

## Professor's short story collection named Book of the Week

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Fiction Writers Review has named "Quarantine," Alfred University Visiting Lecturer Rahul Mehta's debut short story collection, Book of the Week. "Quarantine" (Harper Perennial, 2011) is a collection of fictional stories featuring gay Indian-American men and their struggles to maintain cultural traditions and relationships with their families. Portions of "Quarantine" have been published in New Stories from the South 2009: The Year's Best, The Kenyon Review, The Sun magazine, and other literary journals. "In his debut publication, Rahul Mehta confounds reader preconceptions," said Fiction Writers Review contributor V. Jo Hsu in her review. "Ultimately, 'Quarantine' becomes less a meditation on sexuality and race and more an investigation of human connections." Mehta's essays have appeared recently in The New York Times, the International Herald Tribune, Marie Claire (magazine) India, and elsewhere. Mehta holds a master of fine arts degree in fiction writing from Syracuse University, where he was the Cornelia Carhart Ward Fellow, and a bachelor of arts degree in public policy analysis from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. His work has appeared in several literary journals such as Noon, Fourteen Hills and the Kenyon Review. Mehta was recently named one of Out Magazine's Out 100 honorees for 2011. He is currently in the process of finishing his first novel. Fiction Writers Review is an online community of writers who review, recommend and discuss works of fiction from a variety of genres, with a particular focus on emerging authors. For more information about Fiction Writers Review or Mehta's "Quarantine," visit <http://fictionwritersrevi...>.