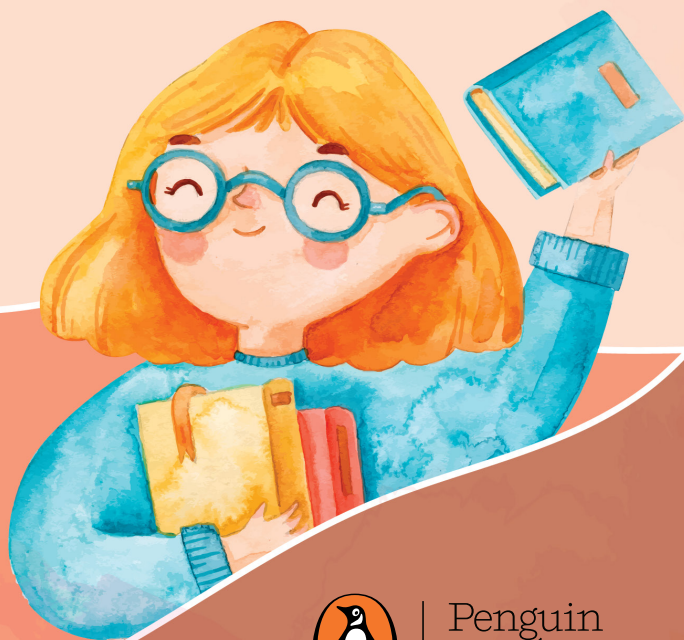




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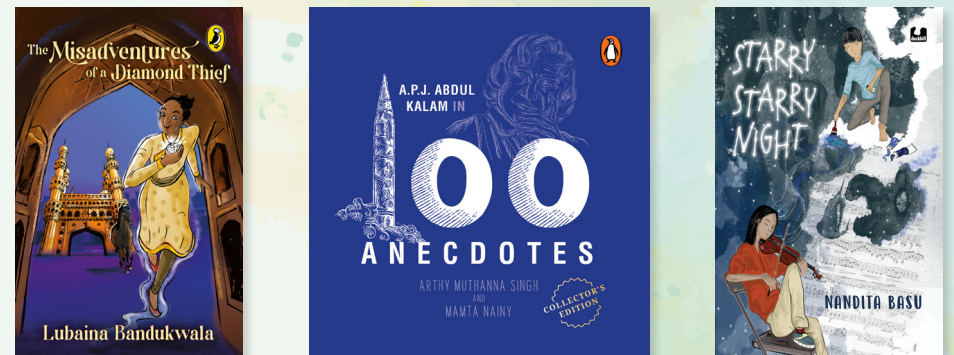
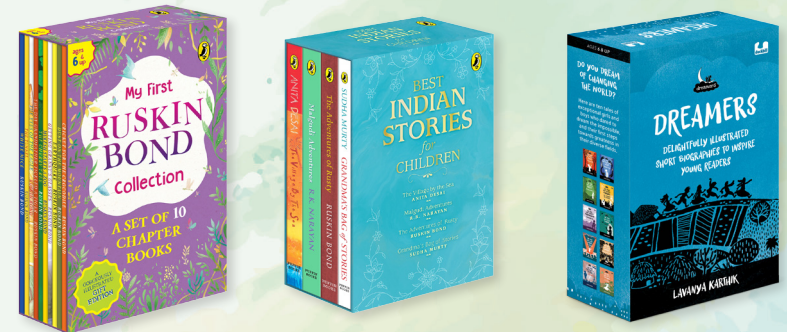


