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Judge's novel

Kerala civil judge A M Basheer was a trifle hesitant to pen his debut novel on a sensitive topic like communal violence. Why? He feared he would be too even handed. He ultimately chose to go ahead with it as he wanted it to throw light on the plights of the underprivileged.

The result was “Riot Widows”, a book which has been described by Union Minister Shashi Tharoor as “heart-wrenching in its simplicity” and “a movingly crafted tale about growing up amidst adversity, suffering and pain”.
