



# Children's & Young Adult Catalogue

**January – June**

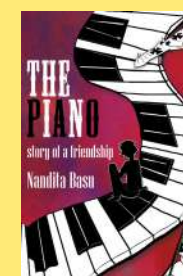
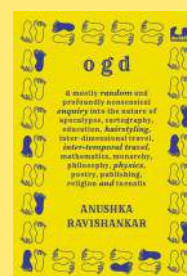
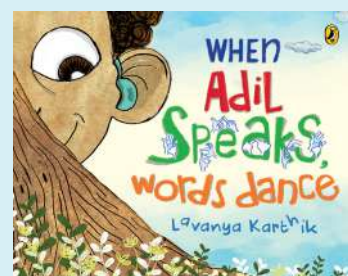
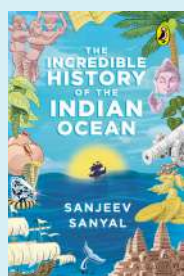
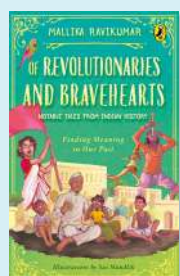
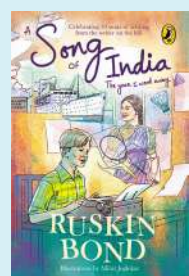
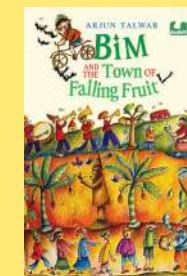
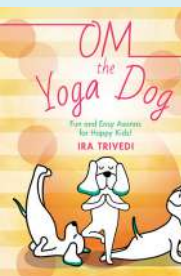
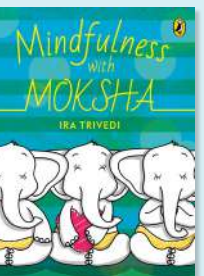
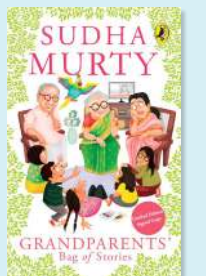
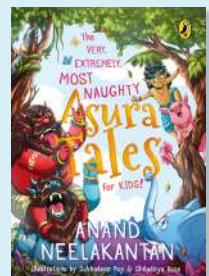
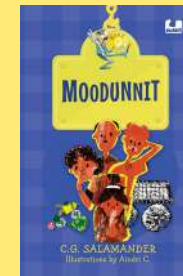
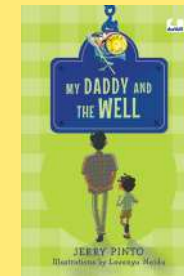
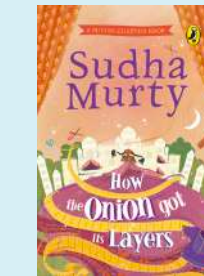
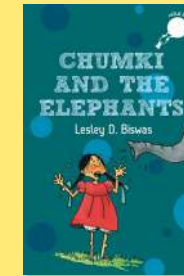
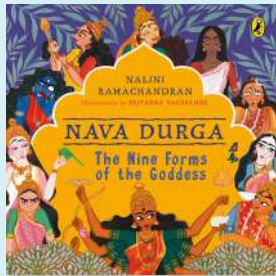
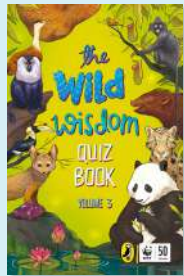
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# June to December 2020 Highlights

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# Letter from the Editors

## Dear readers,

The year 2020 has been a reminder that when the going gets tough, we turn to things that are familiar to us: families, community, food and books. While the past year has transformed the landscape of publishing and book buying in a lot of ways, we bounced back by supporting each other and doing what we loved: talking about the books that changed lives.

With this thought, we spent a lot of time thinking, re-energizing and coming up with ideas to encourage new readers to keep reading. And so we publish our fantastic range of gorgeously produced board books for early readers in 2021 with *My First Puffin Library* and *My Little Book of Gods and Goddesses*.

We continue curating diverse titles for our younger readers through meaningful, issue-centric picture books such as *Sometimes Mama, Sometimes Papa*, *What's the Big Secret?* and *Jamlo Walks* while adding new titles to our bestselling hook books and hOle books series with *Kitten Trouble*, *A Pinch of Magic* and more.

The Puffin Classics list continues to grow stronger with two new additions. The seminal Marathi classic *Shyamchi Aai* has been splendidly translated by Shanta Gokhale, while Indrani Majumdar is back with the first ever translation of *Another Dozen Stories* by Satyajit Ray.

Reading is a luxurious escape and at PRHI, we take great pride in planning the most elaborate ones. Readers can choose between *Sinbad and the Trumpet of Israfil*, *The Absolutely Truer Adventures of Daydreamer Dev*, *Ninja Nani and the Freaky Food Festival* and *Murder in Melucha*. Pirates, moon landings and magical kingdoms await you.

