

MOVIE REVIEW

Govinda Naam Mera



**Director:** Shashank Khaitan  
**Cast:** Kiara Advani, Vicky Kaushal, Bhumi Pednekar  
**STORY:** Govinda Waghumare (Vicky Kaushal), a struggling choreographer, is wedged between his marriage to Gauri (Bhumi Pednekar), who dominates and insults him at every opportunity, and love for dancer girlfriend, Suku (Kiara Advani). But his problems snowball and life turns into a roller coaster ride when Gauri is found dead, and he becomes the prime suspect.

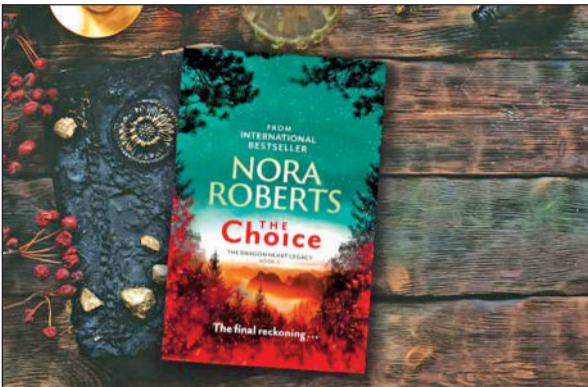
**REVIEW:** Vicky Kaushal is outstanding in a never-seen avatar that is reminiscent of a quintessential masaledar 90s Bollywood hero. He imbues Govinda with the right amount of energy and comic timing. Kaushal's dance performances to some famous songs—like Bang Bang, Kajra Re, Radha Teri Chunri—as well as his dream sequences, are hilarious. Bhumi performs earnestly as the domineering Gauri, but her complicated relationship with Govind could have been developed more. Kiara Advani plays Suku admirably and with the zeal that her character demands. Renuka Shahane as Govinda's paralysed, wheelchair-bound mother is a pure dramebaaz. Amey Wagh, who plays their lawyer Kaustubh, and Trupti Khamkar, as their housekeeper Manju, are both naturally funny characters.

Right from Vicky and Kiara shaking a leg to the track Pappi Jhappi to donning matching outfits, everything reminds you of the madness and quirks of the 90s comedies.

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>	4/5
Dialogues	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	4/5
Story	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	4/5
Music	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	4/5
Visual appeal	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	4/5

BOOK REVIEW

The Choice



**Title:** 'The Choice'  
**Author:** Nora Roberts  
**Genre:** Fantasy Fiction  
**Publisher:** Piatkus  
**Pages:** 508  
**Price:** 2118 INR  
**Review:** International bestselling author Nora Roberts is back with a new book before 2022 ends. Titled 'The Choice', it is the third and concluding book of the epic Dragon Heart trilogy.

The dark god Odram was defeated in the Battle of the Dark Portal, and with this his dreams of ruling over Talamh-- a magical land of forests and hills-- and Breen Siobhan Kelly (the protagonist) have been stalled for the time being. It's time to rest, heal, and recover but not for too long as the final battle with Odram is yet to happen.

Meanwhile Breen, Odram's granddaughter who grew-up amongst Men and discovered her powers later, is making a life for herself in Talamh among the Fey community. And she has also found love in Keegan, leader of the Fey community. But their happiness and peace doesn't last for long. Breen starts to get visions of the enemy's witches in her sleep who are killing the innocent, performing black magick, and plotting their destruction. An epic battle with the dark forces is about to happen and Breen needs to rescue and save others.

This is a story of good versus evil, a theme which is relevant even today. The relatable characters and Nora Roberts' action-packed writing makes this book an enjoyable read.

GADGET REVIEW

Realme 10 Pro



Expected Price	Rs 18,999.
Display	6.72-inch
Skin	Realme UI 4.0
Thickness	8.12
Resolution	(1080x2400)
Front Camera	16MP
Rear Camera	108MP + 2MP
RAM	6GB, 8GB, 12GB
Storage	128GB, 256GB
Battery Capacity	5000mAh
Touchscreen	Yes
Refresh Rate	120 Hz
Resolution Standard	FHD+
OS	Android 13
Wi-Fi	Yes
GPS	Yes
Bluetooth	Yes
USB Type-C	Yes
Fingerprint sensor	Yes
Fast charging	Proprietary
Colours	Night, Ocean, Starlight

**Pros**

- \* 120Hz Screen Refresh Rate.
- \* 3.5mm Audio Jack.
- \* Long battery life.
- \* Powerful Processor.

