

"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at."

—Stephen Hawking

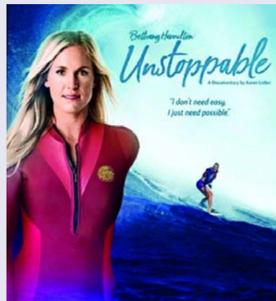
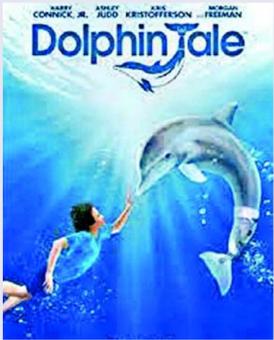


PIXIE HOLLOW GAMES

This is a 30-minute television special broadcast. Based on the Disney Fairies franchise, the film features the voices of Mae Whitman, Lucy Liu, Raven-Symoné, Megan Hilty, Angela Barts, and others. In this film, Tinker Bell and the other fairies of Pixie Hollow in Never Land take part in an Olympic-style competition. 'Pixie Hollow Games' is based loosely on JM Barrie's 'Peter Pan' stories.

DOLPHIN TALE

This 3D family drama directed by Charles Martin Smith, is based on a book of the same name. It stars Harry Connick Jr, Ashley Judd, Nathan Gamble, Kris Kristofferson, Cozi Zuehlsgorff in her film debut, and Morgan Freeman. The story goes like this... Sawyer manages to save a dolphin from a trap but it loses its tail while being rescued. Sawyer, with the help of a doctor, embarks on an ambitious project to give the dolphin a prosthetic tail.



BETHANY HAMILTON: UNSTOPPABLE

One of the most accomplished athletes of her generation, Bethany Hamilton, became a surfing wunderkind when she returned to the sport following a devastating shark attack at age 13. As she continues to chase waves, she also now tackles motherhood.

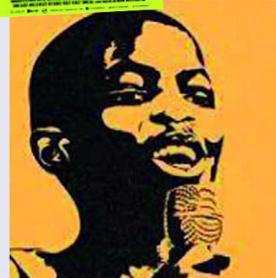
KINDNESS SOOTHES OUR SOUL

December 10 is celebrated as Human Rights Day across the world. Let's watch a few films that have highlighted universal problems faced by people all over the world, to understand how we can offer solutions as we grow up...



KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS

This must-watch documentary is an engaging, feel-good story that compiles research, statistics, anecdotes, and theories about the effect of good deeds. Featuring the author of the book-turned-film, 'Pay it Forward', Catherine Ryan Hyde, the documentary illustrates why being nice pays off – through interview subjects from all walks of life, who recount the nicest thing anyone did for them.



IMBA MEANS SING

This is a character-driven, heartfelt story of resilience and the impact of education. The film follows Angel, Moses and Nina, from the slums of Kampala, Uganda, through a world tour with the Grammy-nominated African Children's Choir. The film is stunningly shot and told through the children's perspectives on their one shot journey from poverty to education.

WADJDA

Wadjda, a 10-year-old girl, lives in Riyadh and wants to buy a bicycle in order to beat her friend, Abdullah, in a race. But Wadjda's mother refuses, fearing repercussions from the Saudi society. This superlative first feature by Haifaa Al Mansour is a poignant tale about the weight of societal pressure bearing down on women, namely Wadjda's mother at home and her headmistress at school.



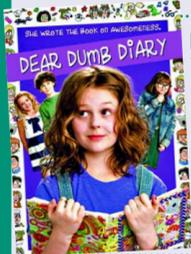
MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

This is a 2010 documentary film directed and produced by Matthew D Kallis and written by Christopher Lockhart, about The Freddy Awards, an annual awards ceremony recognising outstanding high school musical theatre. Lockhart was inspired to make the film after watching clips of a Freddy Awards production on YouTube. Kallis and Lockhart acquired over 300 hours of source material over four months, and the results are outstanding.



THE HATE U GIVE

Starr Carter is constantly switching between two worlds – the poor, mostly black neighbourhood where she lives and the wealthy, mostly white prep school that she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is soon shattered when she witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend at the hands of a police officer. Facing pressure from all sides of the community, Starr must find her voice and decide to stand up for what's right.



DEAR DUMB DIARY

'Dear Dumb Diary' is a series of children's novels by Jim Benton. Each book is written in the first person POV of a middle school girl named Jamie Kelly. In this movie, Jamie, an imaginative middle school-aged girl, pours out her innermost thoughts in her cherished diary. She has a knack for getting into trouble even as full-blown musical numbers fill her daydreams.