Finally, Puffin and Duckbill are pumped to bring you the comfort of familiarity with stories by Sudha Murty, Paro Anand, Ruskin Bond, Jane De Suza, Evan Purcell and Devika Rangachari while also welcoming a slew of new authors to our lists. Meet Vaishali Shroff, Zarin Virji, Somak Ghoshal, L. Somi Roy, Stuti Agarwal and the worlds they've built in our forthcoming books.

Happy reading,

**The Editorial Team**

PS Don't forget to take home *The Library of hOles* before you leave!

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**Puffin**



**Children's**

## Sometimes Mama, Sometimes Papa

**NANDINI NAYAR**

Illustrations by **UPAMANYU BHATTACHARYYA**

Peek into the simplest solutions for understanding one of life's most difficult moments—separation

When Keya's parents stopped living together, unusual things happened.

Keya became the only girl in her class with two homes.

'Where will you live?' 'Who will you live with?' 'Sometimes Mama,' Keya said, 'sometimes Papa!'

This heart-warming story with comforting pictures reassures young readers that parents, whether alone or together, are always there for them.

IMPRINT Puffin    FORMAT 230 × 254 mm/PB

PAGE EXTENT 32/full colour    ISBN 9780143451143

PRICE ₹250    PUB DATE January 2021

TERRITORY World



**NANDINI NAYAR** is an award-winning author who has written over 300 stories and over fifty books for children of all ages.

## What's the Big Secret?

**SONALI SHENOY**

Illustrations by **ANNUSHKA HARDIKAR**

A book on the stigma surrounding 'that time of the month'

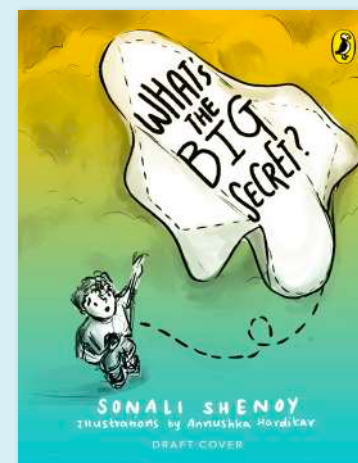
Ever since Aditya's sister began getting brown paper packages home, there's been something that no one is telling him. His mother rushes him to finish his food. His father turns pink. And his sister runs away to her room. But all of this is only making little Aditya even more curious... *Seriously, what is the big deal?*

IMPRINT Puffin    FORMAT 9 × 7 in/PB

PAGE EXTENT 40/full colour    ISBN 9780143451921

PRICE ₹250    PUB DATE April 2021

TERRITORY World



**SONALI SHENOY** is a journalist and author of *The Dog Who Taught Me Math*.

## My First Puffin Library: box set of twelve early learning board books

A first collection of board books to add to your child's library

Foster a habit of reading in your little ones with this set of twelve gorgeously designed and thoughtfully created board books to equip beginners with reading, language, early learning, visual, motor and imagination skills. These bright, handy, easy-to-read and fun books include topics such as first words, shapes, colours, numbers, fruits, flowers, insects and so much more.

IMPRINT Puffin    FORMAT 3.5 × 3.9 in/HB

PAGE EXTENT 22/full colour each

ISBN 9780143452768    PRICE ₹79 each

PUB DATE March 2021

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## My Little Book of Gods and Goddesses

Introduce your little one to the vast and wonderful world of Hindu mythology!

This series of six charmingly illustrated board books showcases fun, accessibly written stories about some of the best known and best loved gods of the Hindu mythos, Krishna, Ganesha, Lakshmi, Hanuman, Shiva and Durga. Featuring interesting facts about each god as well as a seek-and-find activity, these books offer a fun and enjoyable introduction to timeless myths for modern kids.

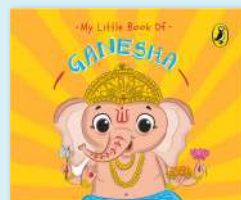
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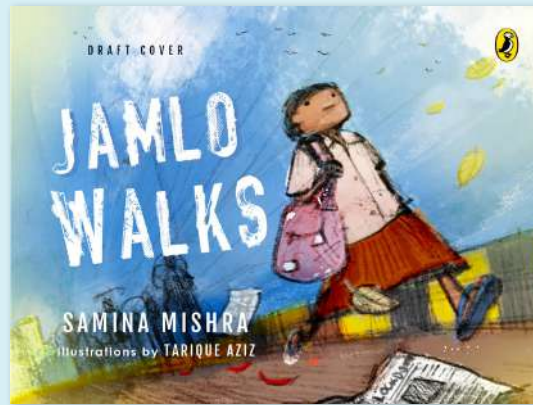
ISBN 9780143453307

PRICE ₹125 each    PUB DATE March 2021

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◀ Also available as a box set



