

## WEBSERIES REVIEW

### Clean



**Director:** Zoya Parvin  
**Cast:** Amrita Puri, Somesh Agarwal, Nishank Verma  
**STORY:** Sabah (Amrita Puri), is leading a content life with her husband Aamir (Nishank Verma) and son Nimoh (You Pandya) till its the day her younger sister Meher (Aisha Ahmed) returns from abroad. Why Sabah isn't too keen on Meher staying with them and how the sisters address the insecurities forms the crux of this short.

**REVIEW:** Writer-director Zoya Parvin has come up with an interesting story revolving around siblings that most people will relate to instantly. She also touches the issue of mental health but doesn't really delve deep into it, focusing on why the sisters Sabah and Meher share a complex equation and how they bridge the divide. Anurag Kashyap keeps the dialogues simple and direct, like how siblings and their families would speak in similar circumstances.

Amrita Puri delivers a sincere performance in her portrayal of Sabah, who, being the elder sibling, always took responsibility for the family and cleaned whatever mess any of them got into. Aisha is effective as Meher, who, ridden with guilt, is apologetic for her past actions, and wants to clear all apprehensions her elder sister has. Nishank Verma, Yug Pandya and Somesh Agarwal as the girls' Abbu play their parts as expected.

Clean is a decent watch for its narrative of a bitter-sweet story of two sisters that will resonate with most viewers.

#### In-depth Analysis

Our overall critic's rating is not an average of the sub scores below.

Direction	2.5/5
Dialogues	2.5/5
Story	2.5/5
Music	2.5/5
Visual appeal	2.5/5

## Health and Lifestyle

### Promises you can make to yourself for a successful career



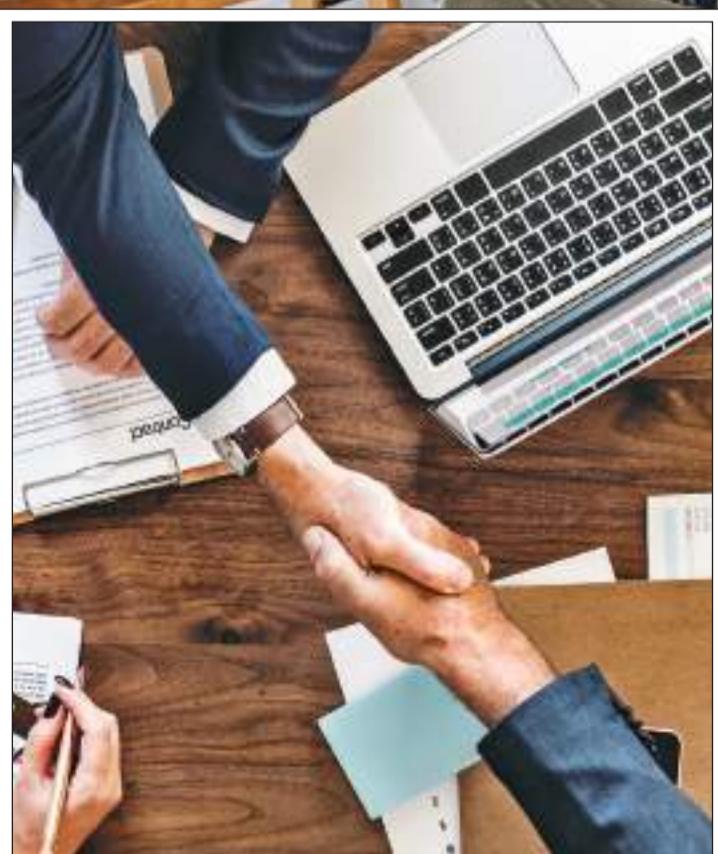
A successful career can be built with a lot of determination, hard work and when you dream big. Not everybody has the courage to dream big and go after it, as many limitations pave as adverse obstacles on the road to success. It is at this point, a person can persevere and strive to achieve their goals no matter what and that is the true definition of being a motivator and a successful person. Now that 2022 is approaching, we bring to you some promises that you can make to yourself so that you can have a successful career.