DR SEUSS: THE LORAX

This is a 3D computer-animated musical comedy based on Dr. Seuss' children's book of the same name. Twelve-year-old Ted (Zac Efron) lives in a place virtually devoid of nature; no flowers or trees grow in the town of Theedeville. Ted would like to win the heart of Audrey (Taylor Swift), the girl of his dreams, but to do this, he must find that which she most desires: a Truffula tree. To get it, Ted delves into the story of the Lorax (Danny DeVito), once the gruff guardian of the forest, and the Once-ler (Ed Helms), who let greed overtake his respect for nature.

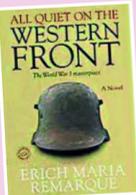


BOOK ADAPTATIONS

You Can't Miss!

Take the time to read some of these books before you watch their film versions!

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ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Based on author Erich Maria Remarque's 1929 classic 'All Quiet on the Western Front' – which explored the life of a World War I veteran living in Germany – the book is based on the author's experiences as a soldier. It related the experiences of German soldiers grappling with the mental and physical effects of the War. Upon returning home from the front, they felt detached from civilian life. The book sold 2.5 million copies in 22 languages in its first 18 months in print; and has already been adapted twice – in 1930 to an Academy Award-winning film, and in 1979, to a TV film. Since its release, the phrase 'all quiet on the Western Front' has become a colloquial expression meaning stagnation, or lack of visible change, in any context.

WHITE NOISE

A winner of the US National Book Award for Fiction which was included in 'Time Magazine's' list of 'Best English-language Novels from 1923 to 2005', 'White Noise' is considered to be Don DeLillo's breakout novel. This is a work of postmodern literature, narrated in first person by protagonist Jack Gladney, a professor who made his name by pioneering the field of Hitler studies. Obsessed with the inevitability of death, Jack begins to unravel when an unexpected train crash results in a deadly toxic gas spreading over his town.



DEATH ON THE NILE

It's finally here. After being shelved a few times, the Gal Gadot-starrer will be released in February 2022. Actor Kenneth Branagh returns as the famous Belgian detective Hercule Poirot in this sequel to the 2017's 'Murder on the Orient Express'. As for the story, Detective Poirot's vacation is rudely interrupted by a murder on a luxury cruise on the Nile River. To solve the mystery, Poirot must first figure out the secrets his fellow vacationers are hiding.

MRS. 'ARRIS GOES TO PARIS

Published in 1958, author Paul Gallico's much-loved novel is about a cleaning lady, Ada Harris, in the 1950s. When Harris falls in love with a haute couture dress by Christian Dior, she decides to go to the House of Dior, in Paris, to purchase an evening gown of her own. In her quest for the dress, Harris gambles everything and is supported by many kind-hearted characters who help her reach her goal. This comical story with a poignant twist was the first story in a series with subsequent titles 'Mrs. 'Arris Goes to New York' (1960), 'Mrs. 'Arris Goes to Parliament' (1965), and 'Mrs. 'Arris Goes to Moscow' (1974). The film adaptation is of the first story will be called 'Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris'.

PETER PAN

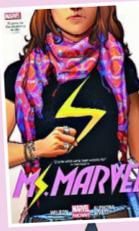
Despite numerous adaptations, J M Barrie's tale about a free-spirited, mischievous young boy who can fly and never

grows up never gets old! This time, the tales receives a live-action spin set to stream. The movie will focus on Wendy though as the official plot summary read: "[Peter Pan and Wendy] is the timeless tale of a young girl, who, defying her parents' wishes to attend boarding school, travels with her two younger brothers to the magical Neverland. There, she meets a boy who refuses to grow up, a tiny fairy and an evil pirate captain, and they soon find themselves on a thrilling and dangerous adventure far, far away from their family and the comforts of home." Read the book before you watch this one!



AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS

Phileas Fogg, a well-known adventurer, embarks on an 80-day expedition around the world with his sidekick, Passepartout. The adaptation will also feature Abigail Fix, a journalist who accompanies the men to document their exploits.



Kamala Khan, a 16-year-old teen who loves superheroes, struggles to fit in until she develops powers of her own. Now she's set to model her persona after her favourite hero, Carol Danvers.

STEPHEN HAWKING



On December 11, 2013, British physicist Stephen Hawking won the \$3 million Fundamental Physics Prize, the most lucrative academic prize in the world. But that's not all, he was a gifted writer who made physics fun for us all. These are some of our favourites...

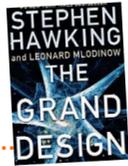
George and the Unbreakable Code

Written by Hawking and his daughter, Lucy, this was an illustrated children's book series to explain secret keys to the universe to younger readers. The books deal with complex topics including the Big Bang.



The Grand Design

Hawking said this 2010 book co-written with American physicist Leonard Mlodinow, was intended to address important unanswered questions such as why there is a universe and whether the universe needed a creator and designer. Hawking said his thinking had been influenced by significant



advancements in physics that had followed publication of 'A Brief History of Time'.

