

City of angels



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Jyothe Menon, or Jyo as she is popularly called, is an engineer who turned to Human Relations because of her passion for people. She is currently the Senior Vice President and Head, HR Shared Services, at SCOPE International, a wholly owned subsidiary of Standard Chartered Bank. Her latest book *The Angel of God* offers a professional insight into the organisational matrix of the so-called criminals.

Despite the protagonist Moosa being a criminal, the book does not glorify the criminal world. It is about the psychological profile of a human side that all of us possess regardless of our professions. "It's all about transformation of a human being. What I try to bring out is the fact that each of us has a Jekyll and Hyde in us. *Angel of God* is about the angelic nature in each of us," says Jyothe.

In Moosa's character, there is a ruthlessness that only crime and life on the street can hone to such sharp fineness. But the other side of him is that of a very humane man, who believes in the right of the human being to excel beyond any pre-conceived notion of stature, education and parentage. "Though Moosa comes from a criminal background, I am not trying to glorify crime. He along with the other characters helps transform other lives - the more humane aspect is what comes out. The canvas helps me paint a picture on print so to say." It also helps her move between places that she has experienced in her youth — Kerala, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Madras and Bombay.

The author is already on to her next interesting project. A leadership book with a twist. "I realised that all the leadership books in the stores cater to the English speaking audience. I am working on the vernacular version and have completed the Tamil and Malayalam versions." She reveals that she is also working on a manuscript for a children's story. "It is about an intelligent goldfish," she quips.