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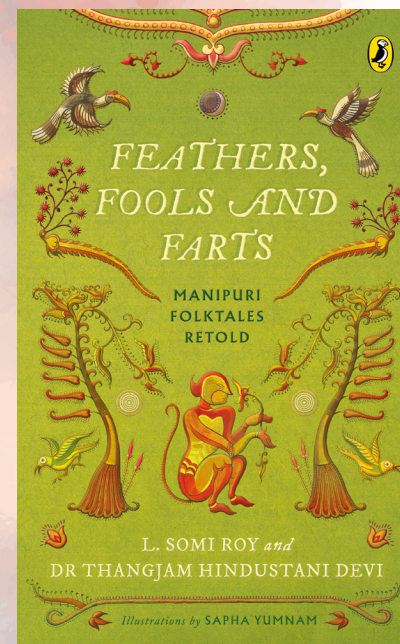


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Young Readers and Middle Grade



Ages 8+



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Genre **Fiction**

Territory **World**

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Feathers, Fools and Farts: Manipuri Folktales Retold L. SOMI ROY AND DR THANGJAM HINDUSTANI DEVI

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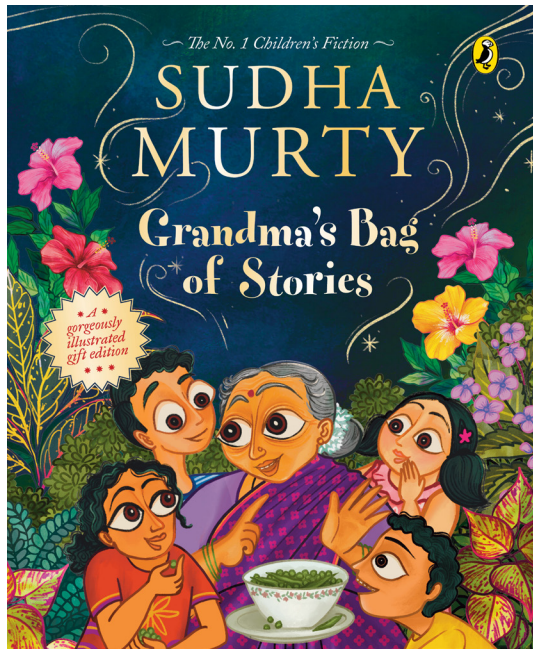
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These ten wacky stories in *Feathers, Fools and Farts: Manipuri Folktales Retold* from Manipur, perched on India's border with Myanmar, are not for scaredy-cats. Nor for those of you who do not enjoy a hearty laugh or a good cry. And if you try to copy the foolishness of the characters, animal and human, in these folktales, you just might turn into a tiger, get stung by a swarm of bees or even get pooped on.

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Ages 8+



Imprint Puffin
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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.

Grandma's Bag of Stories: Special Edition

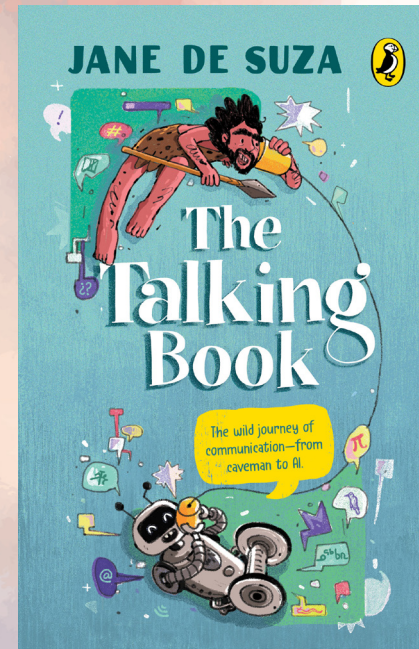
SUDHA MURTY

A timeless classic that has been read, loved and treasured by generations of readers.

Who can resist a good story, especially when it's being told by Grandma? From her bag emerges tales of kings and cheats, monkeys and mice, bears and gods. Meet the bear who ate some really bad dessert and got very angry; a lazy man who would not put out a fire till it reached his beard; a princess who was turned into an onion; a queen who discovered silk and many more weird and wonderful people and animals.

