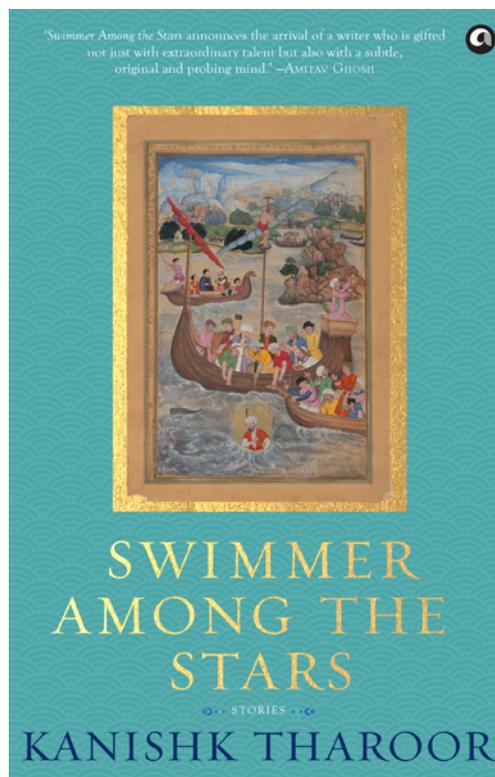




We are delighted to share that Kanishk Tharoor has won the **2016 Tata Lit Live! First Book Award** for his stunning debut, *Swimmer Among the Stars*.

According to Amitav Ghosh, '*Swimmer Among the Stars* announces the arrival of a writer who is gifted not just with extraordinary talent but also with a subtle, original and probing mind.'

The book is also shortlisted for the **Shakti Bhatt First Book Award 2016**; and longlisted for the **Atta-Galatta-Bangalore Literature Festival Book Prize 2016**.



ABOUT THE BOOK

An interview with the last speaker of a language. A chronicle of the final seven days of a town that is about to be razed to the ground by an invading army. The lonely voyage of an elephant from Kerala to a princess's palace in Morocco. A fabled cook who flavours his food with precious stones. A coterie of international diplomats trapped in near-earth orbit. These, and the other stories in this collection, reveal an extraordinary storyteller, whose tales emerge from a tradition that includes the creators of the *Arabian Nights* and the *Kathasaritsagara*, Italo Calvino, Jorge Luis Borges, Angela Carter and other ancient and modern masters of fabulist, surrealist and magical short stories. Furiously inventive, beautifully crafted and remarkably assured, *Swimmer Among the Stars* announces the arrival of a blazing new talent.

'Stylistically assured, keenly imagined, and written with a poetic receptivity, *Swimmer Among the Stars* [accomplishes] what so little of modern fiction does today: put beauty and wonder into storytelling.'
—**Musharraf Ali Farooqi**

'An exemplary debut... Tharoor spins a weave that is for all time, yet peculiarly, achingly of the present... This is a talent whose time has come.'—**Livemint**

'*Swimmer Among the Stars* is the work of a storyteller who stands lucid on the cusp of reinventing storytelling.'
—**India Today**

'The dozen-odd stories in *Swimmer Among the Stars* are beautifully pitched, infused with an awareness of history (and history's accidents) that go confidently beyond boundaries of nationhood and period.' —**Business Standard**

'Each of these stories in *Swimmer Among the Stars* reflect ... a rare combination of surreal imagination matched with an extraordinary craft of a master storyteller.' —**The Statesman**

'*Swimmer Among the Stars* [reveals] a voice that is sensitive, gentle and layered...a promising debut.' —**The Week**

'Tharoor's prose is rich, imaginative and free of needless complexities; it is the plots of the stories that stand out with their edgy unpredictability... A fascinating read.' —**The New Indian Express**

'Delightfully versatile and juxtaposes an archaic, fabular charm with contemporary resonance...'
—**Daily Pioneer**

'*Swimmer Among the Stars* transports one into a different world, especially with its minute details, achieving the near-impossible with words.' —**The Hindu**

'In these wonderfully-crafted stories, Tharoor marries the magical with the real...'
—**Mail Today**

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kanishk Tharoor is a writer based in New York City. His journalism, criticism, and short stories have appeared in international and Indian publications; his short fiction was nominated for a National Magazine Award. He studied at Yale, Columbia, and at New York University, where he had a fellowship in the creative writing program.