

# The Girl on the Train (2021 film)

*The Girl on the Train* is a 2021 Indian Hindi-language mystery thriller film directed by Ribhu Dasgupta and produced by Reliance Entertainment, based on British author Paula Hawkins's 2015 novel of the same name. The film stars Parineeti Chopra, Avinash Tiwary, Aditi Rao Hydari and Kirti Kulhari and was released worldwide on 26 February 2021 on Netflix.<sup>[1]</sup> The film revolves around Mira Kapoor (Parineeti Chopra), an alcoholic and troubled divorcee who gets embroiled in a big murder investigation.

## Plot

Nusrat is chased by someone in the forest and Mira is standing at the station. In a flashback it is shown that Mira met her husband Shekhar at a wedding where they fell in love. They both get married and Mira is pregnant. Mira is fighting a case against Jimmy Bhagga where she successfully wins and Jimmy has to go to jail. A few months later she is hit by a car. Mira suffers from anterograde amnesia caused by a car accident. She is also an alcoholic, which doesn't exactly help the memory loss either. She and Shekhar have separated and Shekhar married someone else.

Obsessed with a seemingly perfect couple she sees from the train window on her commute to London, one drunken night Mira follows the young woman into the forest but doesn't recall what happens next.

The police have a decent amount of circumstantial evidence against her and even move to make an arrest but Mira escapes out the window and calls in a favour from the family member of a former client and asks him to get her a phone, some cash, and a gun.

Mira discovers that the missing girl Nusrat wasn't as happily married as she looked and that she was having an affair. It's entirely plausible that Mira is the killer – in a drunken rage which she accidentally records on her phone, Mira fantasizes about smashing Nusrat's head in, angry that she is ruining her own marriage.

### The Girl on the Train



Official release poster

<b>Directed by</b>	<u>Ribhu Dasgupta</u>
<b>Screenplay by</b>	<u>Erin Cressida Wilson</u> <u>Ribhu Dasgupta</u> <u>Viddesh Malandkar</u>
<b>Story by</b>	<b>Adapted:</b> <u>Ribhu Dasgupta</u> <b>Original:</b> <u>Paula Hawkins</u>
<b>Based on</b>	<u><i>The Girl on the Train</i></u> by <u>Paula Hawkins</u>
<b>Produced by</b>	<u>Vivek B. Agrawal</u> <u>Shibashish Sarkar</u>
<b>Starring</b>	<u>Parineeti Chopra</u> <u>Aditi Rao Hydari</u> <u>Kirti Kulhari</u> <u>Avinash Tiwary</u>
<b>Cinematography</b>	<u>Tribhuvan Babu Sadineni</u>
<b>Edited by</b>	<u>Sangeeth Varghese</u>

There are plenty of other suspects too, though, including Nusrat's sex pest dance teacher, a blackmailing private eye, and more than one aggressive and abusive husband.

In the story, we learn that Mira's philandering ex-husband Shekhar has been gaslighting her for years. She's a blackout drunk but she isn't the violent, offensive brute that he's been claiming, and she isn't responsible for him losing his job. Though Nusrat was unhappy in her marriage to abusive Anand and was pregnant by someone else, Anand didn't kill her. Nor did the kindly therapist who was trying to help Nusrat. It turns out the Nusrat's baby was Shekhar's, and the night Mira followed Nusrat into "Greenwich Forest" Shekhar was there too and it was him who bashed Mira over the head with a rock and left her there. Nusrat told him of the pregnancy, they fought, and Shekhar strangled Nusrat, leaving her for dead.

<b>Music by</b>	<b>Songs:</b> <a href="#">Sunny and Inder Bawra</a> <a href="#">Vipin Patwa</a> <b>Background Score:</b> Gilad Benamram
<b>Production company</b>	<a href="#">Reliance Entertainment</a>
<b>Distributed by</b>	<a href="#">Netflix</a>
<b>Release date</b>	26 February 2021 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Running time</b>	120 minutes <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Country</b>	India
<b>Language</b>	Hindi

But, she wasn't dead, and here's where the film diverts. It turns out there were two other people in Greenwich Forest that night. These are the police woman in charge of the case, Inspector Dalbir, and a private detective named Walter, who was hired by Anand to follow Nusrat.

Walter's pictures from the night reveal that, unbelievably, Dalbir killed Nusrat. The daughter of an organized crime boss Mira had sent down and who had killed himself in jail(Jimmy Bhagga), Dalbir had a vendetta against Mira. It was she who crashed the jeep into Mira and Shekhar, causing Mira to lose her baby and get amnesia. It's Dalbir who later mows down and kills Walter.

