

MOVIE REVIEW

Kaabil



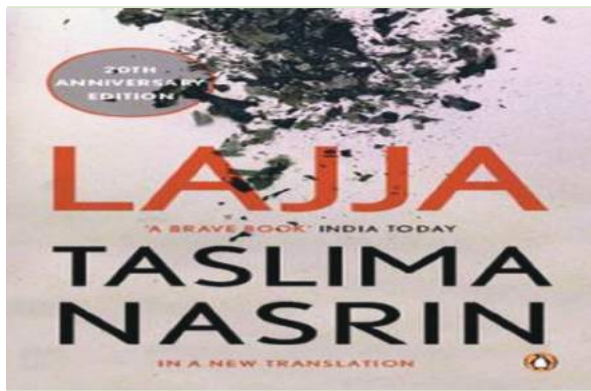
CAST: Hrithik Roshan, Yami Gautam, Ronit Roy, Rohit Roy, Narendra Jha
DIRECTION: Sanjay Gupta
GENRE: Thriller
DURATION: 2 hours 19 minutes
STORY: When they get hitched, visually-impaired couple Rohan Bhatnagar (Hrithik) and Supriya Sharma (Yami) light up each other's lives. Unfortunately their dark world goes topsy-turvy when Supriya is raped and Rohan finds the policemen playing blind man's bluff. Leaving him with no choice, but to take the law into his own hands.
REVIEW: Revenge is a dish best served blind is the message Kaabil serves up. Drawing inspiration from Hollywood's Blind Fury (1989) with Rutger Hauer in the lead and even borrowing shades of the Korean super hit, Broken (2014), Sanjay Gupta gives you a Bollywood adaptation that is entertaining and effective. For starters he lovingly sets up the beautiful world of a blind couple--Rohan, a proficient dubbing artiste and Supriya, a talented pianist.
 The highlight of the film is Hrithik's bravura performance. He is vulnerable as a lover and menacing as a killing-machine. Half a star in the movie-rating is reserved for his all-time best performance here. Yami provides the perfect foil, subtle and super-effective. Technically the film is adept, Thanks to masters like Sudeep Chatterjee (camera) and Resul Pookutty(sound).

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

Direction	3.5/5
Dialogues	3/5
Story	3/5
Music	3.5/5
Visual appeal	3/5

BOOK REVIEW

Lajja



Title: Lajja, Shame
Author: Taslima Nasreen
Pages: 216
Publisher: Penguin India
Price: INR 299
Review: If there is one novel which will shred to pieces ideals of equality, secularism and just basic humanity, it is Taslima Nasreen's Lajja, translated as "shame" from the Bengali word "lajja or lōjja". The novel describes the stark carnage that broke loose on Hindus in Bangladesh after the December 6, 1992 demolition of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya.
 The novel is depressing not only because of the political and religious demons but more so because of the impact an incident far away in Ayodhya had on the lives of innocent people in Dhaka and the rest of Bangladesh who had nothing to do with the incident, but were driven to the brink of insanity because of the cruelty that ensued upon them.
 In the Preface, Nasreen has clearly said that the characters in the novel are purely fictional, but she has "included in the text numerous incidents, actual historical events, facts and statistics". Indeed, these details, just like a stream of consciousness, frequently intersperse the novel. Editorially, these sources have been quoted in a smaller font to show their authenticity and that they aren't part of the fiction and often run into many pages in the novel.
 Against this backdrop Nasreen begins the story of liberal-minded Sudhamoy Dutta, his sweet and caring wife, Kironmoyee and their two children, the erudite though not-so-responsible left-leaning Suranjan and the more practical and responsible daughter, Maya. As events unfolded, Sudhamoy suffered a stroke, his daughter was called back and was helping nurse her father back to health. The end of the novel sees a broken Sudhamoy, Kironmoyee and Suranjan leaving for India--showing the sad futility and price of stubbornness.

GADGET REVIEW

Samsung Galaxy C9 Pro



Released on: December 2016
Price : Starting at Rs 36,900.
KEY FEATURES :
 Display: 6.00-inch
 Processor: 1.44GHz octa-core
 Front camera: 16-megapixel
 Rear Camera: 16-megapixel
 Resolution: 1080x1920 pixels
 RAM: 6GB
 Internal storage: 64 GB
 Operating System: Android 6.0, Marshmallow
 Battery Capacity: 4000 mAh
CONNECTIVITY
 SIM: Dual
 Network: 2G, 3G, 4G/ LTE
 Removable battery: No
 Colours: Gold, Rose Gold
SOUND
 Loudspeaker: Yes, with stereo speakers
 3.5mm jack: Yes (Active noise cancellation with dedicated mic)

Pros	Cons
* Fair amount of RAM to handle all your apps	* No LED Flash on Front Camera.
* Fully Metal Body with amazing design.	* 4K recording is not supported.
* SAR Value is N/A.	* Barometer and Temperature sensors is not available.
* Fingerprint sensor for unlocking Apps and smartphone.	* Little Heavy Weight, weight is 189Gm.
* Type-C Fast Charger support. Taking 70min for full charged battery.	* OIS Function is not available in Cameras..

