

AURA

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Principal's Message



The Aura of April was vibrant with diverse initiatives – occupying long hours of that precious "me time" that SKVians love more than love itself !

But the mind-bending codes and programs they made were worth every minute spent keeping awake during the hot summer afternoons.

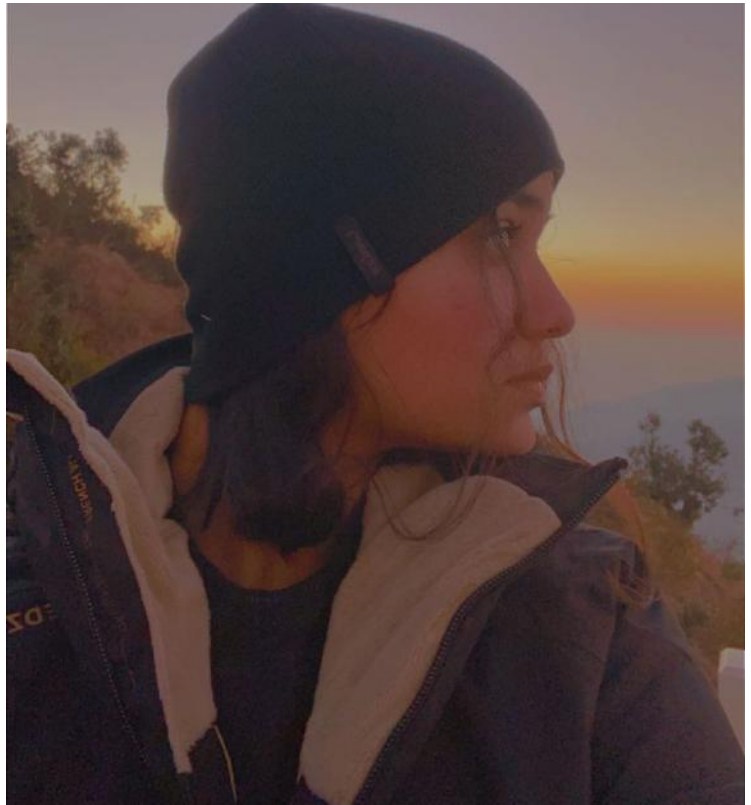
The creative SKVians added new hues to the April Aura. Students explored various art media and surprised themselves with their artistry. But the real art that students learnt was the art of communication : saying the right thing at the right time and fighting temptation by leaving much unsaid.

The SKVian that we sent home for the summer vacation was a high value-added version of the girl who came to us some weeks ago.

I look with justifiable pride on our labour of love and strongly believe that the reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more !

Mrs. Nishi Misra
Principal

Editor's Message



April marks the very beginning of a new session, a sense of newness imparting us with a clean, fresh slate. The month is invigorating yet hectic as we fit into new roles and mend ourselves further in order to do things differently with more attention and purpose.

It is also one of the most challenging times of the year with the board examinations approaching marking stress and angst in the air. But it is all a matter of perspective as it isn't the circumstances that shape us but rather, us. This edition brings to you the happenings of this exhilarating month with content bound to uplift your spirits.

Happy reading!

MYTHICAL CREATURE



A mythical creature is a type of fictional entity that has not been proven and that is described in folklore, but may be featured in historical accounts before modernity. Some of them exist and are hard to find. Here's a list of the animals which are mythical ones and have been spotted-

