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For some, he was a four-legged animal while for others; he was a dog without a tail. For most people, he was a man who walked with the help of crutches. But for himself, he was a “Crutchman” whose extraordinary power was his “will power”. Welcome to the world of Akash – who, in spite of his disability, strives hard with the help of his two friends, Darsh and Nakul to create his own destiny.

Darsh had fallen for a girl whom he had met on a blind date while Nakul’s eyes were set on a married woman. Although each one of them had their own issues to deal with, their viewpoint towards one thing was common: and that was finding a JOB – which they believed stood for ‘Joker of Boss’.

Will their crazy business ideas help them conquer the world? Or will they succumb to the pressure of betrayal, corruption and hardship that comes their way while chasing their dreams?

## **Crutchman Details**

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# From Reader Review Crutchman for online ebook

## Aarti Rai says

My viewpoint towards disability has changed after reading "Crutchman". A must read for all!!

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## P A Sivachander says

we know the never ending lists of superheroes like spiderman superman etc etc. and now comes the not so charming Crutchman. I was totally disappointed with this book. BTW I got this book via goodreads giveaway. the book started on a very promising note kindling my interest towards it. at one point I even thought it was a brilliant one for a new comer. but my joy was very much short lived. the prime reason that this book didn't satisfy me is due to the fact that throughout the book I could see the chetan bhagatish style of writing. wat should have been a entrepreneurial effort turns out to be pure commercial entertainer. the only reason I give 3 stars to this book is due to the fact that it had some good ideas in it though proposed in a not a Good way. I would like to see ashok pal to change the way of writing in order to make the books stand in our minds for a long more time.

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## Shrilaxmi says

Although this story was inspirational, it wasn't very hooking. It is about a guy who uses crutches but manages to make his life great. Some parts of the story were interesting like the part where he opens a drugstore. It is also told in three different perspectives so it was fun to read that. What I didn't like is that all of the women in this book were shown to be gold diggers and all the men although they weren't so good were portrayed as great people. That kind of pissed me off. This book is readable but it doesn't leave an impact.

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## Bookish Indulgences with b00k r3vi3ws says

<http://www.b00kr3vi3ws.in/2015/06/Cru...>

Okay, so the title of the book can be intriguing. I mean, we all know and love Batman / Superman / Ironman... So thinking in those lines, Crutchman can be both funny and intriguing. But the cover of the book is too simplistic and does not really create an interest in the book.

Crutchman is the story of Akash, who has had a not so good hand dealt to him by life. His disability is the source of either eliciting pity from a certain section, disdain from some and has even lead to some bullying. But Akash is not a weak person – he is determined to overcome the disability and to make something of himself and make people take notice of the real him. He has Darsh and Nakul, his two friends, at his corner and together they are ready to take on the world.

The story is really something. We are so used to having larger than life heroes and even boys-next door as a

leading character, that this book is a breath of fresh air. Akash is a dark horse who manages to not only take on all challenges thrown at him but also make a space for himself in the readers' hearts. Darsh and Nakul add to the story as they each bring in their lives for us to see. The drama and the romance in the book keep the story going. To add to it we see our society through the eyes of our protagonist – the bias and corruption feels so real. The narration lagged a bit at places. Other than that this is a story of friendship, love and of hope. The message of hope and power of dreams resonates throughout the book.

An interesting debut that promises that with a little more work, the author can really shine.

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### **Ankit Saxena says**

I got this book in Giveaway.

This is a good book as debut. The content is good enough to read and enjoy. Ashok has given his imagination a good go ahead. Crutchman, nice thought to explain the ability and capability of a disabled man. One must not lose his will power to achieve whatever he is defined to be his destiny. One should go to give it one go. Its really a very good novel.

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### **Richa says**

beautifully written

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### **Debattam says**

have been notified that i won the book in a giveaway.. :) can't wait to read,rate and review. :)

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### **Biswanath Banerjee says**

At every step- life is a new struggle for him.

Everybody looks at him with an eye for mercy. When the normal surrounding of normal people saw him- there were whispers all around.

‘Oh, so he is not like one of us’.

‘Oh, this guy will fail in the struggle for existence,’

‘Oh, this guy will never be able to lead the normal life’

Leave aside the outside world-because they are only to criticise you-only to find your fault. But how does it feel when the wound comes deep within from your heart. When somebody, whom you have long been considered an inseparable part of your life-tells you someday that you are no longer the guy she is looking for.

All is for a cause over which you do not have any control.

All is for a cause which is nothing but a cruel joke of the creator.

