



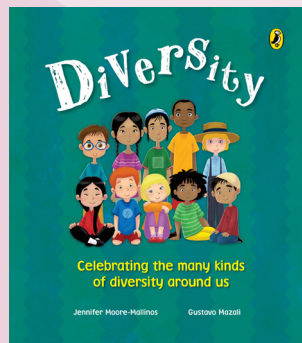
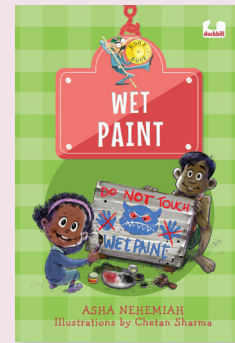
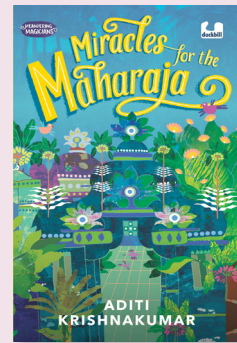
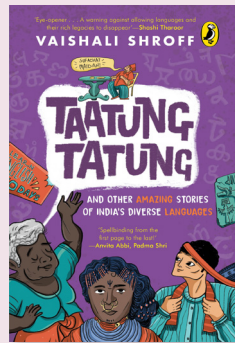
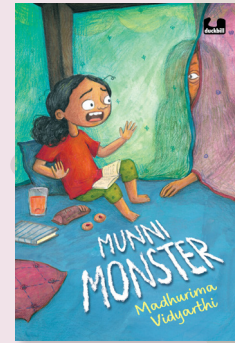
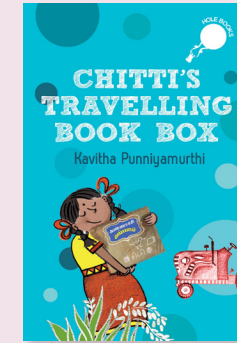
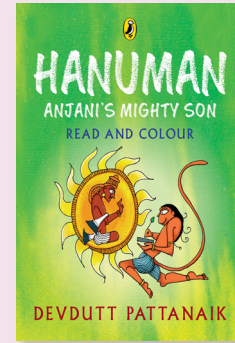
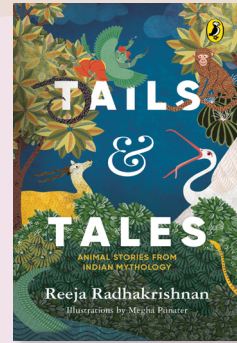
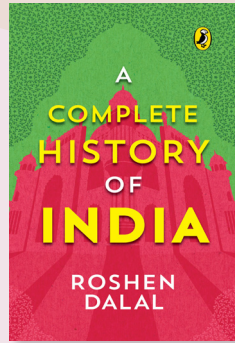
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PUFFIN



**Young Readers and
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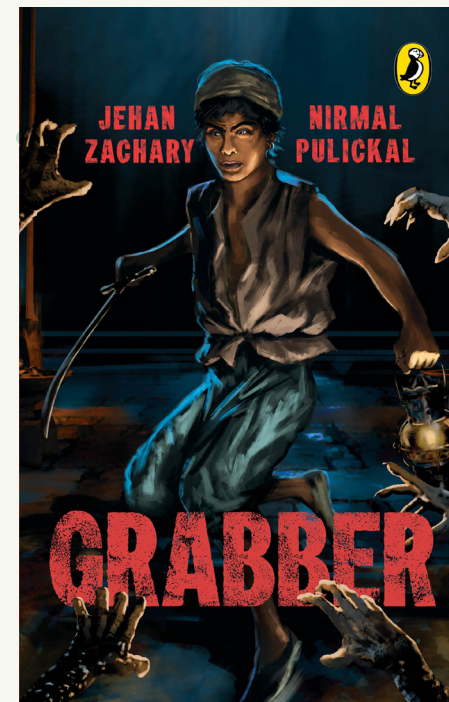
SUNANDA KULKARNI is a celebrated doctor who has won several awards for her contribution to women's health and her humanitarian work. She has published widely in Kannada. This is her first collection of stories in English.

How Not to Get Wet in the Rain: 21 Tales for Tricky Times

SUNANDA KULKARNI

What do you do when you are in a tricky situation or face a problem that can't be solved? Read this book, of course!

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NIRMAL PULICKAL is the Head of Creative for both Amazon and Facebook in India. His ten-year-old son, **JEHAN ZACHARY**, is a middle schooler fascinated by gothic tales and mythology.

