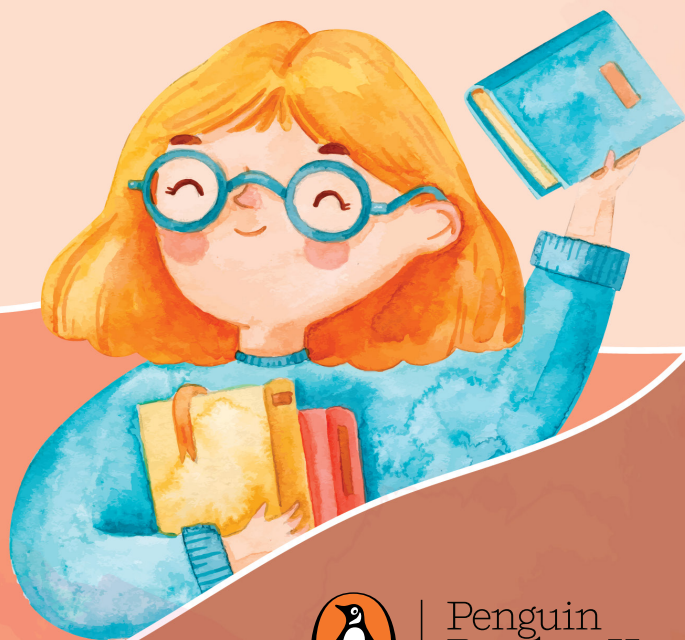




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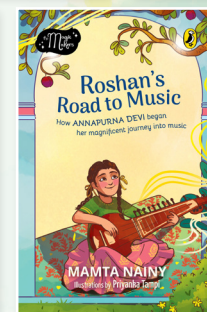
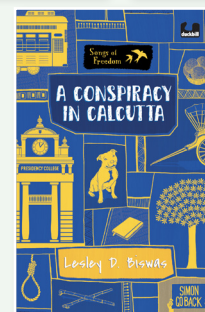
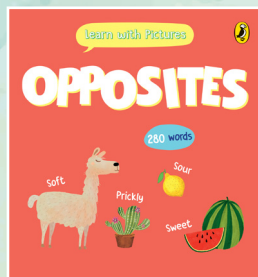
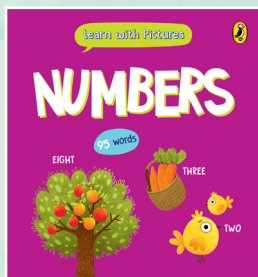
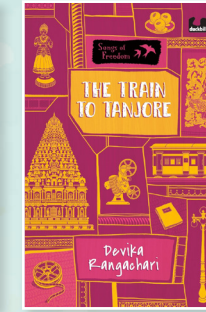
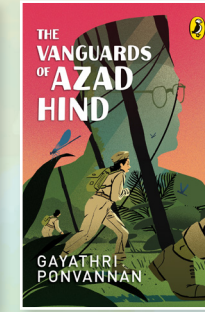
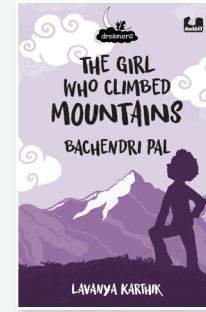
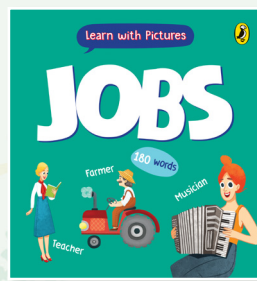
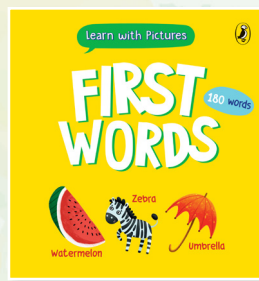
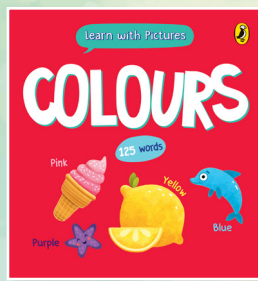
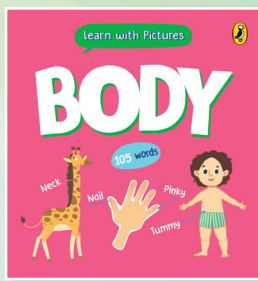
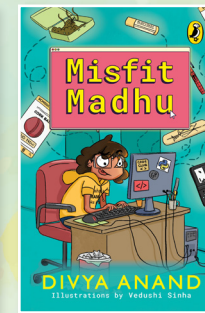
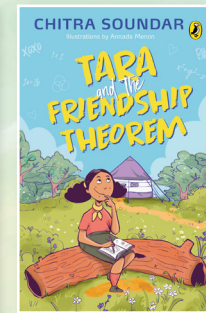
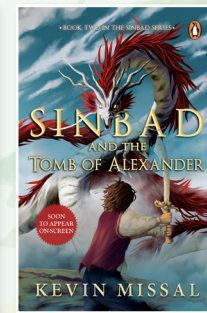
