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**“1971 IN FICTION, FILM
AND FANTASY”:
TAHMIMA ANAM
READING FROM HER NOVEL
A GOLDEN AGE**

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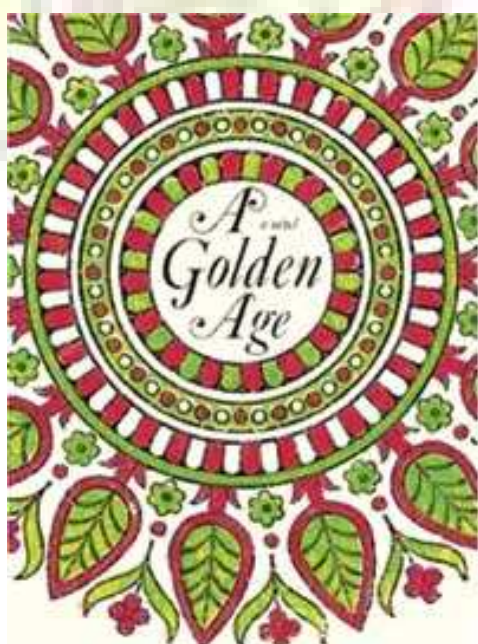
About the Author

Tahmima Anam was born in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 1975. She attended Mount Holyoke College and Harvard University, where she earned a PhD in Social Anthropology in 2005. Although she was raised in Paris, New York City, and Bangkok, she maintains close ties with Bangladesh, and her father, Mahfuz Anam, edits the country's largest circulating English daily newspaper, The Daily Star. Tahmima's writing has been published in Granta Magazine and The New Statesman. She lives in London.

About the Book

As Rehana Haque awakes one March morning, she may be forgiven for feeling happy. Today she will throw a party for her son and daughter. In the garden of the house she has built, her roses are blooming; her children are almost grown up; and beyond their doorstep, the city is buzzing with excitement after recent elections. Change is in the air. But none of the guests at Rehana's party can foresee what will happen in the days and months that follow. For this is East Pakistan in 1971, a country on the brink of war. And this family's life is about to change for ever.

Set against the backdrop of the Bangladesh War of Independence, *A Golden Age* is a story of passion and revolution, of hope, faith, and unexpected heroism. In the chaos of this era, everyone--from student leaders protesters to the country's leaders, from rickshaw-wallahs to the army's soldiers--must make choices. And as she struggles to keep her family safe, Rehana will find herself faced with a heartbreaking dilemma.



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