

PRAISE FOR THE AUTHOR

Broken Melodies

"Broken Melodies is a poignantly written tale that will find resonance in a nation where family dynamics are paramount and where warring parents and broken homes are becoming increasingly familiar." - *Rediff Get Ahead*

"Kottary's novel indicates a rich creative imagination and immense skill at weaving together disparate strands." - *Sunday magazine*

"Pacy, emotional, humorous and realistic ... the novel is an easy read and keeps one hooked." - *Indian Express*

"There is no doubt that Kottary knows both the milieu and the inner landscape of her characters." - *Deccan Herald*

"Kottary proves to be a solid storyteller building strong characterisations. Her sense of visuals is strong and her prose lends itself to very vivid pictures in the reader's mind." - *Rediff Mail*

"Bikhre Sur Gajra Kottary ka Hindi mein anuvaadit upanyas, bagair kisi ho-halle ke, generation gap, stree chetna, aur stree mukti jaise muddon ko naye sirey se behes mein laata hai." - *Sukhanwar: The Hindi Literary Magazine*

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Once Upon a Star

"Kottary's offering shows an insider's view of an industry where drama seems to be a daily buzzword." - *Indian Express*

"Behind Bollywood, beyond Bollywood ... a compelling page-turner that looks at celebrity lives and the costs and collateral damage of stardom." - *Namita Gokhale (writer and co-director of Jaipur Literature Festival)*

"Over the years, Gajra has sensitively and realistically portrayed women and their lives. She displays a very fine writing style." - *Anupam Kher (actor, teacher, and motivational speaker)*

"I can't stop marvelling at this story told with grace, warmth, nuance and unrelenting self-respect." - *Feroz Abbas Khan (theatre and film director)*

"An insider's view of the world of cinema and the many faces of an industry where fame is fleeting and everything is as real as it is dramatic." - *Society Magazine*

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Girls Don't Cry

"Gajra's book is a thought-provoking saga that portrays the vitality of eliminating irrational stereotypes and adaptation in this dynamic age. Kottary's work blends the modern with the traditional while walking on the path of righteousness." - *The Times of India*

"Unputdownable – a novel about truly brave women." - *Ruchita Mishra (author)*

"Gajra weaves a riveting tale of how at heart, the dreams, hopes and aspirations across three generations of women in a family remain constant." - *Kirron Kher (actor and parliamentarian)*

"Each page, each character has a story to tell – the book instils the belief that the journey we take is forged by the decisions we make. It has the power make the reader laugh and cry at the same time." - *The Times of India E Times*