

MOVIE REVIEW

Ganapath Part-1

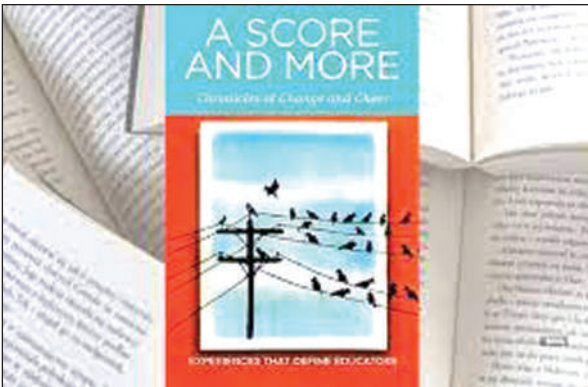


Director: Vikas Bahl
Cast: Amitabh Bachchan, Tiger Shroff, Kriti Sanon
STORY: In a dystopian future, the disparity between rich and poor can only be eliminated by the chosen one aka ‘Ganapath’, the ultimate warrior (Yoddha), who must lead the resistance against an oppressive regime headed by an undiscovered villain, Dalini.
REVIEW: The film’s excessive need to offer filmy entertainment through a grave social conflict harms the execution and the story’s immense potential. Unnecessary songs, romance, and humour feel like an interruption to an otherwise grim plot. Shoddy graphics stick out like a sore thumb. They do little to elevate the film’s scale or bring the director’s vision to life. Those familiar with trailblazing films like Mad Max: Fury Road, Dune and Neill Blomkamp’s District 9 and Elysium, can tell how relevant and immersive Ganapath could have been with the right execution. There are few decent performances but even those don’t salvage the lack of consistency in the treatment and mood.
Tiger Shroff needs to work harder on his dialogue delivery and needs emotional investment in the roles he portrays. The writing resorts to a Mumbaiyya twang but lacks punch. Lines like “Duniya hascenon ka mela, Aapun bohoh khela”, “Jab aapun darta hai toh bohoh maarta hai” and ‘Apun ko itni padi hai ke apan aise jeetay hai jaise apanko koi padi nahi hai’ make no impression. The fight sequences are finely choreographed, and, in this area, Tiger excels.

In-depth Analysis			
Our overall critic's rating is not an average of the sub scores below.			
Direction	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	3/5
Dialogues	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	3/5
Story	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	3/5
Music	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	3/5
Visual appeal	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	3/5

BOOK REVIEW

A Score and More



Title: 'A Score and More'
Author: Dr. Ruchi Seth and Sutapa Basu
Genre: Short stories
Publisher: Readomania
Pages: 182
Price: Rs 295
Review: Short stories make life captivating and enticing. With the fast-paced life of the city and more than we can handle schedules, short stories allow us to take a deep, refreshing breath of bite-sized relatable connection.
Reading 'A Score and More', stories written by educators who are the first role models in a child’s life, I glimpsed into the capacity of individuals who model the perception of future global citizens. Educators bear the weighty responsibility of being teachers and torch-bearers of change. They are individuals in their own right, assaying the roles of a parent, a friend and the keepers of our mental well-being with finesse.
From the vantage point of having spent more than a decade as an educator, I could feel the imprint of the authors vividly. I felt like I was watching the stories play out in technicolour as I went through the gamut of emotions. Youthful and built around pertinent issues from relationships with parents to resentments, earnest moments and nebulous changes that are revealing of the times we live in.
The superpower of these authors is the ability to condense reality with subtlety and composure. They brought about the onslaught of nostalgia for the charged yet evocative moments of my youth. How fragile we are and how feelings of regret, shame and guilt spare no one.
The stories are brimming with insight and deep feelings that are handled with grace and maturity, not once giving in to gimmicky overlays to create chaos to make the resolution seem contrived. It’s a book for the community that needs to be spoken about and discussed.

