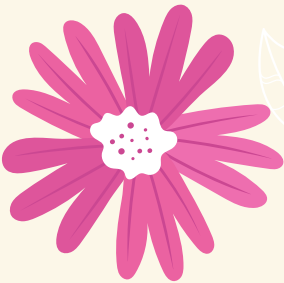
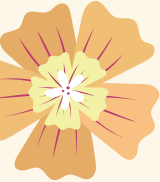
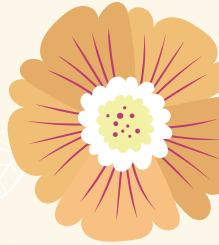
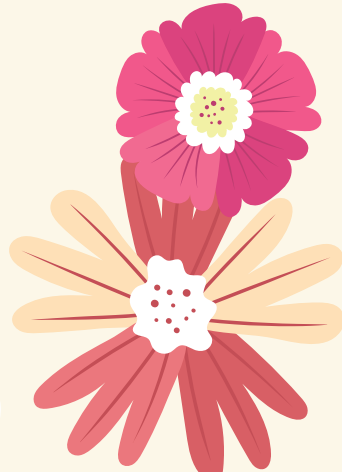


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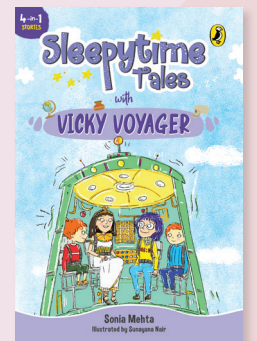
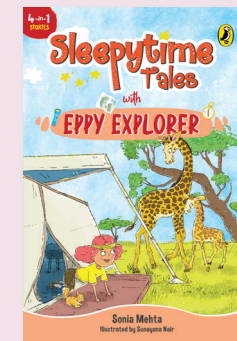
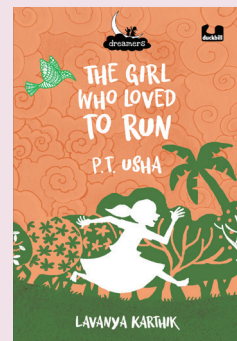
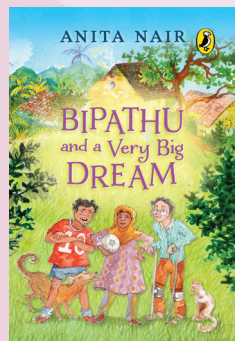
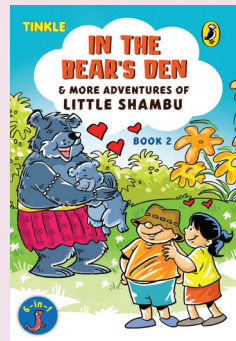
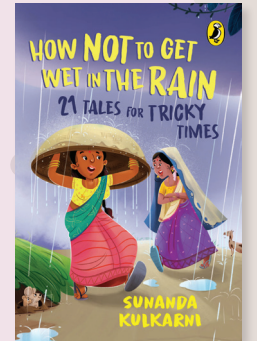
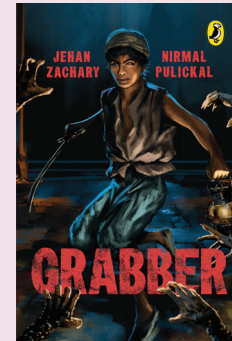
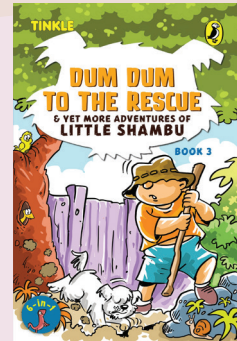
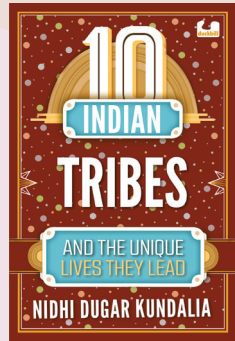
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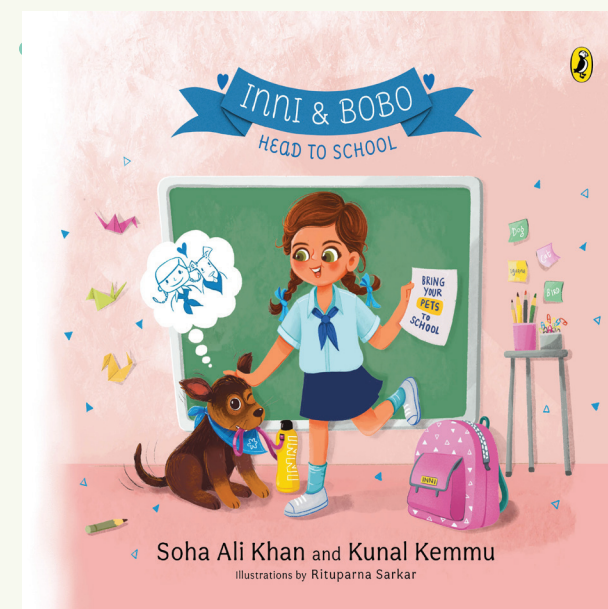
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PUFFIN

