



## Literary Elitism and Us

Recently after Bengal Boi opened, the biggest debate all over Facebook was on whether people are going there for selfies and "aesthetic" pictures. Their concern is that those who don't read books are going to a bookstore to "appear smart" or just take pictures. The irony is that most readers wish that people would read more books but are now hating it when the masses are enjoying a book shop in their own way. At the end of the day, we have to remember that people have to start somewhere. Maybe someone will pick up a book and have their lives changed while taking a selfie. Who knows? Interest in bookshops is a step in the right direction, and we should be more welcoming than being the cranky old man on the porch screaming at kids for being stupid.

– Rumman R Kalam, Sub-editor, SHOUT

## THIS WEEK'S HORRORSCOPE

### ARIES

Hi, I have nothing new for your future today. Thank you.



### TAURUS

Today, you will learn how to bark.



### GEMINI

Watch out for penguins in the sky. Yes, I know they can't fly but still.



### CANCER

You might stumble upon a leprechaun who has a pot of jelly-candies.



### LEO

Do not name your banana after your orange.



### VIRGO

Time to be a better sportsman. So get on that treadmill.



### LIBRA

Everyone's the protagonist in their story.



### SCORPIO

If you're that guy who spoils movies, go eat pineapple pizza. You deserve it.



### SAGITTARIUS

If you like pineapple on pizza, we can't be friends anymore.



### CAPRICORN

Time to assure your dog that he isn't a secret agent.



### AQUARIUS

If you're a Zoe player in League of Legends, please uninstall the game.



### PISCES

Tomorrow is a hope, never a promise.



## APP REVIEW

# Grow your forest of PRODUCTIVITY

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Platforms: Android, iOS

If you've ever found yourself sneaking into your phone to check how many reactions you got on your Facebook post when you are supposed to be working, go download Forest.

Forest is an app that lets you focus whenever you need to get some work done. It is designed to keep you away from fiddling with your phone and getting distracted. You first have to set the timer as to how long you want to focus on your work and not use the phone. The time selection option ranges from 10 minutes to 2 hours.

Every time you focus on whatever you are doing without checking your phone, you plant a fully-grown tree. But if you choose to use other apps, your plant dies. To keep a track of your time-saving, there is a forest which hosts the trees you've planted. Also, with the coins you earn by planting trees, you get to put flowers on your trees, build a tree-house, grow lemon trees, cherry blossoms, cactuses etc.

I honestly loved how the app has drawn popularity through the amalgamation of the concepts of time-saving and planting trees. For an ad-free experience, you have to buy the premium version.



## MIXTAPE WEDDING

**SARAH BAREILLES**

I Choose You



**CHRISTINA PERRI**

A Thousand Years



**ELTON JOHN**

Your Song



**ED SHEERAN**

Perfect



**CHRIS DE BURGH**

Lady in Red



**THE BEATLES**