Dalbir had been tailing Mira for a time, and followed her into the forest. Finding her unconscious having been hit by Shekhar, Dalbir saw an opportunity to murder her in revenge. But Nusrat, who had just woken up, caught Dalbir trying to off Mira. Dalbir can't leave a witness, so instead she decides to kill Nusrat and frame Mira for the murder.

Following the trail to Walter's house, Mira solves the crime, and when Dalbir turns up to kill her and destroy the evidence ,a fight ensues and Mira ends up shooting Dalbir.

Then there's a musical montage, a voiceover about a train where Mira decides to quit alcohol and begin a new life.

## Cast

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- [Parineeti Chopra](#) as Mira Kapoor
- [Aditi Rao Hydari](#) as Nusrat John Joshi
- [Kirti Kulhari](#) as Inspector Dalbir Kaur Bagga
- [Avinash Tiwary](#) as Dr. Shekhar Kapoor, Mira's ex-husband
- [Tota Roy Chowdhury](#) as Dr. Hamid, the psychiatrist <sup>[3]</sup>
- Suresh Sippy (Mira's Doctor)
- Nisha Aaliya as Piya, Mira's friend
- Sharik Khan as Wasim, Piya's friend
- Diljohn Singh as Rajiv <sup>[4]</sup>

- Shamaun Ahmed as Anand Joshi, Nusrat's husband
- Monisha Hassen as Zehra, Shekhar's boss
- Vaunisha Kapoor as Party Guest
- Nina Kumar as Zehra's friend
- Krishan Tandon as Jimmy Bagga, Dalbir's father
- Persephone Hulewicz as Pri
- Vishakh Vadgama as Officer Kunal
- Natasha Benton as Anjali Kapoor, Shekhar's second wife
- Richie Lawrie as Walter
- Matthew Park as actor

## Production

The film was announced on 24 April 2019.<sup>[5]</sup> In May 2019 it was revealed that first schedule will be in England.<sup>[6]</sup> Kirti Kulhari was roped in to play a British cop.<sup>[7]</sup>

Principal photography began in early August 2019 in London.<sup>[8]</sup> Railway scenes were shot on location on the Mid-Norfolk Railway.<sup>[9]</sup>

## Release

*The Girl on the Train* was scheduled for release on 8 May 2020.<sup>[10][11][12]</sup> The release was delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>[13]</sup> The film was released on 26 February 2021 on Netflix.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Soundtrack

The film's music was composed by Sunny and Inder Bawra and Vipin Patwa while lyrics written by Kumaar.

### Track listing

No.	Title	Music	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Chhal Gaya Chhalaa"	<u>Sunny and Inder Bawra</u>	<u>Sukhwinder Singh</u>	4:10
2.	"Matlabi Yariyan"	<u>Vipin Patwa</u>	<u>Neha Kakkar</u>	4:06
3.	"Mahi Mera Ranjha"	<u>Sunny and Inder Bawra</u>	<u>Navraj Hans, Jonita Gandhi</u>	4:14
4.	"Matlabi Yariyan" (Unplugged)	<u>Vipin Patwa</u>	<u>Parineeti Chopra</u>	4:30
			<b>Total length:</b>	<b>17:00</b>

## Reception

The film received mixed reviews from critics. On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 9% of eleven critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 4.00/10.<sup>[15]</sup>

<i>The Girl on the Train</i>	
Soundtrack album by <u>Sunny and Inder Bawra</u> and <u>Vipin Patwa</u>	
<b>Released</b>	9 February 2021 <sup>[14]</sup>
<b>Genre</b>	<u>Feature film soundtrack</u>
<b>Length</b>	17:00
<b>Language</b>	Hindi
<b>Label</b>	<u>Zee Music Company</u>
<b>Official audio</b>	
The Girl on the Train - Full Album (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNTlueTL7w4) on <u>YouTube</u>	

Umesh Punwani of *Koimoi* rated it 3.5 out of 5 stars, calling it "A Mysterious Journey With No Stops Led By A Deadly Kohl-Eyed Parineeti Chopra!".<sup>[16]</sup> *Bollywood Hungama* rated it 2.5/5 stars saying "The Girl On the Train is an average fare".<sup>[17]</sup> Saibal Chatterjee of *NDTV* gave 1.5 out of 5 stars.<sup>[18]</sup> Anna M. M. Veticad of *Firstpost* rated 2 out of 5 praising Parineeti Chopra 's sincere performance and saying rest of the cast a mixed bag.<sup>[19]</sup> *The Times of India* rated the film 3 stars out of 5 praising Chopra's and Kulhari's performances<sup>[20]</sup>

## Accolades

Year	Award	Category	Nominee(s)	Result	Ref.
67th Filmfare Awards	30 August 2022	Best Supporting Actress	Kirti Kulhari	Nominated	[21]
		Best Playback Singer (female)	Neha Kakkar	Nominated	

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