

## WEBSERIES REVIEW

### Thar



Director: Raj Singh Chaudhary

Cast: Anil Kapoor, Fatima Sana Sheikh, Hrithik Roshan

**SYNOPSIS:** Set in the 80's, a series of violent killings shake up a remote desert town in Rajasthan. Close to his retirement, local cop Surekha Singh (Anil Kapoor) is thrust to the forefront to nab the killers and uncover the motive. With various nefarious elements at play — drug trafficking, burglary and revenge — the case is trickier than it seems.

**REVIEW:** Anil Kapoor's film choices are only getting better and bolder with age. Be it Thar or AK vs AK, he's showing the millennials and OTT what a certified movie star is made of. He commands your attention in every frame with his arresting presence and emotional conflict. Son Harshvardhan has miles to go before he gets there. While his choices are too interesting and independent, his performance lacks emotional investment. Akshay Oberoi is impressive in his cameo and Jitendra Joshi, known for his work in Marathi theatre and films is solid in his significant role. It's always fun to watch Satish Kaushik on screen and the reuniting of the Mr. India duo is most welcome.

Thar is brutal and if you cannot stand graphic violence, this one's not for you. Switching on the English subtitles is also recommended for the desert dialect isn't everyone's cup of tea.

#### 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

### Pandora's Jar



Title: 'Pandora's Jar'

Author: Natalie Haynes

Publisher: Picador

Pages: 320

Price: 472 INR

**Review:** In 'Pandora's Jar', broadcaster, writer, and passionate classicist Natalie Haynes upends popular understandings of ancient Greek epic poems, stories, and plays written by men, retelling them from a female perspective and tracing the origins of their mythic female characters. In the book, she examines the origin stories and cultural legacies of the best-known women of classical literature, with a characteristic blend of scholarship and sharp humor.

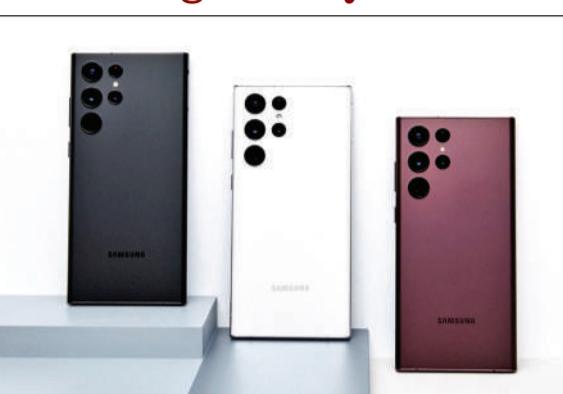
Haynes highlights the stories of women that have been retold countless times and explores the evolution of their characters over the centuries. Divided into 10 chapters, her narrative discusses Pandora, Jocasta, Helen, Medusa, the Amazons, Clytemnestra, Eurydice, Phaedra, Medea, and Penelope.

In her discussion of Pandora, Haynes points out that Pandora's box didn't appear until Erasmus translated Hesiod's 'Works and Days' into Latin "well over two millennia after Hesiod was writing in Greek." Furthermore, Hesiod's original version made no reference to Pandora releasing its contents. "For the ancients," Haynes suggests, "Pandora's role as the ancestor of all women was far more important than her disputed role in opening the world to incessant evil."

Readers of all levels of knowledge of Greek mythology are certain to be enthralled with 'Pandora's Jar' and will find Haynes' humor and wit captivating.

## GADGET REVIEW

### Samsung Galaxy S22 Ultra



Expected Price

Rs 36,999

Display

6.80-inch

Protection type

Gorilla Glass

Processor

Qualcomm Snapdragon 8 Gen 1

Front Camera

40MP

Rear Camera

108MP + 12MP + 10MP

Rear autofocus

Phase detection autofocus

Rear flash

Yes

Front autofocus

Yes

RAM

12GB

Storage

1TB

Battery Capacity

5000mAh

OS

Android 12

Wi-Fi

Yes

Bluetooth

Yes, v. 5.20

NFC

Yes

USB Type-C

Yes

Number of SIMs

2

Wi-Fi Direct

Yes

Colours

Phantom Black, Phantom White, Green, Burgundy

#### Pros

- \* In-built S Pen stylus.
- \* Superb display.
- \* Impressive performance.
- \* Versatile cameras
- \* Good battery life.

