

Copyright © 2008 MAIL TODAY.

ZERO PERCENTILE: MISSED IIT KISSED RUSSIA



By Neeraj Chhibba Rupa & Co; Rs 95

Released a few weeks back and already a bestseller with its Chetan Bhagat price tag of Rs 95, this is the story of a whizkid who was destined to go to IIT but ends up in Volgograd, Russia, by a quirk of fate. His grey matter doesn't help him much there, for only muscle power counts in his hostile hostel.

From there, it's downhill: he goes to jail, the dean becomes his prized enemy, he is forced to try and lose his virginity by his peers, his best friend is diagnosed as HIV-positive, and he loses his father. But with the end of the novel comes a happy chapter in his life: he emerges victorious, and succumbs only to love.

[+ Enlarge Image](#)