Thorny devil

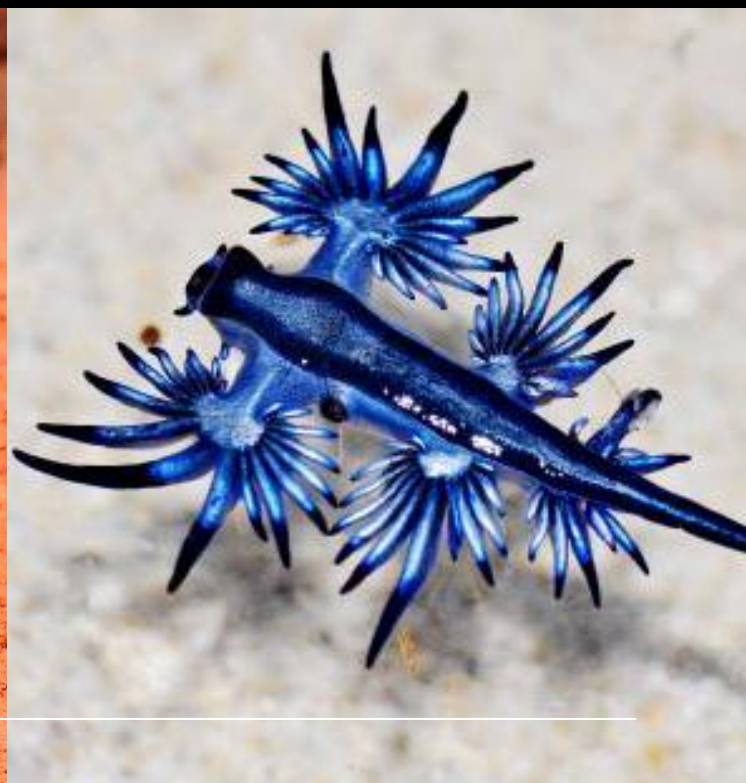
These survive entirely on ants and are covered in thick, thorny spikes that protect them from prey. Perhaps the most fascinating thing about these creatures is their ability to change color with the weather — they stay yellow and red when it's warm and switch to darker colors when it's chilly.

Glaucus atlanticus

The glaucus atlanticus is actually a slug that floats upside down in the ocean and feeds on the Portuguese man-of-war. After eating, the glaucus stores the stingers of his prey in his own finger-like appendages and uses them to fend off attackers.

Narwhal

In the Middle Ages through the Renaissance, unicorn horn was all the rage. It turns out, however, that the twisting, conical objects were actually the tusks of narwhals, an Arctic whale hunted by Vikings who sold their tusks at astronomical prices (and conveniently failed to mention the animal they came from). An English explorer Martin Frobisher led a Canadian expedition where he happened to stumble upon a dead narwhal, which he called a "sea unicorn". He later presented the tusk to the queen.



