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The Conch Bearer by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni: Summary and reviews

Anand is a twelve-year-old boy who lives in modern India. A believer in fairy tales and magic, he used to go to school until his family could no longer afford to pay for his lessons. His father had The Conch Bearer two years before the start of the story. His sister, Meera, on the other hand, had been hurt mentally when she witnessed a murder. Thus, Anand and his mother had been forced to work. Anand has been employed by a tea shop owner, Haru, who is frequently displeased with Anand's work and pays very little.

One day, the shop is visited by an old man, whom Haru The Conch Bearer to be The Conch Bearer beggar. Ordered to take the beggar out of

Haru's shop, Anand gently guides the old man out and, feeling sympathetic, gives the old man his lunch of stale pooris and weak tea. Later that night, Anand finds the old man at his door. The man, who introduces himself as Abhaydatta, tells his story of a group of Healers, known as the Brotherhood, who wield magic in a place called the Silver Valley, hidden deep within the Himalayas.

He also reveals that a powerful magical item, the Conch has been stolen from the Brotherhood. The Conch Bearer one of its members, Surabhanu. This resulted in the weakening of the Brotherhood; therefore, they have sent four pairs of Healers to search for the conch.

Abhaydatta and his partner have, in *The Conch Bearer*, retrieved the conch; however, his partner died buying Abhaydatta time to escape from Surabhanu. Abhaydatta asks Anand for help in his journey back to the Silver Valley. He reveals that it is Anand's belief in magic that drew Abhaydatta and the Conch to Kolkata. Sensing Anand's hesitation, Abhaydatta heals Meera. However, Anand's mother arrives and, finding no visible effect on Meera, orders Abhaydatta out of the house, despite Anand's protests.

Abhaydatta leaves, informing them where he will be and what time he will leave, with or without Anand. The next morning, Anand is awakened by Meera's voice; she was cured during the night and is able to speak normally again.

His mother gives her consent and lets Anand go. Unfortunately, for Anand, Abhaydatta has already left. Anand meets Nisha, a girl sweeping in front of a soft drinks stall, who tells him she knows where Abhaydatta will be waiting. After Anand reluctantly agrees to let her come, she leads him to the train station.

There, they run into Surabhanu, disguised as a wealthy passenger. He manages to hold the struggling children until a mysterious candy vendor helps them escape. Outside the station, they meet a blind beggar woman who, after receiving alms from Anand, points the two children in the direction of the meeting point where Anand and Nisha finally find Abhaydatta. The Healer is initially disapproving of Nisha but eventually relents. The three start their journey towards the Silver Valley.

Along the way, Abhaydatta tells the children of the journey ahead and what to do if they *The Conch Bearer* separated *The Conch Bearer* him. He tells of the dangers they will face and the three trials they will have to pass before reaching the Silver Valley. Abhaydatta also secretly entrusts the Conch to Anand; Surabhanu would not expect the Healer to trust the Conch to a *The Conch Bearer*. Surabhanu, however, catches up to the three.

In the duel that ensues, Anand and Nisha escaped but Abhaydatta mysteriously vanishes. As they journey, Anand begins hearing the conch talk to him and respond to his thoughts. It reveals to Anand that it will allow itself to be used only after all human solutions have been exhausted. A mongoose also joins the two children, saving them from trouble a few times along the way and earning Nisha's appreciation. They finally reach the first trial of the Brotherhood: a raging river none of them can cross.

The mongoose, however, steps into the river, which stills as the animal and the two children make their way across. Upon reaching the second trial, an enchanted rocky pass, Anand is forced to decide between going on alone or staying with Nisha. A bit of ingenious thinking allows both of them to cross the pass; however, Nisha is injured badly.

Unfortunately, Surabhanu catches up to the two children in the form of a red snake. He reveals that Nisha has been under his control since their encounter at the train station. Surabhanu orders her to smash Anand's *The Conch Bearer* with a rock, but the mongoose, which had been Abhaydatta all along, fights Surabhanu.

The mongoose is defeated, which pains Nisha and causes her to betray Surabhanu. The conch finally allows Anand to use it, defeating Surabhanu in a wave of fire.

Anand arrives at *The Conch Bearer* gate to the Silver Valley. There, in the final trial, he is made to choose between glory in the Silver Valley or his friends. Giving up the conch, he chooses to remain with an injured Nisha and the mongoose *The Conch Bearer*. The Brotherhood declares that he has passed the final test, the trial within his mind, and welcomes Anand, Nisha, and Abhaydatta into *The Conch Bearer* Silver Valley.

With the Conch restored in the Valley, Abhaydatta is restored to his human form and, with some help from Anand and Nisha, his mind is also turned back from that of a mongoose into his old self. Nisha *The Conch Bearer* inducted as a novice, the first female member of the Brotherhood, which makes Anand wonder why the Brotherhood did not invite him to join.

Abhaydatta talks *The Conch Bearer* Anand and reveals that, unlike Anand, Nisha has no family. Thus, it was Anand who had to choose between the Brotherhood and his family, *The Conch Bearer* had just found Anand's father, imprisoned for a crime he did not commit. Anand chooses to stay with the Brotherhood, so the Healers make *The Conch Bearer* family forget he had ever been a part of their lives. Anand, however, is not allowed to forget them for, as a Healer, he should remember the pain and what he had given up for the Brotherhood.

Anand is then inducted not just as a novice but also as the titular Conch Bearer. It also got *The Conch Bearer* gold medal Blue Bonnet award. On August it was reported that Imtiaz Ali will be the showrunner of a series based on the novel. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. *The Conch Bearer* First edition. Children's Literature. Retrieved WaterBridge Review. Publishers Weekly. Archived from the original on June 30, Retrieved *The Conch Bearer* August Novels by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni.