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Ages 10+



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Territory World

JANE DE SUZA is the award-winning author of ten books and is published internationally. She writes with humour and sensitivity about the challenges facing children. Her books include *When the World Went Dark* (When Impossible Happens in the US and UK), *Flyaway Boy*, *The Midnight Years*, *Uncool* and the *SuperZero* series. An MBA, creative director, film writer and columnist for leading publications, she currently lives in Singapore.

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Ages 7+

What Happened to Grandpa



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Territory World

NANDINI NAYAR is India's most prolific children's writer. In a career spanning less than 20 years, she has published 53 books with several well-known Indian publishers. Generations of readers recognize her as the author of well-loved picture books, novels, short story collections, creative biographies and retellings.

What Happened to Grandpa NANDINI NAYAR

A touching tale about love and loss.

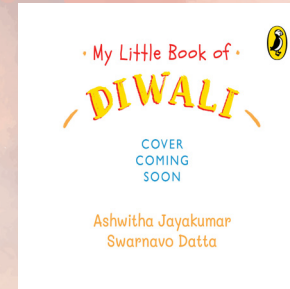
Something strange is happening to Grandpa. Words and names are slipping away, and favourite faces and places are becoming distant memories.

As Grandpa's family seems to be losing him, it is up to Neha to remind them about the things he stood for. She shares his adventures and spins his stories, but will that help them remember Grandpa and celebrate him?

In this heartwarming picture book about love, loss and remembering, discover the priceless bond we have with grandparents and how their memories live on.



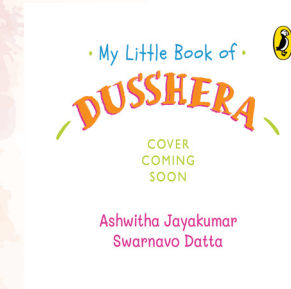
Ages 3+



MY LITTLE BOOK OF DIWALI

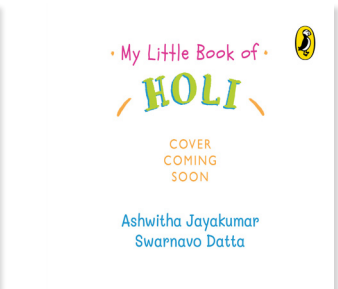
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MY LITTLE BOOK OF HOLI

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Genre Fiction **Territory** World

ASHWITHA JAYAKUMAR is a writer, one-time teacher and history nerd who studied English literature at the University of Edinburgh and medieval studies at the University of Leeds. She works as a freelance editorial consultant with several major publishers, and her writing for children has been published by Scholastic India, Pratham Books and Pearson India. She lives in Delhi in a house brimming with books, Lego and board games.

SWARNAVO DATTA is a corporate trainer by day and an illustrator by night. When not training grown-ups on serious topics like business acumen and design thinking, he likes to let loose his inner child by drawing not-so-serious things. He is fond of cooking, taking care of his potted lemon tree and collecting more picture books than he can store.

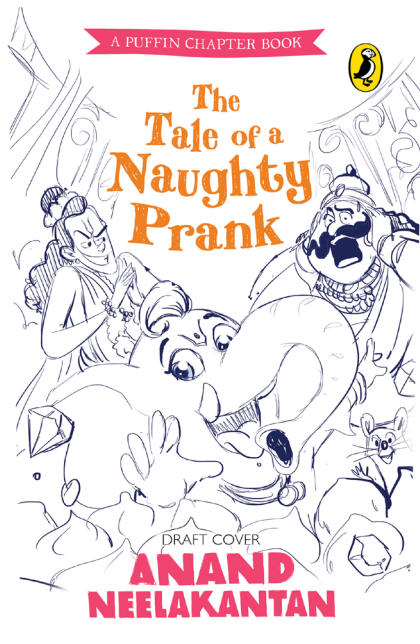
Let's dive into the diverse and colourful world of Indian festivals!

These charming board books highlight the customs, traditions and stories behind Holi, Diwali and Dusshera.

