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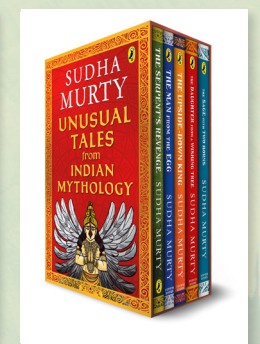
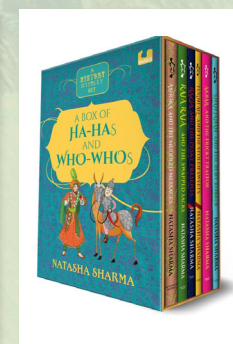
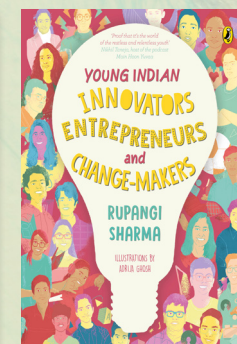
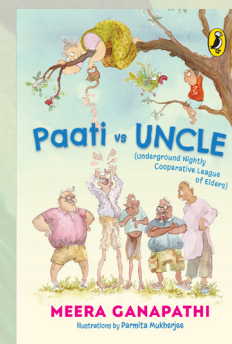
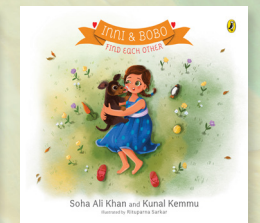
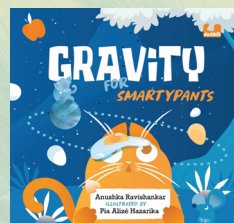
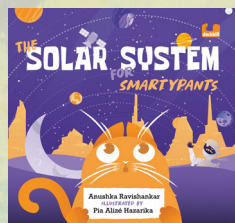
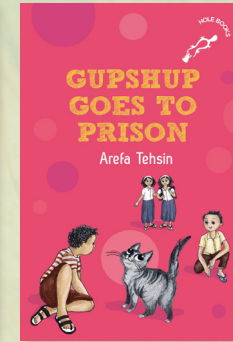
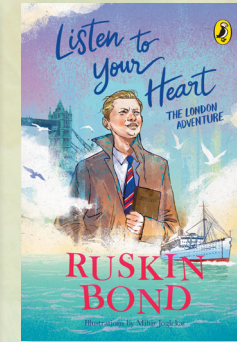
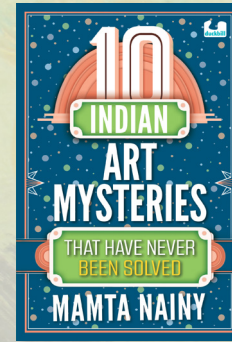
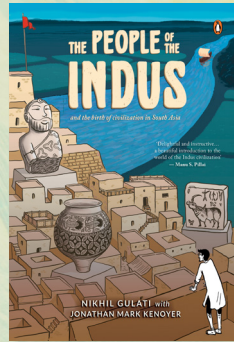
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# April To June 2022 Highlights

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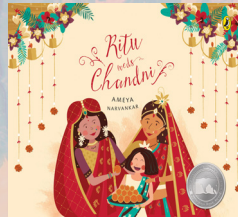
# India @ 75

Celebrate the joy of 75<sup>th</sup> year of Independence with our diverse books:

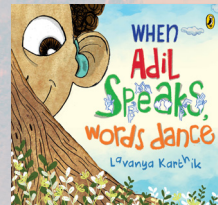
Ages 5-7



I Need to Pee



Ritu Weds Chandni



When Adil Speaks



Who's There

Ages 7-9



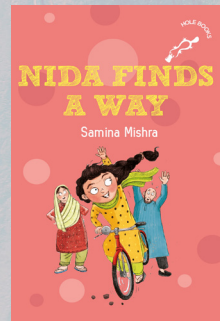
The Girl Who Went to the Stars



Have you Met the Parsis

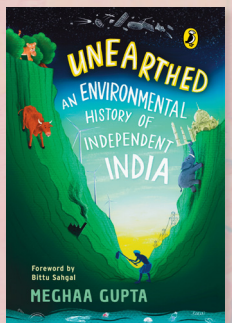


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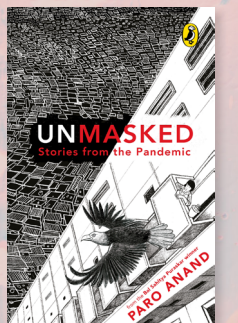


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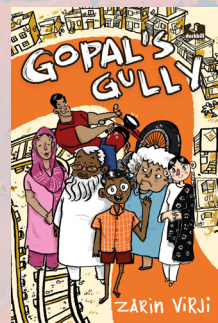
Ages 10-12



