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IMPRINT Puffin FORMAT B/PB PAGE EXTENT 48/full colour PRICE 7199 ISBN 9780143428787 GENRE Fiction TERRITORY World Ages 6+

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

### Animals in the House RUSKIN BOND

Young Readers & Middle Grade

'Grandfather and I saw eye to eye on the matter of pets, and whenever Grandmother decided it was time to get rid of a tame white rat or a squirrel, I would conceal them in a hole in the jackfruit tree.'

Instead of having brothers and sisters to grow up with in India, young Ruskin had several odd companions, including a monkey, a tortoise, a python and a Great Indian Hornbill. His grandfather was responsible for all this wildlife, and their home in Dehra became a centre of action and laughter as a variety of creatures were brought home—the furry, feathered, fierce and friendly—all under one roof.

Bursting with delightful illustrations, this chapter book features endearing characters and hilarious episodes, making it a perfect introduction to the wonderful world of Ruskin Bond!

Ages 8+

# B GREEK GODS MONSTERS AND HEROES



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

DEVDUTT PATTANAIK is the author of over fifty books and 1,000 articles on the relevance of mythology in modern times.

## Greek Gods, Monsters and Heroes: Read and Colour DEVDUTT PATTANAIK

# An all-in-one storybook, picture book and colouring book from India's most-loved mythologist.

Devdutt Pattanaik introduces popular characters from Greek mythology to a new generation of readers—with a MASALA twist. *Greek Gods, Monsters and Heroes* is perfect as a read-aloud to acquaint young readers with the fantastic ancient Greek tales of valour, beauty and wonder.

Curated with fascinating bite-sized introductions—to well-known gods like Zeus and Poseidon, heroes like Heracles and Bellerophon, and monsters like Cyclops and Minotaur—it features over forty playful artworks of Greeks in Indian clothing along with dedicated colouring pages.

One-of-a-kind, this book is a must-have for everycurious mythology enthusiast and • budding artist!



IMPRINT Puffin FORMAT B/PB PAGE EXTENT 208/b&w PRICE ₹299 ISBN 9780143455318 GENRE Non-fiction TERRITORY World

Author, poet and translator **DEEPA AGARWAL** writes for both children and adults and has a publication record of over sixty books.

# The Arthashastra for Children DEEPA AGARWAL

#### **Timeless secrets of governing nations!**

India's priceless gift to the world, Kautilya's Arthashastra is a remarkable discourse on the intricacies of statecraft. From the duties and objectives of the ruler to social welfare, financial management, town planning, law and justice and foreign affairs, the book covers everything. Lost for centuries, it was miraculously rediscovered by Rudrapatna Shamasastry, a Sanskrit scholar, in 1905 BCE.

Crafted with a focus on engaging young minds, this rendition aspires to acquaint readers with a treasure trove of heritage. It delves into the art of running a country, by comparing historical events and modern world situations. By doing so, it demonstrates how Kautilya's governance principles are still relevant after two thousand years.

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Ages 11+



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 DEVIKA CARIAPA

#### Indian history told through objects and artefacts!

A stone-age hand axe, an enchantingly sculpted yakshi, the Koh-i-Noor diamond, and even an HMT watch—can these things have anything in common? Yes, they can!

Each of these has been conceived by the human mind and shaped by the human hand. Each object has a voice, not just of rulers and conquerors, but also of the common people. Most significant of all, each carries stories of how communities and identities were built on the Indian subcontinent.

Spanning the entirety of Indian history, from prehistoric to contemporary times, the 100 objects and artefacts chronicled in this book have shaped our present. Learn about the people who created these amazing objects, their way of life and culture, and how these objects influenced our world.

Embellished with vibrant illustrations, this engaging book will fire the imagination of readers and make them look at our incredible material remains in a new light while helping them understand our diverse pasts.



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 Bamboo Got its Bounty SUDHA MURTY

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

This book is an ode to our bountiful forests and trees, their resilience and the abundant gifts they bestow upon us. It highlights the fact that the most unassuming and ordinary things in the world are the most valuable.

