

WEBSERIES REVIEW

Aranyak Season 1



Director: Vinay Waikul

Cast: Raveena Tandon, Parambrata Chatterjee, Ashutosh Rana, Zakir Hussain, Saurav Khurana

STORY: Set in the cold and picturesque hill station called Sironah, somewhere in North India, 'Aranyak' follows the lives of two starkly opposite police officers. Angad is a city-bred cop with sophisticated crime-solving skills while Kasturi (Raveena Tandon) is a native, friendly neighbourhood police-woman, who knows the people, places and the pulse of her small-town. Can they work together as a team to solve a puzzling case of a young tourist's rape and murder that has revived the rumours of a dreaded serial killer on the loose?

REVIEW: The sheer runtime of 'Aranyak' hurts it more than anything else because the show's plot seems like it could have been easily summarised in a feature film without losing its essence of darkness and secrecy. And because the screenplay is spread so thinly across the episodes, it tends to become weak and laborious.

The premise of Raveena Tandon-starrer 'Aranyak' isn't new nor is the setting of a sleepy small-town being rocked by a murder something that we haven't seen before, especially on OTT. Yet, this show produced by Rohan Sippy and Siddharth Roy Kapur, written by Charudutt Acharya and directed by Vinay Waikul, builds a strong sense of mystery and constant suspense that keeps it going. Sure, 'Aranyak' isn't the best in its genre but is certainly a well-made show that scores on nuanced performances and thrilling moments.

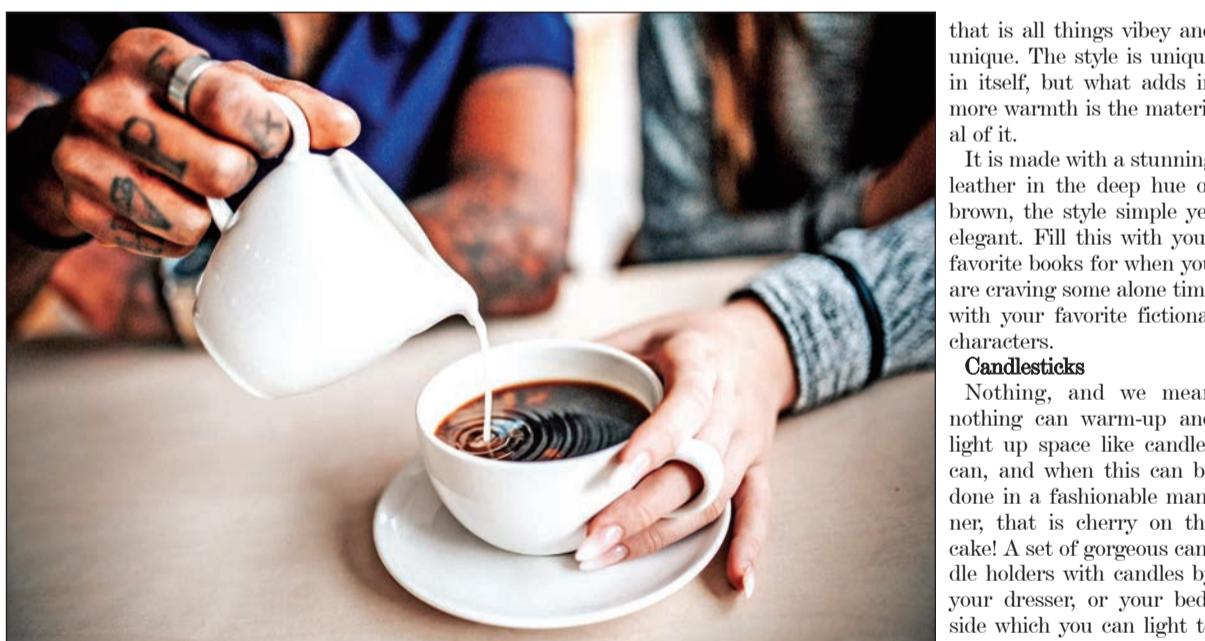
In-depth Analysis

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

Five pieces to make your bedroom warm & cozy for winter



Come December, and the winter air is filled with the scent of hot chocolate, holiday movies, cozy sweaters, and warm love all around. All one wants to do is snuggle up in their coziest, warmest, softest blanket, and basically become a human burrito, and we absolutely stan that with our whole existence! The bedroom is our safe haven on any given day, but in winters the importance of a warm cozy space to unwind in, is just all the more essential. Changing up things a little, can instantly and effortlessly make your room a warm snugly paradise, that you will never want to leave, rightfully so!

