

## MOVIE REVIEW

### Brahmastra



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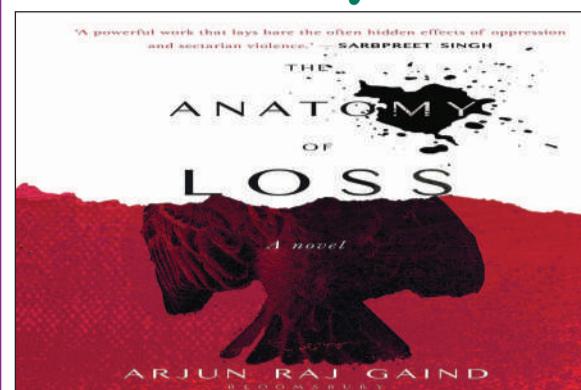
#### In-depth Analysis

Our overall critic's rating is not an average of the sub scores below.

Direction	2.5/5
Dialogues	2.5/5
Story	2.5/5
Music	2.5/5
Visual appeal	2.5/5

## BOOK REVIEW

### The Anatomy of Loss



Title: The Anatomy of Loss

Author: Arjun Raj Gajind

Genre: Fiction

Publisher: Bloomsbury Publishing India Pvt Ltd

Pages: 272

Price: 599 INR

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It's the year 1984. Eight-year-old Himmat Singh is on a vacation with his parents to his maternal grandparents' home in Punjab when the news of PM Indira Gandhi's assassination shocks the nation. Scared of its implications, his maternal grandfather Gobind, who is a poet and retired professor, shaves off his beard to hide his identity - an act that changes Himmat's perception of his grandfather from that of a courageous man to a coward. The same night when Gobind's best friend asks for his help to save his son, who is of Himmat's age, Gobind refuses to help in order to save himself and Himmat. This act of cowardice is unforgivable to young Himmat and it makes him estranged from his grandfather forever.

## GADGET REVIEW

### Realme C30s



Expected Price	Rs 7,499
Display	6.50-inch (720x1600)
Resolution	Unisoc T612
Processor	13MP
Front Camera	8MP
Rear Camera	Yes
Rear autofocus	Yes
Rear flash	Yes
RAM	2GB, 3GB
Storage	32GB
Battery Capacity	5000mAh
OS	Android 11 (Go edition)
Wi-Fi	Yes
GPS	Yes
Bluetooth	Yes, v. 5.00
Micro-USB	Yes
Number of SIMs	2
SIM Type	Nano-SIM
Headphones	3.5mm
Colours	Bamboo Green, Denim Black, Lake Blue

#### Pros

- \* 6.5-inches IPS LED.
- \* Cameras on both ends.
- \* Great battery life.

#### Cons

- \* No Fingerprint Sensor.

## VEHICLE REVIEW

### Toyota Urban Cruiser Hyryder



Starting Price

Rs. 15.11 - 18.99 Lakh

Fuel Type

Petrol

Engine Displacement

1490 cc

No. of cylinder

4

Max Power

91.18bhp@5500rpm

Max Torque

122Nm@4400-4800rpm

Seating Capacity

5

Transmission Type

Automatic

No of Airbags

6

Parking Sensors

Rear

Fuel Tank Capacity

45.0

Body Type

SUV

Front Suspension

MacPherson Strut

Rear Suspension

Torsion Beam

Steering Type

Electric

Steering Column

Tilt & Telescopic

Front Brake Type

Ventilated Disc

Rear Brake Type

Solid Disc

Touch Screen size

9 Inch

No of Speakers

4

Connectivity

Android Auto, Apple CarPlay

#### Pros

- \* Classy, sophisticated and please-all design.
- \* Plush and spacious interior.
- \* Fuel efficient powertrains.
- \* Feature loaded.

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- \* No diesel engine on offer.
- \* Boot space is limited in hybrid models.

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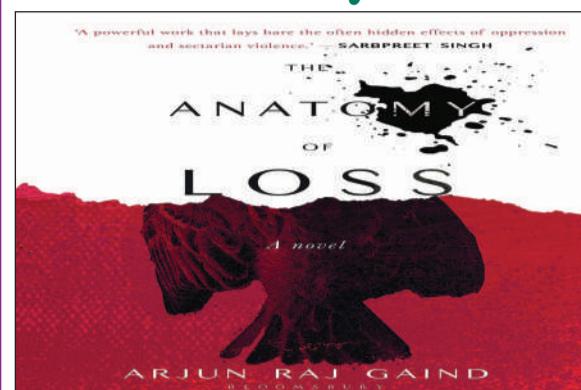
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