Unearthed: An Environmental History of Independent India



Unmasked



Gopal's Gully



10 Indian Heroes Who Help People Live With Dignity

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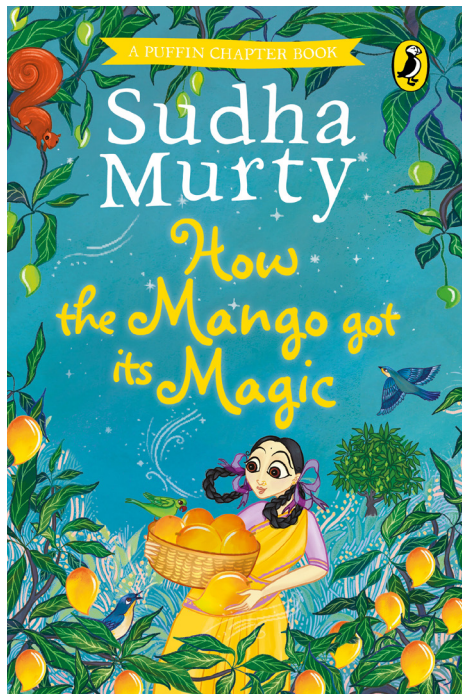
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PUFFIN

Young Readers & Middle Grade





IMPRINT Puffin  
 FORMAT B/HB  
 PAGE EXTENT 44/full colour  
 PRICE ₹199  
 ISBN 9780143447078  
 GENRE Fiction  
 TERRITORY World

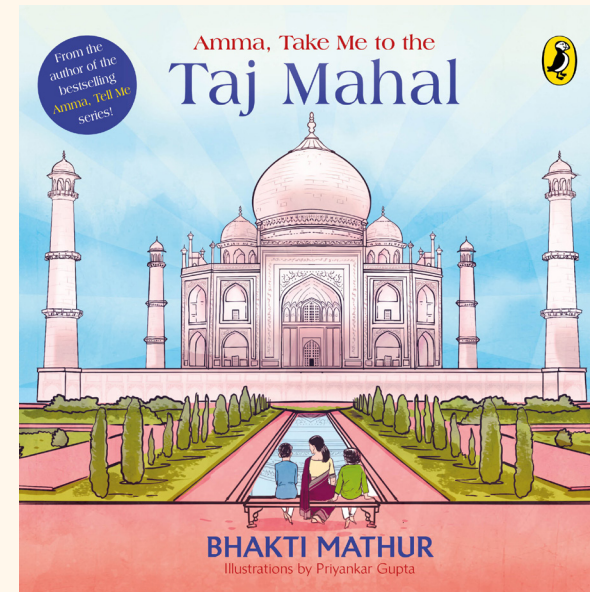
**SUDHA MURTY** is a prolific writer in English and Kannada. She has penned novels, technical books, travelogues, collections of short stories and non-fiction pieces, and bestselling books for children.

## How the Mango Got its Magic

**Sudha Murty**

**We all love the sweetness of mangoes and how it quenches our thirst on a hot summer day, but have you ever wondered how the mango got its magical deliciousness?**

The tale of how such sweetness came into existence is a fascinating one indeed. India's favourite storyteller brings alive this evocative tale with her inimitable wit and simplicity. Bursting with captivating illustrations, this gorgeous chapter book is the ideal introduction for beginners to the world of Sudha Murty.



IMPRINT Puffin  
 FORMAT 203x203/PB  
 PAGE EXTENT 96/full colour  
 PRICE ₹350  
 ISBN 9780143451648  
 GENRE Non-fiction  
 TERRITORY World

**BHAKTI MATHUR** took to writing in 2010 when she created the popular *Amma, Tell Me* series of children's picture books about Indian festivals and mythology.

## Amma, Take Me to the Taj Mahal

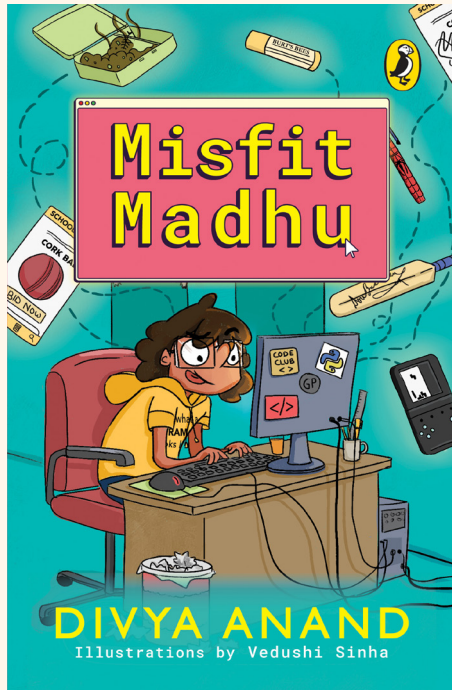
**Bhakti Mathur**

**Come, explore Indian monuments and places of interest!**

Travel with Amma and her boys to one of the seven wonders of the world, a symbol of an emperor's love for his queen and the pinnacle of Mughal architecture in India, the Taj Mahal.

Walk with Amma, Shiv and Veer through the sprawling gardens that replicate paradise on earth. Gaze at the mausoleum and admire its astounding architecture, breath taking scope and perfect symmetry. Marvel at the intricately decorated white marble walls engraved with precious stones. Travel back in time 500 years as Amma narrates the story of how the Mughal Empire was founded and the historical, cultural and personal stories that lie at the genesis of this magical monument.