#### Cons

- \* Gets warm easily under load.
- \* Big and bulky.
- \* No bundled charger.

## VEHICLE REVIEW

### Skoda Kushaq



Starting Price

Rs. 11.29 - 19.49 Lakh\*

Fuel Type

Petrol

Engine Displacement

1497 cc

No. of cylinder

4

Max Power

147.51bhp@5000-6000rpm

Max Torque

250nm@1600-3500rpm

Seating Capacity

5

Transmission Type

Automatic

Boot Space

385 L

Body Type

SUV

Ground Clearance

188

Gear Box

7-speed

Drive Type

FWD

Clutch Type

Dry Double Clutch

Steering Type

Electric

Steering Column

Tilt & Telescopic

Front Brake Type

Disc

Rear Brake Type

Drum

Touch Screen size

10 Inch

No of Speakers

6

Connectivity

Android Auto, Apple CarPlay

#### Pros

- \* SUV-like ride quality.
- \* Impressive cabin design and build.
- \* Excellent infotainment and sound experience.

#### Cons

- \* Quality of materials in certain areas isn't Skoda level.
- \* Lack of premium features.
- \* No diesel engine option.

## Health and Lifestyle

### Common diseases associated with weight gain

nisms through which obesity increases cardiovascular disease risk involve changes in body composition that can affect hemodynamics and alter heart structure, research reports also say.

Overweight is a strong independent predictor of heart disease even in the absence of other risk factors.

#### Breast, colon, endometrial and other cancers

As per a research study, cancer of the breast (post-menopausal), colon-rectum, endometrium, ovary, pancreas, kidney, gallbladder, gastric cardia, liver, oesophagus (adenocarcinoma), meningioma, thyroid and multiple myeloma have a positive association with being overweight.

#### Fatty liver disease

As the name suggests, fatty

liver disease is when the fat build up in the liver exceeds its normal level. Usually the liver contains a small amount of fat. When this fat level increases to become 5 to 10% of your liver's weight, one gets fatty liver. While alcoholic fatty liver is a common occurrence, obesity is linked to non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.

#### Sleep apnea

Weight loss is directly related to sleep apnea which is a condition where the normal sleep pattern of an individual is disturbed within the cycle of sleep. In this condition, a person does not get sufficient sleep even after sleeping for 8 hours. Insufficient sleep in turn increases weight thus completing the cycle of association between sleep and weight.

As per research study, 40% of those with obesity have sleep apnea problems.

## ASTROLOGY

### WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 15<sup>TH</sup>—21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2022

#### ARIES

MAR 21 - APR 19

You may have to dig for the motivation to get out of bed as the Virgo moon forms a harsh opposition to Mars. A helpful connection to the Taurus moon can help you find your will, though you should give yourself permission to move slowly. You could find clarity on how to proceed with your path later in the morning, when Luna shares supportive aspects.

#### LIBRA

SEP 23 - OCT 22

You'll become aware of your strength and personal power as the Virgo moon shares a sweet connection to the Taurus sun. This cosmic climate will leave you solid as a rock, making it a great time to take a few bold steps toward your deepest ambitions. You'll notice a shift as the moon enters your sign, elevating your aura over the next two days.

#### TAURUS

APR 20 - MAY 20

The moon continues its journey through Virgo putting you in a lively and vivacious mood as you begin your day. Unfortunately, a sleepy energy could find you this afternoon when Luna faces off with hazy Neptune, leaving you a bit out of sorts. Luckily, you should be able to reconnect with your spirit later in the evening when the moon blows a kiss to Pluto, activating the spiritual sector of your chart.

#### SCORPIO

OCT 23 - NOV 21

You'll feel the love from your friends and community as the Virgo moon forms a sweet connection to the Taurus sun. These vibes will also bring good vibes to your love life, so be sure to show your sweetie or crush some extra attention before heading into the office. Use this energy to bring attention to any topics that are important to you using your social media platform as a way to get your point across.

#### GEMINI

MAY 21 - JUN 20

A leisurely energy will find you as the Virgo moon shares a sweet connection to the Taurus sun, encouraging you to move efficiently and with intent. Good vibes will continue to flow when Luna blows a kiss to the nodes of fate, providing you a deep knowing that you're walking the right path, even if you're