Anita and Me

By Meera Syal

HarperCollins Publishers. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Anita and Me, Meera Syal, The debut novel from the award-winning screenwriter of Bhaji on the Beach. The story of nine-year-old Meena, growing up in the only Punjabi family in the Black Country mining village of Tollington. It's 1972. Meena is nine years old and lives in the village of Tollington, 'the jewel of the Black Country'. She is the daughter of Indian parents who have come to England to give her a better life. As one of the few Punjabi inhabitants of her village, her daily struggle for independence is different from most. She wants fishfingers and chips, not chapati and dhal; she wants an English Christmas, not the usual interminable Punjabi festivities - but more than anything, she wants to roam the backyards of working-class Tollington with feisty Anita Rutter and her gang. Blonde, cool, aloof, outrageous and sassy, Anita is everything Meena thinks she wants to be. Meena wheedles her way into Anita's life, but the arrival of a baby brother, teenage hormones, impending entrance exams for the posh grammar school and a motorcycling rebel without a future, threaten to turn Anita's salad days sour. Anita and Me paints...

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Anita is 14, blonde and beautiful - exactly what Meena thinks she wants to be. She becomes part of Anita's world, but events do not run smoothly. Meena's growing up - and that brings plenty of changes. Written by Phil Reynolds. Plot Summary | Add Synopsis. Anita and Me is Meera Syal's debut novel, and was first published in 1996. It is a semi-autobiographical novel, based on Syal's childhood in the mining village of Essington, Staffordshire, which won the Betty Trask Award. The story revolves around Meena, a British Punjabi girl (the "me" of the title), and her relationship with her best friend, English neighbour Anita, as they grow up in the fictional Midlands village of Tollington in the late 1960s. Anita and Me is about that time in people's lives when there is a pull between reality and expectation; hopes and dreams. This guide looks at how the filmmakers have explored this very difficult and important time set against the equally difficult background of racial prejudice. ✽. Anita & Me and Me. Main content. This programme is not currently available on BBC iPlayer. Anita and Me. In 1972, 12-year-old British Asian girl Meena is on the verge of her teenage years, when Anita, her blonde and glamorous 14-year-old neighbour, becomes her friend. 1 hour, 28 minutes. Last on. A season of programmes across the BBC exploring what it means to be British and Asian. Explore the season. Related Content. Anita and Me is a 2002 British comedy-drama film directed by Metin Hüseyin and starring Chandeep Uppal, Kabir Bedi, and Anna Brewster. It is based on the book of the same name by Meera Syal. It was released during a period of popularity for British Asian films, alongside such as East Is East and Bend It Like Beckham. Meena Kumar, a 12-year-old Hindu girl, lives with her family in the predominantly white, working-class, fictional mining village of Tollington in the Black Country in 1972. Meena meets