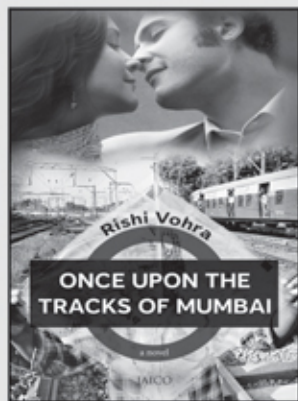


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Once Upon The Tracks Of Mumbai



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"Autistic. Schizophrenic. Psychotic..." They use these words to describe Babloo – the doctors, his family, his teachers...everyone...except Vandana. She treats him the way he wants the world to see him. Mumbai...the city that defines his ultimate desires. Will it allow him the love and 'normalcy' he so

craves? Vandana...yearns for a soul mate to rescue her from the confines of the Railway Colony they all live in. Is she looking in the right place? Rail Man...a fearless, real-life hero who succeeds in doing all that Babloo secretly wishes to do...is Babloo his inspiration or is it the other way around? A random twist of fate on Mumbai's endless, serpent-like, jangling local train tracks ties all these characters together in a complex weave of love, heartbreak, and courage. Babloo draws the reader into his fascinating, heart-rending journey through the twisted, choked lanes of Mumbai, into an open space where he can finally exhale, be born again.