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In her words

Author Suraksha Giri talks about the purpose behind writing

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Prior to her book reading, Suraksha Giri is cool as a cucumber. She is chilling with her cousins and friends and takes time out to speak about her journey into writing books. The writer was reading from her book, *It Happened Like This*.

Born and brought up in Visakhapatnam, Suraksha Giri didn't think she was destined to be a writer. But written words appealed to her and so did writings with elaborate description of places, seasons and everything nice that made living beautiful.

A management graduate, Suraksha worked in the hos-

pitality industry after working with Allwyn in Hyderabad.

Now, with two books to her credit, Suraksha says, "I write not to boast of my language or my writing skills. I write because I want my thoughts to be put in words. Craft-wise, I would judge myself as an amateur, but my thoughts and expression are not."

About the process of writing, she says, "As a human being, I am very sensitive to things I see around me and I use that many words and emotions to convey it. I am old-fashioned and still love writing with the fountain pen. On a computer, words are lifeless. What prompted

me to take to writing is the love for words and the things I see around me. My book comes under the 'fiction' category, but as a writer, I know, no character is fictional. They will bear resemblance to someone we met or came across." The lady who chose to retire from her corporate life to pursue her love for writing says she took quite a while to get used to 'keying' in her words rather than writing it. "Honestly, it is the literature fests that kept the writer in me alive. Earlier and even now, I loved writing long letters to friends and colleagues. I wanted to be a part of the Lit fest to see how I can learn the craft of writing from



authors, learn from the discussions and feel empowered with that knowledge," says Suraksha. The writer says she

plans to keep writing as long as she is able to, so there will be many more books from her in future.