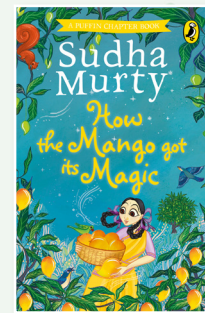
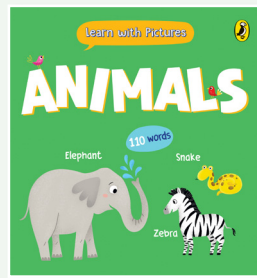
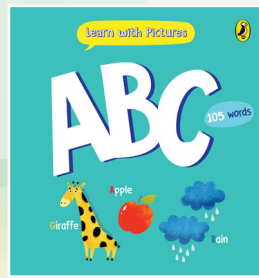
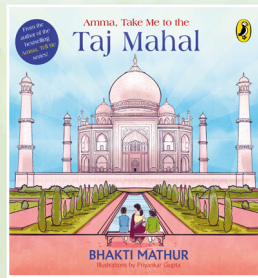
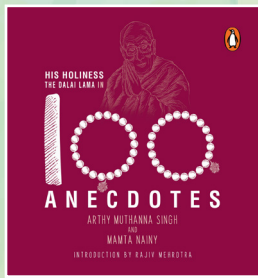
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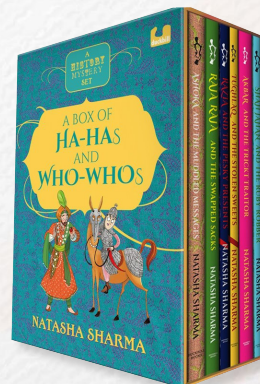
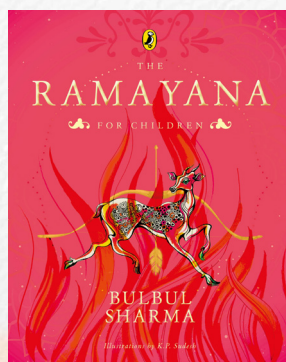
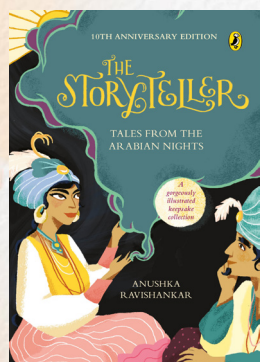
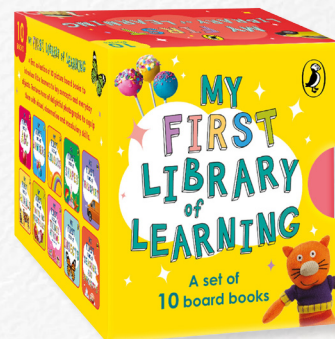
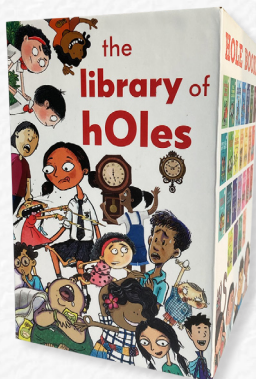
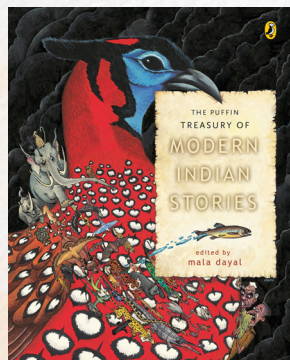
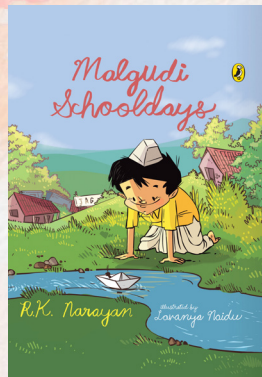
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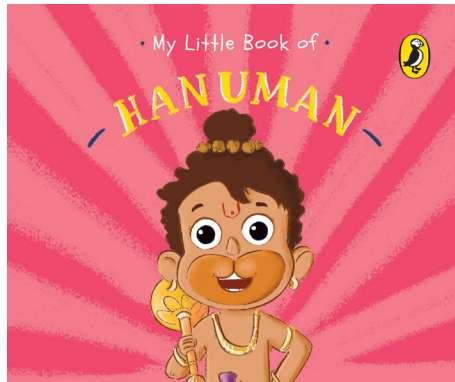


