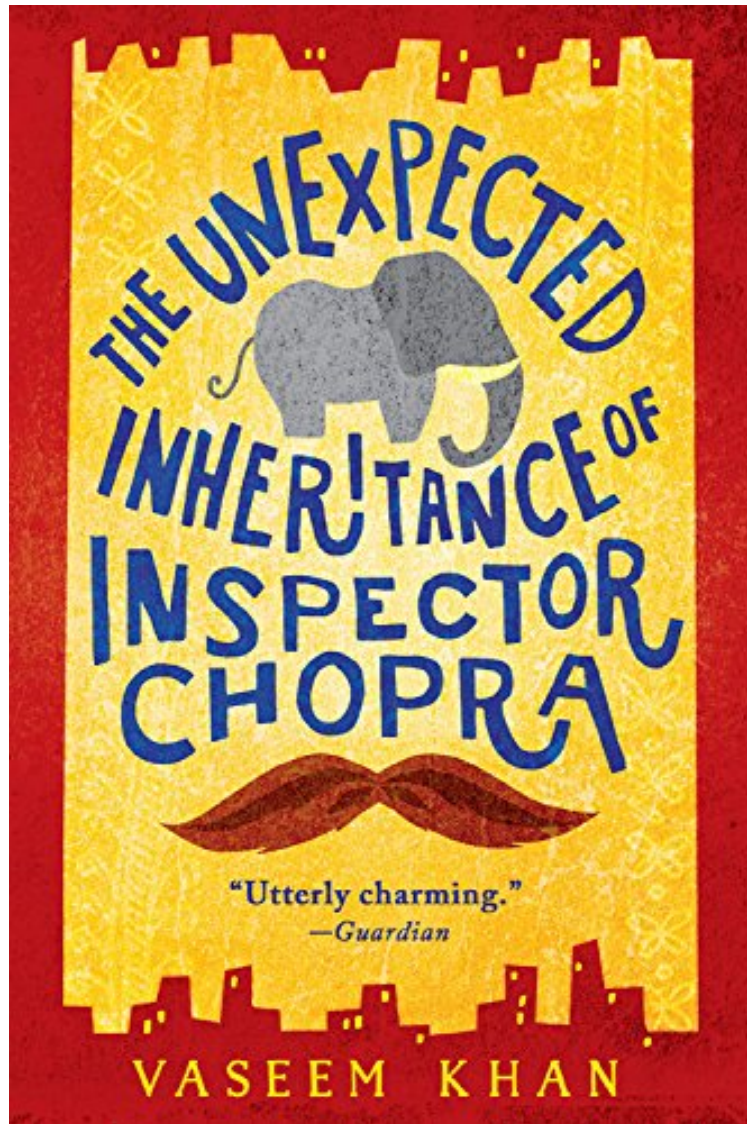


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Vaseem Khan : The Unexpected Inheritance of Inspector Chopra (A Baby Ganesh Agency Investigation) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Unexpected Inheritance of Inspector Chopra (A Baby Ganesh Agency Investigation):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. I really loved this book and hope it's the beginning of a ...By AlisonI

really loved this book and hope it's the beginning of a long and consistently good series. The baby elephant is hard to resist but more importantly this is not an "oh look at the charming natives" type series. Inspector Chopra is a serious, competent inspector with integrity, now retired for health reasons, who undertakes an investigation informally but professionally. The mystery is well-crafted, and the journey through Mumbai and Indian culture is interesting and informative to someone like myself who has never been. The character of the wife and mother-in-law are a bit over the top and it would be nice to have female characters portrayed more as real characters and less as comic relief.

7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Great Potential
By Serena
This is one of several books I have seen lately that looks like it is part of a series, but turns out to be the only book in the series so far. I guess that's optimism on the part of the author or publisher. Or maybe there is another waiting in the wings. The second book in this series is due to come out in August.

This is the classic story of a detective who retires, but can't stop detecting. Inspector (Ret'd) of Mumbai inherits a sickly baby elephant from a favorite uncle, has an interfering neighbor and mother-in-law, a wonderful wife and a murder to solve. As others have said, it fits together rather clunkily. The poor sick little elephant was ignored for some time. It's a miracle it survived. And then, the surprise for his wife at the end. I am not so sure his wife wanted a job, but it's probably a lot better than what she thought was going on.

While this book is a little annoying sometimes there is a mystery to solve, there's some humor, and there's an adorable baby elephant. And it lays the groundwork for the next book which I am expecting to be a little better. I have pre-ordered it and am looking forward to it.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Only in India
By JLee
This book has a lot of interesting people and circumstances, including some humorous moments. It's also very unlikely, so a suspension of belief is required.

Police Inspector Chopra is forced into retirement because of a health issue, but on his last day, a body is brought in. It is of a young man, and his mother causes a scene saying he will not receive justice because they are poor. She seems to be right. His death is ruled an accident. No one cares except Chopra, and he cannot let it go. He follows up on his own and finds more than he bargained for.

At the same time, he also receives a surprise gift – a baby elephant. Now, this is India, so I guess that can happen. The poor baby is miserable, with a chain around its neck, tied up in the back yard of Chopra's apartment building – although let's just say the elephant winds up in several other absolutely outrageous and improbably locations, some of which are very funny if you can ignore the unlikelihood of such things really happening.

So Chopra has to deal with a crime with complications, an unhappy baby elephant that he doesn't know what to do with, and various domestic problems. There is a lot of talk about Chopra's honesty and integrity, apparently being rare qualities in the police force in India, but it seems like everyone, including him, is lying about something. It all works out in the end, with the bad being punished and the good getting straightened out. The ending left me a bit dissatisfied because again, it revolved around lies and deceit, even if the lies turn out to be well intended. I'm also not too sure about the fate of the elephant, but, again, it may be a good solution in India.

On the day he retires, Inspector Ashwin Chopra inherits two unexpected mysteries. The first is the case of a drowned boy, whose suspicious death no one seems to want solved. And the second is a baby elephant. As his search for clues takes him across the teeming city of Mumbai, from its grand high rises to its sprawling slums and deep into its murky underworld, Chopra begins to suspect that there may be a great deal more to both his last case and his new ward than he thought. And he soon learns that when the going gets tough, a determined elephant may be exactly what an honest man needs...

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