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title **Neem Dreams**

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It is the best tree in the world. It is the miracle tree, it is the tree of blessings, it is the free tree.

When first published in India in 2003 *Neem Dreams* was widely acclaimed for the accuracy of observation and the pitch perfect depiction of the various characters. Set in southern India in the mid 1990s. Four strangers meet on their quests related to India's neem tree. Meenakshi runs a village-based women's project. Pandora is an eco scientist looking for a story. Jade wants natural products for a New York store. Andy hopes to find a cure for HiV/AIDS. The neem has been used since ancient times for household, medicinal and agricultural purposes and became a focus of the clash between tradition and modernisation.

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