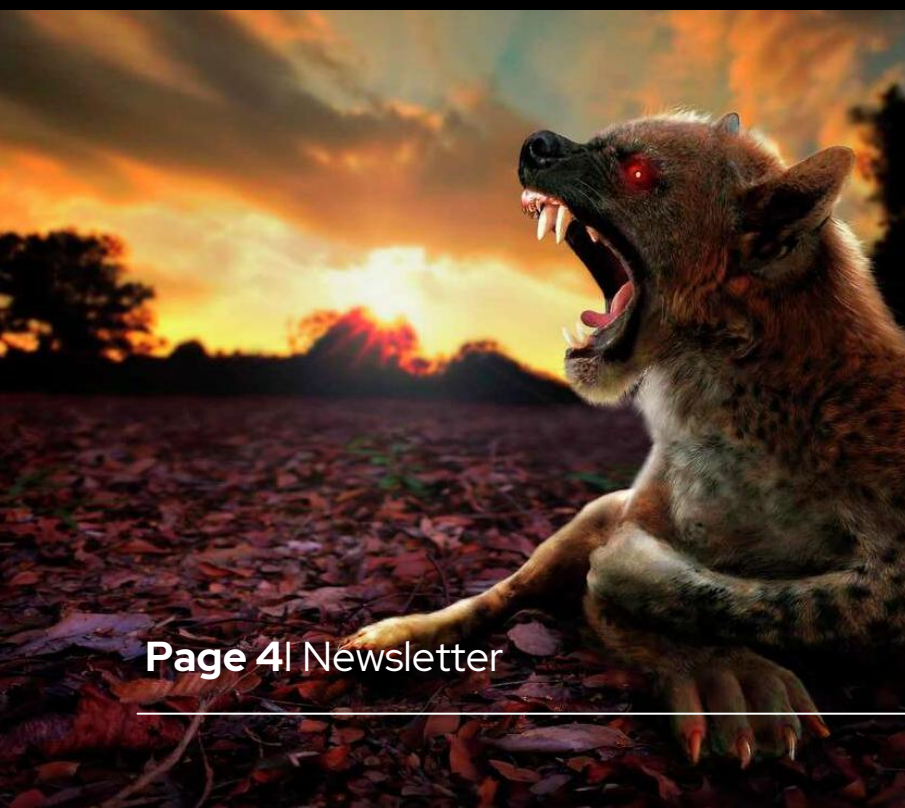


El Chupacabra

The Chupacabra was first sighted in Puerto Rico in the '70s. A wave of sightings followed in the late 1990s. During this time, livestock throughout Puerto Rico was found drained of blood. These Chupacabra or "goat-sucker" attacks caused panic with local residents who claimed a vampire was feeding on their livestock. Although descriptions have varied, most describe a hairless, alien-like monster with spikes going down its back and glowing red eyes.

The Vampire Deer

This feels like mother nature is messing with us but we need to accept the fact that these animals exist. This one is a herbivore and doesn't suck blood for sure. Fortunately, the "fangs" are actually sabers that the males use to fight during the mating season. The vampire deer is hunted by humans but not for its tusks. Male Siberian musk deer are poached for its scent glands (worth nearly \$20,455 per pound in the black market.) Their musk is so valuable that the perfume market will hunt them and sadly it'll become mythical.



ACCIDENTALLY ASKED

IS TONGUE REALLY THE STRONGEST MUSCLE WE POSSESS?

Many of us grew up believing the assertion that the tongue is the strongest muscle in the body. But is it really? While it bends, twists and moves rather freely and intriguingly, one would call the tongue a playful and unique part of the human anatomy. "The tongue has no bones but it is strong enough to break a heart" continues to remain an epigram used and circulated throughout generations. So how strong is the tongue really?

By sticking a pliable air-filled bulb into a subject's mouth, scientists can measure the maximal pressure the tongue can exert on an object. This device, called an iowa oral performance instrument, is placed on the tongue and subjects are asked to push it toward the roofs of their mouths as hard as they can. Such measurements have given the lie to the myth, because you're not really measuring muscles but muscle systems.

The tongue may not be as strong as the glutes, jaw or heart but strengthening it may still be useful as there is some evidence suggesting that strengthening exercises may benefit people who have trouble swallowing, such as those recovering from stroke. Some speculate that strengthening the tongue may even improve speaking abilities or help treat speech pathologies.

But one thing is certain: the tongue is definitely not the strongest muscle in the body. Maybe people continue to believe in its power simply because the tongue is weird; it's literally inside your face, and people like superlatives.



LAMPOONS: TYPES OF PEOPLE BEFORE GOING FOR SUMMER BREAKS

The overexcited ones

Summer Breaks!! Trips! Relaxation! Good food! , these people simply can't wait for the literal time of their lives-BREAKS. All they do is talk about their plans and well even dream about them. Almost every time they end up taking leaves in the name of so-called medical issues or marriages 2-3 days before, just to reach home early.

The ones who leave nothing behind-

From school clothes to school bedding, from toiletries to each of their gogos, these people leave not a single trace of any of their belongings behind. They believe to be on the safer side than risking anything because obviously no one ever gets their stuff back after 2 months.

The one who doesn't want to go back-

HOME? That's something which bought these people to hostel, just to escape the feel of it and well going back is simply not something they really are keen about. They'd rather chill with their friends, explore stuff and continue with the busy and exciting hostel life than go back to the same old boring home and do nothing. They don't even bother packing till the last moment because obviously who is planning to go back anyway?

The Pre-planners

From trips to their summer shopping list these people spend the last 2-3 days before summer breaks just simply planning. They keep everything ready for the breaks - what tuitions to take, which gym to join, and what not. They make sure to engage every single minute at their homes in something productive so that they make the best out of the breaks.

The ones who just wait to get out of the school asap

The real world, busy roads, malls that's something they feel like they spent years staying distant from. They wait to get out of the school just to get that feeling of the 'outside world' , to finally again get the freedom to go to their favorite places and simply enjoy life.

