



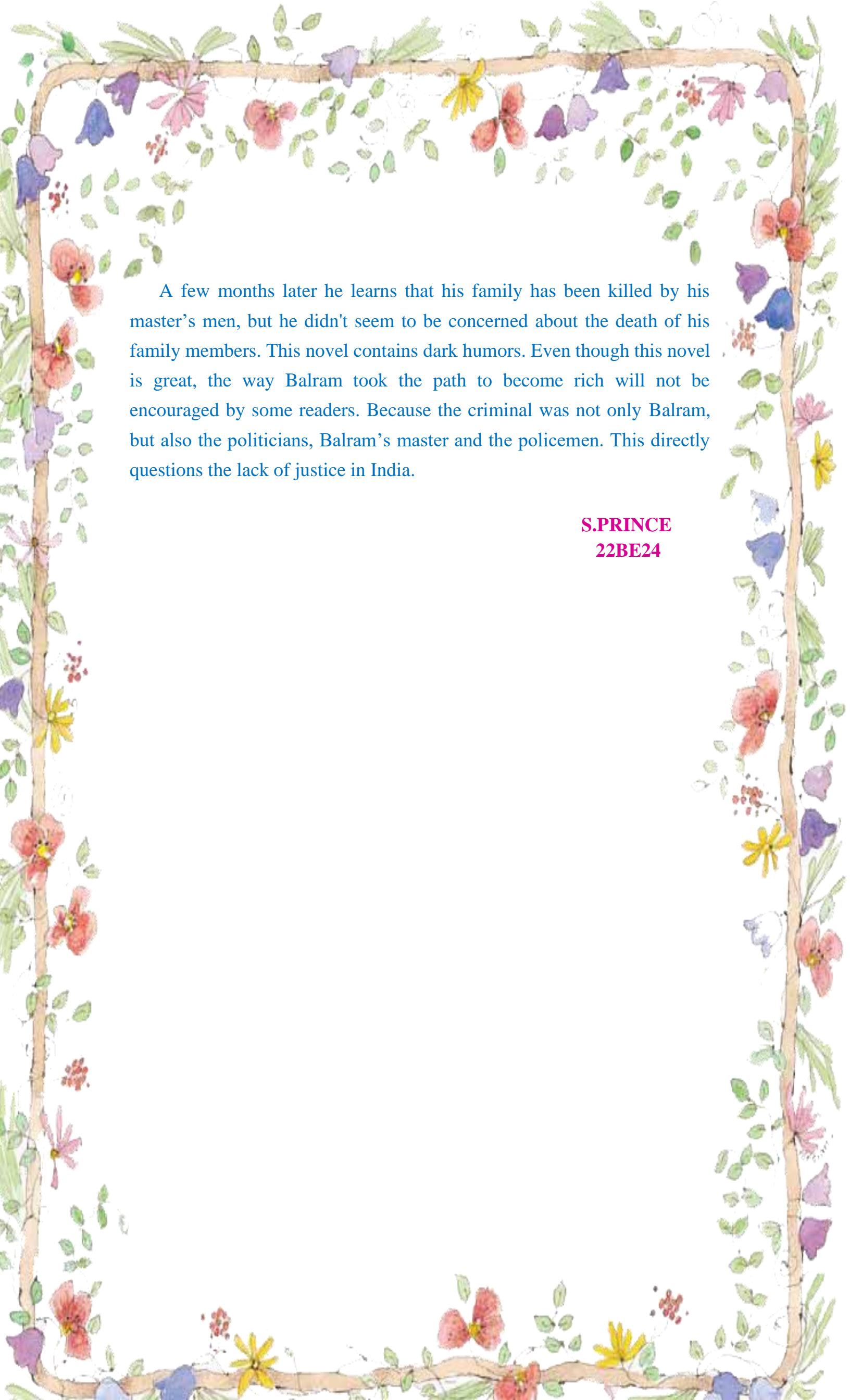
## THE WHITE TIGER: -

-Aravind Adiga.

The White Tiger is the splendid debut and Man Booker Winning Novel by Aravind Adiga which gives the world a glimpse of the life of a servant in modern day India trying to escape the darkness and become free. The book covers the harsh truths of a modern global economy and its crushing effects on the working class with themes ranging from poverty, religious tensions, families all the way to political and police corruption in this blooming country. The protagonist Balram Halwai is a thinking man, an entrepreneur, telling his story of escaping the darkness and coming to the light. The perspective of darkness is being a part of a low class and living in slums, where else the light is referred to as being wealthy.

Balram becomes a driver for a wealthy businessman in the coal industry where he learns about the ways of the world and classes. Balram tries to be a good Indian, looking after his family, being a good servant, not drinking and praying to his gods. But slowly the corruption sweeps in and Balram was starting to get affected by this new world around him and he slowly starts to get comfortable into this world; while trying to escape pressures of being a servant. The power of the white tiger lies in its authentic and persuasive voice and the complex relationships between Balram and his family. Balram was forced to take care of his nephew as his family was in poverty. The author perfectly describes the terrains of Bihar, and the society patterns. Aravind Adiga also exposed the corruption taking place in India by both the businessmen and the politicians.

We can see how corruption affects the people, and the system of classes. Balram, being a driver of a businessman, comes to know all the systems of a business, like he developed the skill to read lips from far when his martyrs were talking about business deals. It slowly grew a desire into Balram to become a master instead of being a servant. This made him kill his owner's son Ashok, who was kind and treated Balram well, when Ashok and Balram were going to deliver the bribe amount to the politicians. Balram took the bribe amount of money and fled from New Delhi with his nephew, and reached Bangalore and there he started a call taxi service for the members who were working in the call center and his business flourished.



A few months later he learns that his family has been killed by his master's men, but he didn't seem to be concerned about the death of his family members. This novel contains dark humors. Even though this novel is great, the way Balram took the path to become rich will not be encouraged by some readers. Because the criminal was not only Balram, but also the politicians, Balram's master and the policemen. This directly questions the lack of justice in India.

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