#### Live by your own definition of success

You can often get confused by what success means. For others, it may be fame and wealth, but it can mean something different for you. Don't let society determine your terms of success. Achieving a tiny goal is also success by all means.

#### Follow your own standards

Don't live by what others expect of you. You will never be truly happy and successful because doing things that others



want from you will only distance yourself from your true, inner self. 'What do you want?' ask yourself this and go after it.

#### Setting goals

Promise yourself that you will always set goals for yourself that allow you to be the best version of yourself. Setting goals in your life will help you to be organised and follow a routine that'll direct you towards success.

#### Follow a disciplined life

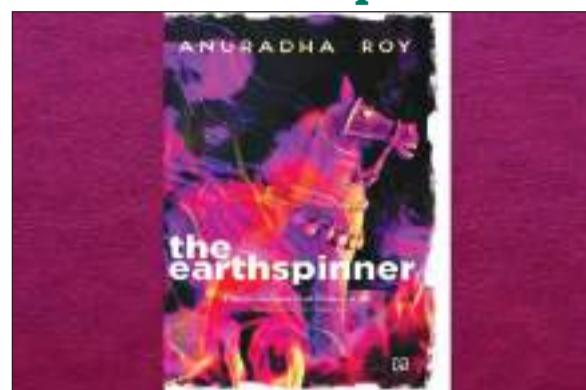
It is very necessary to lead a disciplined life so that you have a rhythm to follow religiously. Wake up early, follow a routine and don't stray away from your path. It is all about maintaining a successful lifestyle.

#### Don't avoid pain and hurt

Fear, hurt and pain are all parts necessary to experience all aspects of life. The bitter and sweet feelings, both contribute to your life. Each moment teaches you something or the other that prepares you for the next adventure. And avoiding pain will only make you weaker. Battling it will make you stronger.

## BOOK REVIEW

### The Earthspinner



**Title:** 'The Earthspinner'

**Author:** Anuradha Roy

**Genre:** Fiction

**Publisher:** Hachette India

**Pages:** 232

**Price:** 473 INR

**Review:** The 'Earthspinner', novelist and editor Anuradha Roy's fifth novel is told between the first and the third person and revisits themes like myth, memory, and history. It is a brilliant read about choice, family, how death and movement affect familial ties, love across religion, the vile nature of humans, and more.

The novel has three protagonists (the third one could be or could not be considered one - depending on the reader) - Elango, Sara, and Chinna. Elango is a potter and rickshaw driver in Kummarapet, India. His young apprentice, Sara, is a girl whom he drives to school. Chinna is a stray dog, who wanders through their lives, providing solace to the battered humans. Sara is given first-person narration, but Elango's perspective is offered in the third. Much of the story is set in 1977, although Sara narrates her story when she is a university student in England, years later.

Politics is treated with both seriousness and light-heartedness in 'The Earthspinner'. While talking about Moraji Desai, Indira Gandhi's successor, and a humorless old man who drank his own urine as a tonic, "Sara and her sister sing a song about their new leader: "Dear Mr. Desai, would you like some tea? Oh no, little girls, I'd love a glass of pee."

All in all, the novel "shows the many ways in which the East encounters the West, fanaticism wars tirelessly against reason, and the individual's creative desires struggle against a populace's basic instinct for destruction."

## GADGET REVIEW

### Xiaomi 11i HyperCharge 5G



**Expected Price** Rs 28,990

Display 6.67-inch

Processor MediaTek Dimensity 920

Front Camera 16-megapixel

Rear Camera 108-megapixel + 8-megapixel

Rear autofocus Yes

Rear flash Yes

RAM 6GB

Storage 128GB

Battery Capacity 4500mAh

OS Android 11

Resolution 1080x2400 pixels

GPS Yes

Wi-Fi Yes

Bluetooth Yes, v. 5.2.0

NFC Yes

USB Type-C Yes

Headphones 3.5mm

Fingerprint sensor Yes

Accelerometer Yes

Gyroscope Yes

#### Pros

\* Excellent display - bright, accurate, HRR.