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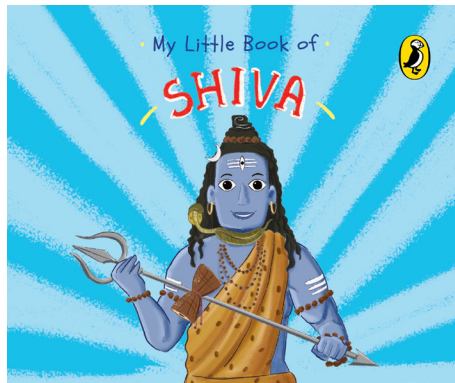




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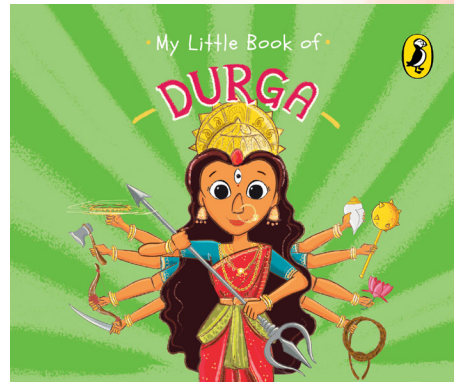


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Genre Fiction

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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.

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Territory World

NEIL D'SILVA has authored many bestselling horror books, four of which have been optioned for screen adaptations. A TedX speaker, Neil heads the India chapter of the Horror Writers Association.

Playthings: Toys of Terror

NEIL D'SILVA

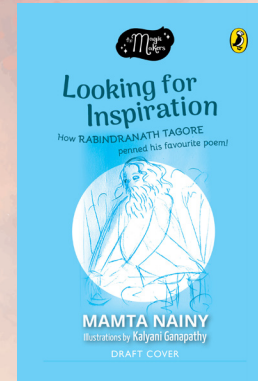
No One Will Be Spared!

Karun suspects that his childhood toy—a clown named Jokko—is out to get him. Even after he threw it away *multiple* times. It follows him around, standing at doorways, clapping its pudgy hands, smiling, staring, tripping him on wires, choking him in his sleep . . .

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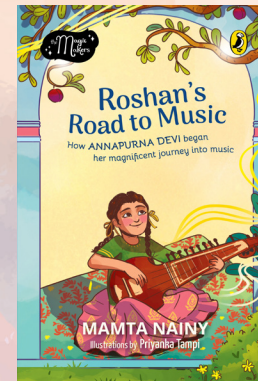
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MAMTA NAINY is a children's writer, editor and translator based in New Delhi.