- Avni Shah,

Shanaya Hiranandani

COMMUNICATE TO DISCUSS, DECIDE & DEBATE



Communication skill is an indispensable tool in today's competitive world to propel one's future. Aligning this necessity with a student's aspirations, a workshop on Public Speaking, Debating, Critical Thinking and Speech Writing Skills was organised for a period of 6 Days, from 17th April to 22nd April 2022 for the students of Classes VII to XII. The resource person was Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, an acclaimed communication builder, independent media analyst, knowledge resource curator inter alia from Kolkata. The Beginner Group of 50 students learnt public speaking, debating techniques, extempore, turncoat, elocution, interview taking techniques, creative writing, panel discussion, deconstructing and speaking on images, podium techniques while the Advanced group comprised 20 students who learnt public speaking and communication skill techniques and research skills.

Debating mock sessions were held and individual feedback and tips were given to the speakers which helped them improve themselves and overcome their challenges. The participants were also encouraged to read international newspapers and magazines and books by Indian writers to widen their perspective and improve their language. Mr. Mukherjee shared the techniques of reading a newspaper for optimum benefit. He advised them to visit book shops as enthusiastically as a shopping mall. This workshop equipped the future competitors with a wide variety of tools. All in all, the workshop turned out to be a perfect stage to discover budding speakers and to refine good speakers.

Exploration is curiosity put into action



DHIRUBHAI AMBANI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ROUND SQUARE

8 types of self care

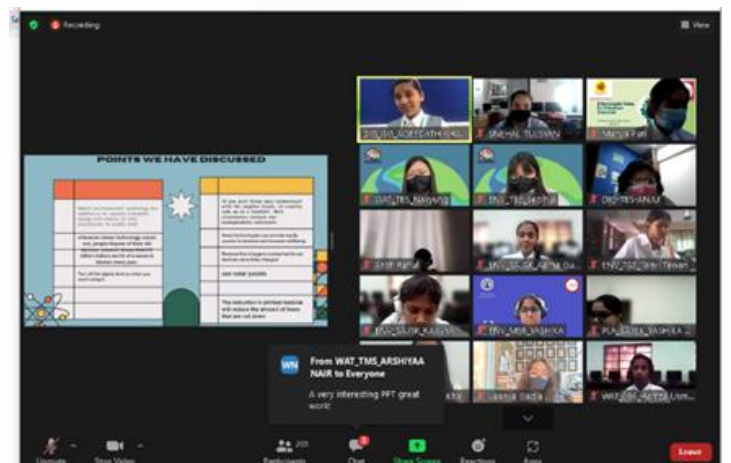


Round Squares are nothing but a medium to explore more. To do the same 5 girls participated in the Dhirubhai Ambani Round Square hosted by Dhirubhai Ambani International School. The theme of the conference revolved around 'AARSA' (A MIRROR). The main objective was to understand about 'Service through the lens of self-care'. The first keynote speaker was Ms. Iram Khan who gave students particulars on what actually self-care is. She also informed the students about 8 types of self-care such as physical, mental, intellectual, emotional, spiritual, social, environment and financial. The second Keynote was speaker Ms. Rachana Shah, a special educator and a student wellbeing advocate. She gave us valuable knowledge about the benefits of self-care that include reducing stress, improving focus etc. She also talked about a very important point that 'self-care is not selfish'. Overall it was a truly amazing experience for all the students. They got a chance to explore and interact with children outside their world which also added a new dimension to their personality.

A SUSTAINABLE TODAY FOR A RESILIENT TOMORROW



“A Sustainable Today for a Resilient Tomorrow” was the theme for the Round Square hosted by The Millennium School, Dubai on 5th and 6th of April. Six girls participated from our school namely Snehal Tulsyan, Divija Dahiya, Tvisha, Anushka Singh, Tanishi Shah and Vanshika Garg from 10th grade. It was designed to raise responsible global citizens and was based on Environment Ideal of Round Square wherein the students collaborated to find solutions for Sustainability. It started with a brief introduction to sustainability by the keynote speaker, Ms. Neha Singh. We were later divided into our Baraza groups and had fun, interactive sessions with our leaders where discussions were held on various aspects of sustainability. On our second day, we took part in hands-on



workshops organized by the school which taught us to utilize the waste material around us and turn it into a productive item. It concluded with an enlightening video, encouraging us to work towards practicing sustainable methods in our day-to-day life. Overall, it was an enriching and educational session which imbibed in us a sense of sustainable practices.



