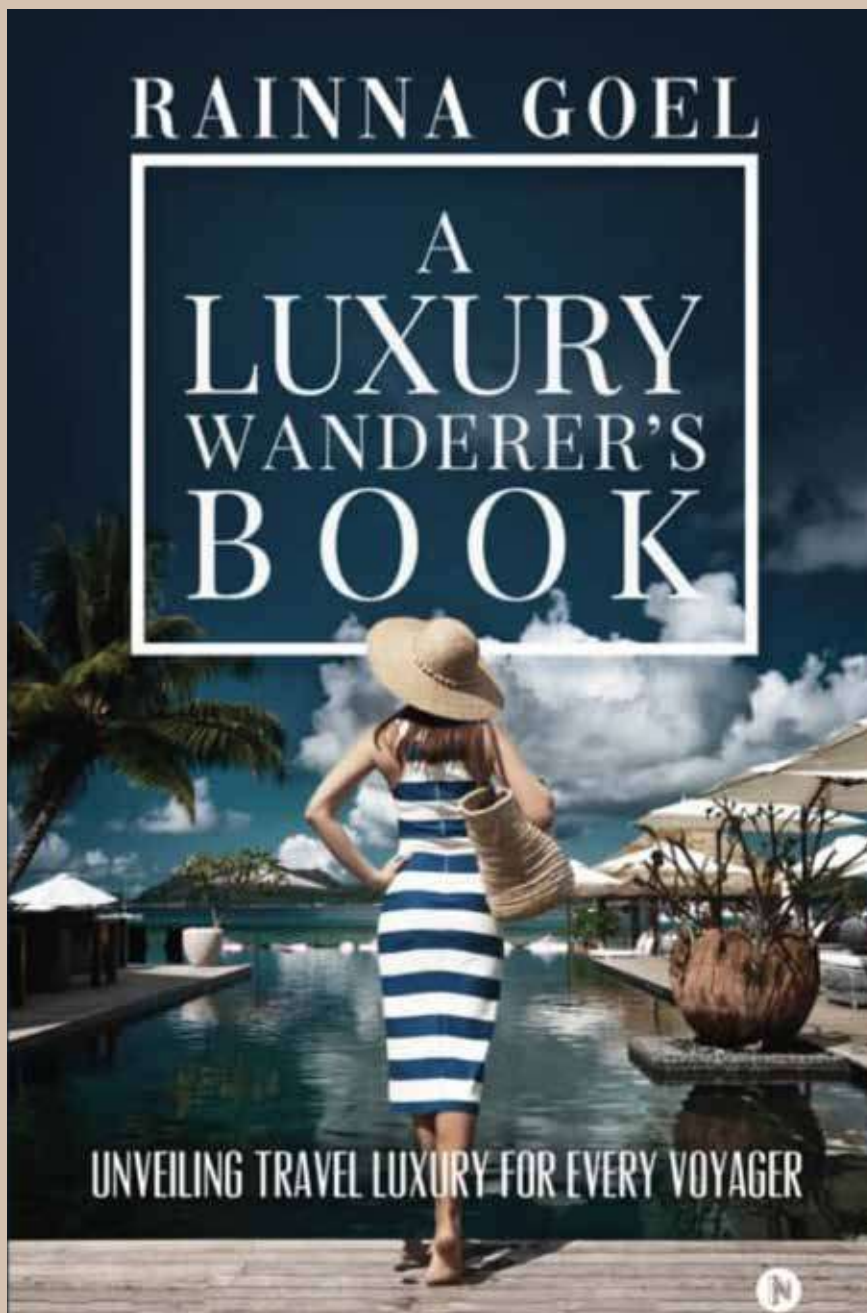


Young wanderers' voyage

For 14-year-old Rainna Goel her passion for writing and travelling not only makes her happy but also paved the way for her debut book, *A Luxury Wanderer's Book*.

As a seven-year-old, penning her travel sojourns was just a hobby that Rainna Goel enjoyed and found solace in. Little did she know that at 14, her hobby would become her passion, resulting in a blog and eventually a book — *A Luxury Wanderer's Book*. It was her inclination towards writing and her endeavours across 24 countries that paved way for her as an author.

Intrigued by her surroundings on her travel compelled Rainna to scribble her thoughts. "Then I would go back home and reminisce about everything I have visited. I used to always write down my travels in my diary. So in 2018 when I was old enough, my parents encouraged me to showcase my writing and photography to the world and encouraged me to start a blog," recalls the Mumbai-based travel blogger who goes by the name 'Trav-



els A La Carte’.

