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## **MOVIE REVIEW**

## Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan



Director: Farhad Samji

Cast: Salman Khan, Venkatesh Daggubati, Pooja Hegde STORY: Bhaijaan (Salman Khan) is committed to living his ife as a bachelor so that he can take care of his three younger bhais. But when a beautiful woman walks into his life things take an unexpected turn

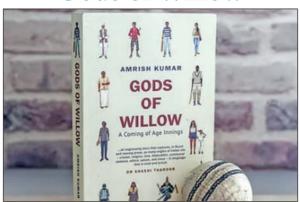
**REVIEW:** Salman Khan pumps in all his muscle literally, to make Bhaijaan's character lovable and he succeeds in that. The actor still packs a punch as an action hero and has the charm to get away with exchanging goofy and adorable sweet nothings with his lady love. This time, Bhai takes a few jokes on himself too and those are some of the laugh-out-loud moments in the movie. It's the stylish action (by ANL Arasu) that redeems this film to an extent. Each sequence is very well choreographed with never-seen-before stylised stunts. South superstar Venkatesh and Salman pull out all stops to create high impact with their heavy-duty action scenes. Venkatesh (as Gundamaneni) lends heft to his character of a family patriarch, who will do whatever it takes to keep his loved ones safe. Pooja Hegde has a meaty role, which she pulls off confidently, but could have dialed down over-the-top filmy antics. The other three heroines are used merely as props with very little scope to perform. Among the villains, Telugu actor Jagapathi Babu is impressive.

In-depth Analysis
Our averall critic's rating is not an average of the
scores below.
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Direction **Dialogues** 2/5 2/5 Story Music Visual appeal

## **BOOK REVIEW**

## Gods of Willow



Title: 'Gods of Willow: A Coming of Age Innings' **Author: Amrish Kumar** 

Genre: Fiction Publisher: Roli Books Pages: 316

Price: INR 434

Review: Entrepreneur-turned-author Amrish Kumar's debut novel 'Gods of Willow: A Coming of Age Innings' was published recently. In his book Amrish Kumar tells a comingof-age engrossing story of a 21-year-old boy Kabir Menon, who lives in Hyderabad.

Set in the India of the 90s and early 2000s, Kumar who was a cricket fanatic in his teens has taken cricket as the primary theme of his story. Apart from cricket, the story also touches upon various themes like love, politics, media, communalism,

In the book, the protagonist believes that his future is linked with that of the Indian cricket team's. When they win, so does he, and vice versa. When disturbances surface in Kabir's multicultural community, Kabir is forced to move to Mumbai. Kumar, through the eyes of Kabir, then focuses on what it means to find one's place in the world and the choices one makes to get there.

This multi-genre story is written in an engaging manner and is an easy read. People who love cricket would like to read this

## **GADGET REVIEW**

### Vivo X90



Expected Price 42,390. 6.78-inch Display Resolution (1260x2800)MediaTek Front Camera 32MP50MP + 12MP + 12MPRear Camera RAM 8GB

Storage 128GB**Battery Capacity** 4810 mAhAndroid 13 OriginOS 3 Skin Wi-Fi Yes Bluetooth Yes Yes

USB OTG Yes USB Type-C Proximity sensor Yes Accelerometer Gyroscope

China Red, Ice Blue, Original Black Colours

### **Pros**

- \* 5G and OTG connectivity. \* No wireless charging
- \* IP64 water and
- dust-resistant coating.
- Latest Android 13 OS support.
- Decent size battery capacity.

### Cons

- \* Audio jack support is not
- available.

## **VEHICLE REVIEW**

Royal Enfield 2023 Bullet 350



Rs. 1.80 Lakh\*

Single-Cylinder, 4 Stroke,

Air-Oil Cooled Engine

20.4 PS @ 6100 rpm

 $27~\mathrm{Nm}$  @  $4000~\mathrm{rpm}$ 

Disc

Disc

Cruiser Bikes

**Dual Channel** 

Air & Oil Cooled Self Start Only

Bluetooth

Analogue

Digital

Starting Price Displacement Engine Type

No. of Cylinders Max Power Max Torque Front Brake Rear Brake Body Type

ABS Mobile Connectivity LED Tail Light Speedometer Tripmeter Fuel gauge Cooling System Starting Fuel Supply

Gear Box Passenger Footrest

\* Refined Engine.

Brakes.

\* Better Suspension.

**Pros** 

\* More Ground Clearance.

Filmproved Handling &

5 Speed

Fuel Injection

- Cons \* Same Old Design.
- \* Lack of Connected

Features.

## Health and Lifestyle

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STOP doing these things if you want to lose weight



eight loss is a continuous process with no deadline. The more diligently you invest your efforts into it, the better the result. Doing it in the right way will help you in the long run.Many people do not achieve the desired weight loss due to minor mistakes. These mistakes are too easy to ignore but when these continue for a long time their negative effects accumulate and have a major impact on the weight loss plan. Here are few such common mistakes which you should take care of, if you are on a weight loss

### mission: Do not stop eating

This is the first and the most naive mistake people do when they want to lose weight!Cutting down on food intake has never helped anyone. Even if you see somebody having a drastic change in weight due to less intake of food, it will be for a small duration only. Weight loss

due to less food is very unhealthy and can have a damaging effect on the body. It can also lead to a quick jump in the weight when the individual starts consuming food on a regular basis.