Grabber

JEHAN ZACHARY & NIRMAL PULICKAL

Identical stood the two Taj Mahals, but the black one hid a sinister secret.

Buried in the sands of time is an urban legend—there was once another grand tomb as beautiful and as magnificent as its white twin, the Black Taj Mahal. But it hid a dark secret: the sixty-four chopped hands that built the White Taj.

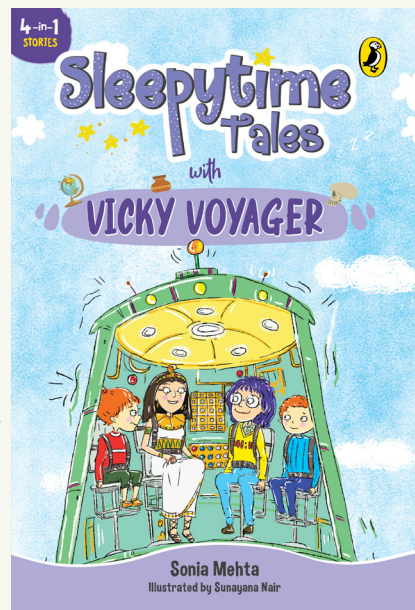
Centuries later, during the British era, twelve-year-old Nuru befriends a queen from the erstwhile Mughal courts. Mumtaz appears and disappears as she pleases but warns of a prophecy. The revival of the pisacha—a ghoulish union of the sixty-four severed hands that built the White Taj Mahal.

Everyone's end is near and there is only one way to defeat this evil—find the fabled Black Taj Mahal.

Ages 5+

SLEEPYTIME TALES

It's bedtime! Time to settle down, get cosy and read some stories—with magical moments, oodles of entertainment and a little bit of learning. Meet some happy characters who love to know about . . . well, everything! Join them as they explore the world and discover fun things along the way.



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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.

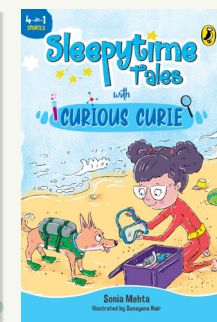
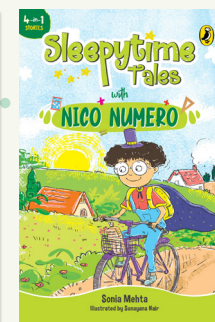
Sleepytime Tales with Vicky Voyager

SONIA MEHTA

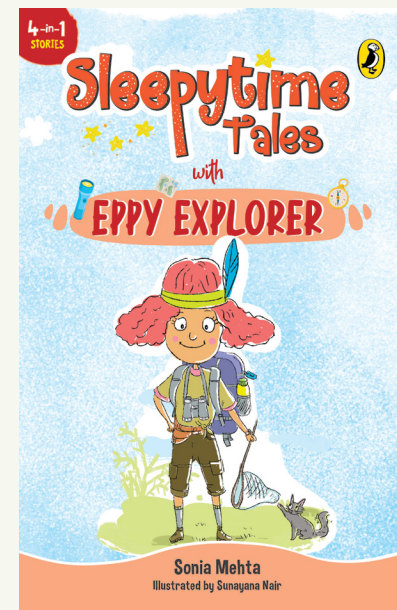
Meet Vicky Voyager for heaps of excitement with a hint of history

Vicky Voyager is a history buff and time-traveller, who has invented a top-secret time machine. With his best friends Lucky and Lulu, Vicky visits different historical eras in this trusty machine. The trio gets to meet Cleopatra, Alexander and other famous historical figures while having some rollicking adventures together!

Ages 5+



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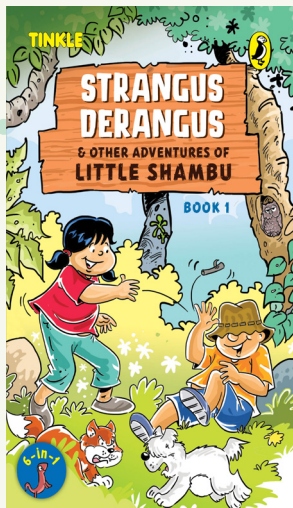
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TERRITORY World

Sleepytime Tales with Eppy Explorer

SONIA MEHTA

Meet Eppy Explorer for barrels of adventure with a spot of geography

Eppy Explorer is an intrepid world traveller, who loves to visit new countries and learn more about people and places. With her ginger cat, Tango, she goes on hair-raising adventures across the fjords of Norway, the savannah of Africa, the volcanoes of Japan and even the Jordanian desert. All this while learning about fascinating geographical phenomena!