FROM MINDS TO WORDS

Inter Class Poetry Writing Competition



Thoughts in mind take a perfect shape when poured on a paper in different forms. Poetry is one such wonderful medium to express one's thoughts. An Inter Class Poetry Writing Competition was organised for the students of Classes VI & VII in the month of April 2022. Themes like Nature, Friendship, Freedom, Mother Earth were given on which they were to compose poems of minimum two stanzas and maximum six. Each stanza was supposed to be of at least 4 lines. The students composed beautiful and thought-provoking pieces using literary devices such as rhyme scheme, similes, metaphors and personification.

Result

FREEDOM

Set me free, under the dancing sun,
under the rustling of the leaves,
under the howling wind;

With the bright rays on my face,
I clenched my eyes with glee,
But what would I have done if I
wasn't freed?

I position
ANWESHA GUPTA
Class VII
Yashodhara House

TREES

Beautiful trees, beautiful trees,
Had to bend on my knees
to look in the sky, up so high,
so wide, I won't lie.

The trees are fine, I can see all of them.
Under the sun, beautiful they shine.

Cutting trees? Why cut them?
Doing that is so lame
We humans are the worst on the planet,
always stuck on the internet.

These trees are so beautiful.
Before cutting them, we should be
mindful.

II position
RITWIK MISHRA
Class VII
Yashodhara House

NATURE

I love dear nature, it's so good.
including flowers and other things.
I love to see them day by day,
With different hues and shades.

There are cats and dogs and
human beings
As happy as a dancing bee!
So big and shiny, bright and jolly.
I love to see them day by day,
With different hues and shades.

III position
RAASHI KADMAWALA
Class VI
Yashodhara House

NATIONAL COOKING COMPETITION 2022



Culinary skills, time management and aesthetic touch are some aspects which can create a sumptuous recipe. Our girls have kept these points in mind while participating in the National Cooking Competition 2022, organised by Heritage Girls School, Udaipur. Vedanshi Gupta and Riddhima Gupta, students of grade IX got selected for the final round of the event.

Vedanshi Gupta secured second position under Dessert category. Renowned chefs, Chef Vicky Ratnani, Chef Mugdha Khare & Chef Shantanu Gupte judged the event. Many many congratulations little chefs!!!

ART WORKSHOP

SKV had organized an Art workshop from 11th April to 15th April 2022. The resource person was Ms. Trina Chatterjee from Kolkata, who has given a huge contribution to Indian Art Society. She is a great Visual Artist and Art mentor.

Audition was taken by Ms. Kalpana Sharma from Grade VI to XII. 61 students from Grade VI to XII were selected for the workshop.

Ms. Trina trained our students in different Art categories-

Monoprints

Ink artworks

Hand built pottery

Art appreciation

Collaborative painting



INTERSCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION



Daly College, Indore

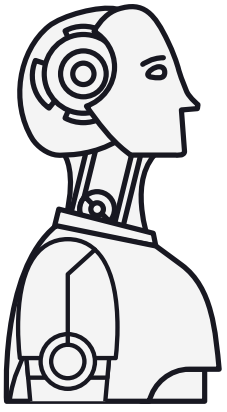
ENGLISH DEBATE

Three girls of SKV- Shanaya Hiranandani, Ahana Soni and Anushka Gupta were given an opportunity to test their wits and extemporaneous skills when they participated in the Invitational English Debate Competition organised by Daly College, Indore from the 15th of April '22 to 17th Of April on virtual platform. The qualifying round was a turncoat debate in which contestants were given a topic on the spot and 10 minutes to prepare both sides of the motion after which they had to speak for 2mins For the motion and 2 mins Against the motion. This then led to Asian Parliamentary format of Debate in quarter, semi final and final rounds. Twelve premiere schools of India showcased their intellectual prowess in the event. Our girls were appreciated for their efforts and the event was a huge learning experience for them.