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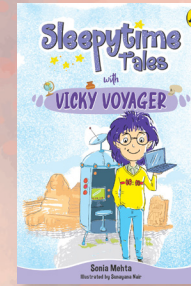
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SONIA MEHTA, co-founder and chief creative officer of Quadrum Solutions, has been creating content for children for the last two decades.

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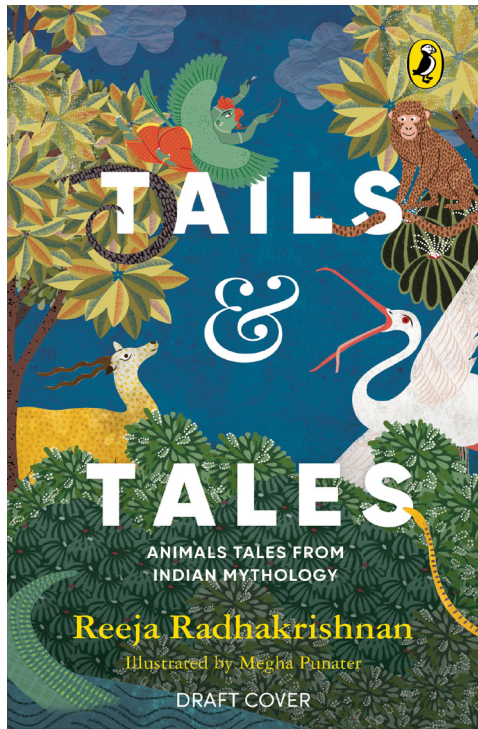
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Territory World

Sleepytime Tales with Curious Curie

Curious Curie is very curious with a scientific bent of mind. She loves to know how things work. Along with her dog Hubble, she has some fantastic adventures. Curie is special because she can talk to plants and animals too. Come along on exciting adventures with the funny duo and discover something fascinating and new about the world around you.



Ages 9+



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REEJA RADHAKRISHNAN is a columnist who writes for children on environment, wildlife, conservation, heritage and mythology.

Tails and Tales

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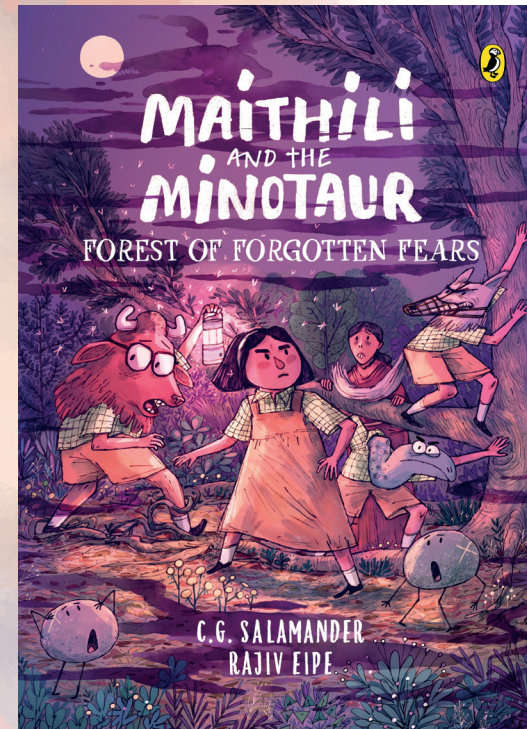
Sometimes they are gods or enlightened, divine souls; sometimes friends, loyal and true, always there to lend a helping hand. On the dark side, you have shape-shifting demons, cursed celestial beings or plain no-excuses wicked animals, who need a bit of straightening out.

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Ages 10+



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Genre Graphic novel
Territory Indian subcontinent and SEA

In the same series



C.G. SALAMANDER is a writer and comic journalist who loves cows, manga, and Terry Prachett.

RAJIV EIPE lives in Bangalore and works on animation and illustration projects.