STRANGUS DERANGUS & OTHER ADVENTURES OF LITTLE SHAMBU BOOK 1

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REENA ITTYERAH PURI is the Executive Editor at Amar Chitra Katha. Reena's love for comics helped her plunge into the fantastic universe of scripting cartoons and comics with ease.

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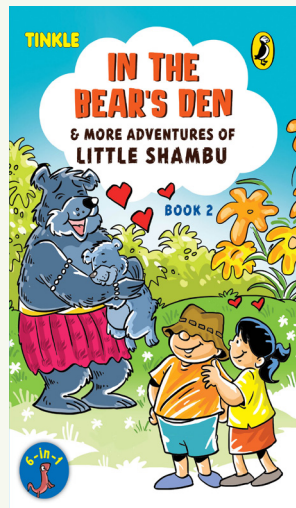
The Adventures of Little Shambu

What would you say of a boy who loves rushing headlong into trouble?

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Escape into the fantastic world of Little Shambu with these brand-new adventures of the beloved character from TINKLE.

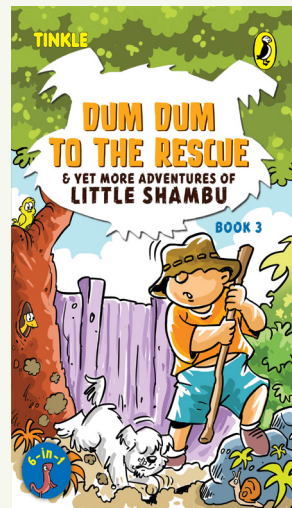
There's never a dull moment with Little Shambu around!



IN THE BEAR'S DEN & MORE ADVENTURES OF LITTLE SHAMBU BOOK 2

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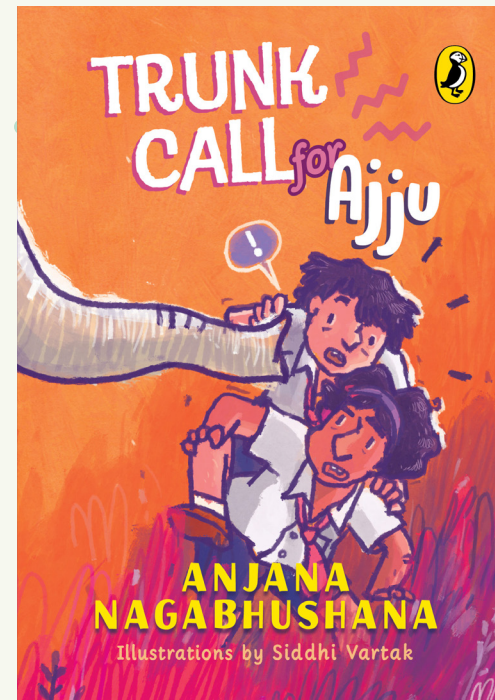
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GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

ANJANA NAGABHUSHANA has had a long career in the e-learning industry. She eventually quit to teach grammar, spelling and punctuation to little humans. This is her first book.

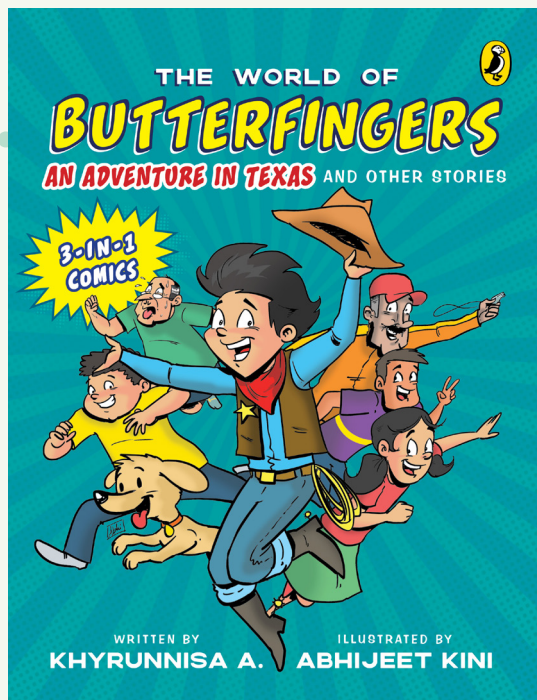
Trunk Call for Aju

ANJANA NAGABHUSHANA

Hello! Can you hear me?