**SAMINA MISHRA** is a film-maker, writer and teacher, with a special interest in media for and about children.

## Jamlo Walks

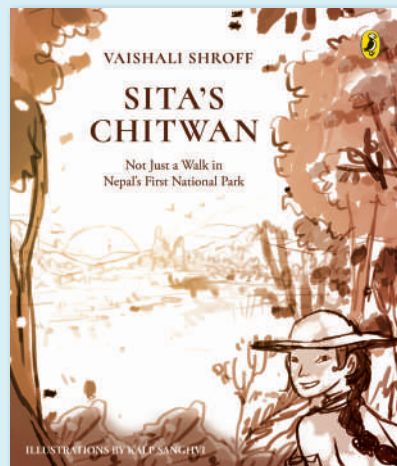
**SAMINA MISHRA**

Illustrations by **TARIQUE AZIZ**

It is day 7 of the lockdown and Jamlo is walking

The world stands still. All work has dried up and people keep whispering the word 'corona' all the time. Jamlo walks and walks. In this powerfully illustrated book, Jamlo walks with scores of migrant labourers in a world that needs to be kind and just and equal, one where all lives are seen as important.

IMPRINT Puffin    FORMAT 240 × 180 mm (L)/PB    PAGE EXTENT 32/full colour  
ISBN 9780143453178    PRICE ₹250    PUB DATE March 2021    TERRITORY World



**VAISHALI SHROFF** is an award-winning children's author and columnist based in Mumbai.

## Sita's Chitwan: Not Just a Walk in Nepal's First National Park

**VAISHALI SHROFF**

Illustrations by **KALP SANGHVI**

Welcome to Chitwan, where Bengal tigers roam free and grass grows up to 25 feet tall

Join young Sita as she battles rhinos and shares the secrets of the forest through an extraordinary tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Chitwan National Park. Features an exclusive interview with Chitwan's first female nature guide, myriad career options in forestry, Nepal's remarkable conservation initiatives and more!

IMPRINT Puffin    FORMAT 203 × 240 mm (P)/PB  
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PRICE ₹250    PUB DATE April 2021  
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**ARTHY MUTHANNA SINGH** is a children's writer, freelance journalist, copywriter, editor and cartoonist.

**MAMTA NAINY** is a children's writer, editor and translator based in New Delhi.



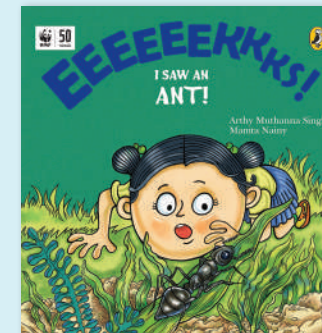
**EKS! I Saw a Bee!**

ISBN 9780143451013



**EKS! I Saw a Cockroach!**

ISBN 9780143451006



**EKS! I Saw an Ant!**

ISBN 9780143450993



**EKS! I Saw a Mosquito!**

ISBN 9780143451020

IMPRINT Puffin    FORMAT 8 × 8 in/PB    PAGE EXTENT 40/full colour  
PRICE ₹199 each    PUB DATE February 2021    TERRITORY World

## The EKS series

**ARTHY MUTHANNA SINGH** and **MAMTA NAINY**

The amazing lives of insects from around our homes

It's time to enter the fascinating kingdom of insects with WWF India's EKS series! From bees to flies, from ants to wasps and from mosquitoes to cockroaches, the illustrated books in this unique series will introduce you to a vast variety of insects we share our planet with and help you discover some jaw-dropping facts about them. So, what are you waiting for? Bug out, have fun and be prepared to be amazed!

## The Have You Met series

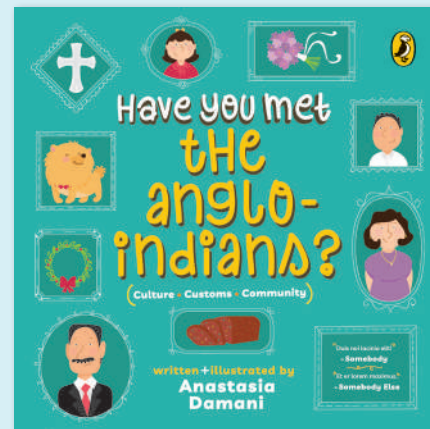
**ANASTASIA DAMANI**

Gorgeously illustrated picture books on the culture and lives of lesser-known communities in India

**ANASTASIA DAMANI** recently illustrated *She Can, You Can: The A-Z Book of Iconic Indian Women*.



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ISBN 9780143451662

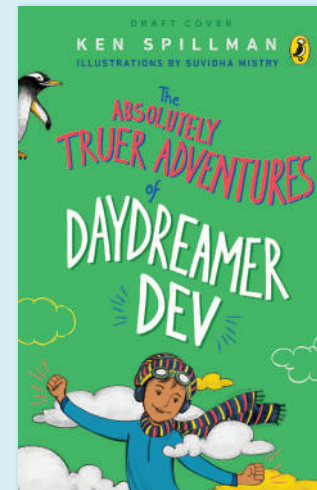
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### Have You Met the Parsis?

Did you know that several Parsi families, originally from Iran, sailed to India on a large wooden boat? The Theatrewalas are one such Parsi family. Come, learn about their food, festivals, attires and about iconic Parsis such as Freddie Mercury and JN Tata!