Hot cup of coffee

Winters are the time we enjoy our warm cup of coffee, a hot brewing tea, or some good old-fashioned hot chocolate the most. Create a little nook in your room where you can enjoy your time doing just that. A warm wooden coffee table where you can sit, and journal your thoughts away while sipping on your hot beverage. Top it up with your favorite coffee table reads, some nude-hued aesthetic candles and you have yourself your very own Pinterest-worthy spot. If you are someone that loves coming home to the comfort of your books and bed, a book holder would be the perfect addition to your room, placed just by an arm's length by the bedside.

Book holder

Baggit by Curio Casa is an edgy and fabulous book holder,



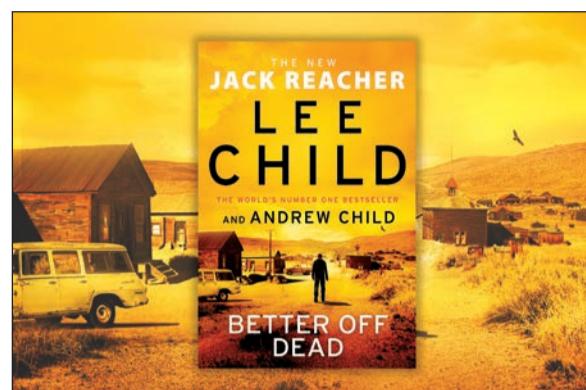
be a mood. Candles and especially scented candles can lift up a space like no other. I mean just imagine a cold winter evening, you are sipping on your hot drink while reading your favourite book and the air is filled with the light aroma of vanilla cinnamon or a soft peony sandalwood, it cannot get better than that!

Hued vases

If we were you, we would also add in some earthy hued vases and throw in some ever so beautiful gypso aka baby breath which would add a little more character and beauty to your room. These you can place by the window or even by the coffee table to enhance.

BOOK REVIEW

Better Off Dead



Title: 'Better Off Dead'

Author: Lee Child and Andrew Child

Genre: Crime fiction

Publisher: Bantam Press

Pages: 352

Price: 699 INR

Review: The Jack Reacher Series has been a rage among crime fiction enthusiasts and has been authored by the renowned writer James Grant. Having been adapted for the big screen under Christopher McQuarrie's direction, the book has already reached a wide audience and created an extensive fan base. Writing under his pen name, Lee Child, James has authored 24 books individually, beginning with 'Killing Floor' and concluding with 'Blue Moon'. The series was followed by Grant collaborating with his brother Andrew Grant, writing under the pen name of Andrew Child, for the 25th book in the series titled 'The Sentinel'. Second in line and much awaited, 'Better Off Dead' is co-authored by the siblings and has finally been released in October of 2021.

The story revolves around the eponymous protagonist Jack Reacher, who is an ex-major from the US Army's military police and goes about investigating intriguing but risky situations in the United States. When a random attack claims the lives of five men in a small town of the United States, Jack Reacher is summoned to investigate an apparently simple looking crime which becomes more complicated as he delves deeper within it. The latest book, 'Better off Dead', carries the investigatory adventures of Jack Reacher further as he comes across a Jeep crashed into the only tree in sight for miles in the middle of a desert. On the driver's seat is a woman, seemingly dead but perhaps only unconscious, who can tell? With a hidden motive and an army history, Michaela Fenton is an FBI agent who wants to bring down the notorious Dendoneker.

GADGET REVIEW

Xiaomi 11 Youth Vitality



Expected Price Rs 26,999.

Display 6.55-inch (1080x2400)

Processor Qualcomm Snapdragon 778G

Front Camera 20MP

Rear Camera 64MP + 8MP + 5MP

Rear autofocus Yes

Rear flash Yes

RAM 8GB

Storage 128GB

Battery Capacity 4250mAh

OS Android 11

GPS Yes

Bluetooth Yes, v 5.20

NFC Yes

Infrared Yes

USB Type-C Yes

Fingerprint sensor Yes

Proximity sensor Yes

4G/LTE Yes

5G Yes

Pros

- * Design and Colour Shades.
- * Sleek and Lightweight.
- * Superb Display.
- * Software Experience.
- * Good Cameras.
- * Decent Processor for Price.
- * No Headphone Jack.