Told with interesting stories, anecdotes and vibrant illustrations, this series is an introduction to Indian monuments of historical importance.



IMPRINT **Puffin**

FORMAT **B/PB**

PAGE EXTENT **280/b&w illustrations**

PRICE **₹299**

ISBN **9780143453550**

GENRE **Fiction**

TERRITORY **World**

**DIVYA ANAND** won the Gourmand World Cookbook Award in 2019 for her first book, *Dare Eat That*. She's also the author of *Written in the Stars* and a children's picture book, *I Hate My Curly Hair*.

## Misfit Madhu

**Divya Anand**

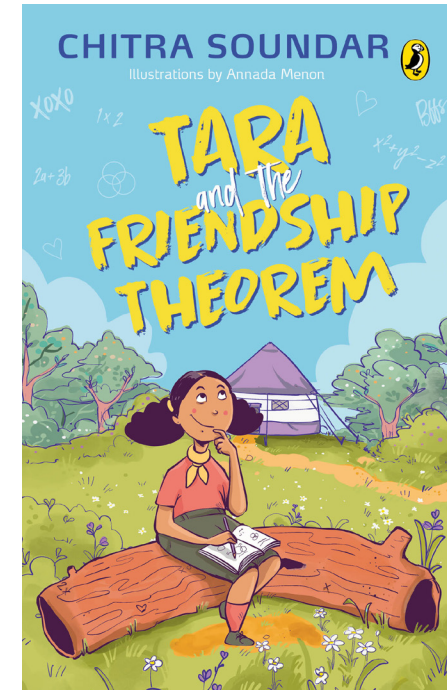
**A STEM fiction featuring a spunky girl protagonist, apps, programming, and lots of drama!**

Madhu is a shy middle-grade developer who spends her holidays creating her dream app, 'School Santhe'. Soon, the app goes viral . . . and so does she! After all, it an app where everyone at school can trade stuff so easily!

Madhu now sets her sights on winning the GoTek young developers contest. But when School Santhe is used to sell leaked test papers, she's faced with some hard decisions:

- Shut down the app that made her popular?
- Or stay silent and become part of something . . . criminal?

As her dreams begin to crumble, Madhu realizes that sometimes, it's far easier to debug an app than your life!



IMPRINT **Puffin**

FORMAT **B/PB**

PAGE EXTENT **136/b&w illustrations**

PRICE **₹250**

ISBN **9780143457756**

GENRE **Fiction**

TERRITORY **World**

**CHITRA SOUNDAR** is an internationally published, award-winning author of children's books.

## Tara and the Friendship Theorem

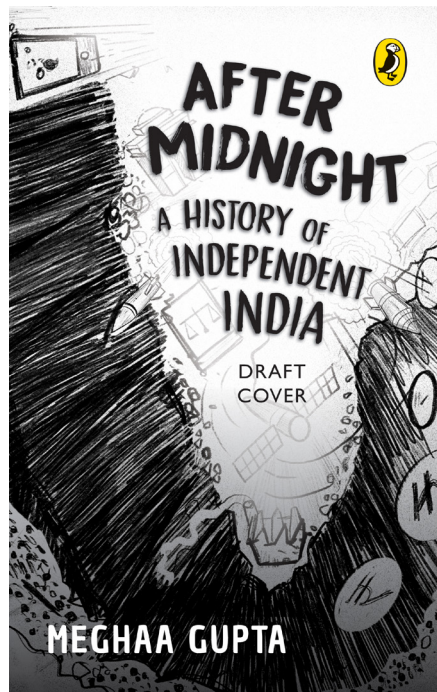
**Chitra Soundar**

**Strangers are friends we haven't come to know yet. . .**

Tara and her best friend, Farida, are experts at the traditional Indian game of Pallanguzhi. But when Tara's family relocates to the UK, Tara has to say goodbye to her best friend. Who will she beat at Pallanguzhi now?

As her parents get their new home ready, Tara and her brother check in to Camp Wilderness, which is not really Tara's thing. Instead of exploring nature, she sets out to find a new friend using the Friendship Theorem.

When in doubt, use Maths—that's Tara's motto. But as Tara applies her theorem on her camp circle, could she be missing a friendship that is blossoming right under her nose?



IMPRINT Puffin

FORMAT Demy/PB

PAGE EXTENT 256/b&w illustrations

PRICE ₹299

ISBN 9780143458760

GENRE Non-fiction

TERRITORY World

**MEGHA GUPTA** has contributed to the history book *On this Day* and is the author of the widely-acclaimed *Unearthed: An Environmental History of Independent India*.