Between working out countable and uncountable nouns with his best friend Karthik, learning to play guitar with his music teacher, Miss Alva, completing his homework, and getting into trouble with his parents for building sugar-cube igloos with his Kini Maasi, Aju was living the life of an eight-year-old.

However, everything changed when a baby elephant named Molly entered his life. Despite being eight months old and located in distant Zimbabwe, Aju felt an inexplicable connection to her. What could possibly link them together?



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KHYRUNNISA A. is an award-winning writer of children's fiction and the author of the hilarious Butterfingers books.

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KHYRUNNISA A.

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So, drop everything and jump into this book. It's no surprise that where there's Butterfingers, there's bound to be fun, thrills and, of course, spills.



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

All-Time Favourite Nature Stories

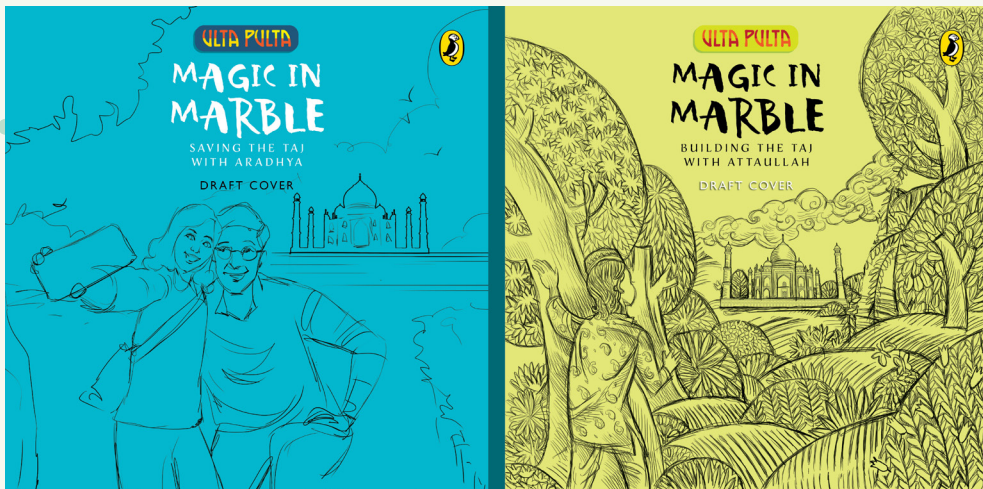
RUSKIN BOND

'I am lucky to be up here on this mountain, where the wind still hums in the deodars, the horse chestnuts fall in the autumn and the flycatchers flit among the ancient oaks.'

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Curated by Ruskin Bond, this book celebrates the magnanimity of nature and his deep, abiding love for it.



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GENRE Fiction TERRITORY World

ARTHY MUTHANNA SINGH is a children's writer, freelance journalist and editor.

MAMTA NAINY is a writer based in New Delhi. She has authored over thirty books for children, many of which have gone on to win national and international awards.

Magic in Marble: Building the Taj with Attaullah Magic in Marble: Saving the Taj with Aradhya

ARTHY MUTHANNA SINGH AND MAMTA NAINY

Travelling across two timelines in history, this is an *ultra-pulta* book about two children whose paths collide in a mysteriously magical way.

Attaullah's abbu, a master architect, has been summoned to Akbarabad to help build the most extraordinary monument ever created—the Taj Mahal. Attaullah wants to be a part of history as it's being created, but how?

When Aradhya's papa, a conservationist, invites her to join him on his quick work trip to Agra, she feels like she's the luckiest girl in the whole, wide world. Her papa's team is working on a project that will help preserve the Taj's beauty and ensure its survival for future generations. And Aradhya wants to help, but how?



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ISBN 9780143461678

GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

ARTI SONTHALIA is crazyyyy about books and stories. Her debut children's book *Big Bully* and *M-me* was nominated for the Crystal Kite Asia Award. *Hungry to Read* has touched many hearts and inspired even reluctant readers to read. Her next book *Best Friends Forever* has won the FICCI Book of the Year Award in 2020.