Maithili and the Minotaur: Forest of Forgotten Fears

C.G. SALAMANDER AND RAJIV EIPE

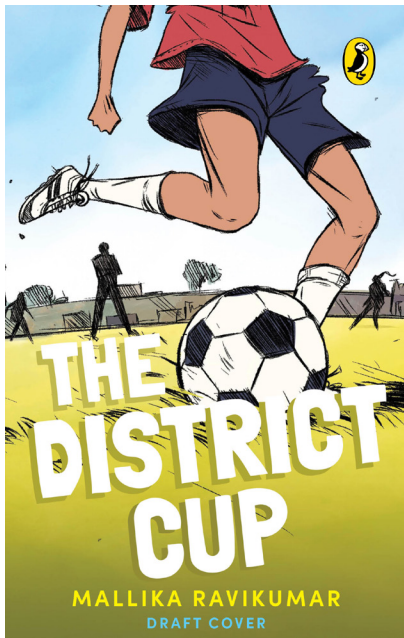
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Ages 12+



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Territory World

MALLIKA RAVIKUMAR writes books on Indian history, culture and nature. Her book *Of Revolutionaries and Bravehearts: Notable Tales from Indian History* was published by Puffin Books in 2020.

The District Cup

MALLIKA RAVIKUMAR

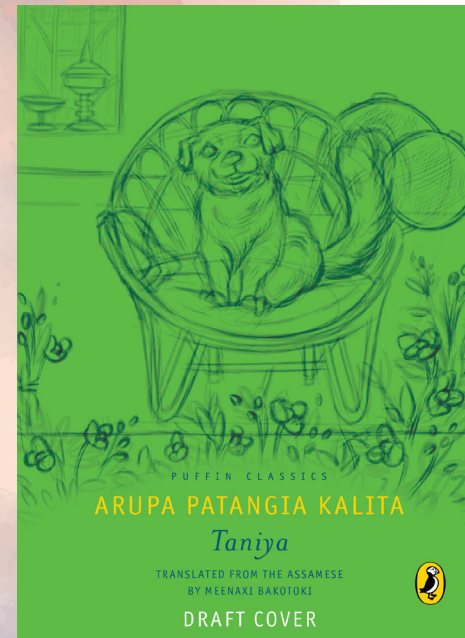
In time for FIFA 2022, *The District Cup* is the perfect novel for all budding and veteran sportspeople!

Though talented, technically sound and quick on their feet, the Mulsari Eagles is a football team that is bogged down by tremendous challenges. There's the midfielder Prithvi who wants to play professional football against his middle-class father's aspirations; the winger Kadambini who is fighting negative attitudes and stereotypes to find respect on the field; the centre-back Mangya who performs on the streets for a living ...

Their coach Siraj wants the kids to have a fighting chance. But can he clash against the unbridled wave of corruption in Indian football, especially age fraud, for them to lift the District Cup? Can the Mulsari Eagles herald a new era in the once-glorious sport? Can they strike their way through to their goal?



Ages 8+



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Territory World

ARUPA PATANGIA KALITA is a prominent feminist writer from the North-East. She has been awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award, the Assam Valley Literary Award among other prestigious recognitions.

MEENAXI BARKOTOKI is a founding member of the North East Writers' Forum and a translator of Assamese literature.

Puffin Classics: Taniya

ARUPA PATANGIA KALITA

TRANSLATED FROM THE ASSAMESE BY MEENAXI BARKOTOKI

Sahitya Akademi-winner Arupa Patangia Kalita at her finest!

Did you know that although Taniya was a very good dog, she was also quite cowardly? It was her antics and adorable nature that made everyone around her love her so much. Why, she was even fed hilsa fish with rice almost every day! Did you also know that she would sing while Arunabh would play the harmonica or that she could detect an original Marie biscuit from a fake one? She was quite the bundle of talent, little Taniya.

Kalita's only children's novel to date, *Taniya* is a timeless classic in Assam. Masterfully translated, it also celebrates the verdant landscape and the socio-cultural milieu of the beautiful region.