## After Midnight

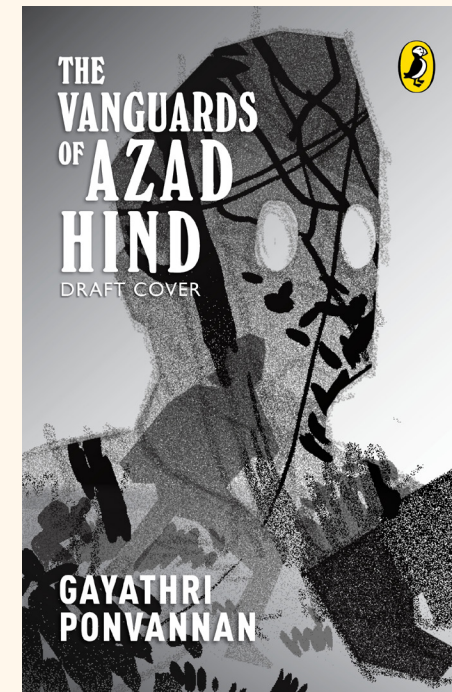
**Meghaa Gupta**

*After Midnight* celebrates one of the greatest underdog-beating-the-odds stories in world history.

At the time of independence, few believed that a country made up of over 500 princely states and British provinces could survive as a nation, even for a few years. That a land stripped of its riches, wracked by disease and famine and divided along tense communal lines could thrive in its ambition and aspirations.

Yet, in 75 years since independence, India has grown beyond anyone's expectation. Today, it's an Asian powerhouse, poised to become the third largest economy in the world.

How did India get this far? What were the sweeping social, cultural, scientific, political, military, environmental and economic developments it witnessed along the way? Interspersed with personal anecdotes, illustrations, infographics, informative timelines and pull quotes, *After Midnight* gives a powerful context to the present and revels in the diverse and remarkable ideas that have come to shape this great nation.



IMPRINT Puffin

FORMAT B/PB

PAGE EXTENT 256

PRICE ₹250

ISBN 9780143459095

GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

**GAYATHRI PONVANNAN'S** first book, *Time Racers*, was published by Puffin India in 2016, and her second book, *Unstoppable*, was published by Hachette India in 2019.

## The Vanguard of Azad Hind

**Gayathri Ponvannan**

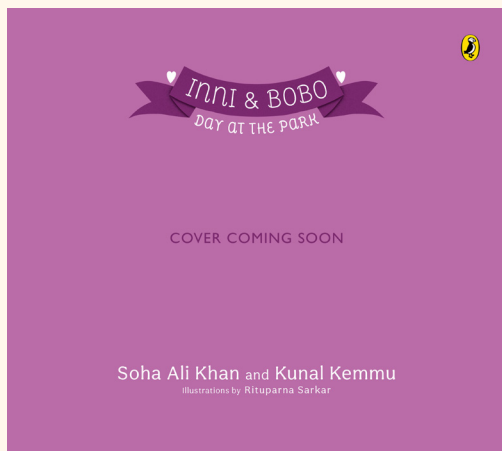
*The year is 1943, in an India occupied by the British.*

Kayal is sixteen years old, and a freedom fighter. She takes part in marches, burns British goods and sabotages trains all without the knowledge of her law-abiding family, of course.

So, it comes as quite a surprise when Kayal discovers her Aunt Uma, is a commander in Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's Azad Hind Fauj—the all-volunteer Indian National Army from South East Asia—aiming to take on the might of the British Empire and free India!

By what Kayal considers a huge stroke of luck, Aunt Uma agrees to take her along on a recruitment trip to Calcutta which would then change Kayal's life forever.

All of a sudden, the war, which had seemed a distant thrill, now becomes a horrific reality. Will the INA still press forward into British India? And will the Rani of Jhansi regiment, armed with just fierce optimism, defy Netaji and realize their dream of marching on as the Vanguard of Azad Hind?



IMPRINT **Puffin**

FORMAT **280x248mm/HB**

PAGE EXTENT **32/full colour**

PRICE **₹399**

ISBN **9780143454618**

GENRE **Fiction**

TERRITORY **World**

**SOHA ALI KHAN** a Hindi film actor and an author. Her book, *The Perils of Being Moderately Famous* (Penguin, 2017) was greatly received and became a bestseller.

**KUNAL KEMMU** has been an actor in the Hindi film industry for over thirty-two years.

## Inni & Bobo: Day at the Park

(Book 2 in the Inni & Bobo series)

**Soha Ali Khan and Kunal Kemmu**

**Bobo, Inni's adopted indie pet, comes home and learns to shed his fears!**

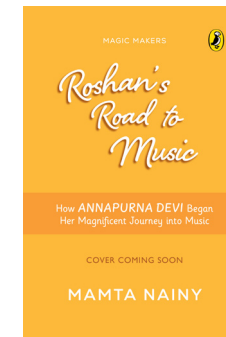
Little Inni adopts the scruffy-looking Indie puppy Bobo, and finally, he is home! But Bobo is still scared of *everything*—even the running water. Now it is all up to Inni, his new best friend, to help him learn and adapt to the ways of his new life. And what better way to do it than to head to out to the park on Sunday the Funday! After all, it's the best place to explore new things and even meet new people.

Endearing and narrated with a lot of heart, the Inni and Bobo Series, is not only about a little child finding friendship but also about the beauty of adopting dogs. It's about learning empathy and imperative life lessons, and most importantly about opening one's heart and homes—which is what life is all about.