Explore the colourful chaos of Holi, the lamp-lit splendour of Diwali, and the boisterous festivities of Dusshera. Soak in the magic of rituals, food and celebrations, and discover how festivals bring families and friends together.



Ages 6+



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Genre Fiction
Territory Indian subcontinent

ANAND NEELAKANTAN has written many a bestseller, such as *The Rise of Sivagami* (Baahubali: Before the Beginning Book 1); *Asura: Tale of the Vanquished*; *Ajaya: Roll of the Dice*; *Ajaya: Rise of Kali*; *Vanara: The Legend of Baali, Sugreeva and Tara*; and *Chaturanga* (Baahubali: Before the Beginning Book 2). In his free time, he battles clumsy and naughty asuras who are always ready with their next mischievous prank!

Puffin Chapter Book: The Tale of a Naughty Prank

ANAND NEELAKANTAN

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This book is a fun, riotous tale of the prankster Narada who ruins Ganesh's birthday party. Written with wit and loads of humour, this charming story peppered with adorable illustrations, is perfect for fans of mythology. With simple, short chapters and tons of humour-filled artworks, this is a great format and series for young readers as they begin their independent reading journey.



Ages 8+



Imprint Puffin
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Price ₹250
ISBN 9780143464464
Genre Fiction
Territory World

ARTI SONTHALIA loves books and stories, but if you ever see smoke coming out of her kitchen, you know she is trying to cook something quirky and silly! And maybe you could drop by and try some of her strange food. She already has a bunch of books, *Big Bully* and *M-me* (which was nominated for the *Crystal Kite Asia Awards*), *Best Friends Forever* (won the *FICCI Book of the Year Award 2020*) and *Hungry to Play* (shortlisted for the *Neev Awards 2020*). Her book *Read, Write, Race* won the *FICCI Book of the Year Award 2023*. If you scroll through YouTube looking for her, you'll find her as a *TEDx* speaker. Besides reading and writing, Sonthalia enjoys long walks and chocolates, too!

Mehtar's World of Colours

ARTI SONTHALIA

A heart-warming story of self-discovery, personal challenges and family dynamics that are overcome with determination and love.

Mehtar loves storybooks, art and colours. She wants to make her own comic book one day with her best friend Ananya. But Mehtar's mom wants her to swim like her big sister Saanvi and win competitions and medals.

When her school offers an after-school activity class to learn comic-making, Mehtar is super excited and wants to sign up for it. But will her mom approve of anything that will make her miss swimming practice?

Young Adult



Ages 13+



Imprint Penguin

Format B/PB

Page Extent 192/B&W

Price ₹299

ISBN 9780143464495

Genre Fiction

Territory Indian subcontinent and Singapore

AMIT MAJMUDAR'S latest book is the first volume of a Mahabharata retelling, *The Book of Vows*, published by Penguin India. The forthcoming volumes of this trilogy are *The Book of Discoveries* and *The Book of Killings*. He has also published a polyphonic retelling of the Ramayana from multiple perspectives, *Sitayana*; a translation of the *Bhagavad Gita*, *Godsong*; a tragicomic historical fable, *Soar*; and his first book for younger readers, *Heroes the Colour of Dust*.

The Later Adventures of Hanuman

AMIT MAJMUDAR

Mytho-fantastical tales of Hanuman's later adventures.

The day Hanuman watched his beloved Rama walk into River Sarayu—after the end of an 11,000-year reign—was one of the most heartbreaking days of his life. Having been granted the boon of immortality, Hanuman is blessed to live on the earth as long as the Ramayana is told and remembered. And so, to heal his grief, he begins to travel all over the world and has many adventures, thrilling and unexpected, ensuring the Ramayana is never forgotten.