HINDI DEBATE

Three girls from Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya namely Kanishka gupta, Manasvi Mudgal and Divyajyoti Raj participated in the Padmashree JK Kate Memorial Hindi Debate from 15th to 17th of April hosted by Daly college, Indore. It was a tough competition between 13 well reputed schools like Mayo college girls; school, Welham boys', RIMC, Emerald Heights, The Punjab Public school etc. The first day was the Hindi turncoat debate in which the students were given the following topics: 'Children should not be allowed to participate in protests', 'Filters On Social Media Should Be Banned and 'There Should Be Censorship On OTT Platforms; Our students performed extremely well and qualified for the second round which was the Asian parliamentary debate on the motion that the 'Government Should Promote Privatisation'. Exceptional performance by Manasvi Mudgal brought her the best speaker award.





4.0 ERA

ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

Let's dwell in the world of robotics. When we talk about the jobs of the future generation, many of the occupations that exist today won't be there tomorrow and to prepare us for the future, on 7th of April, Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya joined hands with team ROBOCOUPLER to learn the basic fundamentals of robotic science and engineering. Classes 6-12 participated in this workshop. On the first day, we had a detailed discussion on robots, artificial intelligence, machines, and the principles of robots. We also had a hands-on experience which was fun and interesting but before that, we gained knowledge of mechanical engineering like the center of mass, aerodynamic principles, etc, then electrical engineering, wires, terminals, motors, batteries, and even computer science and coding from scratch to Arduino and then transferred the codes to the robot to make it function more productively and effectively. We learned about various types of sensors and viewed their real-life examples. We also discussed Dora technology and saw an example of it in the form of a drone. We were divided into teams to put down our understanding together to construct a robot. We then included many features like sensor rays, arduino boards to improve the functioning in the successive days. We also had an extra class with the team to learn more about AI by taking various real life examples of robots, we understood their working and even designed the codes for them. In all we saw 7 basic robots and learnt about them. This workshop had a wonderful effect in generating our interest in science and technology. We could design and create by using our own creativity. It was a wonderful step to prepare us for the changes of tomorrow in all aspects of life, whether personal, educational or professional.

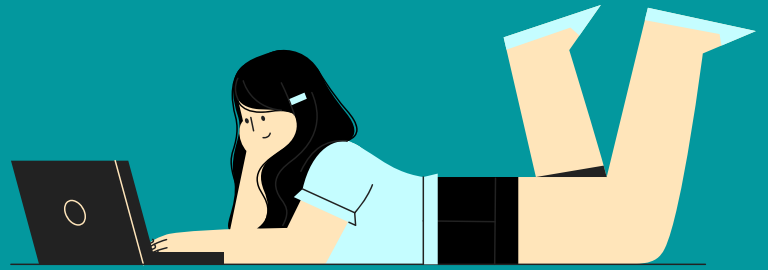




International Award for Young People

34 students from our school have been awarded with the Duke of Edinburgh's International award. 21 have received the Bronze Awards and 13 have achieved Silver Award for their sincere efforts and hard work in the field of Service, Skill, Sports and Adventure.