Young Readers and Middle Grade



IMPRINT Puffin

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PRICE ₹399

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GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

SOHA ALI KHAN is an Indian film actor and an avid animal lover. Her first book *The Perils Of Being Moderately Famous* (Penguin, 2017) was widely reviewed and is a bestseller.

KUNAL KEMMU has been an actor in the Hindi movie industry for over thirty-two years. He is passionate about biking, diving, music and food. He is a devoted father and husband.

Inni and Bobo: Head to School

SOHA ALI KHAN AND KUNAL KEMMU

A pawsome story of unbreakable friendship!

Bobo is a special puppy that little Inni adopted. He was a little scared at first, but now he feels happy at home. Bobo's new job is to help Inni get ready for school. He checks if she has packed her lunch and water bottle.

And guess what? Bobo gets to go to school with Inni on a special day called 'Bring your pet to School Day'! It's the best Wednesday ever! Inni can't wait to show her friends how wonderful Bobo is.

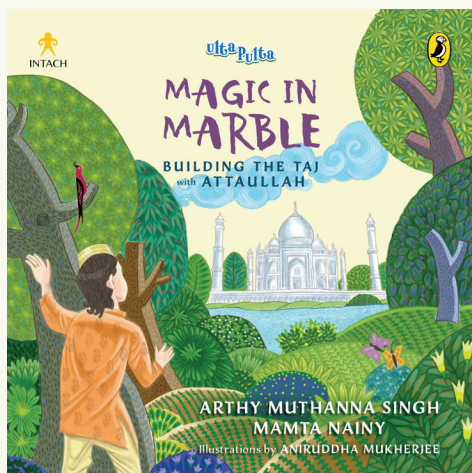
Endearing and narrated with a lot of heart, the Inni and Bobo series is not only about a little child finding friendship but also about the beauty of adopting dogs. It's about learning empathy and imperative life lessons, and most importantly, it's about opening one's heart and home—which is what life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



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PAGE EXTENT 48/full colour

GENRE Fiction TERRITORY World

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

MAMTA NAINY has authored over thirty books for children, many of which have gone on to win national and international awards and recognition.

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IMPRINT Puffin

FORMAT Short B/PB

PAGE EXTENT 136/B&W

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ISBN 9780143461135

GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

VIBHA BATRA is an author, poet, advertising consultant, graphic novelist, lyricist, translator, playwright, scriptwriter, travel writer, columnist, speaker and creative writing mentor. She has published twenty-four books, many of which have won prestigious awards, bestseller tags and readers' hearts.

Kolam Kanna

VIBHA BATRA

Fun Alert: Kolam Kontest! Awesome Prizes!

The exciting Kolam Kondattam Kontest is just around the corner. And Bharathi can't wait to participate and show off, er, showcase his creative skills. Encouraged by his friends, Tabassum and Alagu, he registers for the contest (with a 'k').

Alas, the Residents' Welfare Association, led by the fearsome Mrs Subramaniam, won't hear of it. The contest is open only to residents of Pravin's Paradiso Apartments. And while Bharathi hangs out at the apartments all the time, he's not exactly—technically—actually a resident.