A Brief History of Time

Hawking explains complex cosmology to people without a scientific background. He discusses the forces that created the universe and the laws which govern it.

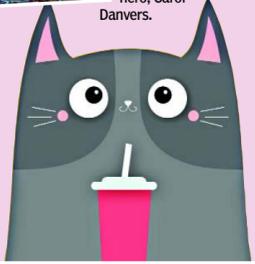
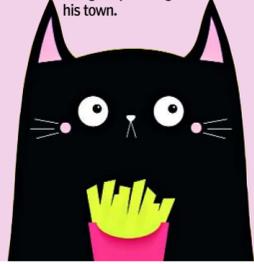


THE ANTICIPATION OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON CAN BE A DAMPNER IF IT'S INTERFERING WITH YOUR STUDIES, EATING OR WELL-BEING GOALS. HERE'S HOW TO STICK TO YOUR PLAN

How to make GOALS STICK

Take baby steps
Another way to make change stick is to start specific (and small). Say you decided to eat an apple every day for lunch or snack or decided to study every day. Now, eating better and exercising more are all nice ideas, but they are too general and don't give you a plan of

Enjoy the process
The reason we end up ditching goals is because they are unattainable and make you miserable. Now goals can be hard, but they can be something you enjoy (despite the hardship). Hate apples? Don't pick one. Instead eat a fruit you like. Hate running? Don't commit to a marathon just because everyone is doing it. That's the advice of Gretchen Rubin, author of 'The Happiness Project'. Rubin hated meditating, so she stopped doing it. It's okay to experiment and stop doing things you don't like. "Know who you are, and who you're not," she said.



MOHAMMAD AZHARUDDIN v England, 1984

Three hundreds in his first three Tests that is a feat that has not been matched so far.

He played his first Test against England in 1984-85 at Eden Gardens, in Kolkata, scoring 110 in his first innings. He came to be known as a batting genius and cemented this label when in 1990, he scored a century off just 87 balls and notched up 121 against England at Lord's. At his prolific best, he scored 1278 Test runs against England, which included 6 hundreds, and 1215 runs against Sri Lanka, with 5 hundreds.

His highest Test score of 199 came against Sri Lanka at Green Park, Kanpur, in 1985.

Five of his centuries were made at Eden Gardens, Kolkata, at a whopping average of 107.50.

He scored a hundred in his last Test innings in 2000.

He played 99 Tests and scored 22 centuries, apart from 7 in ODIs and 54 in First Class cricket.

He held the record for the fastest hundred, maximum runs and most catches in ODIs.



PRAVEEN AMRE v South Africa, 1992

A hundred on debut on foreign soil under difficult conditions, against a tough side. He achieved this feat with his 103 against South Africa at Durban in 1992-93. Amre played just two seasons between 1992 and 94, before being dropped.

A prolific scorer in domestic cricket, his 246 for Rest of India against Bengal is still the highest by any batsman in the Irani Trophy.

In the 1989-90 Duleep Trophy, he scored 106, 240 not out and 113 in the three matches he played.



SOURAV GANGULY v England, 1996

When former captain Sourav Ganguly scored a century on Test debut against England at Lord's in June 1996, he became the 10th Indian player to score a 100 on debut. He was only the third player to score a 100 on debut at Lord's.

He went on to score 16 Test centuries and 22 centuries in One Day International (ODI) matches. He also became the third batsman to make a century in each of his first two innings, with a score of 136 in the next match.

His highest score of 239, a double century, was made against Pakistan in 2007 at Bangalore.

He made centuries against all Test cricket playing nations except South Africa and West Indies.

His centuries have been scored in fourteen cricket grounds, including eight outside India. He scored 99 on two occasions.



VIRENDRA SEHWAG v South Africa, 2001

He became the 11th Indian batsman to score a 100 on Test debut, with 105 runs against South Africa in 2001. He also went on to form a 220-run partnership with Tendulkar.

In 2008, he recorded the fastest triple century in international cricket (300 off 278 balls) and highest score by an Indian in Test cricket (319) against South Africa in Chennai.

In December 2009, he recorded the fastest 250 by any batsman (in 207 balls against Sri Lanka) in Mumbai.

He is one of four batsmen in the world

to have surpassed 300 twice in Test cricket.

In March 2009, he smashed the fastest century by an Indian in ODI cricket, off 80 balls.

In December 2011, he hit his maiden double century in ODI cricket against West Indies, second after Sachin Tendulkar. His score became the highest individual in ODI - 219 off 149 balls.

He has scored centuries (100 or more runs) on 23 occasions in Test cricket and in 15 One Day International (ODI) matches.

