## Rick Riordan Presents: Aru Shah and the End of Time-A Pandava Novel, Book 1 (Pandava Series)

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"Fans of Rick Riordan will find much to love in this first book published under the Rick Riordan Presents imprint. Hindu mythology comes to life in modern times as a lonely 12-year-old girl accidentally unleashes a fearsome demon. Bravery, friendship, and adventure, await." - Seira Wilson, Amazon Editor.

Best-selling author Rick Riordan introduces this adventure by Roshani Chokshi about twelve-year-old Aru Shah, who has a tendency to stretch the truth in order to fit in at school. While her classmates are jetting off to family vacations in exotic locales, she'll be spending her autumn break at home, in the Museum of Ancient Indian Art and Culture, waiting for her mom to return from her latest archeological trip. Is it any wonder that Aru makes up stories about being royalty, traveling to Paris, and having a chauffeur? One day, three schoolmates show up at Aru's doorstep to catch her in a lie. They don't believe her claim that the museum's Lamp of Bharata is cursed, and they dare Aru to prove it. Just a quick light, Aru thinks. Then she can get herself out of this mess and never ever fib again. But lighting the lamp has dire consequences. She unwittingly frees the Sleeper, an ancient demon whose duty it is to awaken the God of Destruction. Her classmates and beloved mother are frozen in time, and it's up to Aru to save them. The only way to stop the demon is to find the reincarnations of the five legendary Pandava brothers, protagonists of the Hindu epic poem, the Mahabharata, and journey through the Kingdom of Death. But how is one girl in Spider-Man pajamas supposed to do all that?

Roshani Chokshi (www.roshanichokshi.com) is the author of the instant New York Times bestselling novel, The Star-Touched Queen, and its companion, A Crown of Wishes. She studied fairy tales in college, and she has a pet luck dragon that looks suspiciously like a Great Pyrenees dog. Aru Shah and the End of Time, her middle grade debut, was inspired by the stories her grandmother told her as well as Roshani's all-consuming love for Sailor Moon. She lives in Georgia and says "y'all," but she doesn't really have a Southern accent. Her Twitter handle is (a)roshani\_chokshi.Gr 3-6-Seventh grader Aru should never have lit the ancient lamp. When she put the lighter to the wick, the world froze and she released the awful Sleeper. Aru is suddenly launched into the world of the gods and surrounded by mythical characters come to life. Aru discovers she is a Pandava, born with the soul of one of the five brothers featured in the Mahabharata. She also has a soul sister. Mini. to assist her in this quest-highly unusual for a Pandava. Aru and Mini must enter the Kingdom of Death to find out the secret that will destroy the Sleeper. Rick Riordan writes the introduction to this book that has a similar tone and pacing to his popular "Percy Jackson" series, but Chokshi brings her own sensibility and style. Using Hindu mythology as the foundation, Chokshi has created an exciting adventure around a coming-of-age tale. A glossary provides readers with a basic introduction to the various traditional stories that Chokshi drew from. Just as "Percy Jackson" led tweens to a deeper exploration and appreciation of classic Greek mythology, Chokshi's tale will likely inspire a similar demand for traditional Indian mythology. VERDICT An enthralling start to a series that Riordan fans and anyone in the mood for a high-octane adventure will love.-Clare A. Dombrowski, Amesbury Public Library, MA

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bosan (ketakutan juga, sebenarnya). Dia harus menyelamatkan Oracle ketiga yang disekap dalam kepungan Labirin Api yang membara dengan bantuan Grover, satir kesayangan Percy Jackson, serta Meg, majikan Apollo kini. Ya, tentu saja ada banyak rintangan. Dan tidak ada yang lebih membuat Apollo gemetar daripada menghadapi si Kuda milik kaisar terkejam dalam sejarah. Kuda gagah yang bisa bicara, luar biasa pintar, dan sama liciknya dengan sang Tuan. Ini pertarungan untuk memperebutkan tampuk kekuasaan di antara tiga dewata: sang Titan mantan Dewa Matahari; Apollo, Dewa Matahari yang untuk sementara dikutuk jadi manusia; dan kaisar gila yang berambisi ingin menjadi Dewa Matahari Baru. Apollo babak belur, tetapi Zeus tetap tidak berbelas kasihan, jadi Apollo terus saja melempar panah, coba-coba bernyanyi untuk meminta pertolongan, dan berharap mereka diselamatkan seorang pahlawan. Dan berani-beraninya si Oracle memberinya teka-teki padahal ini masalah hidup dan mati! Benar-benar tidak berperikedewaan! [Mizan, Noura Books, Nourabooks, Novel, Fiksi, Fantasi, Terjemahan, Indonesia]

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