

# Murder in the backyard

A murder mystery set in our very own Delhi, *Families at Home*, takes a reader from Golf Links to Janakpuri as ACP Nikhil Juneja and his sidekick, K Joseph, try and find out who murdered Saudamini Talwar, daughter of the illustrious and oh-so-moneyed Talwar family. Written by Germany based Reeti Gadekar, the novel is set in a Delhi-scape of the 90s.

There's big money at stake and cops are mentally negotiating how much bribe is there to be had. The family calls it a sui-

cide, the autopsy says murder. The family says she was to be married six-seven months later, the autopsy shows she was pregnant. The family changes tune constantly — she was to be married to the him, she was to be married to someone else, she was not to be married, some other cousin was to be married—they are lying, but why?

The novel is riveting, no doubt, but if you're one of those politically-correct types, stay away — the author spares no one. Oh, and, look out for the ty-

pos, they have an embarrassing frequency in the first half.

— Damini Purkayastha

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