ANNOUNCING THEIR ARRIVAL WITH A 100

105 off 171 balls, 13 fours and a couple of sixes. A half century in the second innings. These were the figures the flamboyant yet elegant Shreyas Iyer registered on his Test debut in the recently-concluded two-match series against New Zealand. In doing so, he became the 16th Indian batsman to score a century on debut, and 112th player overall, joining a list of legendary players. We take a look at some iconic cricketers and their debut stats...



SURESH RAINA v Sri Lanka, 2010

He is the first Indian player to hold a century in all three formats of the game. In 2010, his maiden century on his Test debut was against Sri Lanka and it remains his only century in Test cricket.

Raina's 101 against South Africa at the 2010 World Twenty20 in West Indies was the first by an Indian.

He scored his maiden ODI hundred against Hong Kong.

His knock of 100 against England on 2012-13 at Cardiff was nominated to be one of the best ODI batting performance of the year by ESPNcricinfo.

In the opening game of IPL 2019, Raina became the first batsman in the history of the league to score 5000 IPL runs.

He is the second after Chris Gayle and first Indian player to hit 100 sixes in the IPL.

SHIKHAR DHAWAN v Australia, 2013

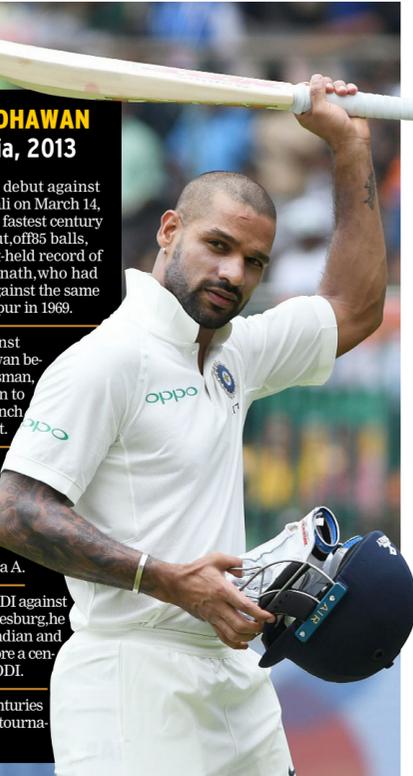
He made his Test debut against Australia in Mohali on March 14, 2013. He scored the fastest century ever on Test debut, off 85 balls, breaking the long-held record of Gundappa Viswanath, who had scored 137 runs against the same opposition at Kanpur in 1969.

In June 2018, against Afghanistan, Dhawan became the sixth batsman, and the first Indian to score 100 before lunch on day one of a Test.

In August 2013, he recorded the then-second-highest individual score in a List A - 248 runs off 150 against South Africa A.

In 2018, in the 4th ODI against SAfrica in Johannesburg, he became the first Indian and ninth overall to score a century on his 100th ODI.

Six of his 17 ODI centuries have come in ICC tournaments.



ROHIT SHARMA v West Indies, 2013

Rohit Sharma made his Test debut during the 2013-14 home series against West Indies and became the 14th Indian to score a century on debut. He scored another in the next match.

He scored three centuries in the home series against South Africa in October 2019, notching up his career-highest score of 212 in the third match. He also became the first batsman to score two centuries in a match on his first appearance as an opening batsman.

Seven of his 8 Test centuries have been scored on Indian grounds and the lone overseas century has come against England.

He is the only player in the world to have scored 3 double centuries in ODI, with the highest individual ODI score of 264, against Sri Lanka at Eden Gardens, Kolkata in 2014.

He has so far scored 8 Test centuries, 29 ODI centuries. His four T20I centuries is the highest by any batsman. In all three formats, he has scored at 31 different cricket grounds, including 17 overseas.



PRITHVI SHAW v West Indies, 2018

When Prithvi Shaw notched up a 99 ball 100 on his debut Test match against West Indies in October 2018, he became the youngest batsman to make Test century on debut for India (18 years and 319 days) and the 15th Indian overall to achieve the feat.

Hailing from Mumbai, this precocious child prodigy created a bit of a stir in the Indian cricketing fraternity when he scored an unprecedented 546 in Mumbai's Harris Shield at a mere age of 14 years.

He made centuries on debut in both Ranji Trophy (2016-17) and Duleep Trophy (2017), previously achieved only by Sachin Tendulkar.

He led the Indian U-19 side to victory in the 2018 Junior World Cup in New Zealand scoring 261 runs at an average of 65 with 2 fifties.

He has played 5 Test matches, 6 ODI, and one T20I.



THE FORERUNNERS: These were among the early cricketers who scored centuries | Tests on debut

LALA AMARNATH v England 1933 | DEEPAK SHODHAN v Pakistan 1952 | ARJAN KRIPAL SINGH v New Zealand 1955 | ABBAS ALI BAIG v England 1959 |

HANUMANT SINGH v England 1964 | G VISHWANATH v Australia 1969 | SURINDER AMARNATH v New Zealand 1976