Simi Stands Tall

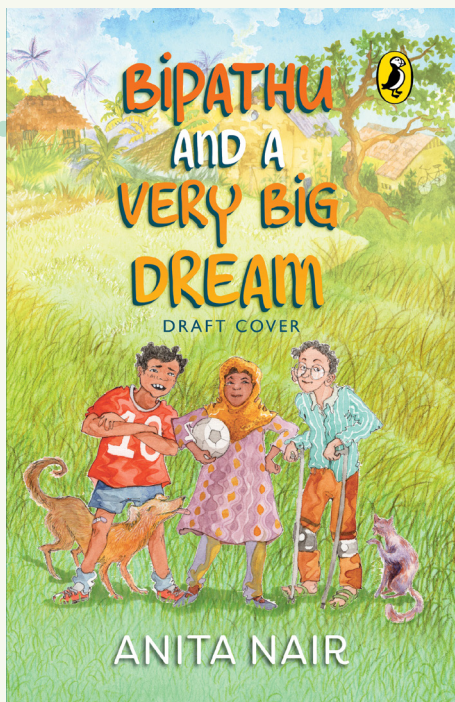
ARTI SONTHALIA

Can you stand tall even if you are short?

Simi has to join a new school in a new city. But the three-time academic award winner of Bhaarti Bhavan is suddenly no longer the top student at Newton International School. She discovers that a boy named Parth, who dresses in shabby clothes and torn shoes is much smarter than her, while the popular girl, Alisa, is very mean to everyone. Other than Goldie, her pet goldfish, Simi has no friends. Her older siblings annoy her, and her mother is going through chemotherapy.

With so many changes in her life, can Simi learn to choose her human friends wisely, stand up for herself and defend her real friends?

Ages 9+



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GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

ANITA NAIR is the author of the best-selling novels *The Better Man*, *Ladies' Coupe*, *Mistress* and a short story collection, *Satyr of the Subway*. Her children's books include *The Puffin Book of World Myths and Legends*, *Adventures of Nonu*, the *Skating Squirrel* and *Living Next Door to Alise*. Among other awards, she was also honoured with the *Sahitya Akademi Award* for contribution to children's literature in English. Her books have been translated into over thirty languages around the world.

Bipathu and a Very Big Dream

ANITA NAIR

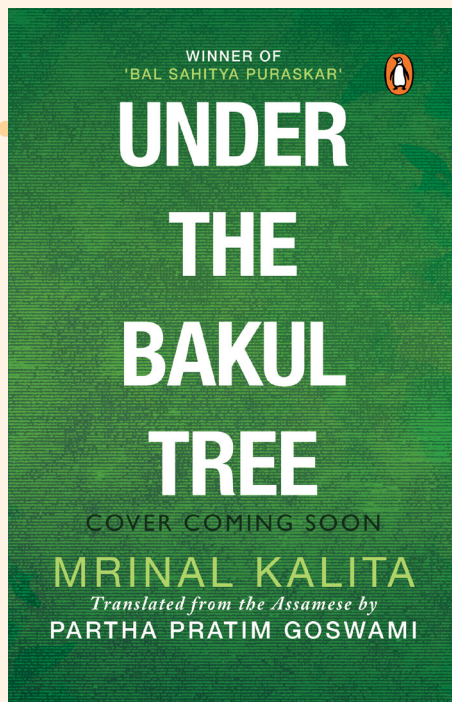
'Almost every night, Bipathu had the same dream: Saad, Hrithik Roshan and she were playing football...'

When school reopens in the village of Kaikurussi after the pandemic lockdown, nine-year-old Bipathu makes new friends—Madama, a blind lady who has moved to the village, Maash, a neighbour, Rahul, a boy who loves football as much as she does, and Duggu, a rescued puppy. When Madama gifts Bipathu's brother Saad, a special needs child, a pair of braces, Bipathu starts believing in the power of the universe. So, when Suleiman, the class bully, roughs up Rahul to prevent him from training for the football match selections, Bipathu looks to the universe for help.

While Bipathu and Saad, along with Duggu, help Rahul ace up his game, will her own dream of playing football ever come true?

Young Adult

Ages 13+



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GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

MRINAL KALITA received the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar for his seminal debut *Bakul Phular Dare*, which became an overnight bestseller.

PARTHA PRATIM GOSWAMI has translated several notable Assamese works, such as *Mamoni Raisom Goswami's Sanskara* and *Mrinal Kalita's Ketela Pohur Kait*.

Under the Bakul Tree

MRINAL KALITA

Translated by **PARTHA PRATIM GOSWAMI**

One of the most successful contemporary novels for young adults in Assamese!

