



WHISPERING MIND

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Soulful whispers

By Mandira Nayar

Poetry, to quote Pablo Neruda, arrives. In the case of K.P. Shashidharan, who spends his time looking at balance sheets, it seems to have arrived with muse in tow.

For a genre that gets little attention, Shashidharan's book has got everyone across the board to take notice. From the grand old man of journalism, Khushwant Singh, to twitterati Shashi Tharoor and businessman Mukesh Ambani, the poems in *Whispering Mind* have touched all the right

chords. If the long list of recommendations isn't reason enough to make you take notice of the book, the topics will.

A love story in poems, *Whispering Mind* is the story of Yin and Yang—Babe and Darling—their travels across the world and their grappling with the questions of life. There is the moment of discovery of the rampant destruction of Mother Earth as they sail across the Niagara Falls. Going beyond the concerns of the environment, Yin and Yang sensitively explore the plight of street kids of endless roads; of street women, crime and eunuchs.

Conversational and simple, yet profound and deep, Shashidharan takes the reader on a trip blending mythology, philosophy and mysticism with the everyday. Varied, Babe and Darling confront the problems of the 21st century, whether it is outsourcing or materialism that manifests itself in overeating. This is a book for anyone who has spent time trying to make sense of the world. Insightful and accessible, this is poetry in its bare form—the kind that is meant for the soul.