

A Kiss in Kashmir Dinner with Author Monica Bhide at The Bombay Club

On Sunday, June 23 at 5:30 p.m., Washingtonians are invited to experience a book signing reception and dinner event celebrating internationally acclaimed author Monica Bhide's new novel, ***A Kiss in Kashmir***, with a tasting menu, paired with wines, created by Knightsbridge Restaurant Group's culinary team, Group Executive Chef Vikram Sunderam of Rasika and Nilesh Singhvi of the Bombay Club. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a 30-minute cocktail reception, followed by a family-style seated dinner at the Bombay Club, at 815 Connecticut Ave NW. The ticket price for the evening is \$160 per person, all-inclusive with a copy of the new novel, Bhide's 12th book. Bhide will be available to personalize books for guests during the evening gathering. Reservations for the *Kiss in Kashmir* evening can be made by calling the restaurant at (202) 659-3727.

About the author, Monica Bhide

Equal parts storyteller and globe-trotter, Monica Saigal (Bhide), is an award-winning author, accomplished literary coach, and educator who transcends countless borders—chronological, geographical, religious, and economical—to inspire her readers. Born in New Delhi, raised in the Middle East, and now residing outside Washington, D.C., she currently serves as a corporate storyteller for one of the world's leading professional services companies. Her prolific portfolio, enriched by the many places she calls home, channels a distinctly cosmopolitan worldview.

Monica writes in a variety of genres and has written best-selling short story collections and heartwarming love stories, as well as acclaimed memoirs and cookbooks—Eat Your Books chose Monica's memoir, ***A Life of Spice*** as one of the top five food memoirs of 2015 and Top Chef's Padma Lakshmi picked Monica's ***Modern Spice*** as one of the "Best Books Ever" for Newsweek in 2009. Her much-anticipated novel, ***A Kiss in Kashmir*** was released in February 2024 and is available in bookstores.

About the novel, *A Kiss in Kashmir*

Sharmila, a painter entering the autumn of her life, had gently set aside hopes of love after a heart-wrenching loss. In Kashmir to orchestrate her daughter Alina's wedding, Sharmila never anticipated that the universe was crafting a different plan—one of second chances and unexpected love.

She crosses paths with George, a professor of Indian art history and a kindred spirit bearing the weight of lost love. Together, they explore Kashmir's lush valleys, snow-draped mountains, clear lakes, and ancient shrines. A fragile romance quietly blossoms, gently guiding their hearts toward a future neither dared to dream of.

Is it possible for a single glance to kindle a connection, or for one to find a soulmate twice?

Yet, as their burgeoning love blooms, a startling revelation threatens to cut their story short.

With the breathtaking beauty of Kashmir as its canvas, ***A Kiss in Kashmir*** is a touching story of love, loss, and second chances.