



## Teatime for the Firefly

By Shona Patel

Harlequin MIRA. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 432 pages. Dimensions: 8.0in. x 5.3in. x 1.3in. Layla Roy has defied the fates. Despite being born under an inauspicious horoscope, she is raised to be educated and independent by her eccentric grandfather, Dadamoshai. And, by cleverly manipulating the hand fortune has dealt her, she has even found love with Manik Deba man betrothed to another. All were minor miracles in India that spring of 1943, when young womens lives were predetermined if not by the stars, then by centuries of family tradition and social order. Laylas life as a newly married woman takes her away from home and into the jungles of Assam, where the worlds finest tea thrives on plantations run by native labor and British efficiency. Fascinated by this culture of whiskey-soaked expats who seem fazed by neither earthquakes nor man-eating leopards, she struggles to find her place among the prickly English wives with whom she is expected to socialize, and the peculiar servants she now finds under her charge. But navigating the tea-garden set will hardly be her biggest challenge. Laylas remote home is not safe from the powerful changes sweeping India on the heels of the Second World War. Their...



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