

## Synopsis for *A Girl In Traffick*

### **2-line Summary:**

If you like *The Kite Runner* or *The Namesake*, *A Girl In Traffick* is a must-read. Juhi Gupta is 12 years old when her Papa's kidney is stolen.

### **Short Synopsis:**

Twelve-year-old, Juhi, and her parents are happy in their Indian village until tragedy strikes.

Juhi's father's kidney is sold on the black market. Juhi and her parents are kidnapped to a New Delhi slum where they must learn to survive.

Meanwhile, an American, Kevin Whitman, needs a kidney transplant to live. He travels to India without knowing that he'll change Juhi's life forever.

### **Medium Synopsis:**

How far would you go to survive?

Juhi Gupta is twelve years old when she finds herself alone in the world. She and her Mummy and Papa were happy in their rural village until tragedy strikes. Her father's kidney is stolen and sold on the black market. Abandoned in the New Delhi slums, she fights every day to survive.

Juhi captures the attention of a slumlord who forces her into a gruesome life of crime. Juhi is forced to make impossible choices between what's right and what's required for survival.

Meanwhile an American, Kevin Whitman needs a life-saving kidney. He travels to India without knowing that he will change Juhi's life forever.

### **Long Synopsis:**

Twelve-year-old Juhi and her parents are kidnapped from their village in rural India, and dumped in a New Delhi slum after a routine doctor's appointment turns much more sinister. When Juhi's father visits the village doctor to have a rotten tooth removed, he wakes up in a bloody mess and learns his right kidney has been stolen. The kidney is sold in a sophisticated organ trafficking scheme.

Juhi ends up an orphan in the slum after her father's botched, back-alley surgery proves too detrimental for any chance of recovery. With no source of income, Juhi's mother becomes a prostitute, but disappears one night never to return.

While slums are riddled with orphans, none can do what Juhi can do: read, write, and count. She survives by selling her services to slum dwellers.

She draws the attention of Sundardas Shetty, a crime lord who drags her into his underground world of counterfeiting. Shetty also controls India's largest organ trafficking scheme, and was behind Juhi's father's stolen kidney. Trapped and alone, Juhi begins to accept her fate as a crime slave when she accidentally meets Kevin, a 30-something American who travels to India for a life-saving kidney transplant.

After bearing five miserable years on dialysis in America while waiting for a donor kidney, Kevin is duped into purchasing a stolen organ in India. He suspects that the organ is stolen, but desperate to stop dialysis, he ignores his conscience.

When Kevin hears Juhi's tragic story, he is overcome with guilt, and accepts the awful truth about his new kidney. Desperate to right his wrongdoing, he chases Juhi across northern India after she takes a gutsy opportunity to escape Shetty's shackles. But Juhi wants nothing to do with Kevin. Kevin loses her in his pursuit, and he chases her for one year. It is either fate or fortune that brings Kevin and Juhi together in a most unlikely reunion in the middle of rural Punjab. Shetty is also hunting for Juhi, who escaped with one hundred thousand American dollars of his black market money, and a lifetime of black market trade secrets.

Will Juhi and Kevin escape Sunardas Shetty? All they know is that they must try.

### **5 Points of Interest about the Book's Content or Story:**

1. A Girl In Traffick compels readers to question their own ethics and their sense of right versus wrong.
2. A Girl In Traffick offers a rare glimpse into the life of a person who is desperate for a life-saving kidney transplant. Most organ trafficking stories address only the victims whose organs are stolen.
3. A Girl In Traffick is a refreshing entertaining novel that offers a suspenseful coming of age, medical drama that forces readers to think about the definitions of family and forgiveness.
4. Mamta Jain Valderrama possesses a unique combination of heritage, education, and professional experience in Indian culture, kidney care, medical tourism, and journalism.
5. Across three years, fifteen drafts, two title changes, one pregnancy and one year after having her daughter, Mamta Jain Valderrama introduces her debut novel.

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