

WEBSERIES REVIEW

Modern Love: Mumbai



Director: Shonali Bose, Hansal Mehta, Vishal Bhardwaj
Alankrita Shrivastava, Dhruv Sehgal, Nupur Asthana
Cast: Fatima Sana Sheikh, Chitrangada Singh, Arshad Warsi, Pratik Gandhi, Masaba Gupta
STORY: Amazon Prime's desi answer to its classy New York counterpart is, just like the city, chaotic yet beautiful, liberating yet limiting, and a paradox of identities. In true classic Bollywood fashion, these stories have a lot to say about love—hello, it's the biggest saleable emotion after all—but the gloss is gone, and you are not going to like everything you see.
REVIEW: 'Modern Love Mumbai' is free-thinking in spirit, but a thorough traditionalist in cinematography. Unexpectedly, we see the city through the same conventional lens of modern Bollywood—drone shots of slums juxtaposed against SoBo snootiness, Sea Link is a metaphor for sadness, and Shah Rukh Khan's bungalow a euphemism for you-have-arrived. Pritish Nandy Communications could have done better; I mean they had the funds for it.
'Modern Love Mumbai' navigates a wide range of topics, toppling barriers along the way, and what it has essentially taught me is that if external love is your only currency, then you will be spent.

In-depth Analysis	
Our overall critic's rating is not an average of the sub scores below.	
Direction:	4.0/5
Dialogues:	4.0/5
Screenplay:	4.0/5
Music:	4.0/5
Action:	4.0/5
Comedy:	3.5/5
Visual appeal:	4.5/5

BOOK REVIEW

Blue Jeans



Title: 'Blue Jeans'
Author: Dr. Manisha Saxena
Publisher: Vishwakarma Publications
Pages: 176
Price: 210 INR
Review: As bibliophiles, we love a power-packed, jaw-dropping thriller. Paediatrician and author Dr. Manisha Saxena's second novel, 'Blue Jeans' is one such suspense crime thriller that won't disappoint you at all. Set in the tourist destination of Goa, 'Blue Jeans' is full of action and energy that will dazzle you.
Published by Vishwakarma Publications and released in March 2022, 'Blue Jeans' is full of fascinating characters like the beautiful blonde Jean, French tourist Susan, and handsome traveler Banerjee. While Jean seems to have some ulterior motive for everything she does, Banerjee is as mysterious as she, and Jean instantly falls for him. Furthermore, Jean gets entangled in a murder case and her obsession with the heritage hotel Casa Rio seems to have a deeper meaning than just fascination.
"Jean, a beautiful blonde, sets foot in Goa and then mysteriously changes hotels and guises. Susan, a French tourist staying at Jean's hotel, is found unconscious on the Baga beach. Casa Rio, a 450 year old Portuguese villa, converted into a lively hotel after the last land lady Amelia Rodrigues' demise, thirteen years ago, suddenly comes into prominence," reads the book's blurb. "Who is Jean and what interests her in Goa? Is she an Indian albino or there is a mystery behind her origins? Is Banerjee, the handsome traveller Jean meets at a high end discotheque, trustworthy or a notorious drug peddler?" it adds.
'Blue Jeans' is wrapped in mystery and mystique with a bold storyline and is a must-read for anyone looking for a gripping read.

GADGET REVIEW

Poco C31



Expected Price	Rs 7,499.
Display	6.53-inch (720x1600)
Resolution	MediaTek Helio G35
Processor	5MP
Front Camera	13MP + 2MP + 2MP
Rear Camera	3GB
RAM	32GB
Storage	5000mAh
Battery Capacity	Android 10
OS	Yes
Wi-Fi	Yes
GPS	Yes
Bluetooth	Yes, v 5.00
Micro-USB	Yes
Headphones	3.5mm
Face unlock	Yes
Fingerprint sensor	Yes
Proximity sensor	Yes
Accelerometer	Yes
Ambient light sensor	Yes
Colours	Shadow Grey and Royal Blue

Pros

- * It provides an IPS LCD.
- * It offers lots of ram and storage.
- * It has a triple rear camera.
- * Good battery life.

