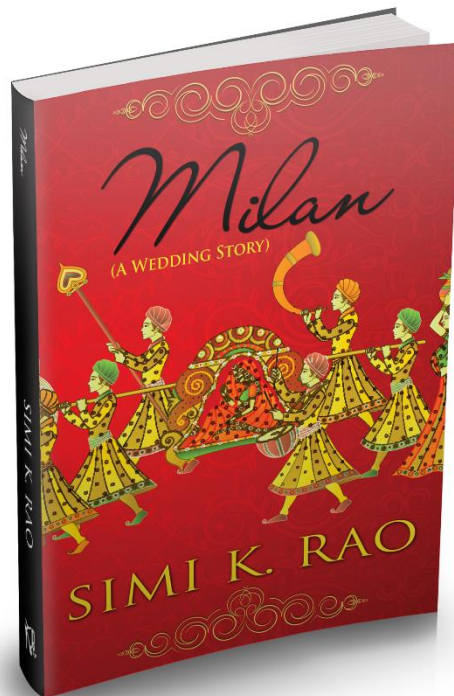
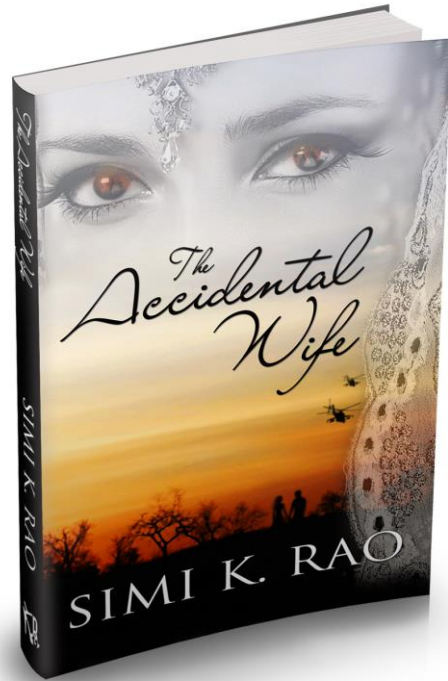
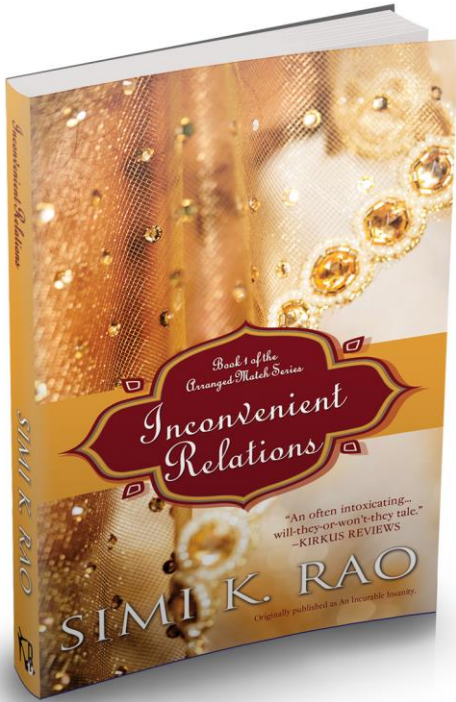


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## About the Author



Simi K. Rao was born in India and has been living in the United States for several years. *Milan (A Wedding Story)* is her third novel. Her previous novels are titled: *Inconvenient Relations* and *The Accidental Wife*.

The inspiration for this book, and her other projects, comes from her own experience with cross-cultural traditions, lifestyles and familial relationships, as well as stories and anecdotes collected from friends, family and acquaintances within the immigrant community.

Rao enjoys exploring the dynamics of contemporary American culture blended with Indian customs and heritage to reflect the challenges and opportunities many Indian-American women face in real life.

Much of Rao's down time is devoted to creative pursuits, including writing fiction, poetry and photography. She is an avid traveler and has visited many locations around the world.

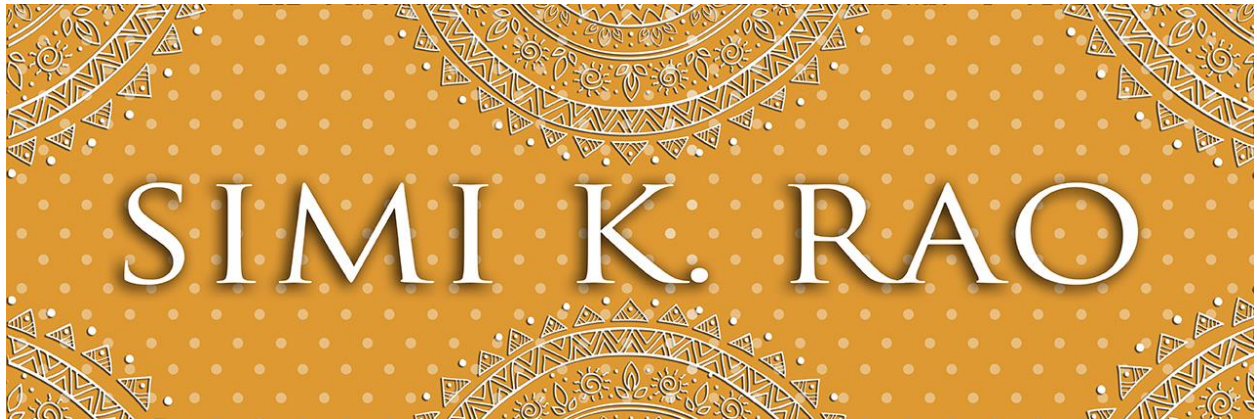
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### *Inconvenient Relations*