Bursting with captivating illustrations, this gorgeous chapter book is the ideal introduction for young readers to the world of Sudha Murty.

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Ages 5

Ages 8+





L. SOMI ROY is a cultural conservationist and curator who writes on film, culture and polo for publications in India and the United States.

DR THANGJAM HINDUSTANI DEVI (TANI) is a linguist by training and an online advertising specialist by profession. A former corporate executive, she has a PhD in Linguistics and maintains a blog about Manipuri folktales.

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

#### A collection of gorgeously illustrated retellings of Manipuri folktales!

Be warned. These ten wacky stories in *Feathers, Fools and Farts: Manipuri Folktales Retold* from the north-eastern state 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 pooed on.

If, however, you believe in strange romances, admire bravery, and like magic and sorcery, this book is for you, wherever you may be.



LUBAINA BANDUKWALA has been in children's publishing as a writer, editor and festival curator for a decade.

## Misadventures of a Diamond Thief LUBAINA BANDUKWALA

#### A thrilling adventure set against the backdrop of Charminar!

Rafu, a descendant of legendary time-travelling, thieving djinns, wants to abandon the family tradition of stealing jewels to pursue his true passion—cooking. However, when the king of djinns tasks him with a mission to pilfer the Shah-i-Noor diamond in the newly built city of Haiderabad, Rafu reluctantly accepts. His secret agenda? The diamond is his key to realizing his culinary dreams.

With only eight days to secure the coveted gem, Rafu finds himself entangled in a web of cunning courtiers, enigmatic thieves and even an obstinate horse, all while the tantalizing aroma of *pulavs* and kebabs constantly distracts him. Racing against the clock, Rafu's adventure unfurls as he strives to turn his dreams into reality. How far can he go?

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Young Adult

JANE DE SUZA is known for her quirky books: the SuperZero series, Uncool, Happily Never After and The Spy Who Lost Her Head, among others. She also writes a humour column for The Hindu.

# The Talking Book JANE DE SUZA

#### A unique book about the fascinating journey of talking, communication and language!

We are the talking apes, you and I. No offence intended. Quite the contrary. We're the ones who got lucky. Ready to solve one of the world's biggest mysteries? How we talk. Every story here holds a clue to this gigantic puzzle that has hypnotized brilliant minds over time. Find handprints of not-quite-humans on ancient cave walls, secrets buried in ash from a seven-year-long winter, forbidden experiments by kings on babies and even a rogue gene hiding in your DNA. How do they all piece together? The story of communication gallops through dark arts, untranslatable words and languages pulled out from the dead. Along the way, meet outstanding characters who played their part: the one-word man, 400-word monkey and million-word computer. Race towards a future of brain-to-brain interaction. Warning: Enjoy the rollercoaster ride of language, hilarious histories and crazy quizzes, but ignore my wise-cracking dog who will insist he wrote this book.

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Ages 13+



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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.

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## A. P. J. Abdul Kalam in 100 Anecdotes MAMTA NAINY & ARTHY MUTHANNA SINGH

# 100 lesser-known and inspiring incidents, unusual trivia and gorgeous illustrations about A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

This collection brings to life the extraordinary and inspirational life journey of one of the most iconic figures of Independent India, Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. A hundred anecdotes have been chosen with utmost care to demonstrate the importance of hard work, commitment, courage and innovative thinking.

The book also provides intricate details of space research and creates an approachable timeline of the Indian space programme, sparking excitement about space technology among youngsters and the youth of today. It is a classic tribute and a collectible edition that celebrates the scientific curiosity and progress that we owe to great scientists.



IMPRINT Penguin FORMAT B/PB PAGE EXTENT 160/b&w PRICE 7299 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, as well as a translation of the Bhagavad Gita, Godsong and his first book for younger readers, Heroes, the Colour of Dust.