Now it's up to Bharathi to hatch an ingenious plan. Can he find a way to bypass the rules, get past the building bullies and get a shot at his dream?



IMPRINT Puffin
 FORMAT 153 x 229 mm/PB
 PAGE EXTENT 48/full colour
 PRICE ₹299
 ISBN 9780143459781
 GENRE Fiction
 TERRITORY World

As a child, **MENAKA RAMAN** used to write far-fetched stories about birthday parties, water parks and floating cake disasters. As an adult, she continues to write stories—some are still far-fetched while others are not. She is the author of several picture books, short stories, and a young adult novel.

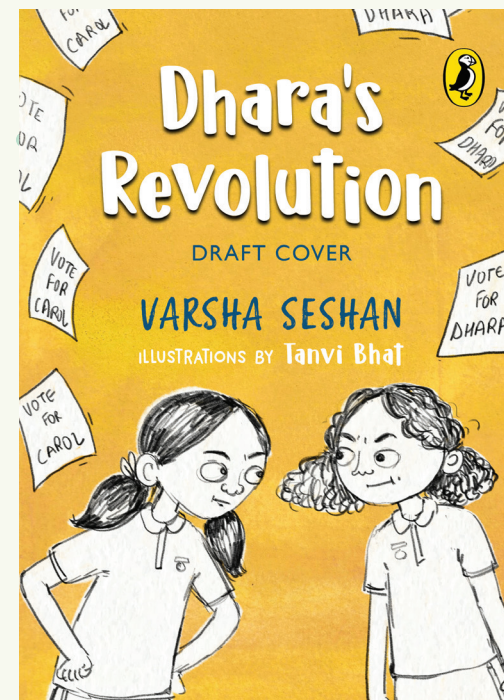
How to Reach Mars and Other (Im)possible Things

MENAKA RAMAN

On 5 November 2013 India made history when Mangalyaan, or the Mars Orbiter Mission, entered Martian orbit—the first nation in the world to do so on its maiden attempt!

Meet Rabia, a curious girl who is always filled with questions! When she hears a classmate say that women can't be scientists, she decides to investigate if it's true. Luckily, Rabia and her classmates go on a field trip to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), where she meets Dr. Mary, a physicist.

Dr. Mary is part of an extraordinary mission to Mars, and Rabia seizes the opportunity to ask her all sorts of questions about the mission. Join Rabia and Dr. Mary on their journey through ISRO as they discover how the impossible can become possible!



IMPRINT Puffin
 FORMAT Short B/PB
 PAGE EXTENT 144/B&W
 PRICE ₹250
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 GENRE Fiction
 TERRITORY World

VARSHA SESHAN is a writer of lists, emails, and notes to herself. She also writes children's stories and loves windy, rainy days, full of magic and possibility. She has been published by Duckbill, Harper Collins, Karadi Tales, Oxford University Press, Pratham, Puffin, Scholastic, and Zubaan.

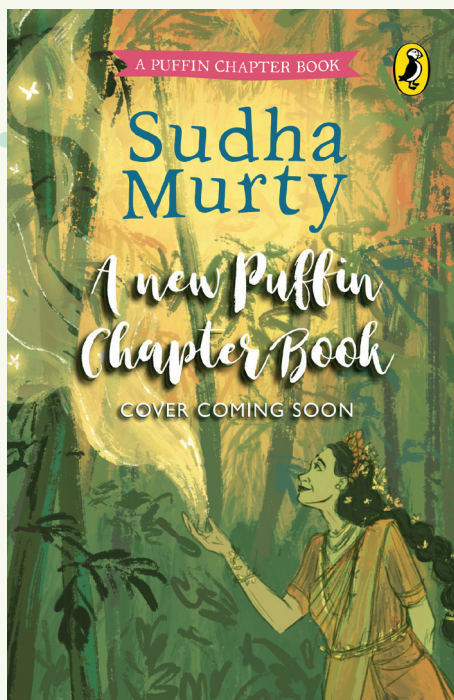
Dhara's Revolution

VARSHA SESHAN

A heart-warming story about the significance of voting and friendships.

