

A sailboat with white sails is shown navigating through a turbulent, blue sea with white-capped waves. The sky above is a deep blue with scattered white clouds. The overall mood is one of challenge and resilience.

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About The Author



Pratibha Sharma (born on 4th July, 1987) is a daughter, wife and a mother, settled in East Delhi, India. Since early childhood, she dreamt of sharing her thoughts and experiences through writing, but put those dreams on hold to build her career and then to focus on her family.

She is a graduate in Biotechnology from Kurukshetra University and did her Masters in Environmental Engineering from Punjab Engineering College. She is working as Senior Engineer with SPML Infra Limited, Delhi and living a content life. Some inevitable bad experiences agitated her inside and the outcome is this book. These incidences in her life tore apart but also inspired her to express her feelings to the world around. She finally picked up the courage to pen down her feelings and memories with this book, *Our Plans vs. Destiny*.

About The Book

We prepare a blueprint for our life and join the rat race to achieve that. God, the Supreme also has his plans for us and sometimes these two plans do not match. This book is written in search of answers for questions what is to be done in such situation.

Our Plans Vs Destiny is the story of my family, our sacrifices and memories of good and bad times God showed us. The book revolves around a couple who struggle to lead a content life for them and their children. This story is a reflection of parents' love and care for their children to give them a comfortable, happy and enduring life. Only parents can give what even they don't have.

My mother, a strong lady, who throughout her life only strived for the betterment of her children's life and in this process she forgot that even she has a life for herself. And when the time arrived, when she was to be awarded for her sacrifices with lots of happiness, God took her away. The void she had left in my life cannot be filled by anyone in this world, neither my father's care nor my husband's love. Neither my siblings' support can replace her

suggestions nor can my daughter's smile replace her ebullient face.

This is life, we never value people around us and we always take our parents for granted. We live our life planning the future, achieving our aspirations and on that path sometimes we don't even live our present. Somehow, life falls short to live and express the love to our loving ones. This book is an attempt to express the love of a daughter, the dilemma every girl faces in her two lives before and after marriage. Life has fallen short to say it - I Love you Mumma....I Love You.

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- **Pratibha Sharma**

Dedication

My mother

Late Mrs. Kamlesh Sauparna

I am not this hair, not this skin.
I am the soul, that lives within.

- Rumi

Chapter 01

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I was looking at my wristwatch constantly waiting for the school bell to ring. Although, it was daily routine, but today I was a bit more impatient to reach home. Finally, the bell rang and I rushed to the school gate bidding goodbye to my friends as my bag was already packed up since the last fifteen minutes.

I took my bicycle and headed towards the main gate cursing the students owning four wheelers as they create chaos at the main exit. Somehow, I came out and was on my way home. I was cycling hastily, thinking that Mumma must be ready and waiting to go with me. I reached home and opened the main iron door looking for Mumma, usually Mumma used to be at the main gate to welcome us despite the scorching heat. I crossed the small garden filled with Guava, Papaya, Pomegranate tree and various small decorative plants loaded with fragrance flowers. She must be getting ready, I said to myself and parked the cycle at its usual place in the big front veranda. I did not lock it as I did not want to waste my time and opened the wooden door and started screaming, throwing my bag on the sofa lying in the drawing room but stopped on seeing unexpected guest.

*This book is an eloquence of a middle class family depicting the struggle of life, a soupcon of sacrifices, memories, roses and thorns of life and the most consequential conflict between
Desire and Destiny.*

A tribute of every daughter to her mother who breathes till the end with the apprehension of her children's comfort and happiness.

"I was your little - pampered girl and you treasured me like a pearl"



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