GADGET REVIEW

Samsung Galaxy Z Flip 5



Expected Price	Rs 94,999.
Display (Primary)	6.70-inch
Processor	Snapdragon 8 Gen 2
Front Camera	10MP
Rear Camera	12MP + 12MP + 10MP
Rear autofocus	Yes
Rear flash	Yes
RAM	8GB
Storage	256GB, 512GB
Battery Capacity	3700mAh
OS	Android 13
Wi-Fi	Yes
GPS	Yes
Bluetooth	Yes, v 5.30
NFC	Yes
USB Type-C	Yes
Fingerprint sensor	Yes
Magnetometer	Yes
Proximity sensor	Yes
Colours	Cream, Gray, Blue, Green, Yellow, Graphite, Lavender, Mint

Pros

- * Vibrant displays, folding display is durable.
- * Compact design when folded.
- * Fast wireless charging for a foldable.
- * Good quality primary camera.

Cons

- * Cover screen functionality is limited.
- * Battery barely lasts a day.

VEHICLE REVIEW

Citroen C3 Aircross



Starting Price	Rs. 9.99 - 12.54 Lakh*
ARAI Mileage	18.5 kmpl
Fuel Type	Petrol
Engine Displacement	1199 cc
No. of cylinder	3
Max Power	108.62bhp@5500rpm
Max Torque	190Nm@1750rpm
Seating Capacity	7
Transmission Type	Manual
Boot Space	444 L
Fuel Tank Capacity	45 L
Body Type	SUV
Ground Clearance	200 mm
Front Suspension	Macpherson Strut with Coil Spring
Rear Suspension	Rear Twist Beam with Coil Spring
Steering Type	Electric
Steering Column	Tilt
Front Brake Type	Ventilated Disc
Rear Brake Type	Drum
Parking Sensors	Rear
USB Charger	Front & Rear

Pros

- * Spacious 5-seater variant with class leading boot space.
- * Looks tough -- more SUV than crossover.
- * Turbo-petrol engine offers good drivability.

Cons

- * No modern elements in design with halogen headlights and tail lamps.

Health and Lifestyle

Life skills you must teach your child before he/ she turns 13

Children today have so many things to learn that sometimes they miss out on some basic life skills. Experts share that most 5 to 7-year-old know how to use a smartphone but don't know how to tie their shoe laces or read maps. This happens because many parents end up doing most of their child's work in order to provide them with all the comfort. But there are some extremely important things that your child must know how to do in order to be self dependent.
Wash their hair
Many parents don't allow their girls to wash their hair on their own. While it may be suiting you and your child so far but make sure that your daughter is independent by the time she enters her teen. This will help her set boundaries and define healthy body rules.
In fact, not only hair, your child should know how to take care of themselves and follow healthy hygiene habits like brushing teeth twice a day, washing hands after using the toilet, keep their privates clean and more.
Do the laundry
We don't mean that your child should know how to hand wash clothes but you should teach your child how to put clothes in a washing machine, add the right scoop of detergent, choose the washing medium and start the cycle. In fact, you should encourage them to do it every week.
Writing a letter (and diary writing)
Writing letters or simply journaling your thoughts in a private diary is extremely important and healthy for kids. This helps them process their emotions and helps them stay connected to people. This also teaches them the art of patience - where spoken word is not everything.
Tying the shoe lace
A lot of parents overlook this simple life skill because they feel it can be taught later but the reason your child should know it before hitting the teen is because experts believe that the entire process helps them learn how to follow directions, sort and plan.
Fix a breakfast and eat without distraction
If your soon-to-be teen still waits at the dining table for you to serve them breakfast and throws a tantrum whenever they feel hungry, it is time for you to teach them how to fix a quick breakfast.
By the age of 13, your child should know the value of food and healthy meals. Teach them some quick recipes and basic food skills so they can survive in any situation.
Reading maps and directions
Your child should be able to read maps and navigate from one point to another. Allow them to tell you directions from their school to home, or from their grandparents house to their own or even to a nearby market.
They should also be familiar with all directions - North, South, East and West and know very well about the traffic and road instructions. Make sure they follow road rules wherever they go, without you having to discipline them.
Battling the exam pressure
From last-minute revisions to getting the best pens for writing smoothly, ensuring an A on the report card is not an easy task. However, when it comes to the final showdown, a lot of students are not able to write their answers as well as they had prepared for the exams. The calmer you are, the clearer you will be able to think and you will help your child to remain stress-free. Keep calm and do not induce panic in the environment.