Young Adult



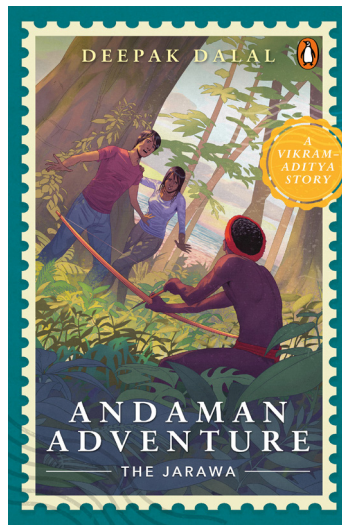


Ages 13+

Andaman Adventure: (A Vikram-Aditya Story)

DEEPAK DALAL

Read a two-part tale about the breath-taking
Andaman Islands



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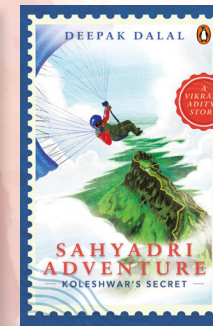
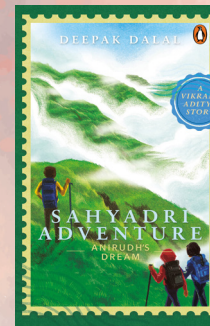
DEEPAK DALAL gave up a career in chemical engineering to write stories for children.

The Jarawa

The Andaman coast, north and west of the capital city of Port Blair, is an unspoiled stretch of beauty. This untamed coast has only been partly explored. Large sea eagles prowl its blue skies, saltwater crocodiles patrol meandering creeks, and lush and dense forests unfold behind isolated beaches.

These magnificent forests are home to the proud and ancient people of this land known to outsiders as the Jarawa. Wielding arrows and spears, the Jarawa fiercely protect their wild abode, attacking those who dare enter into their sacred space.

In the same series



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Genre Fiction

Territory World

Barren Island

Vikram, Aditya and Chitra are recuperating from their recent adventure in the remote Jarawa jungles in the Andaman Islands. While exploring this colourful city, Vikram stumbles upon a series of intriguing clues. However, the investigations he conducts end up ruffling some feathers and manage to upset some powerful criminals. To escape their wrath, Vikram is forced to undertake a secret voyage destined for unknown shores, under cover of darkness.

In the remote corners of the Andaman Sea, lies an island called Barren. Vikram arrives at this uninhabited and forgotten outpost of India, and soon discovers that it is not just a band of desperate men he must pit his wits against. Finally, this scintillating adventure series comes to a fiery and exhilarating climax on Barren Island's isolated shores.



Ages 13+



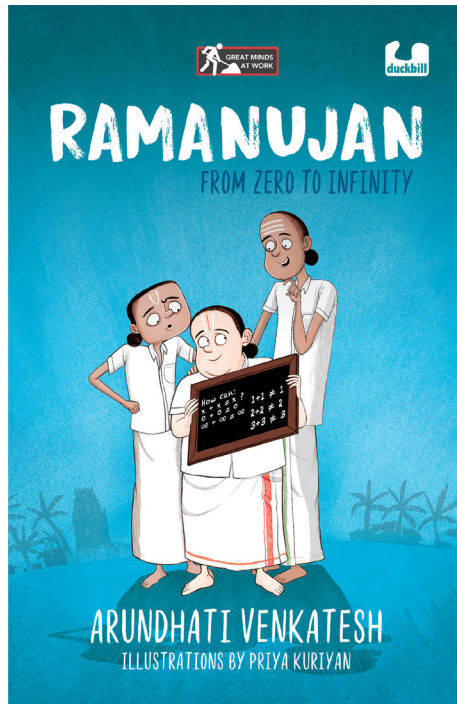
DUCKBILL

Young Readers





Ages 10+



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Format B/PB

Page Extent 168/b&w illustrations

Price ₹250

ISBN 9780143457947

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.