‘Crutheman’ by Ashok Pal is a story of that man- the man who always saw mercy and pity at the eyes of the

strangers! To the world he is unfit for the rat race of struggle for existence.

Because he is physically challenged!

It was all smooth sailing for little Akash- caring parents, conducive environment- all prescription were there for a successful would be man. But is not that 'man proposes, god disposes' thing often comes true-so it was the case with our little protagonist. He had a high fever on 15th August-and

Full review at

<https://jayasreesown.wordpress.com/20...>

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## **Divakar says**

I have a disclaimer to make. The author seeing my Amazon Book Reviewer Ranking of Top 100 reached out to me and sent me a complimentary copy to review.

Ashok Pal has an unusual background. God wasn't kind and he was struck with Polio at a young age.

He was born into a not so well heeled family and possibly if the parents had the means and money and ensured immediate quality medical care, life would have been better off. Then started the life on crutches...and hence the title: CRUTCHMAN. Normally these end up as sad stories of lower middle class India and the insensitivity of the world that did not provide them a chance or a leg up to rewrite a normal script in life.

Our young friend doesn't let his handicap come in his way. He repurposes his life to a normal life and completes his undergraduate degree in Pharmacy and an MBA from Sydenham and rebuilds his life. He is now happily married and with a steady job in Corporate India.

It is will-power at its best and a story of how you overcome fate and conquer and change the destiny that God has written for you and thru hard work and a never say die spirit... More power to such individuals.

The book which is semi-autobiographical is possibly a dramatized version of his real life story. Of how out of all the powers that God bestows on us – will-power is the strongest and how it will help us overcome all the games that destiny plays on us.

If you read it like a book on how to build your life in spite of all the adversities that one faces – you will like the person and his book.

Bottom line being don't mope on the wrong cards that life dealt you – fight it out and come on top of the situation. Inspiring stuff

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## **Abhilash Ruhela says**

I am done reading "Crutchman", a novel of 209-pages in two sittings. It's written by the debutante- Ashok Pal, who got struck with polio and couldn't fulfill his dream of becoming a cricketer like Sachin Tendulkar. But still he is dreaming of winning gold medal at the Paralympic games for India. The author should be appreciated for setting an example by writing this book for all those who stop living their lives considering themselves disabled. The title of the book is quite attractive which will make readers to at least go through the synopsis. The man walking with crutches on the cover page also speaks a lot on what the book is based upon.

It becomes obvious as to what the book would be consisting of but I'm glad that Ashok Pal have treated the whole story differently rather than continuously speaking about the protagonist who is disabled. Even when he have used it as basic in some chapters, it is dealt with so properly that you will appreciate the author for not gaining any kind of sympathy for his protagonist. He is not trying to make you cry but making you treat this character just like other two friend of his who are physically capable and strong.

Ashok Pal's writing style is simple and it seems to be an inspiration taken from Chetan Bhagat's Five Point Someone. You will find the same kind of easy language, boys trying to impress girls, the chemistry between three friends and a story that is also trying to speak about the flaws in our system. The characterization of all the three friends are finely done. The chapters in which each of them speak themselves in first person makes it easy for readers to process with the story without getting bored. The best part of the book is that the story is kept short rather than dragging it to the core even when it consisted many sub-plots.

Coming to the drawbacks, you wish if love angles could have been written much better. It seemed as if author inserted them just for the sake of adding little spice in the book disinterestedly because of someone's insistence. Also, I felt that the book was unable to make me smile, cry, jump with its character. The language used is too simple except in few initial chapters when the characters are off to start a business. That very first scene when they earn money at Marine Drive does magic which you miss in rest of the book except in one more scene when they start making profit as brokers. Except these two scenes, other scenes were just plainly written. Except this, author have passed in letting his message reach people. I give this book 3 stars out of 5.

Thanks.

ABHILASH RUHELA - VEERU!!!

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### **Kalyan Panja says**

A thriller without downtime, without breaks that runs from cover to cover taking the reader on the ropes. The main characters are terrible, totally devoid of scruples and feelings and in short, credible characters. The others are not far behind. There's the full range of shadows with catchy rhythm and tension in the narrative that make this novel a reading definitely recommended.

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### **Sahil says**

I won this book in a giveaway.

The overall plot of the book is fairly good. However, the narration could have been much better given the storyline. Inspiring and practical, the author has done a good job in putting forward his story. I still feel that some subplots of the story were gross examples of crass writing, which could have been avoided.

A good quick read overall!

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