

WEBSERIES REVIEW

Bestseller Season 1



Director: Mukul Abhyankar

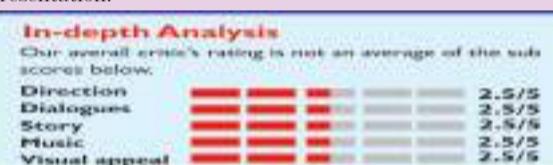
Cast: Mithun Chakraborty, Shruti Haasan, Arjan Bajwa

Sonalee Kulkarni, Satyajeet Dubey

STORY: Young Adult (YA) writer Tahir Wazir's debut novel turns out to be a career suicide-ish move. However, salvation comes in the form of his second attempt, which becomes a ragging success: an unflattering ode to Sant Kabir's 'Raand Saand Seedi Sanayasi'. But, in a world filled with mystics and mysteries, how 'saintly' is the protagonist? And, why are morbid hashtags attached to his name?

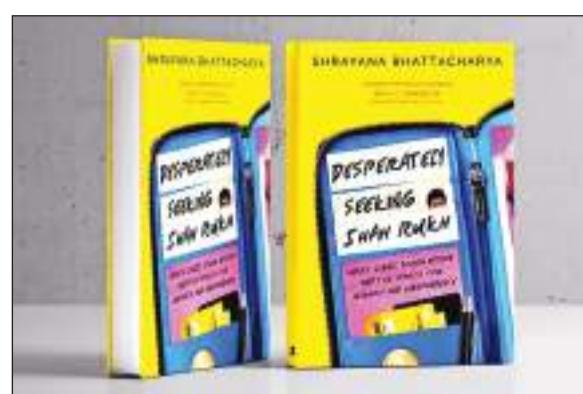
REVIEW: What 'Bestseller' does have working in its favour are the actors. Shruti Haasan de-glam for Meetu Mathur and after a few initial moments of discomfort in front of the camera, her act picks up pace. Similarly, Bajwa drops the melodramatic bits of his on-screen persona after the first two episodes and gets into the skin of Tahir Wazir: the man, the (ego) maniac. Mithun Chakraborty plays the role of a top cop who should have been given a stronger, more serious role to portray and not the sad daddy jokes-mouthing ACP Pramanik. Perhaps the only other actor who is a misfit in this dark psychological thriller is Satyajeet Dubey as Parth. The young actor's simple appearance and kind eyes doesn't blend well with the personality traits he tries to achieve with his layered role.

'Bestseller' is a moral lecture, and it wants to instill this belief into your system—that there's no 'absolute' truth to any story. The teacher, however, takes a beaten path for its presentation.



BOOK REVIEW

Desperately Seeking Shah Rukh



Title: Desperately Seeking Shah Rukh

Author: Shreyana Bhattacharya

Genre: Non-fiction

Publisher: HarperCollins India

Pages: 464

Price: 458 INR

Review: Economist Shreyana Bhattacharya – for research projects investigating women's employment across different sectors – wanted to map out the commonality between women of different classes in India. To do so, she came up with one common question to ask all of them - "Who is your favorite actor?" The answers that she got were more often than common - "Shah Rukh Khan". This question-and-answer ritual became the foundation for Bhattacharya's debut book 'Desperately Seeking Shah Rukh: India's Lonely Young Women and the Search for Intimacy and Independence'.

"Divided by class but united in fandom, they remain steadfast in their search for intimacy, independence, and fun. Embracing Hindi film idol Shah Rukh Khan allows them a small respite from an oppressive culture, a fillip to their fantasies of a friendlier masculinity in Indian men. Most struggle to find the freedom-or-income-to follow their favorite actor," reads the book's blurb.

"Bobbing along in this stream of multiple lives for more than a decade—from Manju's boredom in 'rurban' Rampur and Gold's anger at having to compete with Western women for male attention in Delhi's nightclubs, to Zahira's break from domestic abuse in Ahmedabad—Bhattacharya gleans the details on what Indian women think about men, money, movies, beauty, helplessness, agency and love.

The book is divided into four segments: the first three tell us stories of elite, middle class, and lower-class women who love "Shah Rukh".

GADGET REVIEW

Poco M4 Pro 5G



Expected Price: Rs 14,999.

Display: 6.60-inch (1080x2400)

Processor: MediaTek Dimensity 810

Front Camera: 16MP

Rear Camera: 50MP + 8MP

Rear autofocus: Yes

Rear flash: Yes

RAM: 6GB

Storage: 64GB

Battery Capacity: 5000mAh

OS: Android 11

Wi-Fi: Yes

GPS: Yes

Bluetooth: Yes, v. 5.10

Infrared: Yes

USB Type-C: Yes

Headphones: 3.5mm

FM: Yes

Fingerprint sensor: Yes

Colours: Cool Blue, Poco Yellow, Power Black

Pros

- * Attractive splash-resistant design, cool color options.
- * Outstanding battery life, fast charging.
- * Stereo speakers, loud enough.
- * Good photo and video quality.

Cons

- * No macro camera, no 4K video capturing.

VEHICLE REVIEW

Kia Carens



Starting Price

Rs. 8.99 - 16.99 Lakh*

RAI Mileage: 18.4 kmpl

Diesel

Engine Displacement: 1493 cc

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Max Power: 113.42bhp@4000rpm

250nm@1500-2750rpm

Max Torque: 6, 7

6

Seating Capacity: 6

7

No of Airbags: 6

Automatic

Transmission Type: 45.0 L

MUV

Front Brake Type: Disc

Disc

Rear Brake Type: Tilt & Telescopic

Front & Rear

Steering Column: Front & Rear

Front & Rear

Parking Sensors: 10.25 Inch

Touch Screen size: 8

USB Charger: Android Auto, Apple CarPlay

Pros

- * Attractive and model design.
- * Features Loaded Interior.
- * Reliable Engine.
- * Impressive ride quality with neutral car-like road manners.