## Looking for Inspiration

ISBN **9780143451631**



## Roshan's Road to Music

ISBN **9780143451624**



## That Big-Voiced Girl

ISBN **9780143451617**

IMPRINT **Puffin**

FORMAT **6x9 in/PB**

PAGE EXTENT **48/full colour**

PRICE **₹199**

GENRE **Fiction**

TERRITORY **World**

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

## The Magic Maker series

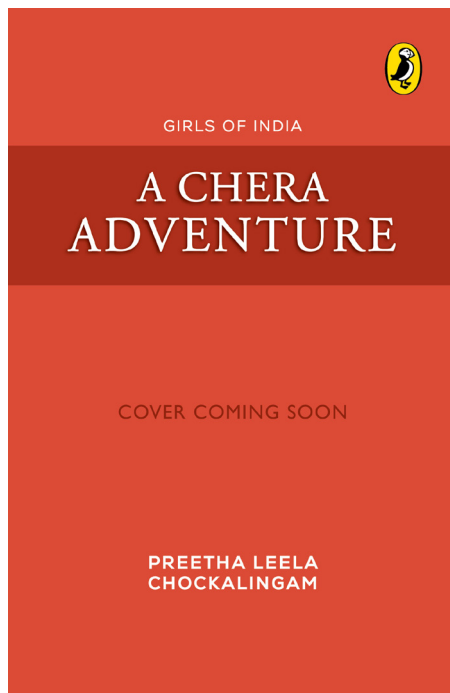
**Mamta Nainy**

A unique series of picture book biographies that explore and celebrate the lives of some of the greatest creative icons of our times—people who are not just larger-than-life figures but who chose to follow their dreams and let their true selves bloom under the light of courage, dedication and passion.

With deliciously atmospheric illustrations, elegantly written text and just the right amount of information, these wonderfully imagined portraits in words and images will inspire young readers.



Ages 9+



IMPRINT Puffin

FORMAT B/PB

PAGE EXTENT 208/b&w illustrations

PRICE ₹250

ISBN 9780143454649

GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

**PREETHA LEELA CHOCKALINGAM** a Lecturer at the London Metropolitan University. She's also an editor and a writer.

## A Girl in Chera Times: Girls of India series

**Preetha Leela Chockalingam**

**Travel back to different eras of Indian history with the girls who lived in them.**

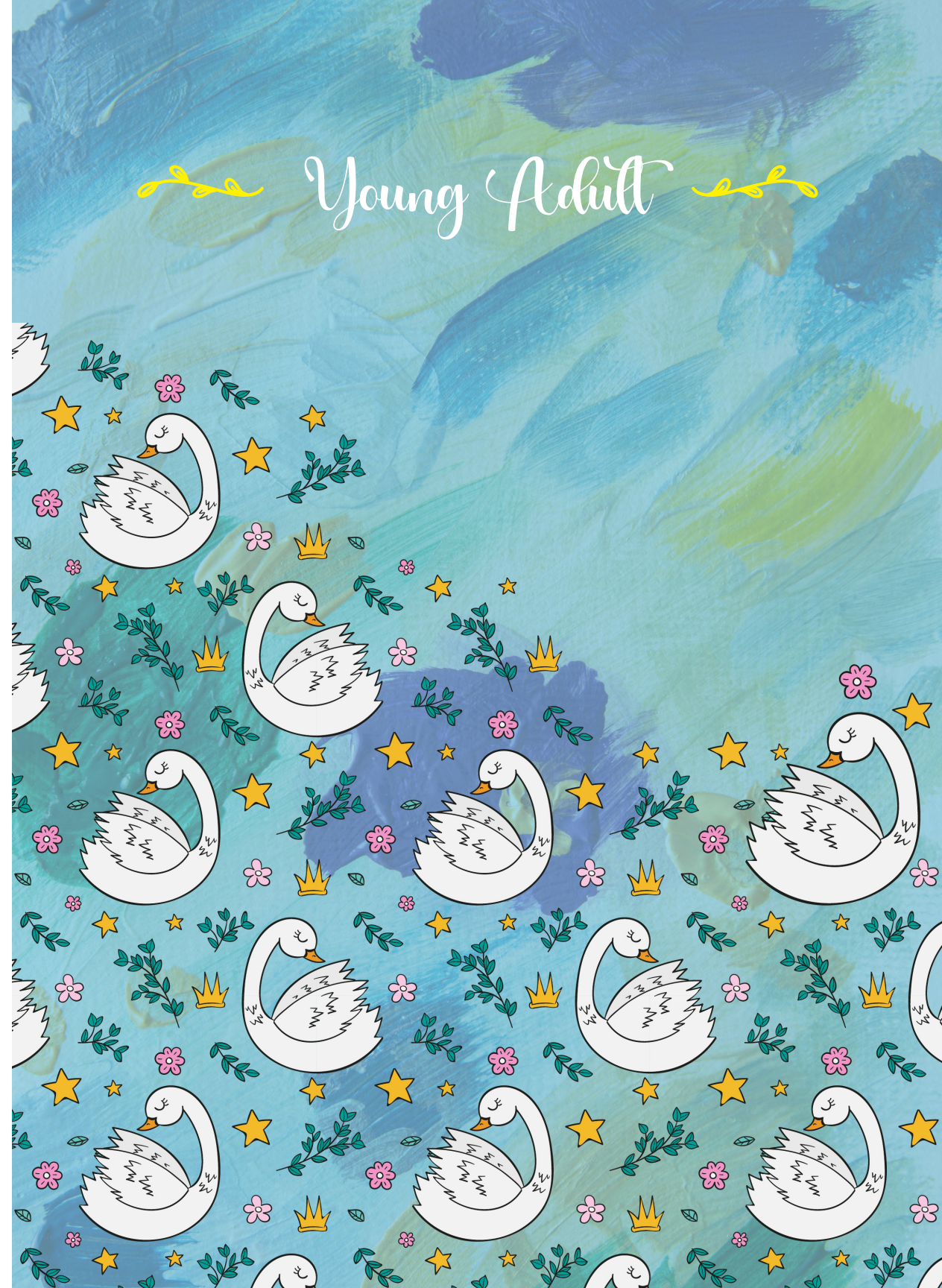
Curious and spirited, Sharadha loves her life in her beloved Marayur, in the Chera kingdom. Her grandmother being a healer for the King leads the 11-year-old to learn lots of new things. The place has everything Sharadha loves!