**Cons**

- \* Filled with Bloatware.
- \* Too Many Ads in the OS.
- \* No Ultra-Wide Lens.

VEHICLE REVIEW

BMW XM



Starting Price	Rs. 2.60 Cr*
Fuel Type	Petrol
Engine Displacement	4395 cc
No. of cylinder	8
Max Power	643.69bhp@5400-7200rpm
Max Torque	800@1600-5000rpm
Seating Capacity	7
Transmission Type	Automatic
Gear Box	8-Speed
Body Type	SUV
Drive Type	4WD
Front Suspension	Adaptive M Suspension
Rear Suspension	Adaptive M Suspension
Steering Type	Electric
Front Brake Type	ventilated Disc
Rear Brake Type	ventilated Disc
No of Airbags	6
Touch Screen size	14.9
Connectivity	Android Auto, Apple CarPlay
Alloy Wheel Size	22
Tyre Type	Radial, Tubeless

**Pros**

- \* Extremely powerful.
- \* Stunning Cabin.
- \* Awesome Back Seat.
- \* Excellent rider aids.

**Cons**

- \* Duller Soundtrack.
- \* Looks bulky despite the crisp aerodynamics.

Health and Lifestyle

Beware of THESE 6 symptoms typical to winter illnesses



Deep into the official winter month, the National Capital finally witnesses a piercing cold wave accompanied by some dense fog. While it sure does feel like a breath of fresh air, there's no telling when you might contract infectious viruses and bacteria.

Having said that, winter can be a challenging time for your body. Common winter illnesses are not only very common during the winter months, but they can be hard to tell apart. Some of the most common being common cold, flu infections, RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) in kids, croup, strep throat and stomach flu.

So here are some typical symptoms you may experience in the cold, winter season.

**Fever**

Fever can be a common symptom during the winter season. It can make you feel hot and sweaty and can sometimes even lead to chills. However, you usually don't get a fever with a cold. If you do, it could most probably be the flu or an infection with a bacteria.

**Sore throat**

Sore throats, medically termed as pharyngitis, is also a common winter ailment typically caused by infections like the common cold, flu and strep throat. It is characterized by pain, scratchiness or irritation of the throat that often worsens when you swallow, explains the Mayo Clinic. With the emergence of the Omicron variant, sore, 'scratchy' throat also became one of the top symptoms of COVID-19.



**Runny nose**

The dry air in the winters can take a toll on your nasal linings, pushing the nasal glands to produce excess mucus. Additionally, cold viruses and allergens such as dust and pollen may irritate the nose and the sinuses, following which your nose starts to make a lot of clear mucus. Furthermore, some people have runny noses for now clear reason. This could be due to a condition called nonallergic rhinitis or vasomotor rhinitis.

**Fatigue**

Colds, flu and other respiratory illnesses can be more common in colder months. Besides feeling cold, experiencing sore throat and having a runny nose, one may even feel tired and weak. Especially with a flu infection, it can be extremely common to feel tired and weak for two weeks or longer.

**Cough**

Cough in winter can be due to various reasons - common cold and flu being the main culprits. However, dry coughs can be indicative of the cold air and changes in temperature. Both of these reasons are associated with the winter season.

**Muscle aches**

When you have the flu, a common cold, a virus or a bacterial infection, you're likely to experience body and muscle ache. This could be because your immune system jumps into action. The immune responses that help fight off the infections cause inflammation in the body. Hence leading to aches and pains in the muscles.