Sarvaloka Public School calls children 'future citizens' but makes every decision without ever talking to the students. Nine-year-old Dhara is determined to change this practice. She sparks a revolution and gets the whole school to vote for the very first time. However, caught in the storm of the elections, Dhara loses sight of what is really important to her.

Can she find her way back to what truly matters before everything spirals out of control?



IMPRINT Puffin
 FORMAT B/HB
 PAGE EXTENT 44/full colour
 PRICE ₹199
 ISBN 9780143458197
 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, non-fiction pieces and bestselling books for children.

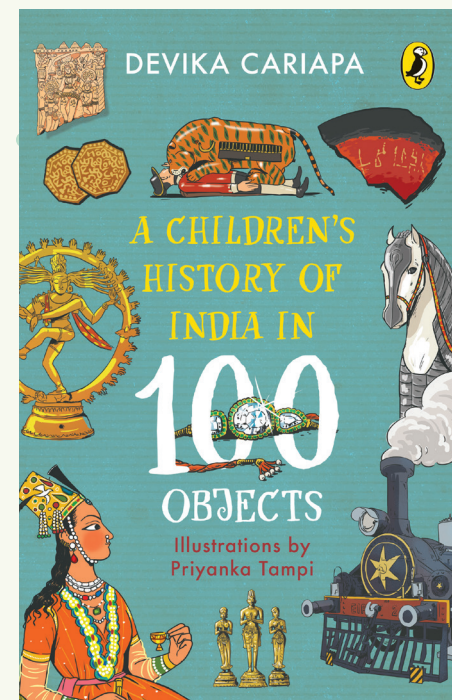
Bamboo: Sudha Murty Chapter Book

SUDHA MURTY

Sudha Murty brings to us the story of the humble bamboo that endures and selflessly gives.

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IMPRINT Puffin
 FORMAT 140x216 mm/PB
 PAGE EXTENT 352/full colour
 PRICE ₹399
 ISBN 9780143452423
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 TERRITORY World

DEVIKA CARIAPA trained as an archaeologist but found her true calling writing historical non-fiction books for children.

A Children's History of India in 100 Objects

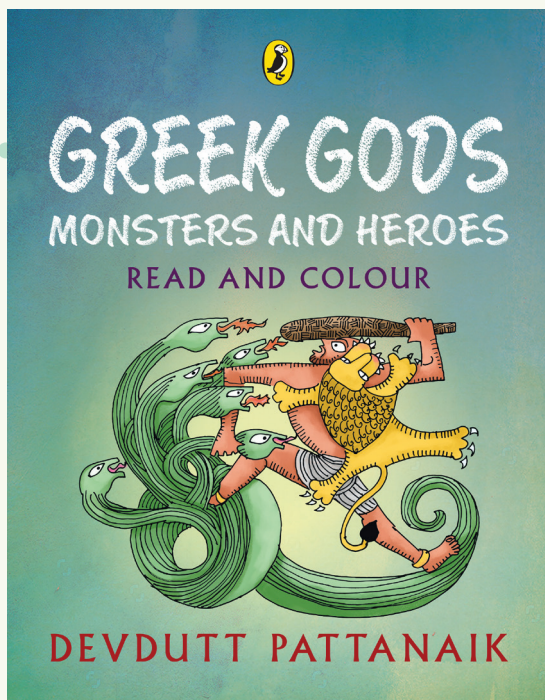
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Indian history told through objects and artefacts!

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Spanning the entire period of Indian history, from prehistoric to contemporary times, the 100 objects and artefacts chronicled in this book have shaped our present. Embellished with realistic and quirky illustrations, this engaging book will fire the imagination of readers and make them look at our incredible material remains in new ways and help them understand our past.

Ages 6+



IMPRINT Puffin
FORMAT 7 x 9 in/PB
PAGE EXTENT 96/full colour
PRICE ₹299
ISBN 9780143453703
GENRE Fiction
TERRITORY Indian Subcontinent

DEVDU TT PATTANA I K is the author of over fifty books and 1000 articles on the relevance of mythology in modern times.