Action-packed and fast-paced, these forty reimagined stories of *chiranjeevi* Hanuman's later adventures are magical, heart-warming and bittersweet. Continuing the traditional folk practice of inventing adventures for Hanuman, Amit Majmudar takes us along on the monkey-god's long and lonely, and rollickingly eventful, immortality.



Ages 13+



Imprint Penguin

Format B/PB

Page Extent 240/B&W

Price ₹350

ISBN 9780143458579

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

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

When Ashim, the gifted class topper—hailed as the 'jewel'—suddenly drops out of school, everyone is surprised. Nirmal, his classmate and academic rival, is deeply troubled by Ashim's scholastic downfall and decides to investigate. As he fights his own demons, Nirmal uncovers the tangled layers of Ashim's troubles and a friendship as pristine as the bakul flower blooms in the tender hearts of two innocent boys.

A heart-warming coming-of-age tale, *Under the Bakul Tree* is one of the finest young adult novels to emerge from the regional canvas of India and is an invaluable addition to its rich literary landscape.



DUCKBILL

Young Readers and Middle Grade



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

PIA ALIZÉ HAZARIKA is an illustrator primarily interested in comics and visual narrative. Her independent/ collaborative work has been published by Penguin India (The PAO Anthology), COMIX.INDIA, Manta Ray Comics, The Pulpocracy, Captain Bijli Comics, Yoda Press, Zubaan Books and the Khoj Artists Collective. She runs PIG Studio, an illustration-driven space, based out of New Delhi.

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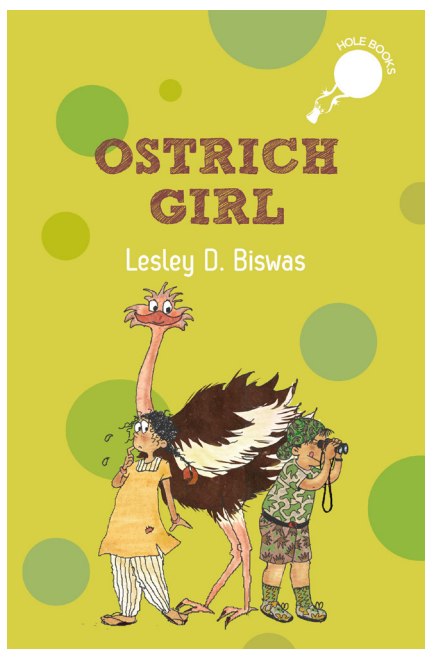
Can a set have a bicycle and a banana?

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

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

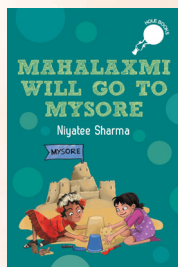
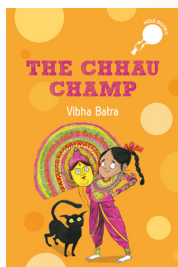


Ages 7+



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Price ₹225
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Genre Fiction
Territory World

In the same series



LESLEY D. BISWAS grew up in McCluskieganj, and dreamed of playing cricket. But instead of a bat, she ended up with a pen in her hand. Currently based in Kolkata, she's a freelance writer who enjoys writing children's stories the most. She's also passionate about nature, gardening and bird photography.

After her fifteen-year stint as a software engineer, **ANUPAMA AJINKYA APTE** decided to pursue her childhood passion for art. She loves drawing quirky characters. An avid urban sketcher, she deeply enjoys working with watercolours.