Cons

- * It offers less pixel density.
- * Does not support wireless charging.

VEHICLE REVIEW

Toyota Fortuner



Starting Price	Rs. 31.79 - 48.43 Lakh*
Fuel Type	Diesel
Engine Displacement	2755 cc
No. of cylinder	4
Max Power	201.15bhp@3000-3400rpm
Max Torque	500Nm@1600-2800rpm
Seating Capacity	7
Transmission Type	Automatic
Body Type	SUV
Gear Box	6 Speed with Sequential Shift
No of Airbags	7
Front Suspension	Double Wishbone
Rear Suspension	4-Link With Coil Spring
Steering Column	Tilt & Telescopic
Front Brake Type	Ventilated Disc
Rear Brake Type	Ventilated Disc
Power Windows	Front/Rear
Turning Radius	5.8 meters
Touch Screen size	8 Inch
Connectivity	Android Auto, Apple CarPlay
Additional Features	Premium JBL Speakers

Pros

- * More powerful diesel engine.
- * 2021 facelift looks sportier than before.
- * Added features aid convenience in the cabin.

Cons

- * Still does not get a sunroof.
- * Fortuner has become costlier by up to Rs 3 lakh.

Health and Lifestyle

Expert tips on dos and don'ts of kitchen decor to attract abundance



Colour of the kitchen walls

Stay away from too much red in terms of colour as this can lead to excessive fire energy in the kitchen. Black and grey is again not an ideal colour for the kitchen as these are colours that represent elements which can subdue the fire energy. The best colours for kitchen are pastels – ivory, beige, lemon yellow, pastel green are safe colours to use.

Here are some more miscellaneous do's and don'ts

Ensure that the Kitchen is not above or below a toilet. Food is symbolic of abundance. And toilet placement above or below the kitchen can interfere with this abundance.

Don't display knives and scissors. Always keep them in the drawer: While designing the kitchen, ensure that your back is not to the door while you cook.

Rice and flour should not be placed in the plastic jars. This can reduce the

Kitchen represents Fire, which is one of the most important elements that brings wealth and abundance to the house. And hence it's paramount that the kitchen is positioned correctly in the house. Here are some pointers that must be kept in mind if you want to attract abundance in the house.

The right zone of the kitchen

The right zone for the kitchen is the Southeast zone of the house. It's equally important to pay attention to the right placement within the kitchen.

Position of the cooking range

The cooking range should be placed in such a way that one faces East while cooking. If there is a window to the East, it brings the right energies into the kitchen with the morning Sun.

Placement of the electronic equipment

The other fire equipment such as the microwave and other gadgets that represent the churning activity, such as the mixer grinder can be towards the Southeast of the kitchen. This ensures a well balanced Southeast which in turn strengthens our wealth and assets.

The water purifier

Water Purifier is best placed in the Northeast and the sink can come between North and Northwest. The sink and hob should neither be next to each other nor exactly opposite to each other.

Storage of utensils

Heavy storage such as heavy utensils should be placed in the West or Southwest and food storage can come in the East of the kitchen.

Where to keep the refrigerator

Refrigerator is best suited in the Northwest Zone of the kitchen or even Northwest of the house.



abundance luck for the house. Always place these in metal containers. Anything that is chipped or broken or not in a working condition should be removed from the kitchen as this can bring bad luck to the family.

All food items that are way past their expiry must also be thrown away as they can have a tendency of bringing bad health to the family. One must thoroughly spring clean the kitchen, every few weeks, to get rid of anything that fits the above description. Do not ever have a mirror in the kitchen. A mirror reflecting the fire can bring legal battles to the family.