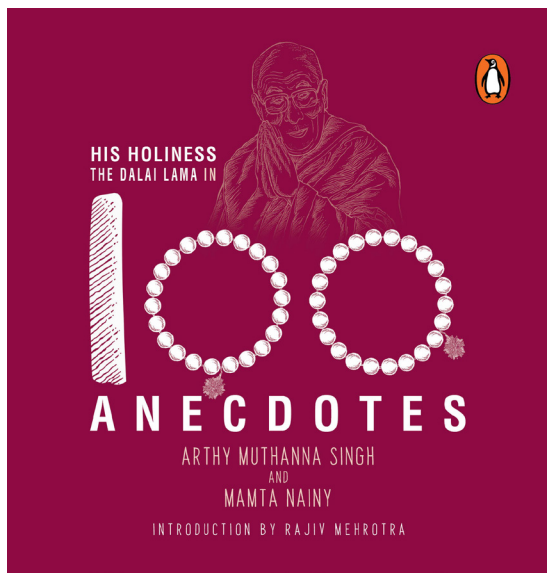
But her curiosity takes her on an unintended adventure—in the busy multicultural city of Mahodayapuram, the capital of the Cheraman Perumal Empire. There, she gets to explore various cultures and meet people from different backgrounds. As she traverses the city, Sharadha realizes how complex it is from her village life—full of intrigue and political scandals.

But as a sudden war with the ambitious Cholas looms on the horizon, Sharadha pines to get back to her old life and her family. Will she ever be able to see her beloved Marayur again? And can she use the wisdom taught by her grandmother to save the others and herself?

Peek into an account of what life was like during the final years of the Chera Dynasty of the 11th century Kerala!

Young Adult





**IMPRINT** Penguin  
**FORMAT** 154x158 mm/HB  
**PAGE EXTENT** 144/one colour pantone  
**PRICE** ₹299  
**ISBN** 9780143454984  
**GENRE** Non-fiction  
**TERRITORY** World

**ARTHY MUTHANNA SINGH** a children's writer, freelance journalist, copywriter, editor and cartoonist.

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

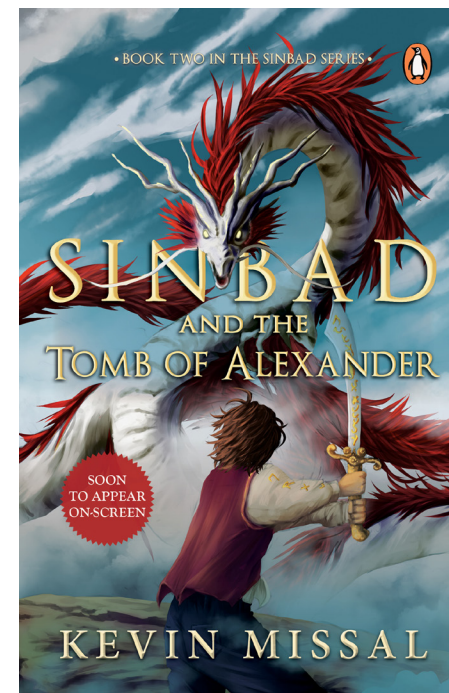
## His Holiness the Dalai Lama in 100 Anecdotes

Arthy Muthanna Singh and Mamta Nainy

**A special edition to mark the birth anniversary of His Holiness the Dalai Lama!**

On 6 July 1935, a mischievous boy was born in a remote village in Tibet, who, at the age of two, was recognized as the fourteenth reincarnation of the Dalai Lama. His eventful boyhood in Lhasa, thrilling escape to India and subsequent exile in Dharamsala, captured the imagination of thousands. With an endearing smile and childish humour, he has become a symbol of optimism and hope for the oppressed.

