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"[A] complex, dark, exhilarating novel ... Tejpal avoids clichés to render the tragedy, comedy, colour and violence of modern India better than anything else I have read in my three years as correspondent here."

—*The Guardian*

"Tejpal writes with splendid élan: His novel is a stylish, erudite potboiler that reads like a mix of Alexandre Dumas and India's ancient national epic, the Mahabharata ... exhilarating ..." —**Sam Sacks, *The Wall Street Journal***

"Clever ... inventive ... In the profoundest way, Tarun Tejpal writes for India." —**V.S. Naipaul, Winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature**

"Tejpal's masterful newest...is an epic tale of modern-day India and its labyrinthine social and political machinations." —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

"Deeply humane, raucously funny, dizzy with social and psychological insight! A masterful account of 21st-century ambition, inequality, and power from one of India's most fearless writers." —**Katherine Boo, author of *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity***

"Takes us into the unexplored depths of Indian life ... brilliantly evoked." —*The Independent*

"A gripping exploration of the country's underworld ... leaves us mulling over the gnarled and vibrant tapestry of modern-day India." —*Mother Jones*

"The Story of My Assassins is a dark, brutal, and yet often funny narration by a journalist of an attempt on his life...The result is a meditation, a commentary, on the convoluted venality of modern India." —*Newsweek*

"One of the most attractive Indian writers in English of his generation." —*The Times Literary Supplement*

"Overlooked in the general rush to adore *The White Tiger* and *Slumdog Millionaire*. . . . with a much richer understanding of the politics of poverty, [*The Story of My Assassins*] deserves wider attention." —**Hari Kunzru, author of *Gods Without Men*, in *The Guardian's* 'Books of the Year'**

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"Tarun J. Tejpal is brilliant. A master storyteller, he writes with graphic detail so stunning in spots as to make the reader pause for breath." —*New York Journal of Books*

"Aims to break from the old ways of thinking about India in the hope of portraying its society in all its

vastness, complexities and contradictions." — *New Statesman*

"*The Story of My Assassins*, as ethical as it is entertaining, reminds us how humane, how necessary, realist fiction can be." —*Japan Times*

"Mystery, mayhem and fast-paced humor set against India's sprawling slouch towards modernization." —*The Denver Post*

"Rich, empathetic ... it's the most satisfyingly dense, Dickensian read for me this year." —*Seattle Weekly*

"The novel consistently grasps the reader's attention... touches on greatness." —*The Financial Times*

About the Author

Tarun J. Tejpal is a journalist, publisher, novelist, and founder of India's leading news magazine, *Tehelka*. He has been named one of India's most influential people by *The Guardian*, *Businessweek* and *Asiaweek*. A celebrated literary novelist as well as a journalist, his fiction has been awarded France's Prix Mille Pages and was a finalist for the Man Asian Literary Prize. His debut novel, *The Alchemy of Desire*, was hailed by V.S. Naipaul as "a new and brilliantly original novel from India." Tejpal lives in New Delhi.

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