VEHICLE REVIEW

Volkswagen Tiguan



Starting Price

Rs. 31.99 Lakh

Fuel Type Petrol

1984 cc

Engine Displacement 4

187.74bhp@4200-6000rpm

No. of cylinder 5

320Nm@1500-4100rpm

Max Power 5

Max Torque 6

Seating Capacity

6

No of Airbags

6

Transmission Type

Automatic

Boot Space 615 L

Fuel Tank Capacity

60.0

SUV

Gear Box 7 Speed DCT

Power

Steering Type Adjustable

Steering Column Rack & Pinion

Steering Gear Type Ventilated Disc

Rear Brake Type Disc

Connectivity

Android Auto, Apple CarPlay

No of Speakers 8

Central Locking

Pros

- * Understated Charm.
- * Quality Insides.
- * Practical Cabin.
- * Driver focused.

Cons

- * Low Fuel Economy.
- * Limited Engine Performance.

ASTROLOGY

WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 19TH—25TH DECEMBER 2021

ARIES



MAR 21 - APR 19

Sun in Sagittarius, in your house of adventure, making a sextile to Jupiter in Aquarius in your house of friendships. Also, Venus goes retrograde. A friend may call you with a tempting offer. You could plan an adventure together. This might involve outdoor rock climbing or indoor skydiving (the type without a plane or a parachute). Aries, you can feel like a kid again.

TAURUS



APR 20 - MAY 20

Venus goes retrograde. When you reach out to a friend or former colleague, you could gain a job opportunity. It's possible you're connecting at exactly the right time. Reach out to people today and see what doors could be open for you. Mercury in Capricorn, in your house of travel, makes a trine to Uranus in your own sign of Taurus.

GEMINI



MAY 21 - JUN 20

Sun in Sagittarius, in your house of relationships, making Jupiter in Aquarius in your house of legal commitments. Someone you know may have recently got married, or perhaps you are attending a wedding today. One of your older kids may tell you they are thinking about getting engaged. If you're looking for love, as you could meet someone who is looking for commitment.

CANCER



JUN 21 - JUL 22

Sun in Sagittarius, in your house of work, making a sextile to Jupiter in Aquarius in your house of money from other people. Also, Venus goes retrograde. Today, you have an opportunity to make some extra dough. It's possible you are working overtime, or if you own a business, sales are up. Some might suggest you take the day off but making money is more fun. Cancer, someone may repay a debt they owe.

LEO



JUL 23 - AUG 22

Sun in Sagittarius, in your house of romance, making a sextile to Jupiter in Aquarius in your house of relationships. Also, Venus goes retrograde. A love from your past may show up at your door. Now you can't get this person off your mind. Leo, start talking and see what unfolds. Mercury in Capricorn, in your house of work, makes a trine to Uranus in Taurus in your house of career.

VIRGO



AUG 23 - SEP 22

Sun in Sagittarius, in your house of home and family, making Jupiter in Aquarius in your house of organization. Also, Venus goes retrograde. The whole family may be springing into action, getting the house ready for the holidays and possibly overnight guests. Perhaps you have not decorated in a couple of years, and now you're ready to go all out.

LIBRA



SEP 23 - OCT 22

Sun in Sagittarius, making Jupiter in Aquarius in your house of romance and adventure. Libra, you have an opportunity to get back together with someone from your past. Libra, it's possible this person is coming into your life now, knocking on the door and waiting to be let in. Now you're likely weighing the pros and cons about answering that call.

SCORPIO



OCT 23 - NOV 21

Mercury in Capricorn, in your house of communication, makes a trine to Uranus in Taurus in your house of relationships. You may get a very interesting offer from an intriguing stranger for a coffee date. Scorpio, this may be someone you've seen before but never had a long conversation with. And now, standing in line at the local Vons or Stop & Shop, your head might be spinning with thoughts of romance.

SAGITTARIUS



NOV 22 - DEC 21

Sun in Sagittarius (happy birthday!), in your house of confidence, making a sextile to Jupiter in Aquarius in your house of communication. People seem to be going out of their way to contact you. Friends from high school, people you knew from a community group, colleagues you used to work with, even that boss you didn't get along with, all seem to be thinking about you. Sagittarius, you are one of the most popular people around.

AQUARIUS