VEHICLE REVIEW

Bajaj V15



Launched in: January 2017
Starting Price: Rs 66,460
Specifications:
 Fuel Type: Petrol
 Mileage: 75 Kmpl
 Top Speed: 109 Kmph
 Engine Type: Single Cylinder, 4 Stroke, SOHC 2 Valve, Air Cooled, DTS-i
 Engine Displacement: 125 cc
 Power: 11.8 bhp @ 7500 rpm
 Torque: 10.8 Nm @ 3500 rpm
 No Of Cylinders: N/A
 Transmission: Manual
 Drive Type: N/A
 Stroke: 58.8 mm
 Chassis Type: Double-Cradle Chassis
 Suspension-Front: Telescopic
 Suspension-Rear: Twin-Spring Loaded Hydraulic Type-With Gas Filled

Pros	Cons
* Unique and stylish body.	* No digital meters .
* Comfortable seating for rider	* Low height of the seat.
* Fuel Efficiency.	* The engine could have been painted Black for further refinement of the looks.
* Multicolour fuel indicator.	* Plastic number-plate holder looks out of place.
* The rear view mirrors offer a wide view to the traffic behind.	

Health and Lifestyle

Danger! These 7 chemicals are hiding in your everyday products



It goes without saying that harsh and toxic chemicals should be avoided at all costs. But sometimes these dangerous chemicals escape our radar and co-exist in the same space as ours. Here we list seven such things you think as safe allies but they may be backstabbing you to an unhealthy state.

Detergents - Sodium lauryl sulfate, NPE, Phosphates (among others)
 The detergents that we use mindlessly when washing our clothes contain a whole range of cancer causing chemicals, some of them being Sodium lauryl sulfate, NPE (nonylphenol ethoxylate), Phosphates and 1,4 dioxane. These are known to cause skin irritation, organ toxicity, affect reproductive health and can cause possible mutations and even cancer. Not just these, when you contaminate water with these, it adversely impacts the environment and the waterways.
Healthy alternative: Natural or home made detergents

Non-stick cookware - Polytetrafluoroethylene
 We all are mostly thankful to non-stick cookware as it saves us a lot of time we would otherwise spend cleaning the utensils. But this too comes at a price. The polytetrafluoroethylene that goes into making non-stick cookware gives off a toxic gas at high temperatures. This could lead to reproductive and other health issues.
Healthy alternative: Iron skillets or stainless steel

Antiperspirants - Aluminium
 Among many sweat-blocking ingredients that go into making an antiperspirant, one is aluminium. Research is going into understanding if this aluminium can be a risk factor for breast cancer. In fact the U.S. Food and Drug Administration requires a warning label on all antiperspirants.



Healthy alternative: Talcum powder

Fabric softeners - Quaternary ammonium salts
 When you use fabric softeners, they coat your clothes with quaternary ammonium salts and other such toxic chemicals. These are responsible for causing headaches, skin irritation and even respiratory problems.
Healthy alternative: Natural alternatives such as vinegar












Shower curtains - Phthalates
 Shower curtains are made of plastic that is made soft by using Phthalates. These are known to be very harmful to one's health and are often associated with damaging reproductive health and causing respiratory difficulties.
Healthy alternative: Go for slider doors

Air fresheners/Dish soap - Phthalates
 If you see anything labelled with the word 'fragrance', there is a big chance that it contains phthalates. As mentioned above, they have an adverse impact on our respiratory and reproductive health. It also disrupts the endocrine system and may also lead to lowered sperm count in men.
Healthy alternative: Organic fragrances like real flowers and organic soaps

Household cleaners (specially labelled 'antibacterial') - Triclosan and Quats
 Liquid hand soaps, household cleaners and dish wash detergents that are labelled 'antibacterial' may contain Triclosan and Quaternary Ammonium compounds (or 'quats'). These are known to contain drug-resistant bacteria. Triclosan can also be a probable carcinogen and research is going on to see if it affects our endocrine functions.
Healthy alternative: Organic cleaners