Tracing his life through 100 lesser-known and inspiring incidents, unusual trivia and gorgeous illustrations, this one-of-a-kind book explores the Dalai Lama's vision, teachings and philosophies. His Holiness the Dalai Lama in 100 Anecdotes is a classic tribute and a collectible edition that celebrates the various facets of an extraordinary spiritual leader from his birth through his eighty-seventh birthday.



**IMPRINT** Penguin  
**FORMAT** B/PB  
**PAGE EXTENT** 232  
**PRICE** ₹250  
**ISBN** 9780143449683  
**GENRE** Fiction  
**TERRITORY** Indian Subcontinent, including Dubai and Singapore

**KEVIN MISSAL** is the author of the national bestselling *Kalki* trilogy.

## Sinbad and the Tomb of Alexander (Book 2 in the Sinbad series)

Kevin Missal

**Sinbad may have forestalled the devil from rising but as they say—evil never sleeps.**

You would think having saved the world from Armageddon would have its perks, but sadly there are no happily ever afters. We battled the Angel of Death and prevented the trumpet of Israfil from being blown. But Iblis, the Devil King, is after yet another artefact that can bring him back to life.

Now I race against time to find the famed Water of Life. And as luck would have it, it is said to be hidden in the legendary tomb of—wait for it—Alexander the Great.

So here I am again, Sinbad the Sailor, pitted against Viking warriors, immortal Chinese alchemists, haunted isles and creatures of the dark . . . you get the drift. Then there is the Lame Archdemon, Admiral Sakhr, a foe far more sinister than I have ever encountered.

And on top of it all, my friends seem to be drifting away from me, as is the love of my life, Safeena, Iblis's daughter.



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Young Readers &  
Middle Grade

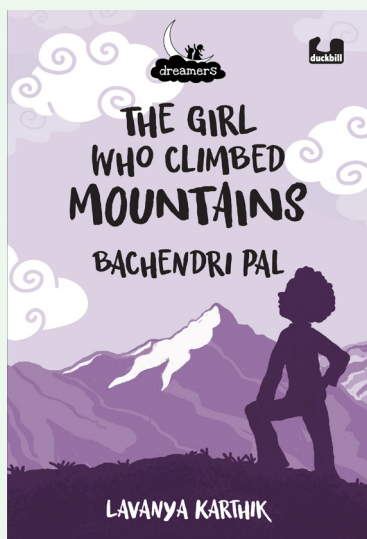




## Dreamers

Written and illustrated by Lavanya Karthik

A delightfully illustrated short biography series that will inspire young readers



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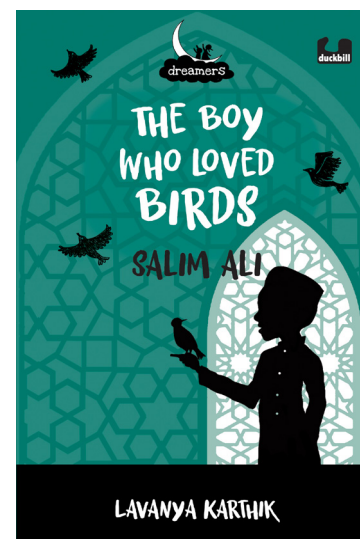
### The Girl Who Climbed Mountains: Bachendri Pal

Before Bachendri Pal became the first Indian woman to climb Mt Everest, she was a little girl with dreams as big as the sky.

A delightful introduction to the famous mountaineer, illustrated in tangkha style.



In the same series



IMPRINT Duckbill

FORMAT B/PB

PAGE EXTENT 48/two colour

PRICE ₹199

GENRE Non-Fiction

TERRITORY World

ISBN 9780143457732

LAVANYA KARTHIK is an author by day, a cookie monster by teatime and fast asleep by nine every night. She lives in Mumbai, where she writes, draws, eats a lot of chocolate and takes a lot of naps.

### The Boy Who Loved Birds: Salim Ali

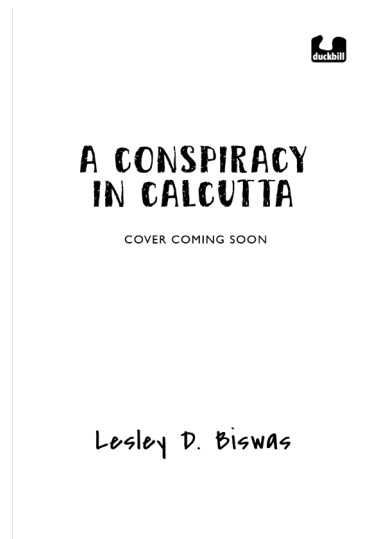
Before Salim Ali was a world-famous ornithologist, he was a boy curious about the mysteries around him—especially the mysteries of birds.

A delightful introduction to the famous ornithologist, illustrated in the style of Mughal miniatures.



## Songs of Freedom

The series explores the lives of children across India during the struggle for independence.