## Missing gym sessions

At some point we all think about this: "It's just one session, won't matter much!" This is where the discipline breaks!Do not miss your gym sessions even for once; because ultimately the procrastination will snowball into weeks and months.

### Eating frequently

Many people ape others and start eating frequently. It might have worked for them, but this is not a standard way to lose weight. Many among us need to eat food frequently because of their body type, health condition and medications they are on. If you notice a change in their weight, do not jump to the conclusion that eating frequently helps them; there can be several



### Over exercising will not help

Many people have the wrong assumption that the more they workout the quicker they will lose weight. However, the fact is your body needs a good amount of rest after workout sessions. This helps the muscles of the body to repair properly before the next workout.

### Do not fall for diet trends

Weight loss should always be done in a healthy manner. Instead of following a diet trend. consult your doctor before startyour weight journey.Putting your body through some aggressive routine may not work as per your plans. Weight loss is a wholesome approach towards shedding extra kilos and not just a linear way of doing it.

### Calculating calories burned

People who go a bit deeper into weight loss plans, start calculating the calories lost. While on one

hand it is good to know about your progression, on the other hand it will put an extra burden on the person. The whole concept of weight loss is not just intake and burning of calories, there are several factors deeply embedded in this. Only an expert can help you understand this.

### The takeaway message

Do not obsess over weight loss and do not assume that pushing your body through difficult routines will help you lose weight easily. Weight loss should always be done in a healthy way. Else, no matter how subtle it may seem to you, the repercussions of forced weight loss is never good. Do hook yourself on weighing scales every now and then. Follow a routine that makes you happy. Do not deprive yourself of food and do not be a lazy person either. Maintain a healthy lifestyle and that is enough to keep you in a good shape.

# **ASTROLOGY**

## WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 23<sup>RD</sup> — 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023



This week, you're going in a new direction. The week begins on Sunday, April 16, with the sun in your own sign of Aries (happy birthday!) making a semisextile to Neptune in Pisces and your house of psychic ability and dreams. Today, you can feel in touch with the greater Universe. Aries, this could be a gentle caress and a nudge from the higher powers to get you MAR 21 - APR 20 to move toward your potential



This week, you could dazzle those around you. The week begins with the sun in Aries and your house of relationships making a semisextile to Neptune in Pisces. You're looking for a little romance. Libra, this might mean sending some steamy texts or covering the bed with rose petals.

This week, you're inspired to take the road to

wealth. Venus in Gemini and your house of

investments and passive income trines Pluto in

**TAURUS** 



This week, you're in harmony with the changing energy. The week begins with the sun in Aries and vour house of rest and recuperation making a semisextile to Neptune in Pisces. This is a good day to take it slowly. Move through the day intentionally, paying attention to simple things like pouring tea or reading a book in a quiet corner. Taurus, you might shut off devices because of the noise.



Aquarius. Scorpio, you might be quite focused on creating some passive income. This could mean that you're investing in dividend stocks or building a business. This interest in investing could change the way you spend money as well as your attitude about finances in general.

This week, you have some good choices to



make. The week begins with the sun in Aries and your house of friendship making a semisextile to Neptune in Pisces and your house of social standing. Gemini, it's great to stay in touch with friends, which you can do through social media. But now is a good time to opt for face-to-face, IRL interactions.

This week, you're planting fresh seeds. The



**CAPRICORN** 

This week, something could rock your world. Venus in Gemini and your house of relationships trines Pluto in Aquarius. Today, you could meet someone who rocks your world. Sagittarius, it's possible that this is a potential dating partner, and the chemistry between the two of you causes passionate, almost obsessive, thoughts. But it's also possible that this is someone who opens NOV 23 - DEC 22 your mind to new possibilities.

**CANCER** 



week begins with the sun in Aries and your house of reputation and life in the public eye making a semisextile to Neptune in Pisces. Today, the things you've been posting on social media are being seen by more people. Something you wrote could go viral. Or your pictures get more likes and notices from JUN 22 - JUL 23 friends and family.





routines trines Pluto in Aquarius. Capricorn, you could realize that your routines (or lack thereof) are causing issues in your life. You might notice that you need a better routine for prepping meals. Or that staying up too late makes the mornings more difficult.

This week, you're ready to take on challenges.

Venus in Gemini and your house of work and

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**VIRGO** 



This week, you're opening your mind to possibilities. The week begins with the sun in Aries and your house of travel making a semisextile to Neptune in Pisces. Travel can be fun today if you're willing to allow things to just unfold as they will. If you're trying to stick to an itinerary and make things happen by the clock, you could be disappointed.

This week, small changes could lead to big



**AQUARIUS** This week, something wonderful is blossoming. Venus in Gemini and your house of pleasure and romance trines Pluto in your own sign of Aquarius. You could meet someone who makes you tingle all over. It's possible that you and your current partner have entered a new phase of your relationship in which you're open and exploring your passions together.

**PISCES** 

This week, you're breaking free of a family



results. The week begins with the sun in Aries and your house of resources making a semisextile to Neptune in Pisces. Virgo, a resource you thought you had access to could evaporate. A person who promised to help you isn't available when you need them. But everything will be all right if you can adjust your plans.

pattern. Venus in Gemini and your house of home and family trines Pluto in Aquarius. You could have a very strong desire to break free of family patterns. Pisces, you might recognize that you can go a different way than your parents did. You might realize you've done many things in the past just to please FEB 20 - MAR 20 your family.