### Have You Met the Anglo-Indians?

Did you know that after the British left India in 1947, many English and Irish families decided to stay back and make India their new home? The Lovedales are one such family. Come, learn about their food, festivals, attires and about iconic Anglo-Indians such as Ruskin Bond and Derek O'Brien!



**KEN SPILLMAN** is the author of about eighty books, published in around twenty languages.

## The Absolutely Truer Adventures of Daydreamer Dev

**KEN SPILLMAN**

Illustrations by **SUVIDHA MISTRY**

**Daydreamer Dev is back with three exciting escapades!**

Classroom trances and flights of fancy are not new for Dev. But now he needs to avoid the wrath of his teachers and make his parents proud—not so easy when your brain lives elsewhere! Set out with Dev on three adrenaline-filled adventures to the South Pole, down a volcano and on a moon landing mission!

IMPRINT Puffin    FORMAT B/PB  
PAGE EXTENT 256 (incl. b&w illus.)  
ISBN 9780143451761    PRICE ₹299  
PUB DATE April 2021  
TERRITORY World

## A Puffin Chapter Book

**SUDHA MURTY**

**A brand new, deliciously illustrated chapter book for young readers**

India's favourite storyteller brings alive yet another timeless tale with her inimitable wit and simplicity. Dotted with charming illustrations, this gorgeous chapter book is the ideal introduction for beginners to the world of Sudha Murty.

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PAGE EXTENT 40/full colour  
ISBN 9780143447061    PRICE ₹175  
PUB DATE June 2021  
TERRITORY World



**SUDHA MURTY** is a popular author, philanthropist and the chairperson of the Infosys Foundation.

## Shyamchi Aai

SANE GURUJI

Translated by SHANTA GOKHALE

**A seminal Marathi classic in one of its very first English translations**

Narrated over the course of forty-two nights, *Shyamchi Aai* is a poignant story of Shyam and his aai, a woman with an unbreakable spirit. This evergreen classic, now translated by the incomparable Shanta Gokhale, is an account of a life of poverty, hard work, sacrifice and love.

IMPRINT Puffin    FORMAT 129 × 178 mm/PB  
PAGE EXTENT 336    ISBN 9780143447702  
PRICE ₹299    PUB DATE January 2021  
TERRITORY World



SANE GURUJI was a Marathi author, teacher, social activist and freedom fighter.

SHANTA GOKHALE is a novelist, translator, columnist and performing arts critic.

## Another Dozen Stories

SATYAJIT RAY

Translated by INDRANI MAJUMDAR

**A classic keepsake edition, marking 100 years of a master storyteller**

*Another Dozen Stories* brings to you the magical, bizarre, spooky and sometimes astonishing worlds created by Satyajit Ray, featuring an extraordinary bunch of characters and twelve hair-raising stories that will leave you asking for more! Translated for the very first time into English by noted translator Indrani Majumdar, this edition is a tribute to Ray's immaculate literary genius and to his centenary birth anniversary in 2021.

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SATYAJIT RAY was one of the greatest film-makers and writers of his time.

INDRANI MAJUMDAR is a keen researcher and bilingual translator based in New Delhi.

## How We Know What We Know

SHRUTHI RAO

Illustrations by SUMEDHA SAH

**A solution to the curious case of the Did You Knows**

There are millions of facts that we know about the world—that the earth is round, that birds migrate and that dinosaurs once roamed the planet. But *how* do we know what we know? This book, in fifty marvellous accounts, tells us of the sense of mystery and wonder that propel scientists to go after solutions to the puzzling problems of the world around us.

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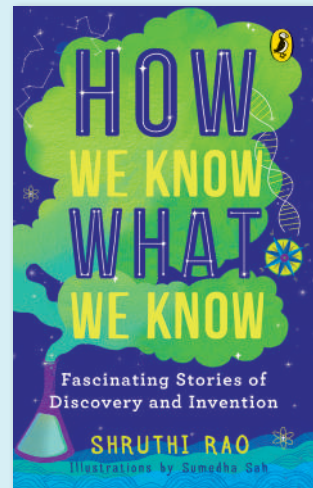
## The Bournvita Quiz Contest Collector's Edition: Volume II

DEREK O'BRIEN

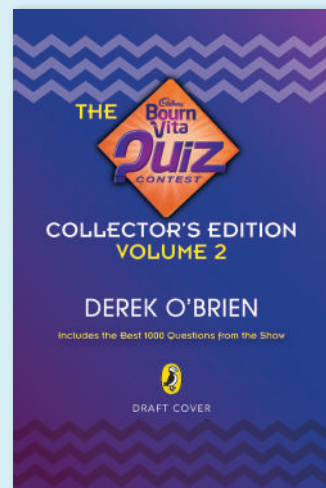
**From art and culture to politics and history, the one quiz book to rule them all**

The award-winning Bournvita Quiz Contest quiz show has enthralled viewers for decades. With 1000 interesting questions from the archives of the iconic quiz show, Derek O'Brien's *The Bournvita Quiz Contest Collector's Edition: Volume II* will satiate the appetite of every curious mind!