IMPRINT Duckbill

FORMAT B/PB

PAGE EXTENT 144

PRICE ₹250

ISBN 9780143457749

GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

Lesley D. Biswas

**LESLEY D. BISWAS** enjoys writing children's stories with a passion for nature, gardening, and bird photography.

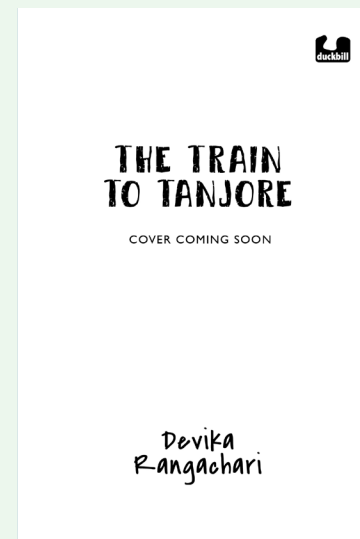
## A Conspiracy in Calcutta

Lesley D. Biswas

Calcutta, 1928

As the student protests gather momentum all across Calcutta, and police atrocities grow, ten-year-old Bithi wants to join in the struggle for freedom.

But living in a society where her best friend is to be married and just the fact that she is going to school is regarded with disapproval, how can Bithi play a substantial part? How can she fight those who are dearest to her? Discouraged but not daunted, Bithi schemes and plots and lies and is drawn into unexpected danger—all for the sake of fighting injustice in all its forms.



IMPRINT Duckbill

FORMAT B/PB

PAGE EXTENT 112

PRICE ₹250

ISBN 9780143457640

GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

Devika  
Rangachari

**DR DEVIKA RANGACHARI** is an award-winning historical fiction writer, whose book, *Queen of Ice* (published by Duckbill), was on the White Raven list and won the Neev Book Award for Young Adults.

## The Train to Tanjore

Devika Rangachari

Tanjore, 1942

There are few excitements in Thambi's quiet life. There is the new hotel, which lures him with the aroma of sambar with onions. There are visits to the library to read the newspaper, and an occasional, a new movie at the Rajaram Electric Theatre.

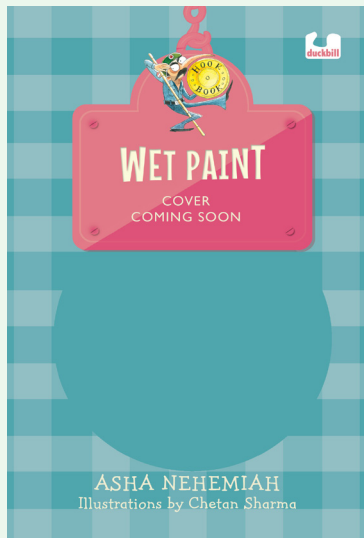
When Gandhiji announces the Quit India movement, Tanjore is torn apart by protests. The train station—the lifeline of the town—is vandalized. Mysterious leaflets are circulated, containing news that newspapers do not publish. And inspired by the idea of a free India and his own dreams of being an engineer, Thambi must find the courage to do what he believes is right—even when it endangers all he holds dear.





## Hook Books

The Hook Book series of short simple stories for beginning readers come with fun stories set in different parts of India, gorgeous illustrations and short exercises to enhance the reading experience.



IMPRINT **Duckbill**  
 FORMAT **B/PB**  
 PAGE EXTENT **40/full colour**  
 PRICE **₹175**  
 ISBN **9780143456582**  
 GENRE **Fiction**  
 TERRITORY **World**

**ASHA NEHEMIAH** writes books for children where wonderfully funny characters get into crazy adventures.

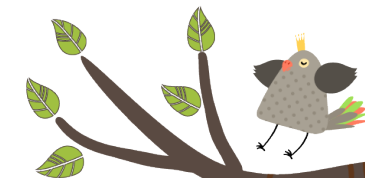
**CHETAN SHARMA** is an award-winning animator and co-founder and director of Animagic, India's most reputed independent animation studio focusing on original content

## Wet Paint

**Asha Nehemiah**

**Illustrations by Chetan Sharma**

Aman is to paint a mural on the new hospital when disaster strikes. Can he and Paru, the mason's daughter, save the day? Will the townsfolk get the mural of their dreams?



IMPRINT **Duckbill**  
 FORMAT **B/PB**  
 PAGE EXTENT **40/full colour**  
 PRICE **₹175**  
 ISBN **9780143457596**  
 GENRE **Fiction**  
 TERRITORY **World**

**ARUNDHATI VENKATESH** went to school in five towns and worked in four continents. Everywhere, she made up stories. Now she puts them down on paper. When she is not cooking up stories or dreaming of food, she haunts bookstores and libraries in Bangalore.

**RESHU SINGH** an independent artist and illustrator based out of Delhi.

## I Want a Pet

**Arundhati Venkatesh**

**Illustrations by Reshu Singh**

Jasbir has always wanted a pet, not a sibling. Then one day, a buffalo walks into his life and does not want to leave. . .

# Sales Information

## Distributors

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