

MOVIE REVIEW

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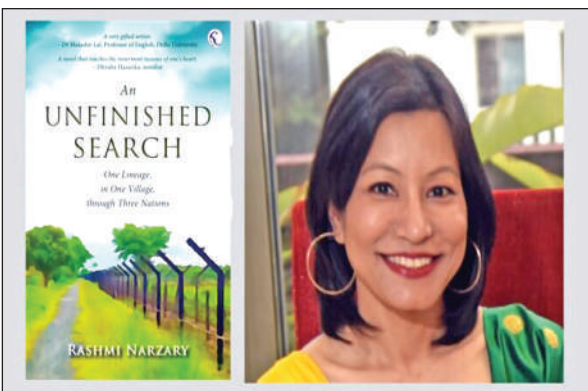


Director: Saurabh Shukla
Cast: Shriya Pilgaonkar, Jitendra Kumar, Shrikant Verma
STORY: The film is about a no-gooder alcoholic from a village who decides to fast until death to get alcohol banned when his wife vows to abort their baby. He takes on some influential people during his protest while struggling with withdrawal symptoms. Will he succeed in his endeavor?
REVIEW: Shukla handles the directorial duties well and mellifluously transforms the film's tonality from comic to serious. Cinematographer Adri Thakur gets the small-town vibe perfectly and captures it stunningly in top and wide angles. Jitendra Kumar delivers a strong performance and convinces as both a lout in the first half and a changed man in the second. He is especially good in the scenes where he tries to mend his ways but is unsuccessful owing to his faults and bad habits. Shriya Pilgaonkar, as his wife, Nirmala, performs commendably. The duo has easy on-screen chemistry as husband and wife. Annu Kapoor stands out as the politician, and gets the pretence of being a supportive and loving senior bang-on. Shrikant Verma deserves mention as the cunning liquor shop owner. Although the narrative deals with alcoholism, it's understated as a problem, which makes sequences seem abrupt and unconvincing as the story progresses. While entertaining in parts, the movie could have been more engaging. Nevertheless, it's a decent one-time watch for the small-town world that's created and for its quirky feel.

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

BOOK REVIEW

An Unfinished Search



Title: 'An Unfinished Search'
Author: Rashmi Narzary
Genre: Contemporary Fiction
Publisher: Pippa Rann UK
Pages: 318
Price: Rs 499
Review: 'An Unfinished Search: One Lineage, in One Village, through Three Nations' is a tragic tale, but for that very reason, strong - in the same way that Shakespeare's 'King Lear' is tragic yet strong, though that is altogether more high-flown in its language as well as sensational in its detail. By contrast, then, 'An Unfinished Search' is a quiet story, a little in the manner of Satyajit Ray's debut film, 'Pather Panchali', except that Rashmi Narzary chooses to focus on the search for the identity of someone whose mother, in 1857, dying as she gave birth to him, was unable to share with the unfamiliar people attending her in the village to which she had fled, anything beyond one name of her husband. That name could be either Hindu or Muslim. But whether Hindu or Muslim, the child's father, had died fighting on the Indian side of the First Indian War of Independence. The child is adopted by a couple in the Muslim village and is brought up a Muslim but discovers through the taunts of fellow children that he is not the physical child of his parents and that his parentage is unknown. Working on the trivial tidbits of information known about his father, Anjaan (the totally appropriate name given to him by his adoptive parents) sets out to discover his identity. Here is a novel that touches and moves the reader almost on every page – and, by the end, at every level – in the beauty of the landscapes, the poverty and relational richness of the life of those days, the love of the couples involved, the variety of the characters, locations and situations, the impact of education and technology, the irresistible force of political change.

