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Jason Moss

Vision Publishers | Pages: 320 |

Price: ₹1,400/-

This revealing investigation into the mind of a young serial killer, seeks to understand the motivation behind disturbing human behaviour. Moss wrote this account based on his conversations with former murderers.