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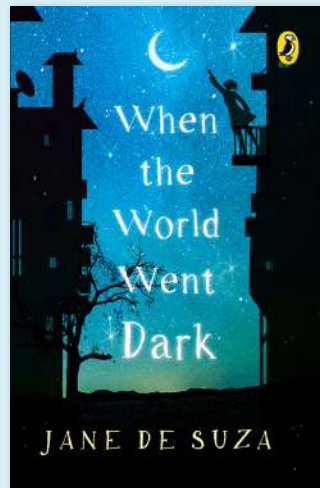


SHRUTHI RAO is an award-winning children's author.



DEREK O'BRIEN is an author, television personality, public speaker, politician and quizmaster.





**JANE DE SUZA** is known for her SuperZero series. Her critically acclaimed book *Flyaway Boy* was shortlisted for many awards.

## When the World Went Dark

**JANE DE SUZA**

**Includes advice from mental health counsellors to help a child experiencing loss**

When Swara's grandma passes away, the almost nine-year-old pursues clues to find her, but stumbles upon a crime instead. Told with humour and sparkle, this compassionate story is about finding light in the darkest times of our lives. It packs in an intriguing mystery and even a good belly laugh.

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**TERRITORY** Indian subcontinent



**STUTI AGARWAL** is a writer who dreams of one day being called Roald Dahl's prodigy.

## The Very Glum Life of Tootoolu Toop

**STUTI AGARWAL**

**A delicious adventure set amidst the magical mountains of Darjeeling**

Tootoolu Toop is on the run—from her mundane life as a witch, from stirring grasshopper's legs into potions and from her underground home where her tribe has been in hiding for 569 years. Will Tootoolu find what she's looking for—best friends, books and a chance to be who she truly is?

**IMPRINT** Puffin **FORMAT** B/PB  
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**TERRITORY** Indian subcontinent



**RUSKIN BOND** has written over 500 short stories, essays and novellas, and more than forty books for children.

**IMPRINT** Puffin **FORMAT** B/PB **PAGE EXTENT** 224 (incl. b&w illus.)  
**ISBN** 9780143451938 **PRICE** ₹199 **PUB DATE** May 2021 **TERRITORY** World

## All-Time Favourites for Children

**RUSKIN BOND**

**Hand-picked and most loved stories from the writer on the hill!**

*All-Time Favourites for Children* celebrates Ruskin Bond's writing with stories that are perennially loved and can now be enjoyed in one collectible volume. Curated and selected by the cherished writer himself, this collection brings the iconic Rusty, the eccentric Uncle Ken, the beloved Mr Oliver, the ubiquitous grandmother and many other charming, endearing characters in a single volume while also introducing us to a smattering of new ones that are sure to be firm favourites with young readers. Heart-warming, funny and spirited, this is a must-have on every bookshelf!



**PARO ANAND** is the recipient of Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar (2017) and author of books for children, young adults and adults.

## Unmasked: Revelations from Covid-19

**PARO ANAND**

**Paro Anand's new offering on the myriad emotions of living through the lockdown**

Whether it was migrant workers walking in search of new homes, children making tough decisions to conquer all odds, the lockdown in 2020 managed to put us all through challenging times. This collection of short stories is an ode to the relentless human spirit as it unravels different episodes of hope, resilience, acceptance, learning and unlearning.

**IMPRINT** Puffin **FORMAT** B/PB  
**PAGE EXTENT** 208 **ISBN** 9780143452416  
**PRICE** ₹250 **PUB DATE** May 2021  
**TERRITORY** Indian subcontinent

## And That Is Why . . . Manipuri Myths for Kids

**L. SOMI ROY**

**A collection of endearing and vibrant oral folk tales and myths told for the first time ever!**

O' little one, do you know

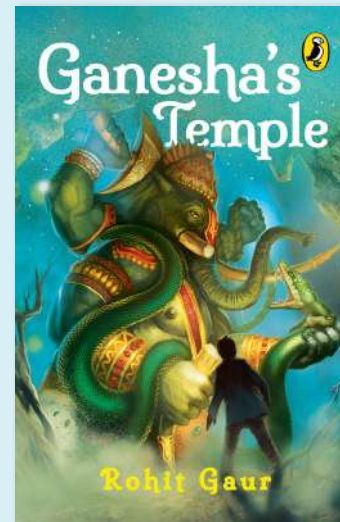
- why the deer does not eat rice?
- why man gets wrinkles and a stoop?
- why the cat buries its poop?
- why a doll is worshipped in the town of Kakching?

Discover the magical tales that have been passed down from shamans and grandmothers over hundreds of years. The beautifully rich paintings in the book will transport you to Manipur!

**IMPRINT** Puffin **FORMAT** Royal/PB  
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**TERRITORY** World



**L. SOMI ROY** is the founder of the Imasi Foundation in Manipur and recently translated Padma Shri M.K. Binodini Devi's *The Princess and the Political Agent*.



