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Starred review. ...Cherian's straightforward storytelling is riveting and rarely goes amiss... and the climax is fervent. (Publishers Weekly)

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