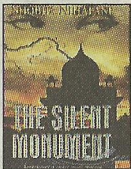




A MONUMENTAL ATTEMPT

Dan Brown has made it tough for authors to delve into the realm of historical thrillers. It won't surprise us if Shobha Nihalani is also 'victimised' by the comparison. Leaving that aside, the discovery of an ancient scroll inside the Taj by a journalist sounds twice as good as the book itself. No doubt it's written well and the story is arresting, but a deluge of characters and a rather hurried ending leave us a tad disappointed. But what we do appreciate is a fresh and brave attempt in the genre.



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