Greek Gods, Monsters and Heroes: Read and Colour

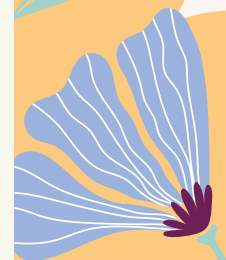
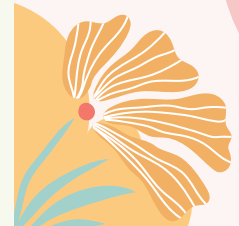
DEVDU TT PATTANA I K

Another addition to the unique *Read and Colour* series for young readers where they get to read short stories about legends from mythology and colour pages to explore their creativity.

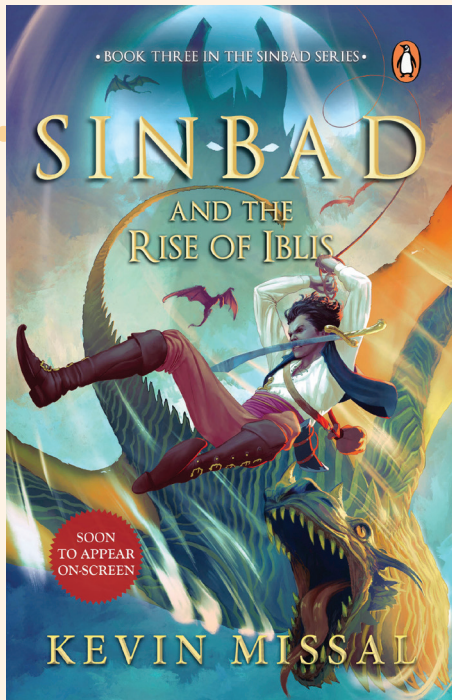
Greek Gods, Monsters and Heroes: Read and Colour introduces characters and heroes from Zeus, who resides on Mt Olympus, rides an eagle and uses the thunderbolt as his weapon, to Hades, the King of the Underworld, to Poseidon, the god of the seas who travels on dolphins.

This book is an easy and fun introduction to the beauty, wisdom and essence of myths and legends for young readers.

Young Adult



Ages 13+



IMPRINT Penguin
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 PRICE ₹299
 ISBN 9780143449690
 GENRE Fiction
 TERRITORY Indian subcontinent

KEVIN MISSAL has written fifteen bestselling novels which include the Narasimha Trilogy, Kalki Trilogy, Raavanputr Meghnad, Yama, Karna: The King of Anga, Sinbad Series, Devi Series, and many more.

Sinbad and the Rise of Iblis

KEVIN MISSAL

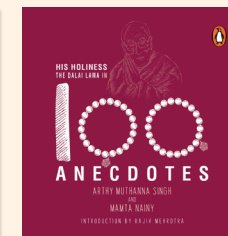
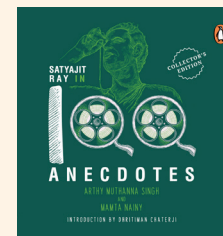
Beware! The world is on the brink of destruction.

You might be wondering why I'm still speaking in the midst of chaos. Well, danger has now become my constant companion. In my reckless quest for power, I shattered the trust of those who once stood by my side. The words 'betrayer' and 'broken' are now etched into my very being.

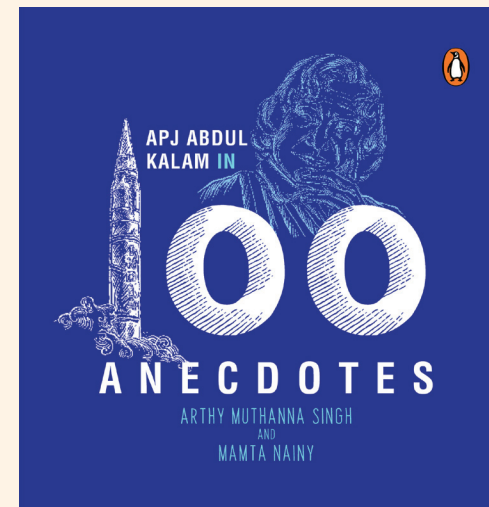
But there is no time to give in to my misery. The dreaded devil, once imprisoned, has risen from the depths of Qlitop. With a legion of abominable creatures at his command, he now threatens to unleash unrestrained havoc upon the world.

