



SECRET
A novel
DAUGHTER

shilpi somaya gowda

Moving between two worlds and two families in California and India, Gowda poignantly explores issues of culture, belonging, and the role of women in her powerful debut novel.



SACHI, The Society for Art & Cultural Heritage of India
and The Center for South Asia at Stanford University
invite you to the launch of Shilpi Gowda's new novel,
Secret Daughter.

Please join us for a reading, book discussion, and signing with the author.

Thursday, March 18, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Bldg. 200, Room 303, Stanford University
(History corner at Serra Street & Lomita Mall)

Gowda has masterfully portrayed two families . . . linked by a powerful,
painful tie that complicates their lives. . . . A thought-provoking
examination of the challenges of being a woman in America and
in India—and in the psychological spaces in between."

—Chitra Divakaruni, author of *Palace of Illusions*

About the Author:

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