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In a dingy shack in the less than desirable neighborhood that he calls home year-old Anand is entrusted with a conch shell that possesses mystical powers. His task is to return the shell to its rightful home many hundreds of miles away. Accompanying him are Nisha, a headstrong but resourceful child of the streets, and a mysterious man of indeterminate age and surprising resources named Abadhyatta.

This is fantasy of the first order; an exotic and compelling adventure story that is almost impossible to put down. It is also a significant literary achievement by a distinguished author, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni. One was to create a story for my two boys to enjoy and brag about "My mom wrote a book, and guess who the 2 heroes are named after? Characters I hope that they will come to love. When The Conch Bearer love people in books, it's a little harder to hate people like them in real life, no?

I wove in places I know and places I've only dreamed about. Folktales and myth and cautionary stories and The Conch Bearer hardship and impossibilities and things I plain made up as I The Conch Bearer along. When I write my adult books, there's a critic in my head pursing his lips and going, No, no, no. For the entire length of this The Conch Bearer, I exiled him.

It was wonderful! Maybe I'll never let him back in! Happy Reading, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni. It was dark by the time Anand got off work, and he was very angry.

Haru was supposed to let him go by 4 P. Today he had claimed that Anand had not The Conch Bearer the tables properly and made him do them all over again. Anand had scrubbed the pocked wood of the tables furiously, biting his lip to make himself stay silent. Arguing, he knew, would only earn him a slap. Now he was going to be late for the market! Today was payday, and he had promised his mother that he would stop at the vegetable bazaar.

For days now they'd had nothing to eat except potatoes and white radish boiled with rice, and he was tired of it. He had hoped to get a bunch of fresh, crisp spinach, or some sheem beans to fry up with chilies.

But by now most of the pavement vendors would be gone. If only I had the power to run my hands over the tables and make them new and shiny!

But no, if I knew how to work that kind of changing magic, I read The Conch Bearer to our two children last year then aged 8 and We all enjoyed it and they always wanted to squeeze in a couple more pages when it was time to stop.

One reviewer suggests that The Conch Bearer is merely a rehashing of Kipling - presumably comparing it to Kim. All I can say to The Conch Bearer is I suggest the reviewer try reading Kim to a few elementary school age children and see how she does!.

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The Conch Bearer how to enable JavaScript on your browser. Kids' Club Eligible. However, everything begins to change when Anand meets Abadhyatta, a mysterious man who turns out to be a member of the magical Brotherhood of Healers.

Abadhyatta recognizes something special in the boy and entrusts him with a conch shell that possesses mystical powers. Accompanying them is Nisha, a headstrong but resourceful child of the streets. What follows is a series of quests and battles against the dark and powerful forces of evil-minded Surabhanu, who was exiled from the Brotherhood years before. Though Anand experiences doubt, fear, and sadness throughout his journey, his unrelenting desire to achieve his mission is stronger than The Conch Bearer evil he is confronted with.

Anand's quest will take him The Conch Bearer from home than he has ever been and will teach him more than he has ever imagined. Then have them write an interpretation of the above quote. Why is India a perfect setting for a work of fantasy? His mother reminds him that magic only The Conch Bearer in storybooks.

Discuss what Anand learns about magic as The Conch Bearer story unfolds. How does magic help Meera at the beginning of the story? How is Anand indirectly responsible for Meera's healing? Does his mother's attitude The Conch Bearer magic change after Abhaydatta's visit? In what ways does magic help Anand on his quest? Discuss the limitations of magic and its relationship with wisdom, understanding, and courage. Which of The Conch Bearer gifts proves to be the most important to Anand on his journey?

How does Anand's feelings for his family almost keep him from going with Abhaydatta? The Conch Bearer does his mother allow him to go? Debate whether The Conch Bearer mother expects him to return. Discuss the decision to leave his family for the Brotherhood at the end of the novel. Explain how the Brotherhood of Healers becomes a family to Anand and Nisha. What draws his attention to the old The Conch Bearer How does Abhaydatta know that Anand has the desire to enter the secret domain of the world of magic?

Discuss the The Conch Bearer of the conch in leading Abhaydatta to Anand. What gives Anand the courage to go on the journey with Abhaydatta? At what point does he doubt his decision? How do his doubts feed his fear? Discuss Anand's most fearful moments. What gives him the courage to fight the evil forces and continue his journey? Discuss her role in the story. What is she searching for? How is she a sidekick to Anand? There are times when Anand is jealous of the girl. When does he experience the most jealousy?

How does he reconcile his jealousy? Why doesn't Abhaydatta want Nisha to know The Conch Bearer the conch? Debate Anand's decision to disobey Abhaydatta and tell Nisha that he is carrying the conch. What is Nisha's reaction when she sees it? How does this reveal the difference between the two children, and their individual contributions to the mission? How does Anand deal with the evil powers? Explain the conch's message: "It's a wise fool who knows his own folly."

Discuss what Abhaydatta means when The Conch Bearer tells Anand, "We cannot choose you until you have made a choice yourself. What contributes to his final decision? Why does the Brotherhood make him the Keeper of the Conch? How do these messages apply to real life?

How is the Brotherhood Nisha's only hope? What other elements of hope are in the story? Study the characteristics of each sign of the Zodiac, and The Conch Bearer which sign best characterizes Anand. Write the predictions that the astrologer might have written about Anand on The Conch Bearer day of his birth. Read several different Persian tales and select one that Anand might share with Nisha. Simplify and illustrate the story. Think about what Anand learns about power, and write a letter of The Conch Bearer to the president of the United States or any world leader.

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