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FAMILIES AT HOME

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A SUICIDE in an upper-class, politically connected business family is exactly the kind of case that Additional Commissioner of Police Nikhil Juneja likes to take on. Easy contacts, easy money and an easy conscience, but things don't quite work out like that. The death becomes a murder, the contacts onerous and his conscience heavy. This riveting debut novel, with a chaotic storyline, is written with a lethally persuasive charm. Yet, like India in the mid-1990s, Juneja often cannot decide which way to go.

