

Book Synopsis.

Kiss Me Better. By Dr Stephen and Jean Kaladeen

This story follows both Dr Raj Mehta and Diana Sinclair. Raj is a new medical intern from a somewhat traditional Indian immigrant household in Toronto. Diana is a young aspiring actress whose father (a senior doctor and chief of staff at Raj's hospital) has forced her to work at his office for a while because his secretary has fallen ill.

Kiss Me Better offers a rare glimpse into the mind of a new doctor. A young man who is terribly clever but who has never had a relationship with anything other than a textbook. His fear, uncertainty, and the reality of working in a small hospital in a military town outside of Toronto, is captured in vivid detail. Raj finds himself drawn to Diana, however she is being pursued by her ex-boyfriend, Star Yanofsky, who is now a celebrity Toronto Maple Leaf hockey player and model.

When Diana lands a glamorous new role in the stage production of *Mama Mia*, will it stand in the way of her budding romance with Raj? Will the hospital stay open? Will the Maple Leafs ever win a Stanley Cup?

This multicultural story features cutting satire, outrageous comedy and heartfelt drama involving patients, matchmaking parents, and the possibility that the hospital may close due to government cutbacks. It also lampoons many of the things Canadians hold dear – including our hockey obsession and large Indian families who have over the top weddings.

Kiss Me Better explores interracial relationships and what it means to be Canadian in a positive and relatable way without cultural stereotypes. It is a fresh and enchanting story that Canadian readers will find refreshing and hard to put down.