Everyone is surprised that the once bright and cheerful Ashim has dropped out of school. Especially his classmate Nirmal, who decides to get to the bottom of the matter. As he goes down the rabbit hole, he finds the heartbreaking struggles of the poor in Assam's verdant heartland.

Anything but a straightforward coming-of-age story, the book unravels the devastating effects of poverty and the deep malaise in the educational system that has failed the ones who need it the most.

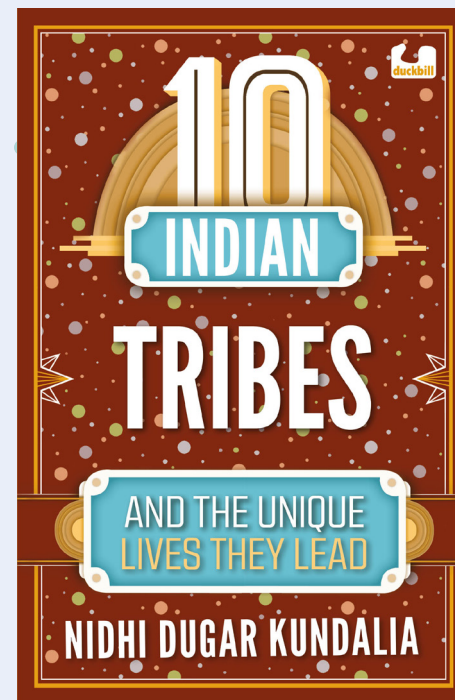
Soon to be adapted into a motion picture, *Under the Bakul Tree* is an invaluable addition to the rich tradition of young adult fiction in India's literary landscape.

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GENRE Non-fiction

TERRITORY World

NIDHI DUGAR KUNDALIA is a journalist and her stories and essays have appeared in various national newspapers and magazines.

10 Indian Tribes and the Unique Lives They Lead

NIDHI DUGAR KUNDALIA

This book tells the story of ten Indian tribes who have been living lives very different—far away from or even within the same physical spaces—from the rest of mainstream India. Their histories have seldom been told. These tribes include the Halakkis, the Kanjars, the Konyak Nagas, the Changpas, the Alu Kurumbas among others

Nidhi Dugar Kundalia traces the origins and explores the daily lives, customs and challenges of some of the many tribes who share the country with us.

Ages 7+

DREAMERS

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A delightfully illustrated short biography series that will inspire young readers



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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 Wanted to Fly: J.R.D. Tata

Before Jeh started India's first airline and changed the way the nation travelled, he was a boy who dreamt of flying.



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TERRITORY World

The Girl Who Loved to Run: P.T. Usha

Before P.T. Usha became a legend in Indian athletics, she was just a girl who could run like the wind.

Ages 5+



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GENRE Non-fiction

TERRITORY World

BHARTI SINGH flew many paper planes as a child—some that travelled far and some that didn't. Some brought joy, some got stuck in trees. She now writes stories and poems and sends them out into the world, just like the paper planes in the past. When not writing, she can be found singing to her plants or skateboarding in the park.

The Paper Plane Flew

BHARTI SINGH

One afternoon, Mithi and her father make a paper aeroplane and send it into the sky. How far will it travel?

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Ages 13+



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GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY Indian subcontinent and Singapore

SHABNAM MINWALLA is a mother of three teenagers, an ardent saree-shopper and a Mumbai-holic. Many of her books for children and young adults—including *When Jiya Met Urmila*, *Saira Zariwala is Afraid*, *Murder at Daisy Apartments* and *The Six Spellmakers of Dorabji Street*—have won prestigious awards. Her non-fiction book on the Mumbai neighbourhood of Colaba is very popular.

Zen

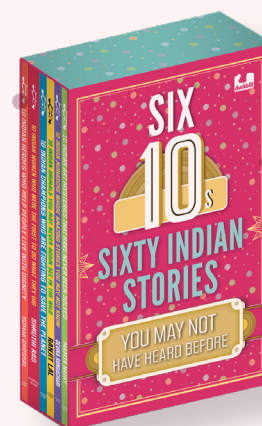
SHABNAM MINWALLA

In 1935, Zainab Essaji wants to be part of the independence movement. But it seems that all she is destined to do is embroider and wait to get married.

In 2019, Zainab Currimji, a class XI student, is unhappy at getting drawn into debates and controversies which she would rather not be part of. But in the India of 2019, how can one not be drawn into these?

In this deeply addictive, sweeping book about the life and times of the two Zainabs, is captured a short history of Mumbai, and of India. Of what we were and what we have become.

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