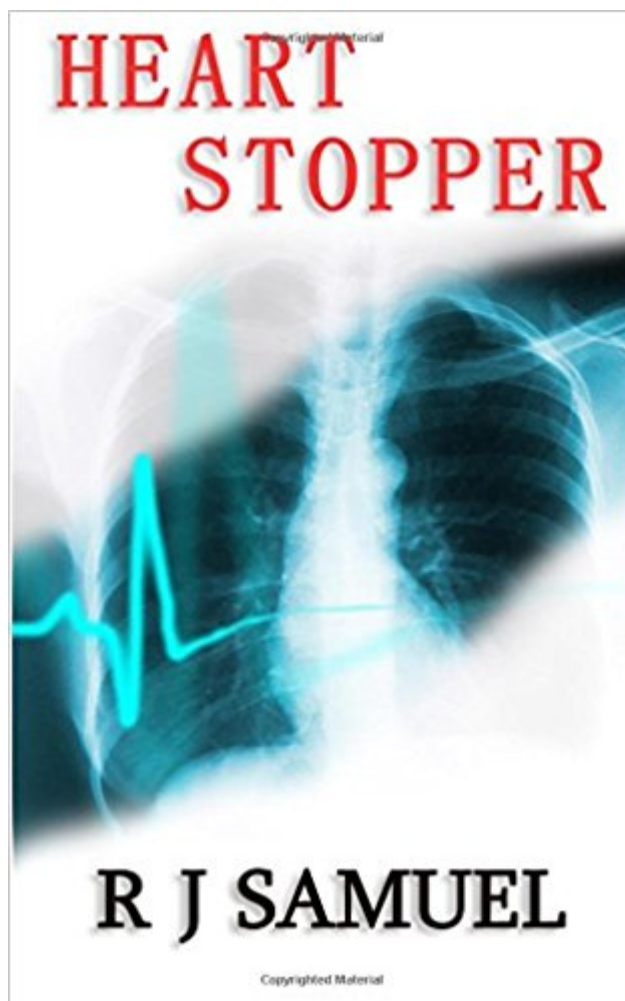


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# Heart Stopper



## Synopsis

What keeps your heart beating..? It could stop at any moment. Think about it.. Are you worried..? Dr. PRIYA JOSEPH is an Irish-Indian coder working at a new pacemaker clinic in Galway, a small city on the west coast of Ireland that is a research and manufacturing hub within the multi-billion-dollar medical devices industry. Priya's life is already off the rails; in fact, the train has disappeared screaming into a ravine when, after a night out that she does not remember apart from a vague memory of being with a mysterious woman, she wakes up in an unfamiliar apartment and finds the dead body of her boss, American cardiologist and inventor, Dr Daniel Fairer III. Priya is dragged by his family into an investigation of Daniel's death. As they uncover secrets about the groundbreaking pacemaker technology that Daniel and his research partners developed and the wireless controllers that communicate with the implanted pacemakers, their investigation threatens a multi-million dollar enterprise. Priya learns that she has unwittingly been involved in research that could have consequences far beyond the small city where she has been trying to hide from her life. She discovers that her past is not what she thought it was and now that she actually wants a future, she may not survive long enough as she is being pursued her and her pursuers will do whatever it takes to complete their mission but time is running out. And they have a problem. Which they need Priya to solve. Heart Stopper is an unusual and exciting novel that breaks barriers between genres. It is a medical thriller, a murder mystery, and a love story, but it is so much more than any one of those.

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## Customer Reviews

R J Samuel was born in Nigeria, to Indian parents. She spent many years qualifying to be a medical doctor first in Nigeria, then Ireland, but ran away from home to do a Masters in IT. She settled on IT as a career rather than Medicine as she thought computers might be more logical than people, but that hasn't always proven to be the case. She remained Ireland for many years, apart from a few years in the southwest of France where she ran a restaurant-bar despite having absolutely no interest in restaurants, except for eating in them. She considers herself almost Irish, almost Indian, and almost American. She now lives in Atlanta in America where, in her latest creative outburst, she wants to establish an artist retreat in a mostly unusable property. Her story *Helmets* was shortlisted for the 2011 Over the Edge New Writer of the Year Competition and she was the only entrant to have both her fiction and her poetry long-listed for the Doire Press 1st Annual International Fiction and Poetry Chapbook Competition in January 2012. Her fiction entry, *The Vision Painter*, went on to be shortlisted for this competition and was the basis for her second novel, *Falling Colours* & *The Misadventures of a Vision Painter*. Her short stories *Parallel Lives* (2012) and *The Alleyway* (2013) were shortlisted and her poetry entry was longlisted (2016) for the Over the Edge New Writer of the Year Competition. Her published novels *Heart Stopper*, *The Vision Painter* series (*Falling Colours*, *Casting Shadows*) which received an Honorable Mention in the 2013 Rainbow Awards, and *A Place Somewhere*, which was a finalist for the Ann Bannon Popular Choice and the Tee Corinne Cover Design Awards, are set in Ireland, India, and America. *An Outsider Inside* is her fifth novel.

This novel is so compelling that it was hard for me to put down. So many questions needed to be answered and mysteries to be solved. The characters got into situations that seemed impossible for them to survive. The people in this book are all very interesting and unusual. Ireland was described so beautifully, that I would love to go there for a long visit. There is something very special about the way R J Samuel writes. I am not sure if it is because the story is going in one direction and then all of a sudden it goes another way, or if it is the detailed descriptions of the people and places, or maybe because it is sprinkled with love. Whatever the reason, her books are addictive and I just can't get enough.

People connected to the Heart Clinic are dying. The technician who assisted in writing the codes for

the defibrillators is suspicious. Finding answers to this mystery is her top priority. The characters are complex, the nature of their families and work brings depth to their interactions. I found it extremely interesting, moving and fascinating. I thoroughly enjoyed it and didn't want it to end. I will read more by this author.

Priya is, what can I say... a wonderfully drawn, heart blind heroine! Don't miss reading about her! The story itself has thought provoking, real world terrifying implications. If you are like me you will be hooked by RJ Samuel's writing. She is a perceptive, painterly story teller who continues to write rich, beautifully crafted, creative novels that satisfy both intellect and heart. I have just downloaded her most recent, 'A Place Somewhere', and can't wait to start reading!

Fabulous story that kept me turning the pages.

This book was a little confusing at the beginning with jumping around to the different story lines but everything came together with the finale.

This is RJ Samuel's first book, but I read it after her later novels. I started out paying much attention to the beautifully crafted sentences and trying to picture the scenes full of atmosphere. But as I went along and got caught up in the story I forgot everything else and just wanted to know what happened and why and how. So I stayed up until three in the morning to find out. I really don't mind the lack of sleep - it was worth it. An amazing story with characters I cared about (still do) and a very satisfying feeling at the end.

RJ's descriptions bring the reader into the novel so that you feel every bump in the road and your heart races along with the fears of the main character. This is a wonderful debut novel and I can't wait to read RJ's next one. I have read a number of short stories by this author and know there's lots more thrilling rides to come.

I enjoyed the plot. It was different and kept me reading. The editing wasn't great. Some typos, missing words, double words. That is always disappointing.

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