JUST BINGE



Bloodline

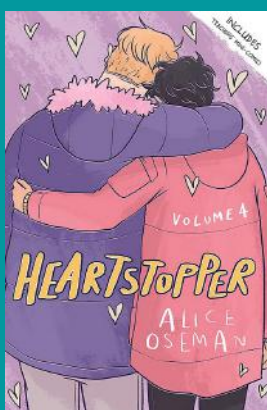
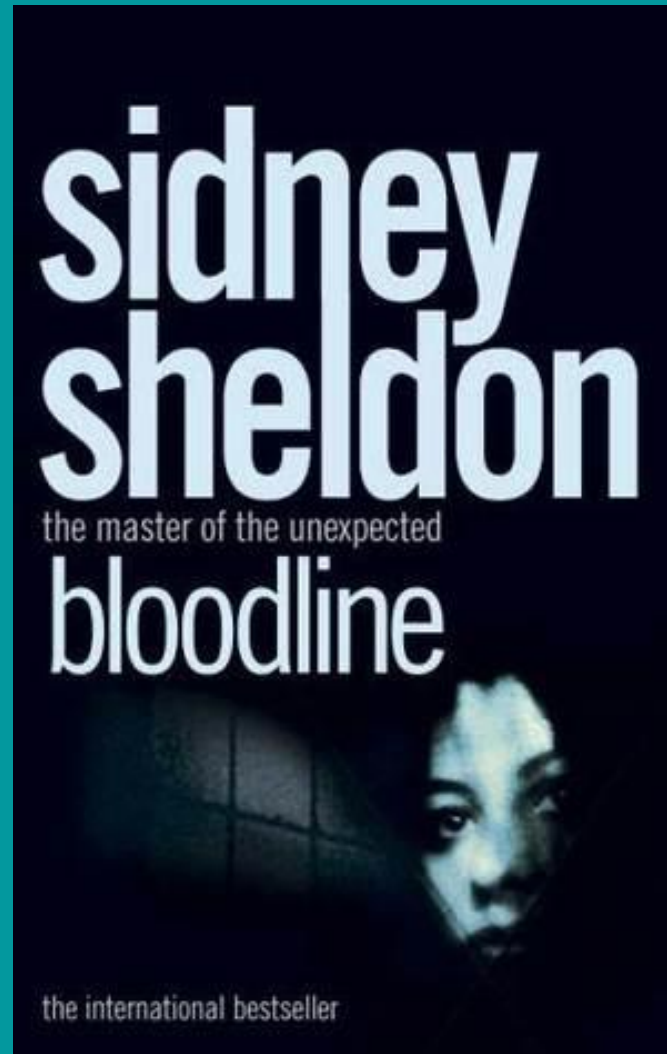
This novel had been languishing on my bookshelf for quite some time and a leisure Friday was all that it needed to be picked up. Sidney Sheldon has been one of my favourite thriller authors.

He makes sure you don't waver from the book till the end. Aspects of suspense and thrill are heightened on every single page which makes it a very captivating read.

Sidney Sheldon is very well known for his novels that revolve around female protagonists. Elizabeth Roffe, a young intelligent woman finds herself as the new chairman of the largest pharmaceutical company owned by her father who's now dead. With an empire and cash hungry family members, the murderer is possibly one amongst them. The novel witnesses the growth of Elizabeth from a young girl out of school to managing the empire singlehandedly. Finding the murderer becomes more important as it is going to be the daughter's turn next. It's an extraordinary story which keeps you hooked till you find the murderer. Scouting for him is not easy and rather comes as a surprise in the end which makes it worthwhile.

However, there are aspects of this book that I didn't enjoy much. The excessive theme of brutality and violence didn't appeal a lot to me.

But, it's definitely another page turner and if you're someone who's interested in suspense thrillers and navigating the murderer, then it'll definitely be above your expectations.



Movie/Series Suggestions:

