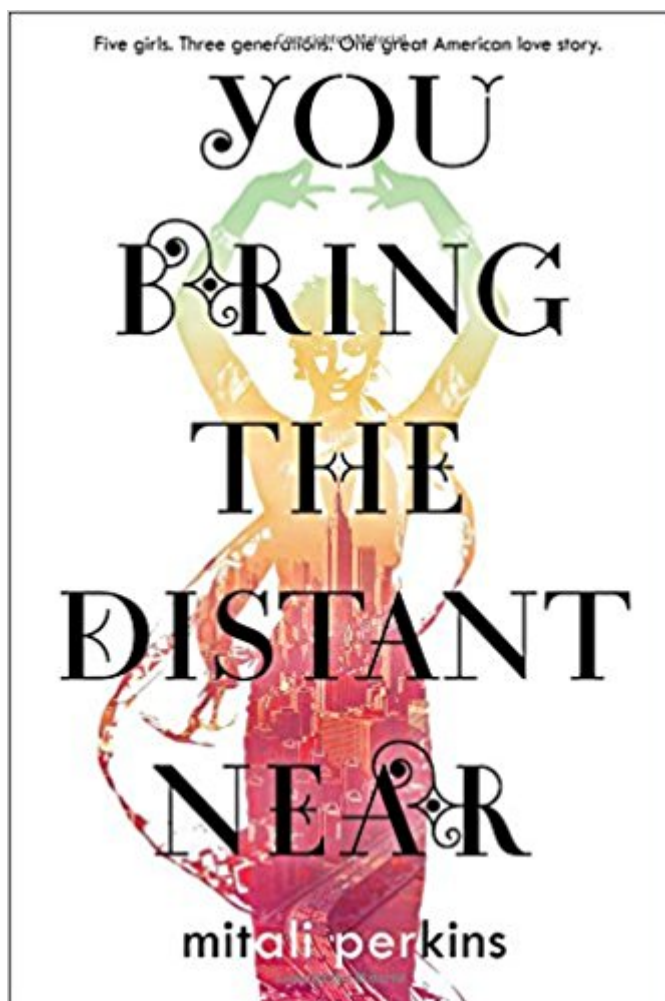


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TARA's family has just immigrated to New York from India via London. Her beauty draws everyone's eyes, but she doesn't let anyone truly see her. Her younger sister, SONIA, is falling in love with a boy her mother can't accept, cutting a deep wound in the Das family. The daughter of a Bollywood star, ANNA is both brilliant and shy, like the Bengali tigers she fights to protect. SHANTI is as fierce a dancer as she is a friend, student, and athlete. But will her wealthy new boyfriend be able to thrive in her shadow? And RANEE, the center that binds them all together, is beginning to unravel. As each Das woman decides which Bengali traditions to uphold in America and which to leave behind, one hard truth remains: some scars take generations to heal. With sparkling humor and incisive feeling, Mitali Perkins spins a timeless tale of the American dream that spans three generations, four continents, and five love affairs.

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