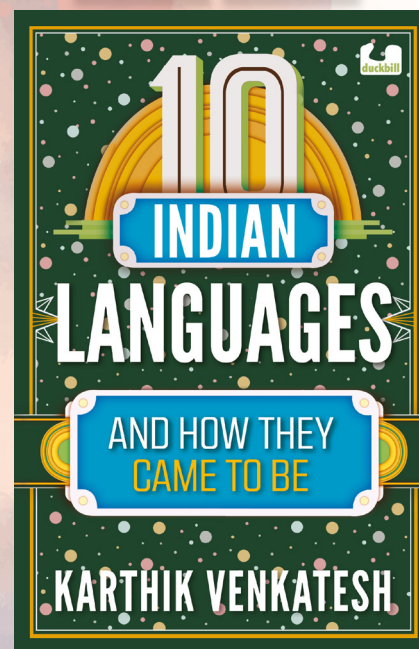
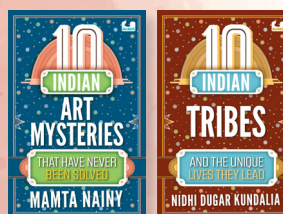
Ostrich Girl

LESLEY DENISE BISWAS

A compelling story about the environment, wildlife and the challenges facing harmonious coexistence of humans and birds.

A visitor mistakes Ritu's bird call for an ostrich's and wants to see the bird. But there are no ostriches on Henry Island! Where will Ritu find one to show him?

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Genre Non-fiction
Territory World

KARTHIK VENKATESH grew up in Bangalore, speaking Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, English, Dakhani and Hindi. He tried to learn French but failed. He did learn Punjabi though. He lives in Bangalore with his wife Amarinder, children Geet and Neil, and dog Norah.

10 Indian Languages and How They Came to Be

KARTHIK VENKATESH

The stories about ten of the thousand languages in India and their origins, history and survival over time.

This book talks about ten Indian languages—of the thousand-odd languages spoken in India—and their evolution, transformation and development. These languages are: Tamil, Telugu, Brahui, Santali, Khasi, Kokborok, Manipuri, Marathi, Punjabi and Hindi.

Karthik Venkatesh traces the long and varied journeys of these languages through time, examining the cultural shifts and political and social influences that shaped them. He provides a glimpse of their literature, tracks the growth of their scripts and identifies landmark moments that have preserved and reinvented these ten Indian languages.



Ages 8+



Ages 5+



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Genre Fiction
Territory World

APARNA KAPUR writes and edits children's books. She once went ten days without washing her hair. In the time she saved, she drank twelve thousand cups of coffee, read ten million books, and made seven imaginary friends (because no real people wanted to be friends with her).

OGIN NAYAM is a visual artist from Arunachal Pradesh. He believes his day job is to daydream. He loves working in the company of the moon and sleeps when the sun is out.

I Won't Wash My Hair

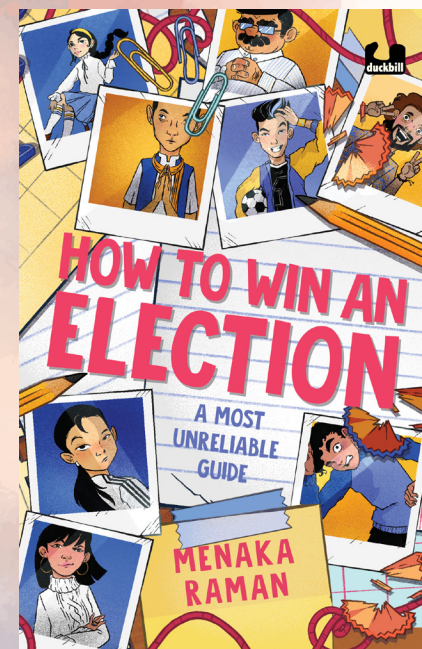
APARNA KAPUR

A fun story about a young girl who does not want to wash her hair.

In Divya's hair, you will find pencils, peanuts and paintbrushes! All because Divya refuses to wash her hair. But how long can she go on like this?



Ages 8+



Imprint Duckbill
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Price ₹250
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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. When she is not killing plants or walking the family dog Woody, she is eating Nutella straight from the jar and baking very bad cakes.

How to Win an Election (A Most Unreliable Guide)

MENAKA RAMAN

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The middle school elections are coming up, and everyone is in a frenzy, making posters, promises and predictions.

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