

WEBSERIES REVIEW

Rudra: The Edge of Darkness



Director: Rajesh Mapuskar
Cast: Ajay Devgn, Raashi Khanna, Atul Kulkarni, Esha Deol, Ashish Vidyarthi

STORY: Set in the Special Crimes Unit of the Mumbai Police, the show is a procedural psychological crime thriller revolving around DCP Rudraveer Singh, who is under the system's radar despite being one of its best minds at work.

REVIEW: The makers have cautiously made an effort to ensure the adaptation has a life of its own. Starting with the dark visual tone and theme song, 'Tera Inaam', by Ananya Birla, the team builds the show, brick by brick. The episodes, despite their length, hold your attention, at times even grossing you out - a sign of effective writing in a space like this.

Ajay, in his digital debut, plays his part impressively, although he seems to be maneuvering a space he has periodically visited before in the course of his film career. Of course, he does it with finesse which makes Rudra seem larger than life without the deployment of any over-the-top rhetorics. The rest of the cast lends active and effective support to his character. Even as every episode has a story of its own, revolving around an extremely intelligent and psychologically-charged criminal, it also, gradually, unravels layers of Rudra's life which forms a key part of the overarching story for the current season. So far, the makers have not meddled with the original show in order to create a version for the homegrown consumer. But what could have helped is a shorter runtime per episode and probably never cases which weren't part of the original show. It would have made the overall run less predictable.

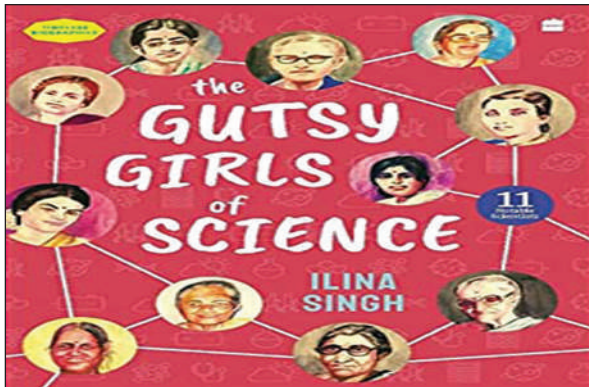
In-depth Analysis

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

The Gutsy Girls of Science



Title: The Gutsy Girls of Science
Author: Ilina Singh
Genre: Non-fiction
Publisher: Harper Children's
Pages: 104
Price: 499 INR

Review: One of the winners of TOI Write India Season 2 for author Ruskin Bond, Ilina Singh has now turned into an author. The class 11 student, Ilina has written her debut book 'The Gutsy Girls of Science' which was published by HarperCollins India in February 2022.

We are living in the 21st century today yet, unfortunately, even now, we often come across issues of women's rights and gender biases. One such gender bias seen in our society is the myth that the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) are for men, while women should be more inclined towards arts. In order to bust this myth, and to honour and celebrate the brave Indian women who listened to their hearts and achieved success in the fields of STEM despite all the odds-- young author Ilina Singh has penned her first book 'The Gutsy Girls of Science'. "This book explores the contribution of these remarkable Indian women-- from cytogeneticist Archana Sharma and botanist Janaki Ammal to mathematician Raman Parimala, physicist Bibha Chowdhuri, chemist Asima Chatterjee and several others," reads the book's blurb.

Since the book is written by a young writer, it captures the stories of these inspiring Indian women in science from a different perspective which might seem more relatable to young readers. The book is quite informative for readers of all age groups and the beautiful illustrations by the author add value to it.

GADGET REVIEW

Apple iPhone SE (2022)



Expected Price	Rs 43,900
Display	4.70-inch
Resolution	(750x1334)
Processor	Apple A15 Bionic
Front Camera	7MP
Rear Camera	12MP
Rear autofocus	Yes
Rear flash	Yes
Storage	64GB
OS	iOS 15
GPS	Yes
Bluetooth	Yes, v 5.00
NFC	Yes
Lightning	Yes
Number of SIMs	2
Fingerprint sensor	Yes
Proximity sensor	Yes
Accelerometer	Yes
Wireless charging	Yes
Colours	Midnight, Starlight, PRODUCT (RED)

Pros

- * Standard battery compatible with Wireless and Fast Charging.
- * Impressive camera features.
- * Water Resistant.
- * Dust proof.

Cons

- * Non-expandable storage.

VEHICLE REVIEW

Renault KWID 2022



Starting Price	Rs. 4.58 - 5.70 Lakh
Fuel Type	Petrol
Engine Displacement	999 cc
Gear Box	5 Speed
No. of cylinder	3
Max Power	67bhp@5500rpm
Max Torque	91Nm@4250rpm
Seating Capacity	5
Transmission Type	Automatic
Boot Space	279 L
Fuel Tank Capacity	28.0 L
Body Type	Hatchback
Ground Clearance	184
Steering Type	Electric
Turning Radius	4.9 metres
Front Brake Type	Disc
Rear Brake Type	Drum
No of Airbags	2
Rear Camera	Yes
Touch Screen size	8 Inch
Connectivity	Android Auto, Apple CarPlay

Pros

- * Great SUVish looks.
- * Second best ground clearance in segment.
- * Best in class fuel economy.
- * Best in class maintenance cost.

Cons

- * Noisy engine.

Health and Lifestyle

Home furnishing items that elevate function and aesthetics



They say owning a home is a feeling like none other - words fail to express the emotions. But how can one make a home truly their own? The furnishing inside the house that enhances your imagination, makes a space livable - now that's a home worth living in, worth every dime spent on it. Yet buying home furnishing products that make use of two incredibly important rules: function and aesthetics, can be a task. Although the latter is a matter of personal choice, function is a strong suit of our products.

