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Samrat Upadhyay is the author of *Arresting God in Kathmandu*, which earned him a Whiting Award, and *The Guru of Love*, which was a New York Times Notable Book, a San Francisco Chronicle Best Book of the Year, and a finalist for the Kiriama Prize. He lives in Bloomington, Indiana.

This book will also appeal to readers interested in the themes: Nepal, South Asian Literature, Nepali Society, Alienation, Democracy, Kathmandu.

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