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BOOK REVIEWS

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Review of Dr. Subhash Chandra's Short Story Collection, *Beyond the Canopy of Icicles*

ABU SIDDIK

(Beyond the Canopy of Icicles [A Collection of Short Stories], Dr. Subhash Chandra, New Delhi: Authorspress, 2018, ISBN 978-93-87281-01-1, Pp. 149, Rs. 295, US \$15)

Dr. Subhas Chandra, a former Associate Professor of English, University of Delhi, is an acclaimed Indian storyteller. He has earned accolades for his short stories, one of which was declared a winning entry in a contest. Recently, he has been designated 'Literary Brigadier,' by STORY MIRROR, a large Online Portal with global reach. He has been awarded Nissim International Prize for Fiction, 2019 by 'The Significant League, a Literary Forum, comprising writers and poets. He has published two collections of short stories, *Not Just Another Story* in 2017 and *Beyond the Canopy of Icicles* in 2018.'

The present collection, published by Authorspress, New Delhi contains thirteen stories of myriad hues and tastes. It encapsulates diverse issues of contemporary city life – loneliness of the elderly and their betrayal by their sons, clash between belief and disbelief, modern day parenting and the corporate work pressure, mounting problems in nuclear family, tragedy of storytellers or writers, man-animal