ASTROLOGY

WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 05TH- 11TH FEBRUARY 2017

<p>ARIES</p>  <p>MAR 21 - APR 20</p> <p>You've been looking not only for the deeper meaning of life but also the deeper meaning within your relationships. Any conclusions you draw can be liberating but might also encourage you to look out for other possibilities within your closest bonds. There might be more options than you realize. The answer may not be what you expect.</p>	<p>LIBRA</p>  <p>SEP 24 - OCT 22</p> <p>You could be quite excited by an encounter that seems a little bit out of the ordinary. If this person has magnetism and charisma, you may not be able to resist - and why should you? You could find that going with the flow and working toward a deeper connection is very exciting. It can be even better if you share certain experiences or interests in common.</p>
<p>TAURUS</p>  <p>APR 21 - MAY 20</p> <p>You're moving through a phase now in which your focus may be turned inward toward your thoughts, emotions, and dreams. At the same time, the Sun is in the topmost sector of your chart, which puts you in the spotlight. If you feel a little uncomfortable, it could be because you're aware that you've changed over recent months and you're still adjusting.</p>	<p>SCORPIO</p>  <p>OCT 23 - NOV 22</p> <p>You may be ready to embrace the more serious side of the new year now, which could involve committing time and energy to making your goals a reality. However, as Venus, your planet of relating, enters a more practical sector of your chart today, you might want to involve others in your plans. Share the joy of getting fit together.</p>
<p>GEMINI</p>  <p>MAY 21 - JUN 20</p> <p>With Mercury closely aligned with Pluto's transformative energies in an intense sector of your chart, the week's start could encourage a decision. Even if it isn't the right one, the fact that you've chosen can bring a sense of relief. But your friends may have something to say about your choice. You'll need to be strong and positive enough to drown out their voices.</p>	<p>SAGITTARIUS</p>  <p>NOV 23 - DEC 22</p> <p>Competitive sport or hearty aerobic exercise can be really good for you now and in the coming weeks. If you've felt the frustration of handling a great deal of responsibility lately, this can be a great way to let off steam and feel more upbeat. Jupiter, your personal planet, turns retrograde in your social sector at the end of the week.</p>
<p>CANCER</p>  <p>JUN 22 - JUL 23</p> <p>A skill that you acquired in childhood could be required as part of your job or for a business idea. Don't worry if you haven't used it in a while. Once you get going, you may find you're an expert. With Mars powering through your career sector, you could be more determined than ever when it comes to finding work or securing a contract.</p>	<p>CAPRICORN</p>  <p>DEC 23 - JUL 20</p> <p>The presence of Mars in your home zone can be a call to make some overdue changes. The likelihood is that you'll feel very positive about tackling them. What seemed rather daunting earlier could seem like a piece of cake now, and you might get done in no time at all. Your efforts toward achieving a goal may not bear fruit quickly.</p>
<p>LEO</p>  <p>JUL 24 - AUG 23</p> <p>It could seem like you've emerged from a darkened cave into the sunlight this week as the shift in the planetary picture brings optimism and hope. You might be tempted by new opportunities, but you'll also be eager to see new sights and enjoy being a tourist in another culture. If you haven't booked your next travel adventure, you may do so this week.</p>	<p>AQUARIUS</p>  <p>JAN 21 - FEB 23</p> <p>At times, it can seem like you're the one supporting your friends and at others that they're supporting you, which is how it should be. But this week as Jupiter, your social planet, turns retrograde, you might prefer to strike out on your own and enjoy a few solo adventures. Perhaps there are experiences that you wouldn't have if you were in a crowd.</p>
<p>VIRGO</p>  <p>JUL 24 - AUG 23</p> <p>With Mars in a transformative sector of your chart, you may find that it stirs up your inner landscape of patterns and compulsions, perhaps compelling you to take certain actions. Would it be wise to give in to them? It might not if they sabotage your recent hard work. The other way to deal with them is to observe them and allow such desires to pass.</p>	<p>PISCES</p>  <p>FEB 20 - MAR 20</p> <p>As Venus enters your sector of values and self-esteem, consider investing in yourself in whatever way seems best to you. It may be that you'd feel great with new clothes or a new hairstyle. Whatever you do for yourself can help boost your confidence at a time when you may be a little worn down by all your recent hard work.</p>

Lajja (Shame) was published in Bengali in February 1993 and quickly sold sixty thousand copies before it was banned. The story was provoked by an incident in India three months before the novel's publication: Hindu extremists destroyed an Islamic mosque. In Bangladesh, the violent backlash was against the Hindu minority (approximately 10 percent of the country's population). Lajja is the uncomplicated story of a Hindu family of pacifists, living outside of Dacca during the time of the backlash.