

## REPL boss currently hooked to Dalrymple's 'The Anarchy'; calls 'Brihadaranyaka Upanishad' a guiding light

By [Maleeva Rebello](#), ET Bureau | Last Updated: Feb 24, 2020, 05:35 PM IST

*Pradeep Misra says that his hobby of reading has helped him become wiser over the years.*



Pradeep Misra, the Chairman and MD of [Rudrabhishek Enterprises Limited \(REPL\)](#), loves to read books to relax. The real estate firm boss is currently reading 'The Anarchy' by [William Dalrymple](#), and he says it has helped him understand modern times.

Talking about the book, he told ET Panache, "This is by best historian of our time. This book explains how monopoly and capitalism work together, and dangerous it is when they work together."

Misra also has 'Siddhartha' by [Hermann Hesse](#) on his must-read list.

"It is a story about self-discovery by a man during Gautam Buddha's time. Very simple in words, but we become wiser every time we read it," he explains.

Another book on his list is 'Discovery of India' by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, a book that Misra says explains how India became India.

Harper Lee's 'To Kill a Mockingbird' also features on this boss's list.

Misra says he prefers to read physical books as he likes the 'feel' and 'smell' of printed paper.

When he has to look for inspirational quotes, the MD of REPL looks to the 'Brihadaranyaka Upanishad'. "It has worked for me like a guiding light," he concludes.

