

WHEN THEY CONVERSED – *Sadhna Shanker*



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Her first book, "Ahlan-wa-sahlan—A Syrian Journey" (2006) has been published in English, Arabic and Hindi. "When the Parallels Meet" (2007)—captures journeys big and small. "Never a Disconnect" (2010)—debut fiction, focuses on the challenges of urban Indian women. "Catching Fireflies" (2016)—co-authored e-book describes travel experiences across the globe. "Ascendance" (2018) is science fiction, published by Rupa Publications. It has been published in Hindi as 'Arohan' by Rajkamal Prakashan in January 2022.

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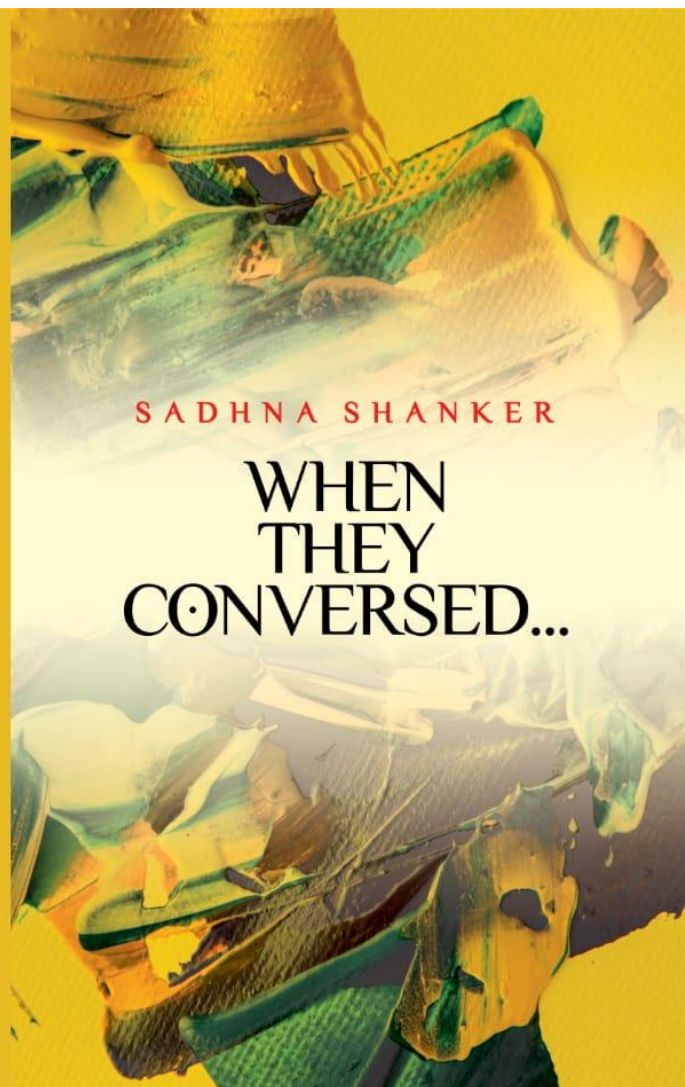


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'When they conversed' is a collection of the ideas and insights I have written about, which have been published in newspapers or on my blog. I started blogging in June 2016, and initially struggled with the intricacies of getting used to the tech involved. The blogging journey would still be continuing in 2022 was never in my imagination. I have learnt a lot along the way. The blog is now like a good friend. Sharing on it whatever I write or experience has become an intrinsic part of life.

The book has four sections -

The first section 'Room with a view' brings together all the meandering thoughts that ignited my mind over the years. The next 'The Metaverse Beckons' is my take on the impact of technology on our everyday lives. The third 'When the virus strikes' is a series of posts I wrote during the pandemic, covering how the virus impacted different aspects of our lives. The next section 'What they see' is my favorite, as they are posts that stem from imagination. The last "You wonder what the magic is" dwells on travel. It might be the last, but I feel travel is what made me a writer and story teller.