# The Later Adventures of Hanuman

#### Mytho-fantastical tales of Hanuman's later adventures.

The day Hanuman watched his beloved Rama and Lakshmana 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 by Yama, the god of death, himself, Hanuman is blessed to live on the earth as long as the Ramayana is told and remembered. And so, 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 practice of inventing adventures for Hanuman, which has a precedent in India's various folk traditions, Amit Majmudar takes us along on Hanuman's long and lonely and rollickingly eventful immortality.

PUFFIN / December



**Ages 13+** 



IMPRINT Penguin FORMAT B/PB PAGE EXTENT 256 PRICE **₹299** ISBN 9780143458579 GENRE Fiction

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!

Ashim, once known for his bright and cheerful demeanor, has shocked everyone by dropping out of school. His classmate, Nirmal, takes it upon himself to uncover the truth behind this startling decision. As Nirmal delves deeper into the mystery, he stumbles upon the heart-wrenching struggles of the impoverished in the verdant heartland of Assam.

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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VARSHA SESHAN is a writer of lists, emails, detailed notes to self and children's books.

### Uncontrollable VARSHA SESHAN

Parallel worlds. Time travel. Vortexes. An evil Machine. A subjugated people. And some children with dreams of justice. In this one-of-a-kind fantasy novel in verse!

DUCKBILL / October

Children forced out of their homes Humans discarded as empty shells A Machine that sucks out Power. Secrets

More secrets And still more secrets— I must fight a government of evil, destroy the Machine, and . . . save my mother. Me, twelve-year-old Rohini. Ha. Really?



Also by Nandita Basu

PAGE EXTENT 168/b&w

NANDITA BASU is a comic-book artist and a musician. She loves to daydream, eat gummy bears, play music and draw. She likes to have conversations with animals and children (in that order) more than adults.

## **Starry Starry Night** NANDITA BASU

A graphic novel about the meaning of death and the importance of grieving for loss.

After Kunal's mother dies, he is sent off to a boarding school in the hills. Till he has a hostel room, he stays with Tara, his father's cousin, who teaches a special music programme at the school.

Teaching music helped Tara after her best friend died-that, and perhaps the company of the enigmatic figure known as Death, whom she sees everywhere.

Tara and Kunal must try to live together, their lives entwined by their separate losses-which neither is comfortable talking about.

This is a tale of love and loss, of the healing and illuminating power of friendship, art and music.





VIBHA BATRA is an author, graphic novelist, advertising consultant, poet, lyricist, translator, playwright, script writer, travel writer, columnist, speaker and creative writing mentor. Her books have won prestigious awards, bestseller tags and readers' hearts.

PRIYA KURIYAN is a children's book author and illustrator based in Bangalore. She has illustrated many comics and children's books, including Ammachi's Glasses and Princess Easy Pleasy.

### The Chhau Champ (hOle Book) **VIBHA BATRA** Illustrated by PRIYA KURIYAN

A delightful story of a young girl aspiring to become a Chhau dancer against al odds!

Shubha wants to learn Chhau. But her father wants to only teach her brother Shayon. How will Shubha persuade him that she too deserves a chance?

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Ages 7+





Also by Andaleeb Wajid

ANDALEEB WAJID is a hybrid author, having published more than forty novels in the past fourteen years. Andaleeb enjoys writing in a number of different genres, such as young adult, romance and horror.

# The Henna Start-up ANDALEEB WAJID

How do you juggle burning ambition, a conservative family, an inconvenient attraction and technology?

Abir Maqsood is angry.

She has things to do: a career to carve, money to earn, and, in the small stuff, a dining table to fix. But there are many obstacles in the way: lack of money, her parents' overprotective attitude and a most annoying distraction in class called Arsalan.

When her mother is not paid her dues for her henna service, Abir resolves to help her by creating a henna app. Her college is also running a programme for student start-ups, so things look most fortuitous. But the path to getting funding is littered with more thorns than roses.

As Abir navigates through college, friendships and social pressures with determination, will she find the freedom that she is truly looking for? Will she stop being angry?

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