PRIYA KURIYAN is a children's book writer-illustrator and an animator who now lives in Kochi.

Ramanujan: From Zero to Infinity

(Great Minds at Work series)

ARUNDHATI VENKATESH

ILLUSTRATIONS BY PRIYA KURIYAN

Srinivasa Ramanujan wants to go to school in Kumbakonam only to do maths, but his class has no maths teacher this year.

Instead, there is a series of substitutes making the boys do strange exercises—lifting iron ingots, measuring milk, jumping from one island to another and frying fish. Ramanujan wants no part in it, but he and his team, the Kumbakonam Crackerjacks, are drawn into a challenge with the Triumphant Trio—and in any maths challenge, Ramanujan has to win!



Ages 5+



Imprint Duckbill

Format B/PB

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Genre Fiction

Territory World

Boxset out in October!



MENAKA RAMAN is the author of several picture books, short stories and a young adult novel. When she is not killing plants and walking the family dog Woody, she is eating Nutella straight from the jar and baking very bad cakes.

JEMMA JOSE is a digital artist based in Chennai. She is passionate about bringing stories to life through illustrations, comics, and animation.

Passepartout, Is That You?

MENAKA RAMAN

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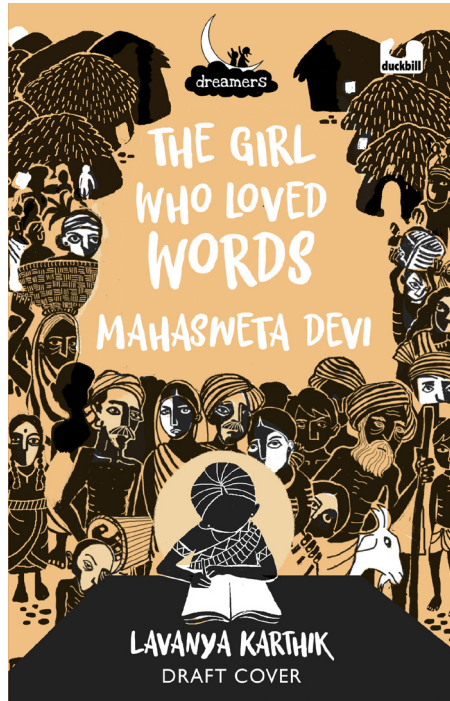


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A delightfully illustrated short biography series that will inspire young readers



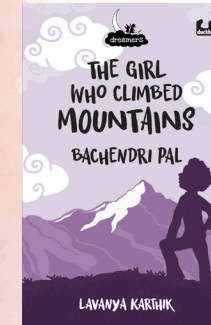
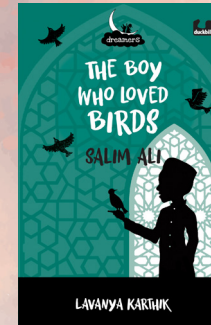
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The Girl Who Loved Words: Mahasweta Devi

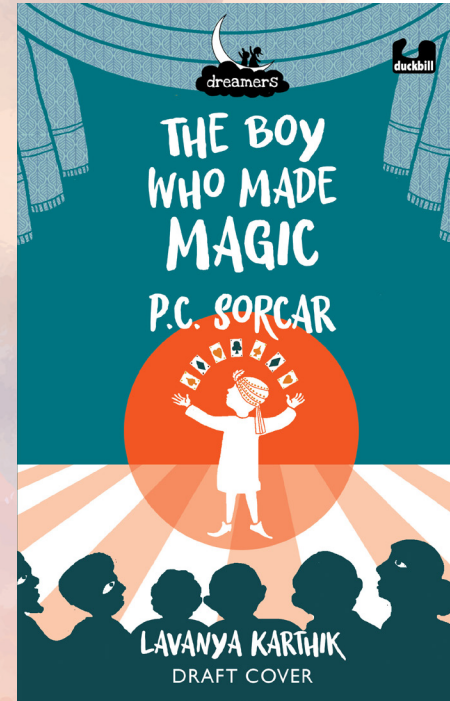
Before Mahasweta Devi became a writer and human rights activist, she was a girl with a love for words.