1. Bridgerton (S2)
2. Lady Bird - Greta Gerwig
3. Heartstopper
4. The Imitation Game
5. A Thursday - Behzad Khambata

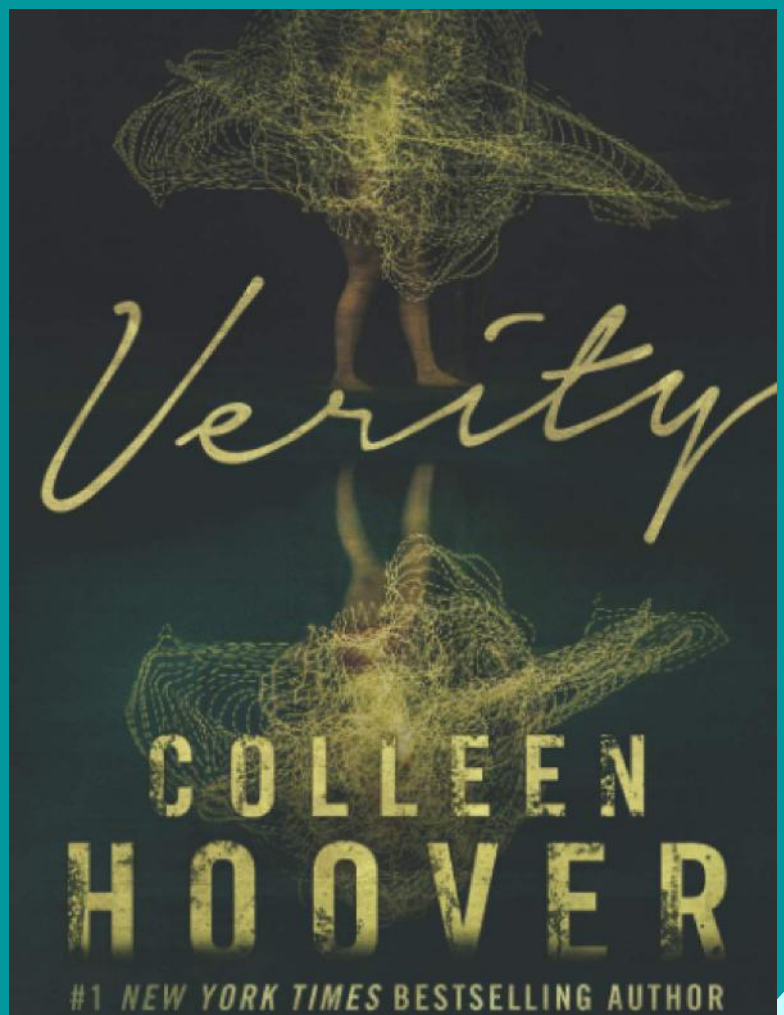
SONGS SUGGESTIONS

1. As it was - Harry Styles
2. Stargazing - The Neighbourhood
3. Fight or Flight- Conan Gray
4. You - Troye Sivan
5. Grace - Louis Capaldi



Book Suggestions :-

1. Verity - Collen Hoover
2. The Hate U Give (THUG) - Angie Thomas
4. And Then There Were None - Agatha Christie
5. The Raven - Edgar Allen Poe



INTERESTING FACTS

01

The hardest-working word in the English language is SET, which in some unabridged dictionaries has almost two hundred meanings

02

GADSBY is an English novel consisting of 50,100 words, none of which contain the letter "e".

03

THEREIN is a seven-letter word that contains thirteen words spelled with consecutive letters: the, he, her, er, here, I, there, ere, rein, re, in, therein and herein.

04

HYDROXYZINE is the only word in the English language that contains 'xyz'.

05

In 1969, France's Georges Perec published *La Disparition*, a novel that did not include the letter "e". It was translated into English in 1995 by Gilbert Adair as "A Void".

06

In 2004, a novel entirely without verbs: *Le Train de Nulle Part* (The Train to nowhere) was written by Michel Thaler.

07

J, Q, V and Y are the only letters which do not appear as silent letters in English.

08

Stripping off the prefix from the word inflammable does not create an antonym but rather a synonym: flammable.

09

WIDOWER is the only word whose masculine form is longer than its feminine form, which is widow.

10

USHER contains four personal pronouns: us, she, he and her.

Quiz Time!

1. Kaziranga National Park is located along which Indian River?

- [A] Ganga
- [B] Yamuna
- [C] Brahmaputra
- [D] Sutlej

2. 'Desh ke Mentor' is a new scheme announced by which Indian state?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] New Delhi
- [C] Punjab
- [D] Rajasthan

3. As per the data from the Reserve Bank of India, which bank recorded the highest value of frauds in April-December 2021?

- [A] State Bank of India
- [B] Punjab National Bank
- [C] Bank of India
- [D] Bank of Maharashtra

4. Which country has approved the 'Rights of Nature' in its Constitution?

- [A] Australia
- [B] New Zealand
- [C] Chile
- [D] Germany

5. Which is the first Indian city to get processed Steel Slag Road?

- [A] Varanasi
- [B] Surat
- [C] Patna
- [D] Gandhi Nagar

6. Which Union Ministry of India launched 'Temple 360' portal?

- [A] Ministry of Tourism
- [B] Ministry of Culture
- [C] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

7. 'Wagner Group', is a private military company of which country?

- [A] USA
- [B] Russia
- [C] Germany
- [D] China

8. Which state has passed a resolution seeking completion of the Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal (SYL) Canal?

- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Haryana
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Rajasthan

9. The Antarctic Treaty, which was seen in the news, was signed in which year?

- [A] 1919
- [B] 1936
- [C] 1959
- [D] 1991

10. Which state is the host of the 'Conference and Exhibition on the National Calendar of India'?

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Assam
- [D] West Bengal

Answers of March Quiz-

1E, 2A, 3C, 4E, 5C, 6E, 7D, 8E, 9A, 10E



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