\* Top-tier chipset at a reasonable price.

\* Battery life around the top of the class.

\* Excellent Camera.

#### Cons

\* Side-mounted fingerprint sensor may not be to everyone's liking.

\* No wireless charging.

## VEHICLE REVIEW

### Bajaj Chetak Electric



**Starting Price** Rs. 1,38,992\*

**Fuel Type** Electric

**Max Power** 4,080 W

**Rated Power** 3800 W

**Battery charging time** 5 Hrs

**Fast charging time** 4 Hrs

**Transmission** Automatic

**Riding Range** 85-95 Km

**Top Speed** 70 Kmph

**Battery type** Lithium Ion

**Braking System** CBS

**Front Brake Type** Disc

**Rear Wheel Size** 12 inch

**Rear Brake Type** Drum

**Wheel Type** Alloy

**Tyre Type** Tubeless

**Front Suspension** Leading-link Suspension

**Rear Suspension** Monoshock

**Battery warranty** 3 Year

**Odometer** Digital

**Reverse mode** Yes

#### Pros

\* Good Looks.

\* All-Digital Instrument

Console.

\* Feature Rich.

#### Cons

\* High Price.

## ASTROLOGY

### WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 09TH—15TH JANUARY 2022



#### ARIES



MAR 21 - APR 19

Sun in Capricorn, in your house of career, making a semi-sextile to Saturn in Aquarius in your house of freedom. It is also the new moon in Capricorn. You might be looking for an exit point for your after some recent trouble. But, rather than stewing in irritation at lazy coworkers, insensitive managers, or rude customers, this is a good day to make a plan.

#### LIBRA



SEP 23 - OCT 22

It is also the new moon in Capricorn. Libra, you might bundle up and go on an excursion with the kids, visiting places you haven't been before. Or maybe you're bonding with younger relatives by doing a home improvement project together. Today, you could drive a relative to the airport and learn more about them on the way there.

#### TAURUS



APR 20 - MAY 20

Sun in harmonious Capricorn, in your house of wisdom, making a semi-sextile to Saturn in Aquarius in your house of career. It is also the new moon in Capricorn. You are likely focusing your sights on growth right now. It might be frozen outside, but you are ready to sprout. The problem is that the activities you do now (especially your job) might not offer you growth opportunities.

#### SCORPIO



OCT 23 - NOV 21

Scorpio, you might miss an important text with pick-up coordinates for one of your kids, a phone call could go to voicemail with the details you need to get someone to the airport on time, or you could just be misunderstood on an important matter. This is a day to check and recheck to make sure the other person has understood you. Also, make sure your phone is charged today.

#### GEMINI



MAY 21 - JUN 20

Sun in Capricorn, in your house of resources and investments, making a semi-sextile to Saturn in Aquarius in your house of information. It is also the new moon in Capricorn. Today, you might be frustrated because you see a great investment, but you don't have the capital to buy-in. Gemini, you see others making money, but you don't know how to access these types of investments.

#### SAGITTARIUS



NOV 22 - DEC 21

Today, you could miss an important message that could cost you a sale. Sagittarius, you might overlook an email inviting you to have an interview for a new job. You could be irritated by all the different communication methods there are these days, and now you're focused on organizing your email inbox and clearing out your voice mailbox.

#### CANCER



JUN 21 - JUL 22

Sun in Capricorn, in your house of relationships, making a semi-sextile to Saturn in Aquarius in your house of financial resources. There is also the new moon in Capricorn. You and your partner could discuss how money and obligations are divided. You might have been doing your own accounting and not liking the deficit you see. You want to get things back into balance.

#### CAPRICORN



DEC 22 - JAN 21

You have every reason to be confident. You work hard and have developed a strong skill set. But, sometimes, you're very hard on yourself, and this can challenge you in the area of self-worth. Sometimes you feel like you don't deserve benefits, and then the Universe complies, making those benefits hard to get. Today, shift your thinking about what you deserve and watch opportunities flow in.

#### LEO



JUL 23 - AUG 22