Shaan Ahuja found himself bowing to tradition and agreeing to an arranged marriage to the beautiful Ruhi Sharma. He went through the motions but had no intention of carrying through on his vows. His last foray into matters of the heart with an American girl had left him scarred and unwilling to try again. Thoroughly disillusioned and disgruntled he wasted no time in making his intentions clear to Ruhi on their wedding night. But, he was completely unprepared for what his new wife had in mind.

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### *The Accidental Wife*

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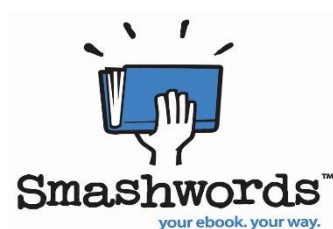
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### Praise for *Inconvenient Relations*

“In Rao’s debut novel, an arranged Indian marriage sets the stage for an intimate look at the exasperating madness of love.... An often intoxicating...will-they-or-won’t-they tale.”  
—Kirkus Reviews

“Sassy desi romance—5 stars!”  
—Rachelle Ayala, bestselling author of *Michal’s window*

“A mixture of contemporary romance, coming of age tale and multicultural fiction, Simi K. Rao’s *An Incurable Insanity* is a wonderful debut novel.”  
—Maria of Queen of All She Reads

“As a whole this was a brilliant novel. Rao walks the line between traditional Indian culture and all that is Hollywood to create a tale that will pull at your heartstrings and keep you captivated throughout.”  
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—Debdatta Sahay of Book Reviews

Praise for *The Accidental Wife*

“*The Accidental Wife* is an intriguing tale of the best-laid plans gone awry but set straight by the humbling hand of destiny. A delightful novel.”

—Shobhan Bantwal, best-selling author of *The Dowry Bride* and other books

“A traditional love story in a non-traditional setting. I loved it. It had all the markings of a romance...boy meets girl, boy does something stupid and loses girl, boy comes to his senses, problems happen, boy gets girl. But nothing else follows pattern. The story takes a nationality that often has arranged marriages and turns it on its head. The Indian culture is fascinating and this story takes all that is best and mixes it in. It is the perfect read for romance. I give this story 5 out of 5 clouds.”

—Dreamer2229 (Amazon Reviewer)

“Another amazing book by Simi. I love her books and the Indian culture in them. Being a nurse, it was fun with the medical aspect of it too. I can't wait for her next book!”

—D S (Amazon Reviewer)

“This a great read for anyone who wants a small insight into the Indian life. It's a story of two very unlikely people who would have never crossed path had it not been for fate. It's a story about the best laid plans that get turned upside down because it involves the matter of hearts. It's a story of infallible human spirit that will fight to return to the arms of a loved one. It's a story about the power of love and its power to heal. It's a great story that grips your heart as you take the journey with Rihaan and Naina.”

—Reshma Dave (Amazon Reviewer)

### Praise for *Milan (A Wedding Story)*

“A captivating look into the developing relationship of a young couple falling in love for the first time while honoring family traditions. Throughout the wedding planning, the bride-to-be is in a constant state of nervous excitement and total confusion that will keep you guessing until the very end. An absolute joy to read.”

—Yvette Klobuchar, bridal dress designer and author of *Brides Unveiled*

“*Milan* is an interesting combination of today and yesterday in India, ultimately bringing Mili, twenty-four but innocent and immature for her age, together with Ahaan, a bit older but more in tune with the customs of their country. This story of their arranged marriage, (still practiced in their country), goes through the accepted steps of bringing their union to fruition. The story follows through the *Roka* (unofficial engagement), the *Sagai* (formal engagement ceremony) and other preparations for the magnificent wedding which her father insists on, taking the reader along for all the rituals and experiencing all Mili’s continuing uncertainties as she leaves her childhood home to make her new life with her husband’s family.”

—Nancy Sweetland, author of *The House On the Dunes*

“In *Milan*, Simi K. Rao has created a delightful story and a glimpse into of an enduring part of Indian culture. Mili’s family wants her to marry Ahaan, an old acquaintance, but as a modern young woman, Mili is reluctant, fearing that she’ll be forced to abandon her career in music. But fortunately, Mili isn’t the only modern person in the pair, and the two embark on a journey that includes old traditions and a promise from the groom that guarantees Mili her own passions in life. But the best part of the story is the realization for Mili that Ahaan appears to be much more than a husband chosen for her. Despite her initial resistance, she might fall in love. Rao writes with flair and includes the colors and scents and sounds that many of us associate with modern India. Without being the slightest bit didactic, Rao educates us, too, about Hindu traditions and the beauty of language describing the bonds and promises of love and marriage.”

—Virginia McCullough, award-winning author of *Amber Light* and *The Jacks of Her Heart*