**ROHIT GAUR** is a writer, film-maker and serial entrepreneur based in the States.



**KHYRUNNISA A.** is the creator of *Butterfingers*, a popular character in the children's magazine *Tinkle*.

## Ganesha's Temple

**ROHIT GAUR**

**Have faith**

When Taran Sharma's family gets taken hostage by a preta, Taran has no choice but to embark on an odyssey of epic importance and disastrous consequences, aided by Lord Ganesha and his own blind faith that all will be well. Dive in for a riveting adventure in the Veiled Lands, replete with dream sequences, evil naga armies and a supervillain who will stop at nothing.

**IMPRINT** Puffin **FORMAT** B/PB  
**PAGE EXTENT** 256 **ISBN** 9780143442608  
**PRICE** ₹250 **PUB DATE** April 2021  
**TERRITORY** Indian subcontinent, Middle East and SEA

## Smash it, Butterfingers

**KHYRUNNISA A.**

**Look out! It's Butterfingers, yet again!**

Green Park Higher Secondary School is in financial trouble and needs the prize money being offered at an inter-school badminton tournament. But around Butterfingers aka Amar Kishen, who is known to whip up a tornado of trouble wherever he goes, can practice be smooth sailing? Find out in this hilarious new instalment of the *Butterfingers* series.

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**PRANAY LAL** is a biochemist and an artist.

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 PRICE ₹299    PUB DATE May 2021    TERRITORY Indian subcontinent

## The Cretaceous: The Golden Age of Dinosaurs

**PRANAY LAL**

The first in a series of books on India's natural history

Welcome to a day in the Cretaceous, a time when amazing dinosaurs roamed the land and giant reptiles ruled the seas. Join us as we watch little *Troodons* foraging silently and menacing *Indosaurus* wreaking havoc on the banks of the River Narmada. And if you're lucky enough, you might even find yourself in a melee between a family of Sauropods and the mighty *Rajasaurus*, India's answer to the American *T. rex*!

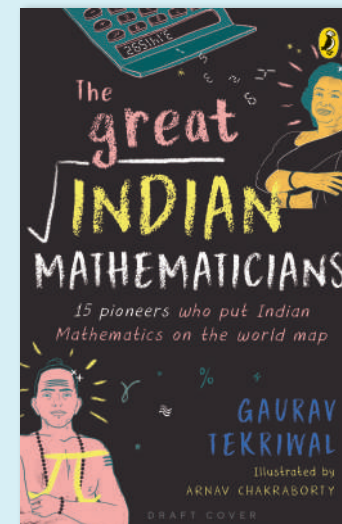
*The Cretaceous*, a fully illustrated book packed with amazing photographs, comprehensive maps and fascinating trivia, transports young readers to the golden age of the dinosaurs and leaves them thirsty to know more about the history of life on Earth.



**JOANNA REBELLO FERNANDES** is an editor and the author of *Treasure at the Train Station*.



**COMMANDER ABHILASH TOMY** was the first Indian to complete a solo, non-stop circumnavigation of the world under sail in 2013.