ASTROLOGY

WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 29TH— 04TH NOVEMBER 2023

ARIES



MAR 21 - APR 19

The week begins with Mercury in Scorpio conjoining Mars in your house of resources. you're very smart and very impatient. Aries, it's possible you're waiting for someone to fulfill their promise to you or make something available to you. But the better use of this energy would be to do something else while you're waiting rather than check your phone.

TAURUS



APR 20 - MAY 20

This week, you are admired by others. The week begins on Sunday, October 29, with Mercury in Scorpio conjoining Mars in your house of relationships. Taurus, you might be very impatient about relationship matters. Having decided on your own feelings, you're ready for the other person to show up and state theirs. Unfortunately, not everything moves on your timetable.

GEMINI



MAY 21 - JUN 20

This week, you're tapping into magic. The week begins with Mercury in Scorpio conjoining Mars in your house of daily tasks. Today, even the smallest task could feel irritating, and it's worse if anything goes wrong. If you want to clean but find you're out of floor cleaner or the vacuum bag is full, you could lose your temper. A better use of this energy would be activities that take a lot of hand-eye coordination.

CANCER



JUN 21 - JUL 22

This week, you're exploring new roads. The week begins with Mercury in Scorpio conjoining Mars in your house of romance. You are an impatient lover. Cancer, you might be waiting by the phone for your sweetheart to call, or you're pacing as you wait for them to get home from work so the two of you can have fun. If you're looking for love, you have good opportunities around people who are very energetic.

LEO



JUL 23 - AUG 22

This week, you're setting worthy goals. The week begins on Sunday, October 29, with Mercury in Scorpio conjoining Mars in your house of dwellings. You could be a little frustrated with the stuff in your house. A slow-running drain and the weird noises made by the washing machine could be just part of the list of things that bother you. Leo, you could jump into action and start fixing things.

VIRGO



AUG 23 - SEP 22

This week, you might be changing directions. The week begins with Mercury in Scorpio conjoining Mars in your house of thinking and doing. Today, you're multitasking. You might be extremely busy as you tackle tasks at home and finish a work project. Virgo, you could be getting something done for school or sending off some paperwork for a transaction.

LIBRA



SEP 23 - OCT 22

This week, you're connecting with nature. The week begins with Mercury in Scorpio conjoining Mars in your house of money. Libra, while this energy is very good for making money, it's also impatient. You could be very irritated by financial transactions. The best use of this energy is to focus on calling in what's owed to you.

SCORPIO



OCT 23 - NOV 21

This week, you're ready to take things to the next level. The week begins on Sunday, October 29, with Mercury and Mars in Scorpio and your house of physical vitality. You might have a lot of energy today. Scorpio, you could be bouncing off the walls. Everything is taking longer than you'd like. It feels like people are walking more slowly in front of you or there's more traffic.

SAGITTARIUS



NOV 22 - DEC 21

This week, you're breaking free of your normal routine. The week begins with Mercury in Scorpio conjoining Mars in your house of escape. Whatever is on your agenda today, you don't want to do it. Sagittarius, you want to live a different life somewhere else, so you might be running off to live in a video game, movie, or novel for the day. This is a great day to find a magical landscape or old forest to hike in.

CAPRICORN



DEC 22 - JAN 19

This week, you're seeing far ahead. The week begins on Sunday, October 29, with Mercury in Scorpio conjoining Mars in your house of friendships. One of your friends could be late. It might be for a perfectly legitimate reason, but you have a short fuse today. The best solution is to engage in a physical activity that uses up some of this energy. Instead of getting mad, go for a run.

AQUARIUS



JAN 20 - FEB 18

This week, you have good career energy. The week begins with Mercury in Scorpio conjoining Mars in your house of reputation and social standing. If you're trying to build a following on social media, you could be a little frustrated by how long it's taking. But if this is a worthy goal, it's worth the effort. It will be challenging to keep your wits about you when an opportunity to have fun arises.

PISCES



FEB 19 - MAR 20

This week, you could start an adventure. The week begins with Mercury in Scorpio conjoining Mars in your house of education. If you're in school, you could be very busy cramming for a test, finishing and submitting a project, or juggling all of your homework assignments. You could be trying to run through a video course as quickly as possible.