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*ZOE HELLER MEETS DAMAGE...*

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***A gripping tale of a woman forced to question everything she knew and everyone she trusted.***

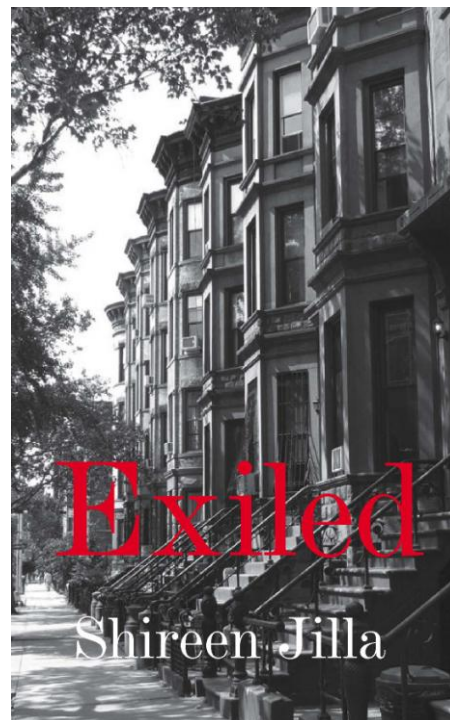
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*'How did I allow myself to get caught up in all this? Why didn't I stop it from happening? I still can't say. My only defence is you get submerged in a new culture. The experience is so intense you can't see beyond it. Strangely, after all the shocking things that happened there, I still dream of New York.'*

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**Exiled** is a dark, dysfunctional family psychodrama, played out against the backdrop of privileged society in New York City's Upper East Side. In love with her husband Jessie, an ambitious British diplomat, whose first posting brings them to New York, Anna begins the hectic, enjoyable life of a successful expat. But New York also brings her into contact with her husband's manipulative and competitive stepmother Nancy, a powerful American socialite and philanthropist. When a silly incident with her only son Josh involves the Police Department, Anna's seemingly perfect world begins to shatter. As Jessie's journey to rediscover his New York roots draws him closer to Nancy, terrible and strange things keep happening to Anna. She begins to fear that someone is out to destroy her family.

Written with vivid, sharp observation and a rare ability to describe the brittle quality of successful New Yorkers' lives, Shireen Jilla's debut novel reveals her to be a new writer of style, intelligence and page-turning suspenseful narrative fiction.



**Shireen Jilla** is a newspaper journalist, who has written regularly for the *Evening Standard* and *Sunday Times*.

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