**GAURAV TEKRIWAL** is the founder president of The Vedic Maths Forum India.

## Journey to the Edge of the Earth: A True Adventure Story

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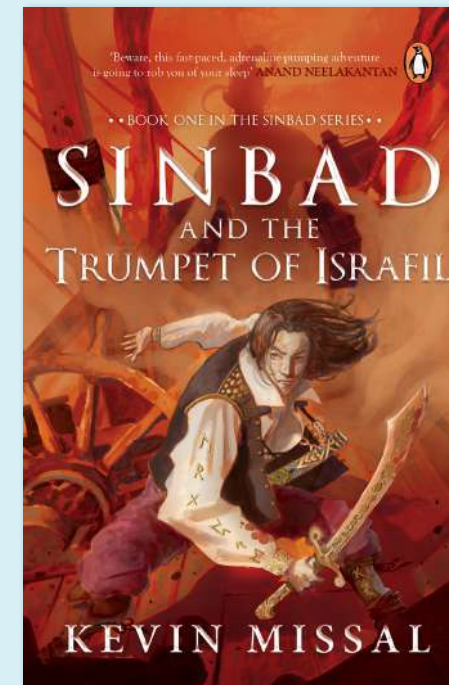
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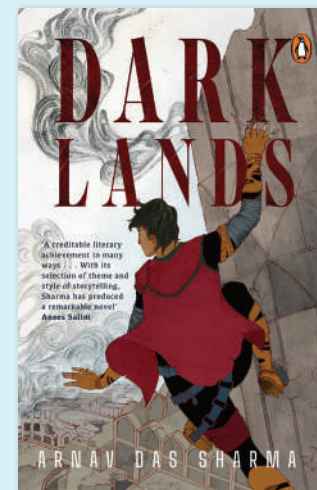
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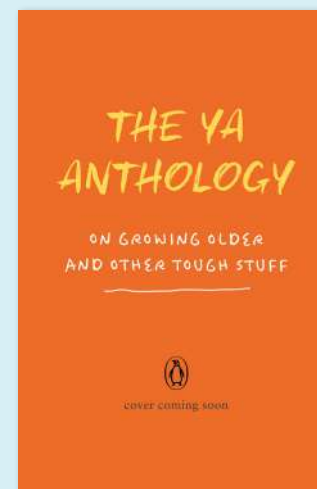
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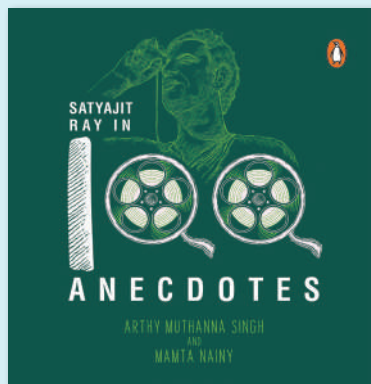
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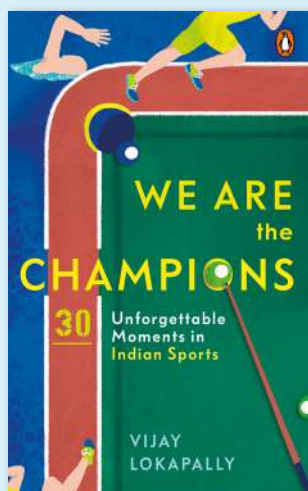
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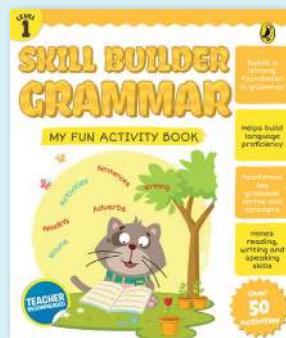
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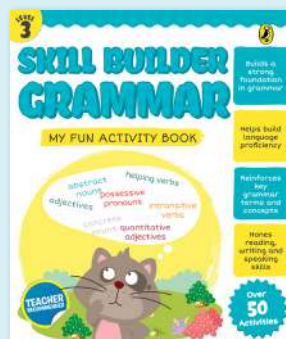
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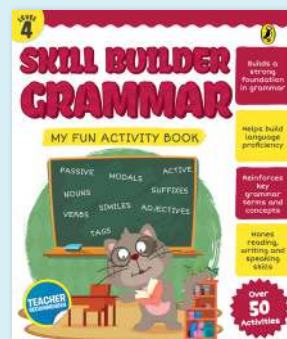
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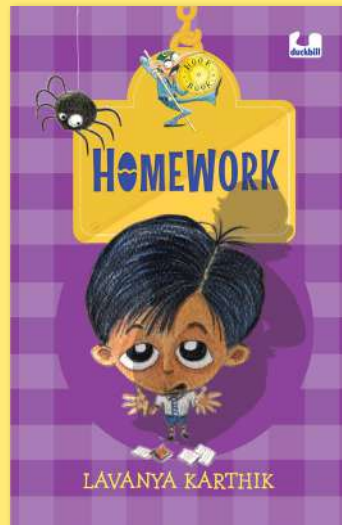