An inspiring introduction to the renowned writer and activist.

In the same series



Ages 6+



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Genre Non-fiction

Territory World

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 Made Magic: P.C. Sorcar

Before the world knew of P.C. Sorcar as Jadusamrat—Emperor of Magic, he was a boy enchanted by a dream.

A delightful introduction to India's most celebrated magician.



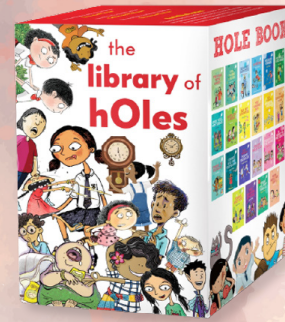
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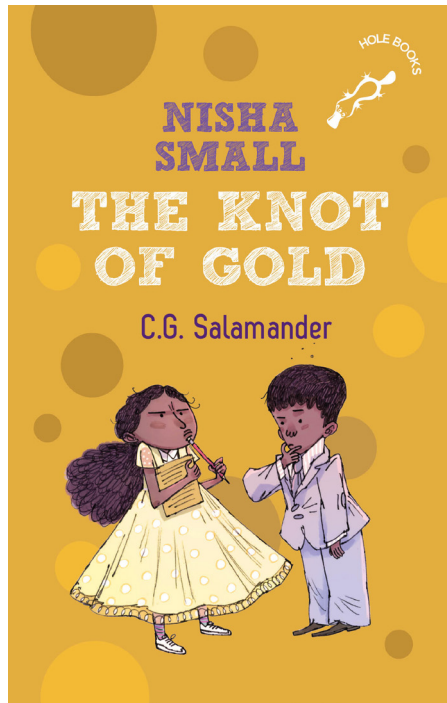
Jump into reading through a Duckbill hOle!

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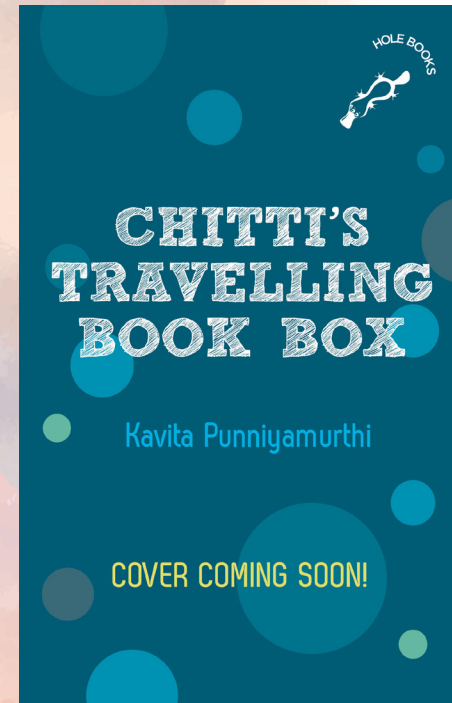
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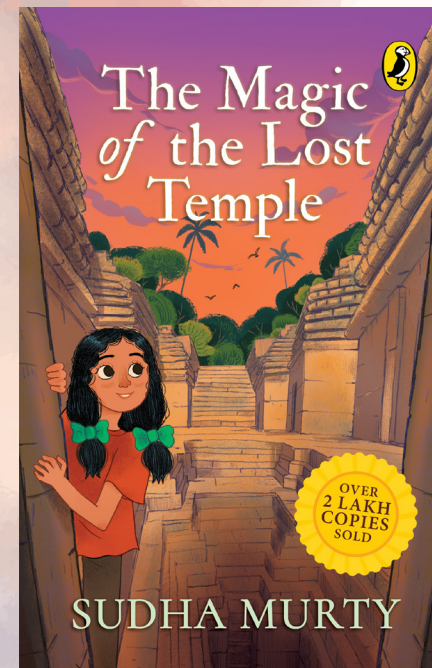
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