Time is rapidly pushing us towards the abyss. Desperate, I must embark on a harrowing journey to acquire three mystical artefacts that can save our ravaged Earth. Yet, as fate would have it, these objects can only be found within alternate universes, adding another layer of torment to my already tormented existence.

Ages 13+



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 GENRE Non-fiction
 TERRITORY World

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

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Young Readers and Middle Grade



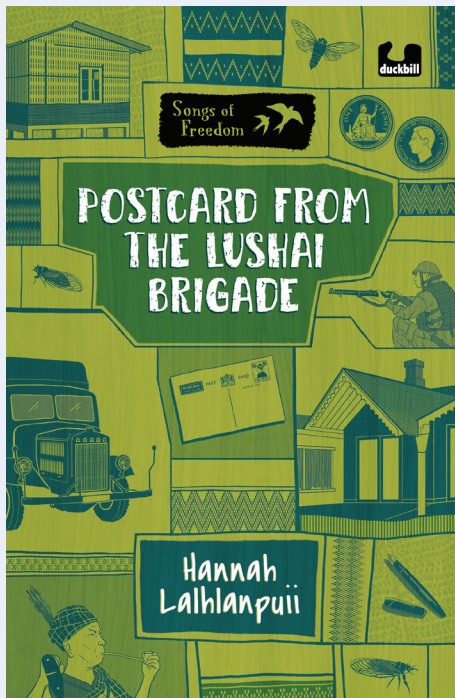
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Ages 10+

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GENRE Fiction
TERRITORY World

HANNAH LALHLANPUI is a writer from Aizawl, Mizoram. Her area of interest lies in postcolonial studies, trauma writing and children's literature. Her poems and short stories have been published locally in Mizoram. Hannah is currently living with her family in Aizawl.

Postcard From the Lushai Brigade

HANNAH LALHLANPUI

Set in what is now Mizoram, during the Japanese invasion when many young boys were recruited to the British Indian Army.

Aizawl, 1942

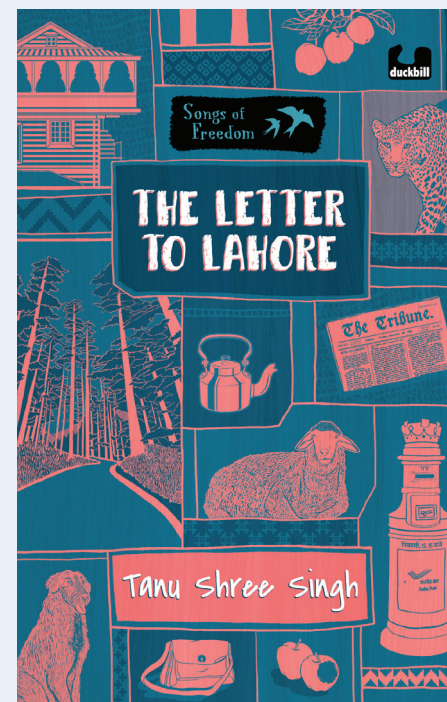
The world that the young boy at the heart of this story is growing up in is filled with magic and the simple joys of life with his brother Kima. Even the British presence in the Lushai Hills, so resented by some, does not affect him, except as a source of interesting and different things and people.

But as the Japanese prepare to invade their land, Kima joins up with the British Indian Army, and the days of simple joy are over...

Ages 10+



In the same series



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PAGE EXTENT 128/B&W
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GENRE Fiction
TERRITORY World

TANU SHREE SINGH is an assistant professor of psychology. She is the author of *Keep Calm* and *Mommy On*, *Mummy's Glasses* and *Indian Icons: C.V. Raman* and has contributed to the anthologies *Flipped* and *I'd Rather Read*. Her latest book *Darkless* was published in the US as *Ani's Light*.

The Letter to Lahore

TANU SHREE SINGH

The story of young children undertaking a dangerous journey to deliver freedom fighter Satyanand Stoke's article from Sarchi to Shimla.

Sarchi, 1921

When Dak Chacha comes to visit, Luxmi feels only joy and excitement. But this time, there is something dark underfoot—Chacha is worried and there are policemen coming to search their house.