GADGET REVIEW

Redmi Note 13 Pro 5G



Expected Price	Rs 25,999
Display	6.67-inch
Processor make	MediaTek Dimensity 7200 Ultra
Resolution	(1080x2400)
Front Camera	16MP
Rear Camera	200MP + 8MP + 2MP
RAM	8GB, 12GB
Storage	128GB, 256GB
Battery Capacity	5100mAh
OS	Android 12
Wi-Fi	Yes
GPS	Yes
Bluetooth	Yes, v 5.20
NFC	Yes
USB Type-C	Yes
Fingerprint sensor	Yes
Proximity sensor	Yes
Accelerometer	Yes
Ambient light sensor	Yes
Fast charging	67W Turbo Charge
Colours	Black, Blue, Silver, White

Pros	Cons
* Stylish design.	* No reverse or wireless charging support.
* Huge battery backup with 67W fast charging support.	* Optical zoom camera is missing.
* NFC and 5G enabled smartphone.	
* 4K video recording support.	

VEHICLE REVIEW

Royal Enfield Hunter 350



Starting Price	Rs. 1.49 - 1.74 Lakh*
Ground Clearance	150 mm
Engine Type	Single cylinder, 4 stroke, SOHC Engine
Engine Displ.	349.34 cc
Mileage	36.2 kmpl
Max Power	20.4 PS @ 6100 rpm
Max Torque	27 Nm @ 4000 rpm
Gear Box	5 Speed
Fuel Type	Petrol
Fuel Capacity	13 Liters
ABS	Dual Channel
Wheels Type	Alloy
Tyre Type	Tubeless
Stroke	85.8 mm
No Of Cylinders	1
Drive Type	Chain Drive
Brakes Front	Disc
Brakes Rear	Disc
USB charging port	Yes
LED tail lights	Yes

Pros	Cons
* Looks more premium.	* Misses out on GPS as standard .
* 350cc engine churns out good performance.	* No major changes to the exterior.
* Very easy to ride in the city.	

Health and Lifestyle

Is your kid an extrovert or an introvert? Find out



Your kid's personality affects the way he/she communicates, makes new friends or fares at school. Therefore, being aware of whether your child is an extrovert, introvert or somewhere in between is crucial for his development years. It not only helps in communicating with your little one in a better manner but also plays an important role in building his/her confidence. Identifying the child's personality enables the parents to make better decisions when it comes to choosing the learning environment and helping the little one harness his innate strengths.
Is your child an introvert or an extrovert?
One of the first steps in identifying the personality type of kids is finding out what affects their mood and how they gain the most stimulation. While every child has an extroverted or introverted streak, there are different subtypes in both the personality categories.
Who is an extrovert
By definition, an extrovert is a person whose energy flows outwards. Typical extroverts are usually sociable, communicative and like being with and talking to people.
Who is an introvert
On the other hand, an introvert gains energy by staying alone and enjoys solitude and privacy. While they may enjoy talking to people occasionally, being alone with their thoughts is really stimulating for them.
How to determine whether your child is an introvert or an extrovert?
Trying to decipher your kid's personality type might be easier said than done. Hence, here is a list of questions that might come in handy to determine your child's energy flow. This will not help you care for your children in a better manner but also help you understand their meltdowns and reactions to everyday situations.

- A. When interacting with others, your child is:**
1. Happy and talkative
2. Shy and fussy
B. Your child is generally:
1. Hopping around and full of energy
2. Calm and composed
C. While talking to others his age, your child is:
1. Engrossed in conversations and happily playing
2. Fussy and wants to stay alone
D. When meeting new people, your child is:
1. Excited to meet them
2. Irritated and wants to stay aloof
E. When participating in activities in school/pre-school, your child:
1. Takes initiative and wants to be in the spotlight
2. Observes from the sidelines and wants to do things on his/her own
If most of your answers are 1:
Your kid may be an extrovert or may have a streak of extroversion. He/she may prefer making friends and interacting with different people. As a parent, you can arrange activities where your child can shine in the spotlight. From ensuring that your kid participates in various extra-curricular activities in school such as drama and music to taking social initiative and engaging in leadership roles.
If most of your answers are 2:
Your child may be an introvert and benefit more from alone play-time. While he/she may prefer being quiet in large social settings, they communicate best on a one on one basis. You mustn't force your little one to do something he/she is not comfortable with. At the same time, you should gently encourage them to go beyond their comfort level.

