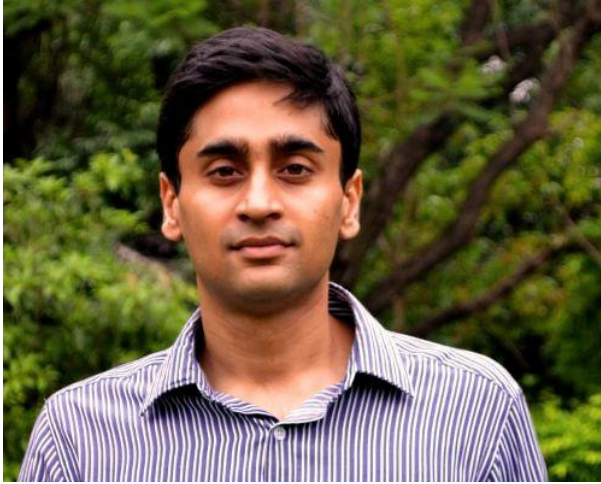




## Dev Saha on ‘The Brotherhood’

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Dev Saha did a Bachelor of Computer Science from Pune and followed it up with an MBA in Marketing. He has worked for a number of blue chip companies including German tech giant SAP. Recently, Dev wrote ‘The Brotherhood’ whose story line is about an honest police officer, Ranjit Sanyal, who after losing his family in a terror attack, stumbles on to a Cabal who run the country.

Techgoss (TG): What is your educational and techie work background?

Dev Saha: I have completed my Bachelor of Computer Science from Pune University and MBA in Marketing from Bharati Vidyapeeth. I have close to 9 years of work experience in many large organizations including a stint in SAP. Currently, I work as a Knowledge Manager in Capgemini (French Multinational Company).

TG: How did you get introduced to writing? Was the spark always present in you or did it happen by chance?

Dev Saha: Since I was a kid, I always loved to read. I love the racy thrillers written by James Hadley Chase, Robin Cook and Jeffrey Archer. One day, when reading one such thriller, it suddenly struck me that I could write the story that was in my mind for quite some time.

TG: What is 'Brotherhood' your debut novel all about? What prompted you to produce a thriller along the lines of a rather intense happening that rocked India in 2008? When do you plan to launch your debut novel?

Dev Saha: 'The Brotherhood' is a fiction based on the current Indian political turmoil and terror attacks. It follows the life of a police officer, Ranjit Sanyal, who loses his wife and

child in the attack and seeks revenge. The 'The Brotherhood' is about a cabal of all-powerful individuals who virtually run the nation from the background. They thrive on terror because this provides the fodder to their flagship companies to rake in the moolah. They secretly patronize several terror groups. It is when one of these modules turns rogue that all hell breaks loose and it shatters Sanyal's family. The story is about how The Brotherhood tries to use the seething anger in Sanyal to hunt down the terrorists. Until the police officer learns the truth. Full of twists and turns the story will keep you hooked till the last page.

The carnage, cold-blooded brutality and the mindless deaths in the 26-11 attacks prompted me to produce a thriller which asks many unanswered questions through fiction.

The book has already hit the stores and doing quite well. It is also available online on multiple websites including Amazon and Flipkart.

TG: How did you manage to juggle between your role as a hardcore techie and a debut novelist penning down a political thriller? Did you suffer from Writer's block, if any?

Dev Saha: As a Knowledge Manager, I am frequently penning marketing documents for Capgemini during the day. Since I felt I had a story that had to be told, I embarked on a journey to write this book.

Sometimes I did suffer from Writer's block and the best medicine for me was to simply take a break. I would go away from the book for a few days and not think about it at all. After a few days, I would read the last few chapters, and magically ideas would start to flow.

TG: What was your writing schedule? Did you plan to do a chapter a month? Or did you just write as and when you got inspiration? Also, who are the writers you admire?  
Dev Saha: Most of my writing was during evenings or over the weekend. I would sit late nights writing fuelled by many many cups of coffee. I would try to be disciplined and try to look at the book once a day. Over a period of one year, I penned the complete novel.

TG: How easy or difficult was it to get a publisher about a book about the terrorist attack on Mumbai? Are you working on another novel?

Dev Saha: Once the novel was complete, I researched on the internet about how books are published. I wrote to a few publishers and among them, approached Palimpsest Publishers – an upcoming publishing house based in Delhi. Palimpsest responded almost immediately expressing their interest in publishing the book. After signing a contract with them, there were several iterations with the Palimpsest team in fine tuning the book, deciding the cover and finally publishing the book.

Right now, a few ideas are floating around in my head and I intend to start on my second novel

Techgoss Note: The book can be purchased at [Flipkart](#)

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