Luxmi learns that both Dak Chacha and her mother are involved—in their own small ways—in the struggle for liberation from the unjust laws and practices that the British regime forces on all of them.

This makes her determined to be part of it too. Even if that means undertaking a risky mission, which no one else is able to do...

Ages 6+



EARTHQUAKES FOR SMARTYPANTS

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GENRE Non-fiction

TERRITORY World

ANUSHKA RAVISHANKAR is an internationally award-winning author of children's books and the co-founder of Duckbill Books.

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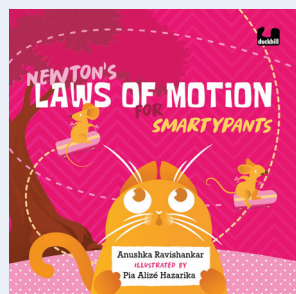
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Do T cells go to school?

If you do, then you just might find the answers in these books.

They have gorgeous pictures, simple explanations and a very curious cat!



NEWTON'S LAWS OF MOTION FOR SMARTYPANTS

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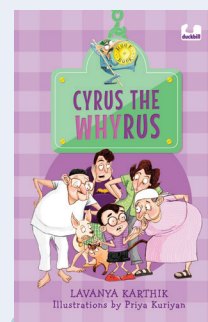


VACCINES FOR SMARTYPANTS

PAGE EXTENT 48/full colour

ISBN 9780143461036

Ages 5+



In the same series



IMPRINT Duckbill

FORMAT B/PB

PAGE EXTENT 48/full colour

PRICE ₹199

ISBN 9780143458296

GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

YAMINI VIJAYAN is a writer and editor based in Bengaluru. She is the author of Stage Fright, Satya, Watch Out! and Your Body is Yours. She likes long walks, long naps and long friendships. KRUTTIKA SUSARLA is an illustrator and cartoonist from Andhra Pradesh. Her practice ranges from making comics about dogs, crows and leeches side-hustling in the gig economy to designing books and toolkits for community-based organisations and advocacy groups.

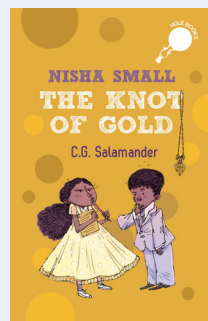
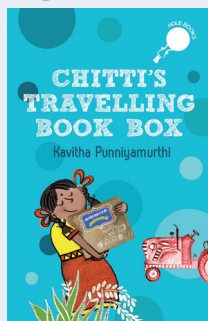
The Big Bad Fight

YAMINI VIJAYAN
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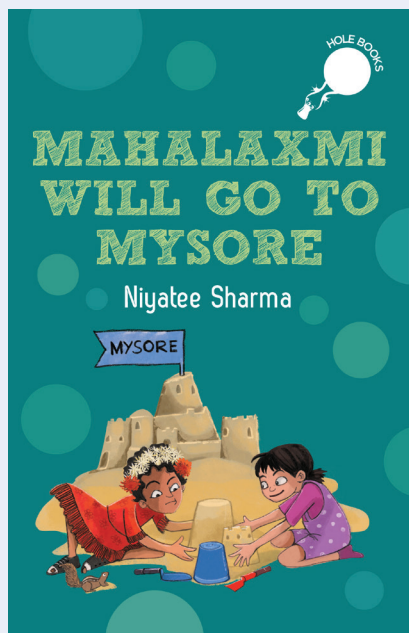
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GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

NIYATEE SHARMA graduated from the Center for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT) as an interior designer and has found her love in writing for children. Her books include *The Runaway Peacock*, *What Can I Be?* and *Harvest Day* and *The Tomato Flood*. She is usually found tending to her vegetable garden, gobbling chocolate or curled up with a book and her two adorable cats.

SUVIDHA MISTRY is a trained graphic artist and children's illustrator.

Mahalaxmi Will Go to Mysore (hOle Book)

NIYATEE SHARMA

Illustrated by **SUVIDHA MISTRY**

Ira's new friend Mahalaxmi is different from everyone else in class. But Ira thinks she is wonderful. When Mahalaxmi can't come on the class trip to Madurai, Ira knows she has to find a way. But will Mahalaxmi agree to be helped?



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