ASTROLOGY

WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 14TH — 20TH JANUARY 2024

ARIES

MAR 21 - APR 19

This week, you're finding a bigger vision. The week begins with Venus in Sagittarius making a quineux to Uranus in Taurus. Today, you could have a sudden epiphany that causes you to rethink some of the basic ideas you live your life by. Aries, this could turn your world upside down. It's like suddenly realizing you've been colorblind and now you can see a rainbow.

LIBRA

SEP 23 - OCT 22

This week, you're in touch with your feelings. The week begins with Venus in Sagittarius and your house of communication making a quineux to Uranus in Taurus. While you are known for your diplomacy and ability to communicate, today you could make a misstep. It would be quite easy to say the wrong thing and end up putting your foot in your mouth.

TAURUS

APR 20 - MAY 20

This week, the doors of opportunity are nearby. The week begins with Venus in Sagittarius and your house of resources making a quineux to Uranus in your own sign of Taurus. Some money that you were expecting could be delayed, so you might have to make some calls or move some funds around to cover the shortfall. Taurus, it's quite likely this will all turn out to be beneficial for you.

SCORPIO

OCT 23 - NOV 21

This week, you're getting serious about your plans. The week begins with Venus in Sagittarius making a quineux to Uranus in Taurus. Purchases made today could be disappointing. The item you receive might look nothing like the picture. Shift your thoughts to the positive and positive things will start happening for you. What you visualize in your mind you can manifest in the world.

GEMINI

MAY 21 - JUN 20

This week, you're directing the flow of energy. The week begins with Venus in Sagittarius making a quineux to Uranus in Taurus. Gemini, it's pretty easy to get love wires crossed today. A misunderstanding could lead to an outburst or outright argument. Instead, flip this energy around and surprise your sweetheart with flowers or tickets to an event they want to attend.

CANCER

JUN 21 - JUL 22

This week, you uncover a good solution. The week begins with Venus in Sagittarius and your house of daily routines making a quineux to Uranus in Taurus. Cancer, your whole routine might be thrown off. It's possible someone is staying in your house or your new puppy threw up on the carpet. Get up an hour early to meditate and you can set a positive tone for the entire day.

LEO

JUL 23 - AUG 22

This week, you're moving up in the world. The week begins with Venus in Sagittarius and your house of fun and romance making a quineux to Uranus in Taurus. There could be a disruption in your day that turns romantic and exciting. It's hard to focus on tasks now unless those tasks are creative and emotionally stimulating. This is a good day to play hooky.

VIRGO

AUG 23 - SEP 22

This week, you're finding out what you need to know. The week begins with Venus in Sagittarius and your house of home and family making a quineux to Uranus in Taurus. Virgo, you could be doing some DIY projects around the house. You might change the décor or hang new curtains. You have great creative potential right now.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22 - JAN 19

This week, others lift you up. The week begins with Venus in Sagittarius and your house of rest and recuperation making a quineux to Uranus in Taurus. Expect a change of plans today. You could receive an unexpected invitation or call from work. Or it's possible that you feel restless as you try to relax but just can't sit still. The best use of this energy is to go somewhere new.

AQUARIUS

JAN 20 - FEB 18

This week, there's a change for the better. The week begins with Venus in Sagittarius and your house of friendships making a quineux to Uranus in Taurus. A friend could call you needing your help or with an extra ticket to an event. Aquarius, you might feel pressure and the need to drop everything to make it on time. You could receive flashes of insight. You might have an epiphany that causes you to rethink many of the presumptions you've been holding.

PISCES

FEB 19 - MAR 20

This week, you're making great connections. The week begins on Sunday, January 14, with Venus in Sagittarius and your house of career making a quineux to Uranus in Taurus. You might be questioning your career and wishing for a new profession. Pisces, this is a good time to think outside the box and consider what you'd rather be doing.