For the blog, Rainna started proofreading her write-ups and started uploading them one by one along with her clicked pictures. As for the book, which is a compilation of all her blogged trips, she reveals that it was always her dream to pen them down in a book.

“When I finally had something to put together for a book, I decided why not? I was inspired, felt capable enough to venture into being an author and make a book out of everything

that I have ever written about. It was also, the perfect time since I was not preoccupied and my blog, obviously, pushed me into writing the book,” smiles the author who has bagged the Young Exuberant Traveller award as well as the Budding Author by *India Book of Records 2020*.

The book

A Luxury Wanderer's Book, as the name suggests is all things travel and luxury revolving around her experience. Though Rainna's fascination with luxury was her primary goal for

the book, she deemed it important to include luxury variations to suit every taste.

“While for me, luxury is high-end hotels and chartered planes, for someone else, it could just mean sitting at home reading a book. Throughout the book I have just spoken about my experiences in travel planning, global insights into luxury, destinations and everything that relates to travel from a luxury point of view,” says the nominee of Young Author Award by ‘The India Awaz 2020’.

Right from describing attire for a particular country, blending with the locals to choosing your own hotels, the book has it all. In fact, at the end of every chapter, the author has given her insights.

“In the chapter on what to wear to the airport when travelling, in quotations, I have written my go-to look that is sweat pants, t-shirt, backpack and a hat and have explained in detail,” smiles Rainna.

Apart from being the youngest travel blogger and an author, Rainna is also a photographer, digital influencer, and content specialist. However, she is most passionate about writing. “Whenever I am stressed and don't know what to do, I go back to my old writings. I read what I had written and even pen down a few more things. It is like a stress buster for me and just calms me down. If it wasn't for this I wouldn't have written a book. I think whenever I write something new, it inspires me to do something new in life,” she chuckles.

Inspiration

For inspiration, Rainna doesn't have to go far. A new place and its surroundings are enough to encourage her to pick the pen. “From my last trip to New York, the hustle and bustle at the Times Square, the feeling of being a tourist, the fast-paced life and the Statue of Liberty inspired me to write about my emotions,” she says with a sparkle in her eye. However, the trip to Switzerland inspired her to write some-

thing completely dreamy.

At the same time, the author has made it a habit to read. She likes to experiment with genres and makes it a point to dive deep into the writing style of every author. "I observe the writing style and see how I can incorporate that into mine. Like, *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens is so different from Dan Brown's *Da Vinci Code*. These two books really push me to reach a certain level and I won't give up," says Rainna.

Keeping up!

Since she is in her 10th standard this year and studies take most of her

time, the blogger has chalked out a plan to manage both — blogging and studies. "I allot time to myself, half an hour a day for writing. If too occupied during the day I will keep it towards the end of the day. But I will write something. It necessarily doesn't have to be a masterpiece," she says, adding, "I don't want to be the jack of all and master of none."

Piece of advice

As for her fellow dreamers, she has just one thing to say: Follow your passion. "Something you are good at and will keep you on your feet. If it is dancing, then work around it and will

definitely lead you to many avenues. So if there is anything that makes you happy, I am certain that it is the perfect path to go on," asserts the digital influencer.

When asked what she aspires to be, Rainna quips, "A fashion journalist! When I started travel blogging I had no idea I wanted to be a fashion journalist. So now I keep up-to-date with the fashion trends as well," she laughs. While for now, her biggest goal is academics, she won't neglect what she has already started and hopes to come up with a sequel to the book post her 10th. ♦



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Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for the release of this issue. The articles in this issue are really very interesting. And thank you for publishing my article on health. I look forward to submitting more interesting articles on health. Thanks a lot.

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Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for sending the July-August '20 issue of GYAN Vitaranam. Truly appreciate it. Took a quick glance and found the contents both interesting and relevant. Hope to read some of the articles soon. Congratulations on the good work and keep it up!

With regards and best wishes,

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Another wonderful issue of *GYAN Vitaranam*. It covers a wide range of subjects from Corona to Travel, Banking, etc. The articles on accidental discoveries and forgotten space Scientist should be an eye-opener to young scientists and technologists.

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Dear Sir,

The other day I was showing a copy of my recent article in GV Magazine to an American. He said "When will India produce printed stuff like this?" I pointed out what he was looking at is 100 per cent Indian. He was clean bowled!

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Sir,

In the July-August issue of GV Magazine I liked the article "Succour in dire times". Marjaana's work is quite inspiring. The journey called life by Mr. Sundaresan was an interesting read. Best Wishes.

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Sir,

Thanks for sharing the June-July '20 issue of *GYAN Vitaranam*. The topics covering Covid and Education were really informative and useful.

Regards

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