Cons

- * 2nd-row legroom is just ordinary.

Health and Lifestyle

Set up your new home with these cool and quirky décor items



Moving into a new home means almost the same thing. If you are only moving into the New Year, recreate your home afresh. If you are moving into a new home, that's all the more reason to work on your decor! Ashish Dhingra Founder of a Home Furnishing Brand shares five home décor trend products to help you recreate your new home:

Creative Display Shelves

Creative shelves can transform your home into a uniquely welcoming and intriguing space. Just make sure the shelves are a part of the interior structure or at least fit seamlessly into the larger interior scheme.

Wall-mounted decorative shelves made of wood or recycled materials are best to reflect your love for nature. Hanging or floating shelves with quirky forms are another creative way to display your collection of houseplants, books or vases.

Dark Plush Rugs & Faux Fur Cushions

Dark rugs can easily become a focal point in your well-lit room and draw everyone's attention. Dark shag rugs are best when you want to add some character to your space and spend time on the floor while staying comfortable.

You can choose from a range of dark colours from plain black or grey to more luxurious options like maroon, purple or blue. Add faux fur cushions to this and you have a perfect cosy space to spend some time at, to read books, work from home or connect with distant loved ones.

Designer Table Clocks

If you want to make work from home more interesting, add a unique table clock to your desk or even a lamp. Designer



clock is a marvellous statement piece that will let you add your personality to your workspace. And if you are a minimalist, go for a bamboo block digital clock, or add a geeky angle to your desk with a Nixie clock.

And if these are not to your taste, worry not, you have a more global option with a world clock. Not to forget, the all-time classic flip clocks with soft flip sounds at your workstation.

Solar Shades for Windows

Solar shades are roller shades made with specially crafted materials, typically

like PVC, HDPE mesh or vinyl. You can choose different fabrics with varying opacity levels to control the level of UV rays and light you want in your house.

Roller shades add a modern look and feel to your home apart from help control natural light and heat. Plus, you can choose different materials and colours of the fabric to make it blend well with your interior scheme.

You can also look for blinds made of more natural materials like wood and bamboo to retain the classical look and still have light and heat control.

Large Abstract Paintings

Abstract paintings are an excellent tool to express one's adventurous spirit. Although displaying a large piece of work may not be necessary, abstract paintings do give a distinct feel to the space and could be a great conversation starters.

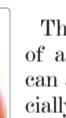
The best part is that you can end up supporting a rising talent by sourcing your paintings from a local artist. Or simply hire them to create a completely customized and exclusive work of abstract mural right into your living room.

ASTROLOGY

WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 27TH—05TH MARCH 2022



MAR 21 - APR 19



There's a busy week ahead with lots and lots of aspects. You are absolutely magnetic and can attract an emotionally fulfilling and financially rewarding opportunity. It starts with focusing on what you want and letting someone know that you want a meeting. This is also an excellent day to have a job interview or to post your resume on a job hunting website.

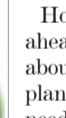


SEP 23 - OCT 22

You have a lot of balls in the air this week. You're learning to juggle. When you get together with a family member, there's such synergy you become unstoppable. Libra, this might be a sibling, cousin, or your partner. Now sit down and work out a plan for capitalizing on this positive energy. If you own a business, consider setting up retirement savings.



APR 20 - MAY 20



Hold onto your hat. There's a busy week ahead. Today, you have absolute certainty about what you want. Additionally, you see the plan laid out in front of you, each step that you need to take, and the help you can get along the way. This can be one of those moments of pristine clarity. You know what you need to learn, how you're going to study, and who you want to learn from.

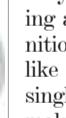


NOV 22 - DEC 21

You have a lot of irons in the fire. In fact, this week, it's a bonfire. Today words of love can travel from someone's lips to your ears. Scorpio, you may receive a message on your phone from your sweetheart or that interesting stranger you met recently. You are admired or even fantasized about, and a great romance can begin.



JUN 21 - JUL 22



You'll need to practice juggling during this busy week. Gemini, you may have a strong feeling about an investment category or a premonition about a direction for your business. It's like all the possibilities and trends point to a single likely outcome. This is a good day to make your plans just as a chess master would employ the Benko Gambit or the Sicilian Defense.

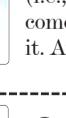


JAN 20 - FEB 18

It's an exceptionally busy week ahead. You may be burning the midnight oil. Today you could adopt some millionaire habits. Sagittarius, you may be looking at creating multiple flows of income, how to invest your money and how to surround yourself with successful people. A few changes here and there, and you're on the road to success.



AUG 23 - SEP 22



Take a deep breath. You're about to plunge into a very busy week. Cancer, if you're looking for love, you can employ the entire community to help you, especially via an online dating app. Here the Universe can match you with the person you have been looking for. If you have been on the fence about this, it's time to jump. There's also a new moon in Pisces. A wish could be granted today in a surprising way.



FEB 19 - MAR 20

You might spread yourself thin during this busy week ahead. Today, you're thrust into the limelight, and you pull it off beautifully. Your boss could put you on the spot at a company-wide meeting, or the lead in the play sprains an ankle, and you just happen to know all the lines. Today, you may have greatness thrust upon you.



JUL 23 - AUG 22