And lastly, do not go to bed with a dirty kitchen and utensils still in the sink. A clean kitchen is always an invitation to Goddess Lakshmi in the house.

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ASTROLOGY

WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 22ND – 28TH MAY 2022

ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19	Mars in Pisces and Pluto in Capricorn and your house of career. Some changes in your company are happening soon. There is a possible opportunity for you. It's likely your company is looking to consolidate its position in order to expand in the future. You might want to speak to your supervisor soon about a potential new role or new responsibilities.
LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22	Mars in Pisces and your house of daily routines making a sextile to Pluto in Capricorn and your house of home and family. Libra, you might be looking at spring cleaning now, trying to eliminate excess clutter (yours and maybe other people's as well). You could make real headway today clearing out the garage, shredding old paperwork and doing home repairs.
TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20	Mars in Pisces and your house of friendships making a sextile to Pluto in Capricorn and your house of education. The school semester might be winding down, and you could be feeling quite sentimental as people go their separate ways. Taurus, you could be saying goodbye or helping your school-age kids say goodbye to friends. There's a deeper message here, music from the Universe.
SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21	Mars in Pisces and your house of romance and adventure making a sextile to Pluto in your house of communication. Scorpio, you might have the most interesting and sexy conversation with someone new. This is high-level flirting with some not-so-subtle innuendo. Romance is brewing. It appears someone is taking you by the hand and guiding you through the process.
GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20	Mars in Pisces and your house of career making a sextile to Pluto in Capricorn and your house of resources. Gemini, this is a great day to look at all the perks and benefits your company offers. You might go through the company's employee portal to check out discounted stock offerings, 401(k) match or discounts on insurance. You have luck with your career today.
SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21	Mars in Pisces and your house of family making a sextile to Pluto in Capricorn and your house of finances. Sagittarius, you might be pulling the family together to discuss a spending plan to eliminate debt. You could start a debt snowball and let it build into an avalanche by putting every extra dollar toward student loan debt or credit card balances.
CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22	Mars in Pisces and your house of adventure and escapades making a sextile to Pluto in Capricorn and your house of relationships. Cancer, you and your partner might be seeking some excitement today. Consider a picnic that requires a four-wheel-drive vehicle to get to the location. Or see the city in a hot-air balloon. A creative date today will go a long way to bring more romance into your life.
CAPRICORN DEC 22 - JAN 19	Mars in Pisces and your house of communication making a sextile to Pluto in your own sign of Capricorn. Today, your voice reverberates, causing people to stop and take notice. Capricorn, this is a good day for public speaking as well as putting your words into the world through blog posts, videos or a podcast. It's a good day to launch a business.
LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22	Mars in Pisces and your house of resources and investments making a sextile to Pluto in your house of work. You are likely focused on getting your money to work for you. Leo, you might be moving money into investments. You could look at your risk tolerance to choose between the safety of dollar-cost averaging and high-risk day trading. There's middle ground to consider: It's time for you to find it.
AQUARIUS JAN 20 - FEB 18	Mars in Pisces and your house of money making a sextile to Pluto in Capricorn and your house of intuition. Aquarius, your sense of trends is very strong right now. This is a time to write down your thoughts and feelings about what you see for the future. Oftentimes, your intuitive flashes come suddenly and unexpectedly. As you log your predictions, you build your confidence in your intuitive abilities.
VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22	Mars in Pisces and Pluto in your house of pleasure. This is an excellent day to focus on interpersonal connections. This might mean more time spent together holding hands. Or this can take a more passionate turn, something that involves kisses that are as sweet as honey. If you're looking for love, this is one of your best days to reach out to someone.
PISCES FEB 19 - MAR 20	Mars in your own sign of Pisces and your house of confidence making to Pluto in Capricorn and your house of community. It's possible you will be tapped for a leadership position in a group or organization. You might be asked to help out with a fundraiser or grow the membership of your networking group, hobby club or spiritual group.