

Entertainment

Meg's Restaurant Review:

Shere-E-Punjab

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Shere-E-Punjab is an Indian restaurant; there is more than one location, I visited the one in Media. I love cooking, but I have not mastered the art of Indian cuisine, so it is a type of food that I enjoy going to a restaurant for. As a vegetarian, I also like to go to Indian restaurants because I generally find that there are a variety of appealing vegetarian selections. Shere-E-Punjab has a lunch buffet, which is ideal for anyone who is not familiar with Indian cuisine and would like to try a little bit of several dishes. I am not a big fan of buffets, and I prefer to go for dinner. I have been to Shere-E-Punjab several times, and I have yet to be disappointed.

Shere-E-Punjab has a pleasant, themed atmosphere. There are several large paintings hanging on the walls (my personal favorite is the painting depicting Brahman cattle plowing a field). Dark walls and ceiling, as well as background music add to the restaurant's overall atmosphere. A good atmosphere is always a plus, but I would rather go to a hole in the wall with excellent food than a beautiful establishment with good food.

To start with, I had the mulligatawny soup and my table split an appetizer, vegetable pakora. I always like to start with a soup or appetizer when I go to Shere-E-Punjab. For my entrée, I chose the malai kofta. The other entrees at my table were dum aloo (potatoes in sauce) and vegetable biryani (a rice dish), along with garlic naan (a bread). All of the items were vegetarian.

The only dish that I did not enjoy was the dum aloo. However, I think that was more to do with personal preference

than an issue with the dish. I do not really enjoy roasted potatoes, which is the main ingredient in dum aloo. The potatoes are stuffed with a modest amount of cheese and served with ample sauce. The vegetable biryani is not my favorite dish, but it is very good. I think it is a good choice for a person who is not sure whether or not the menu will be to their liking.

The mulligatawny soup has an interesting, and in my opinion, tasty blend of flavors. It has a pea soup-like consistency, and it has a mixture of vegetables and lentils as its base. As the menu states, it is "spice flavored with delicate herbs." I love a variety of soups, and an unusual soup can be a great way to start a meal. Therefore, mulligatawny soup is an excellent choice for me, but I realize it is not for everyone.

The appetizer, vegetable pakora, is a must for anyone visiting Shere-E-Punjab. Vegetable pakora are shredded vegetables deep fried in a chick pea batter. They have a superb mix of herbal and fried flavor, a combination that is excellent and not easy to come across. My entrée, the malai kofta, is also one of my favorites. Malai kofta are "vegetable meatballs" served in a tangy (yet not sweet), mildly spicy sauce. Like the dum aloo, there is a large amount of sauce and rice or bread is an important aspect of completing the entrée.

I would recommend Shere-E-Punjab to anyone who is interested in expanding their food horizons. If I were to grade the restaurant, I'd give it a B.



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BOOK REVIEW: THE HUNGER GAMES

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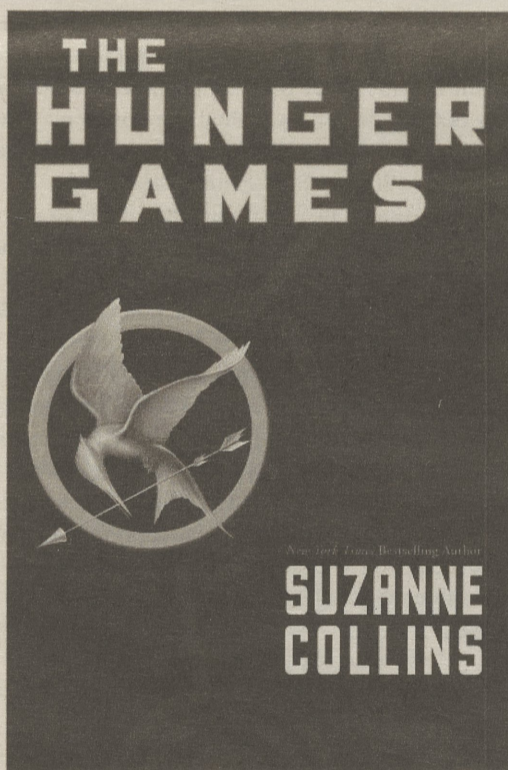


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First a confession, at first when my friends suggested me to read the Hunger Games I gave it a pass considering that it to be another romantic novel about a teenage love triangle. However now I am very thankful to my her for forcing me read it as I was not able to put it down once I started.