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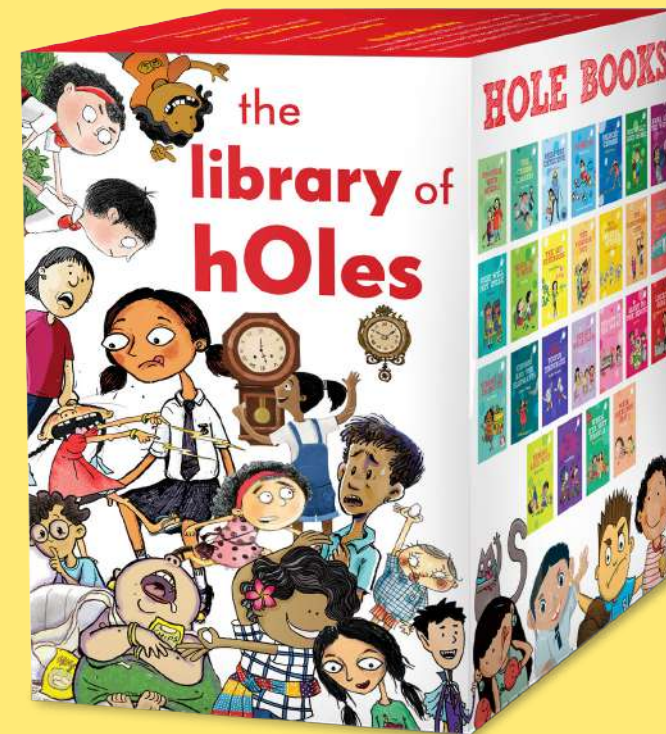
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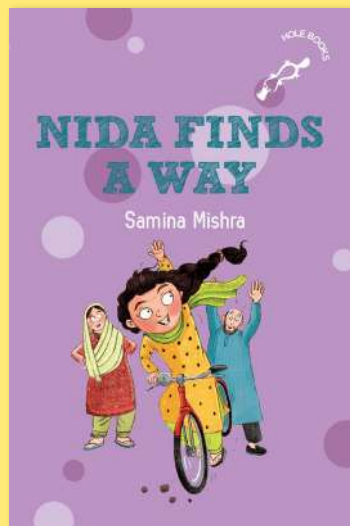
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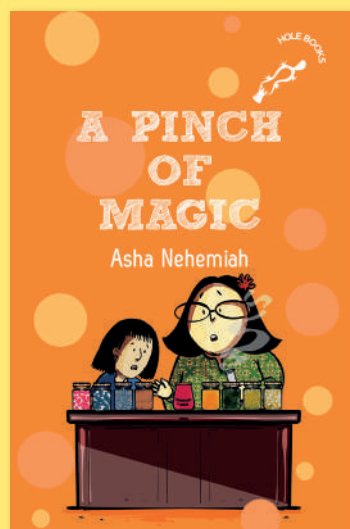
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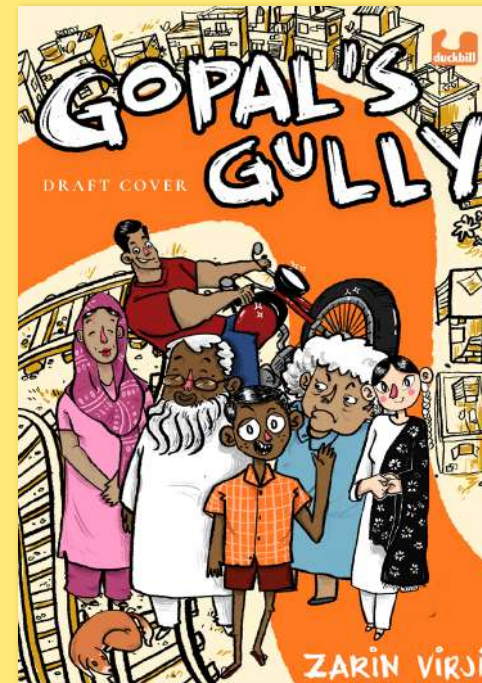
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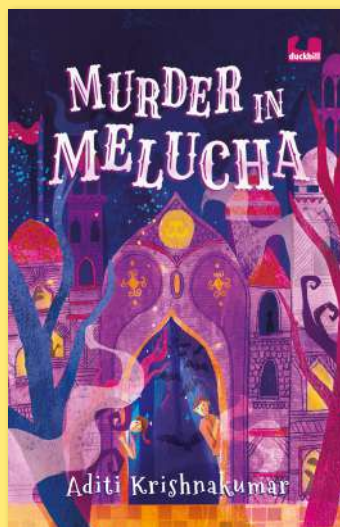
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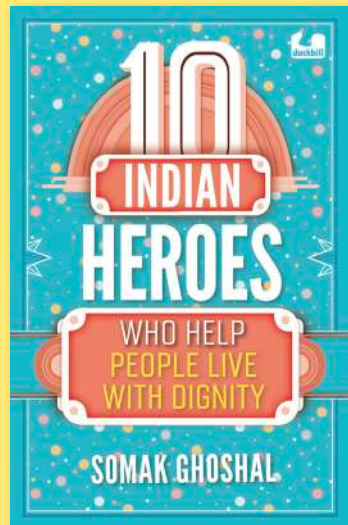
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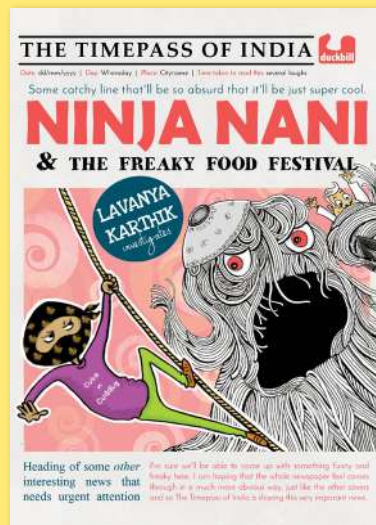
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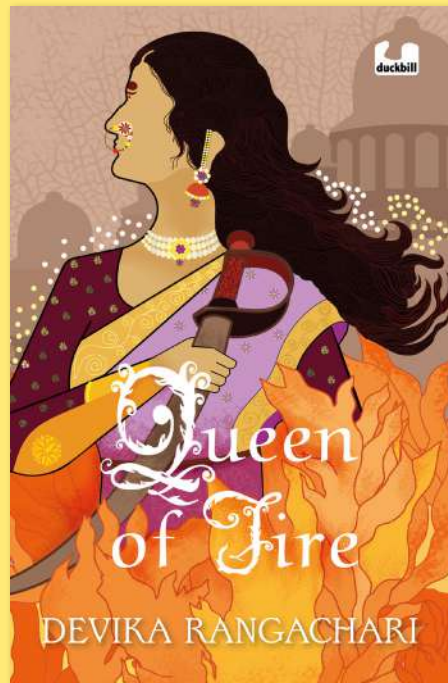
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