

# 'Bangalore's been a wonderful inspiration'



How did you decide to write?

I've been scribbling since I was a child and writing before I was studying to become an investment

banker. My book came about without any plan. I had stories to tell, where I could recognise the characters. Also, I love to read, it's my greatest indulgence, and writing is a grand passion. To do it full-time is very much a dream come true.



**LAVANYA SANKARAN**

Writer

On writing and the city

There are not too many short story writers, and almost no one is writing poems either. Why do you think this is so?

Both short stories and poems require great discipline in their creative vision. Unfortunately,

they are extremely difficult to get published, but I would recommend writing short stories to any aspiring writer, for they help in exploring and developing a writer's distinctive voice.

What have been the inspirations for your stories?

As with many writers, I suppose the life I have led and the people I have met. I have spent most of my life in Bangalore and seen the city change over the years. It's been a wonderful inspiration.

Are you working on anything new?

I am working on a novel and it is a slow process, but one that I am thoroughly enjoying.

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What is the literary scene like in Bangalore?

I think it is evolving. As the city grows and diversifies, it provides

the creative ground for many new voices, styles, and perspectives and that's something to look forward to.

VATSALA BHANDARI