ASTROLOGY

WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 25<sup>TH</sup> — 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022

<p><b>ARIES</b></p> <p>MAR 21 - APR 20</p> <p>Look for any emotional outlet you can find as the week begins. You need to clear the air on Monday, and friends and family will gladly oblige. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, you'll have a thirst for adventure. Use a burst of bravado to seek out an appropriate challenge -- and aim high! You've got the stamina and energy to take on almost anything.</p>	<p><b>LIBRA</b></p> <p>SEP 24 - OCT 22</p> <p>Keep your head down as the week begins. You'll face of flurry of distractions and demands on Monday, and you'll need some help from your friends to see you through. Others will look to you to take the lead, so don't be bashful about making plans and pointing the way. On Friday and Saturday, get out and get gregarious.</p>
<p><b>TAURUS</b></p> <p>APR 21 - MAY 20</p> <p>Start your week by taking a risk -- especially a romantic risk, if you're single. You'll feel like baring your soul on Monday, and others will respond well to your emotional bravery. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, try to be patient and reasonable. Those are two of your greatest strengths, after all -- and you could use them right now, as others are looking to pick a (pointless) fight.</p>	<p><b>SCORPIO</b></p> <p>OCT 23 - NOV 22</p> <p>As the week begins, it's a great time to go after what you want. Monday finds you full of confidence and charisma, and a deep conversation could lead you where you need to go. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, watch out for a power struggle. Your ego could get you dragged into a conflict that you weren't counting on -- and don't want. A little quiet time could bring you just the clarity you need.</p>
<p><b>GEMINI</b></p> <p>MAY 21 - JUN 20</p> <p>As the week begins, you might find yourself obsessed with the material world, but that's okay -- Monday is an excellent day for reassessing priorities and budgets. Have fun at one of your favorite sports: verbal jousting and intellectual repartee. Just make sure you keep it light-hearted -- you're a clever enough conversationalist that others might take your witty quips too seriously. Be careful and considerate.</p>	<p><b>SAGITTARIUS</b></p> <p>NOV 23 - DEC 22</p> <p>Follow your mood as the week begins. You might not be on the same page as everyone else on Monday, but that mix in energies and perspectives could generate some interesting new ideas. Luck is on your side right now, and risk-taking is that fastest route to rewards -- whether that's material gains, intellectual advances or just having some plain, old fun. This Sunday, feel the love.</p>
<p><b>CANCER</b></p> <p>JUN 22 - JUL 23</p> <p>You're full of enthusiasm and emotional energy on Monday, so don't be bashful when it comes to going after what you want. Your intuition is spot on, and your assertiveness will be rewarded. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, that same gusto could earn you some welcome applause and attention. Show off with confidence and make an extravagant splash.</p>	<p><b>CAPRICORN</b></p> <p>DEC 23 - JUL 20</p> <p>Don't avoid the issues at hand as the week begins. You need to nip matters in the bud quickly, and Monday should provide the perfect opportunity for fulfilling your responsibilities. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, things aren't what they seem. Use your excellent analytical skills to exercise some caution -- you should be able to see what others are really after right now.</p>
<p><b>LEO</b></p> <p>JUL 24 - AUG 23</p> <p>You might be lost in thought as the week begins, but in a good way! You've been doing some deep thinking, and that will be reflected on Monday in the way you radiate warmth and contentment. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, all eyes are on you. Your reputation (excellent, of course) has been getting around, and others will want to bask in your confidence and charisma.</p>	<p><b>AQUARIUS</b></p> <p>JAN 21 - FEB 23</p> <p>The beginning of this week could be difficult if you're not at your patient and flexible best. You'll have nothing to worry about though, if you can stop thinking and just forge ahead on Monday -- even if the task at hand isn't that exciting. Expect a sudden surge of creativity. An intellectual insight could lead to a startling discovery, provided you've got the courage.</p>
<p><b>VIRGO</b></p> <p>JUL 24 - AUG 23</p> <p>Get organized! Start the week by getting your world in order, preferably in the company of like-minded others. Socializing will be energizing on Monday. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, you might feel overwhelmed by too much going on, but don't despair. You've got the smarts to juggle all these details -- and the flexibility to recover from anything unexpected.</p>	<p><b>PISCES</b></p> <p>FEB 20 - MAR 20</p> <p>If only every week could start this way! Expect your Monday to kick off with some fun and flirtation, and don't be bashful -- people can't get enough of your company right now. You might feel like you've got too much going on, but you just need to take a deep breath and show some patience (and steer clear of other people's dramas).</p>