Home furnishing items must aim towards developing unique spaces that suit the individual characteristics and enhance the lifestyles of homeowners. But why are these two design principles important? Comfortable, functional, and aesthetically pleasing spaces promote relaxation, happiness, and an overall sense of wellbeing. Thus, implying that both usability and aesthetics complement each other when it comes to décor. Further, the absence of either of the two would inevitably result in monotony.

Below is a list of operation-based decor items that include storage carts, wall shelves, desk organisers, hooks in boards and plant stands.

Storage Carts



Storage carts have multiple layers and can be placed anywhere in your kitchen or even in other places in your house that need organising. Always prefer a material that is sturdy and durable because storing requires a strong base.

Wall Shelves

Wall shelves are extremely handy to organize books, house plants and magazines. These shelves are not only functional, but also add a rustic charm.

Desk Organisers

Many a times, leaving our desks and workstations at home unorganized can lead to unwanted clutter to accumulate. Desk organisers are designed to give easy access to all your files/folders and keep the stationery organised.

Multi-utility Board Hooks

But that's not all, another set of items that you may find useful includes a pair of these multi utility board hooks. High-quality wood and metal board hooks render a posh look to your walls with functionality. Further, these board hooks will add a pop of colour to your abode.

Garden Planters

You could give your outdoor space a makeover with beautiful garden planters with ethically sourced metal. Planters can be used in a variety of ways, like a bin in your studio or home office or an umbrella basket in your entryway.

ASTROLOGY

WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 20TH — 26TH MARCH 2022

ARIES



MAR 21 - APR 19

Mercury in Pisces making a conjunction to Jupiter in your house of intuition. Today, you can uncover a treasure chest of information. You might explore dream interpretation, learn how to read Tarot cards, or have an appointment with a psychic medium. Aries, this could provide you with information about someone special and a future romantic encounter.

LIBRA



SEP 23 - OCT 22

Mercury in Pisces making a conjunction to Jupiter in your house of housework and routines. Libra, you could have a busy day today. You could be doing some spring cleaning or decluttering the house from top to bottom. Perhaps, you're doing some meal prep for the week, putting together savory dishes to freeze for later.

TAURUS



APR 20 - MAY 20

Mercury in Pisces making a conjunction to Jupiter in your house of community activities. Today, you can be a recognized authority. You might be excellent at gardening. You may own a construction business. You have a history of successful charity fundraisers. You might want to lend some of your considerable talents to a community organization.

SCORPIO



OCT 23 - NOV 21

Mercury in Pisces making a conjunction to Jupiter in your house of romance and adventure. Scorpio, you may be pursued for a love relationship by someone you have reconnected with recently. Now your phone is ringing, or texts may be sailing back and forth, including some descriptive emojis. But deep down, you may not be sure you want to move forward with this.

GEMINI



MAY 21 - JUN 20

Mars in Aquarius, in your house of legal matters, makes a sextile the Chiron in Aries. Gemini, a legal hassle may come to a conclusion. An issue could be settled out of court, or a case could be dropped. And it's possible this is completed quite simply. You may only need to submit a form or write a check, and it's done. It feels good to get things done today.

SAGITTARIUS



NOV 22 - DEC 21

Mercury in Pisces making a conjunction to Jupiter in your house of family. Family members may be coming together for a reunion or celebrating a milestone birthday. You may attend a baby shower for your daughter or a bridal shower for your niece. You might gather the family around the dinner table, which could be a rare enough occurrence to be called a special occasion. This is a time to come together.

CANCER



JUN 21 - JUL 22

Mercury in Pisces making a conjunction to Jupiter in your house of adventure. Cancer, you might be thinking of climbing Mount Everest or hiking the Pacific Crest Trail. You may be wondering how to become a digital nomad or downsize into a tiny house. This is a great day to make plans for such a journey. Cancer, this could be a great beginning.

CAPRICORN



DEC 22 - JAN 19

Mercury in Pisces making a conjunction to Jupiter in your house of contracts and agreements. You may be looking over a contract for employment. Today you can ask for exactly what you want even if it means a contract needs to be changed. You might be able to add an addendum or proviso. Luck is on your side when it comes to agreements.

LEO



JUL 23 - AUG 22

Mars in Aquarius, in your house of relationships, makes a sextile the Chiron in Aries. There's an opportunity to heal some aspect of your relationship. Leo, you might be talking to a spiritual person, counselor, or an older, wiser relative. And this individual puts what you're going through into perspective. Suddenly, you see things in a new way. You could see what to change to make things much better.

AQUARIUS



JAN 20 - FEB 18

Mercury in Pisces making a conjunction to Jupiter in your house of money. Some extra money may find its way into your account, but it could leave just as quickly as you impulsively buy some new piece of electronics or a really cool jacket. They may compliment your writing or teaching. Aquarius, there are people around you who admire you more than ever.

VIRGO



AUG 23 - SEP 22

You have the opportunity to improve your relationship with a coworker. Perhaps this person has been very irritating in the past, but today you could learn something about this individual. Now you have a better understanding of why they do the things they do. Virgo, you could see a new side of this teammate.

PISCES



FEB 19 - MAR 20

Mercury, in your own sign of Pisces, making a conjunction to Jupiter in your house of confidence. You might be teaching a class or presenting some material online. Pisces, this is an excellent time to sit down and write your own memoir or to compose short poems to stencil onto a wall in your bedroom.