Hunger Games, the first book in the trilogy series written by Suzanne Collins is narrated by sixteen year old Katniss Everdeen's point of view. Katniss Everdeen is a resident of district 12 in Panem part of the Apalachia in the former united states. Everdeen a snarky tomboy character poaches with the government and trades in the black market to feed her family as she is the only bread earner for her twelve year old sister Prim and her mother. Her father passed in a tragic coal mining explosion when she was eleven years old.

The Hunger Games is set up in a dystopian society where North America is divided into 12 districts, the twelfth district being the poorest and one being the richest. Katniss happens to belong to district 12, the poorest district. Every year the capitol forces each district give up two children from the ages of twelve to eighteen to participate in the hunger games. The twenty four tributes are put into in an arena where they fight to death. Winning the hunger games not only staying alive but the tributes also secure some goodies for their district, mainly food. Katniss Everdeen who is taught how to hunt by her father volunteers for her eleven year old sister Prim as the girl tribute and Peeta Mellmark is the boy tribute from

district twelve. Back home Katniss's old friend Gale who has begun to develop negative feelings for the capitol is rooting for her. Katniss's feelings towards Gale are not clear at this point.

The book has violent vibe to it as the readers accompany Katniss to her trip into the arena. Suzanne Collins keeps the readers captivated with a lot of surprises and twists throughout the story. Yes Katniss Everdeen is linked to two different male characters in the story but the Hunger Games is not a teen drippy teen love triangle story. Although Katniss has feelings for Peeta and Gale that is not the main focus of the story. The focus of the story is justice, justice for her, her family and ultimately the people of Panem. Though Katniss is a strong and independent sixteen year old she is very similar to every other teen. She makes mistakes, she feels defeated and she misinterprets signals. The ending to the book is totally appropriate but if you look happy endings this not the book for you to read.

In conclusion it can be said that the Hunger Games is a book about fighting for your rights and fighting for what you deserve. While most of the readers will read the book like any other book but for others it will evoke several thoughts like "should a wealthy few control the destiny of the average middle class people?" All in all the Hunger games is a book worth reading. It definitely leaves one pondering at the end.

A Sticky "Situation"

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Mike Sorrentino or better known as "The Situation" was admitted into Cirque Lodge a Rehabilitation center, soon after the most recent season of the hit reality TV show ended. For what many believed to be for the treatment of alcoholism. Turns out the infamous reality star is being treated for the abuse of prescription pain killers including; Xanax, Ambien, and excessive amounts of Dilaudid. Mike was combining these drugs with extraneous alcohol consumption.

A source revealed to Perez Hilton: "Mike was taking unbelievable amounts of Dilaudid along with Xanax and Ambien. Mike was taking about 20-30 pills a day which easily could have killed him. Mike is very lucky that he didn't overdose and die, because the amount of prescription drugs was that high and deadly. It was very easy for Mike to get the prescription drugs, and he got them from more than one doctor. It's very likely that his physicians were unaware that he was taking all three of the prescription drugs."

Despite the shows pre-gaming, hard partying, alcoholic success. MTV was concerned for Mike and warned the star on several occasions for his excessive alcohol abuse and threatened to replace his spot on the television show. Even just during season 2 MTV and 495 production company sat Mike down and explained to him the consequences, stated a source from TMZ. During the filming of season 3 Mike alleg-

edly promised to get himself help and redeem his reputation. Unfortunately, this was not enough and the behavior continued on into the other seasons. Once season 4 in Italy wrapped up, the situations behavior grew worse and producers had little control over the celeb. Producers admit that season five was ultimately the downfall of The Situation. A close friend of Mike admitted: "Mike would also drink alcohol while he was taking the pills which obviously could have had a horrible outcome for him. Everyone around him is hopeful he will stay sober once he leaves Cirque Lodge."

Rumors had been circling that producers were keeping the remaining five members and offering each of them more air time. The network continues to deny claims of booting out pregnant Snooki and The Situation for the filming of the upcoming season 6.

