

# Lifeboat

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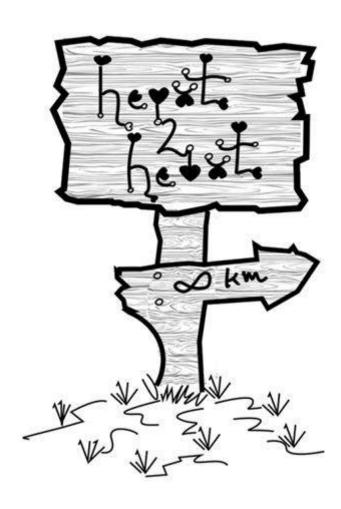
# **Preface**

Lifeboat, my debut book in English is a bon voyage of friendship and love. A beautiful heart touching love story that's purely fictitious blended with love. It's all set to sail through your hearts triggering your emotions leaving you in a state of ecstasy. It is said that love is indefinable. But it can be expressed and felt in so many ways, in all walks of life. It is divine and omnipresent. It's luscious and oneiric too. Every living being on earth cherishes an ardent desire to love and to be loved. It's the law of nature that man can't breach. It's perhaps the strongest emotion in this world which could heal anything except hunger. Life would be meaningless, if you fail to express your love. Anything big or small, when you sacrifice for others, then its love. Your precious time, your money or care, whatever you give to the needy, its love. And above all, the most priceless true love in the whole universe is mother's love which is irreplaceable. This story will make you feel the different flavors of love like parent's love, sibling love, friend's love, spouse's love and many more. It will make you realize, how love can change one's life, and it's true love that always wins. It shortens the distance between hearts from infinity to zero. And it's pure, virtuous and eternal. This is what I wish to convey in my novel. Forgive my flaws in writing if any and get ready to sail on this lifeboat through the ocean of love and wish you a bon voyage.

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# **Prologue**

This story is happening in Bangalore, the Silicon Valley of India in the year 2005. It's when the IT industry started booming up after the major crisis of the Y2K problem. It was another golden opportunity for many of the Enterpreneurs to make a huge investment in software industries and try their fortune, after the dark era of recession. Narayan Murthi was such an Enterpreneur who was the founder of TKS Technologies, Whitefield, Bangalore. Vishal and Bala were the two senior software developers who were like two pillars to Mr. Murthi. And they both have been working with the company since its inception. Sooraj joined them as the HR manager recently and became the part of the family soon. Apart from them the main female characters we come across are Vandana, Deepthy, Jothi, Nithya and Mickey who too become a part of their lives as the story progresses. Dr. Nath, Lakshmikanth Pandey, Geetanjali, Saraswathi Devi, Lakshmi, Sandeep, Devika, Sooraj's mother, Geethu, Shekhar, Louis, Ramu Kaka are few of other characters whom we come across in between. The story begins in Bangalore and towards the last few events occur in Texas and California. A few places in Kerala is also mentioned here. All characters are fictitious and purely imaginary. Still, I believe that if you read it with your heart, they will take you to their world where you can feel them in real. You can feel their emotions, struggles and desperateness. And I believe you can understand their minute gestures too, once you try to know and feel the characters closer. I am damn sure that it would bridge the distance between two hearts from infinity to zero. So, it's time to love and to be loved.



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colleges for around two decades. This is my debut book in english. My first book Chrysalis (Malayalam) was published in October 2022 and it is available through amazon in India. It is a collection of short stories in malayalam. This novel Lifeboat is a bon voyage of friendship, true love and romance. People say love is undefinable. But it can be expressed and felt in many ways. When you sacrifice something for others, it's called love. You spare your precious time to listen to someone that's love. And love can bring magic into lives of people. It can heal the wounds of your heart. And above all, love is God and it's pure and divine. Just go on a sail with this Lifeboat and feel the essence of love. E-mail: seemakurup79@gmail.com



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