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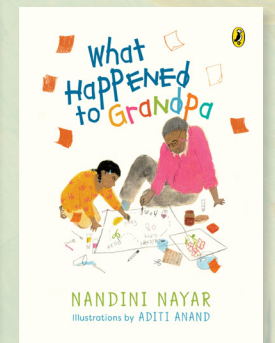
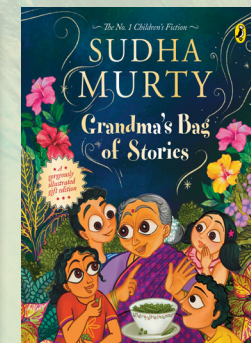
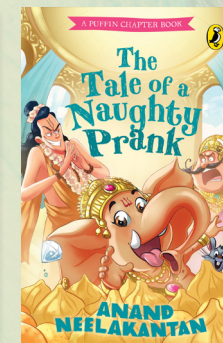
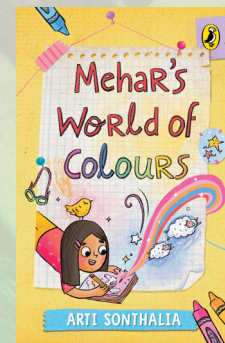
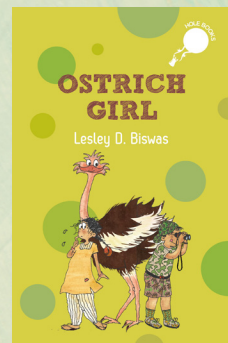
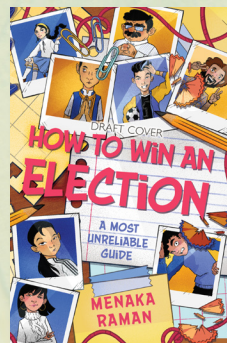
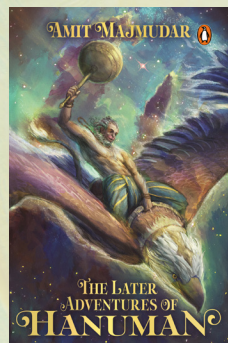
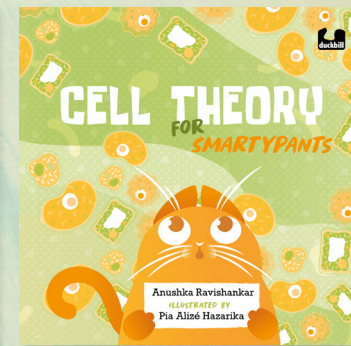
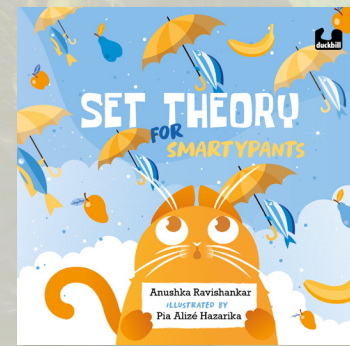
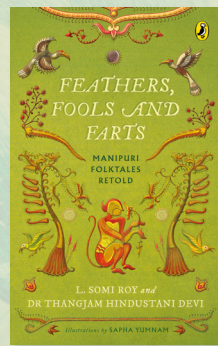
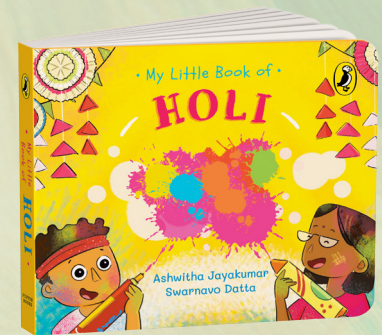
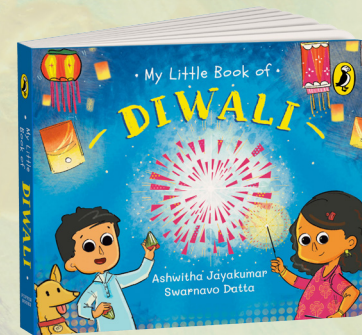
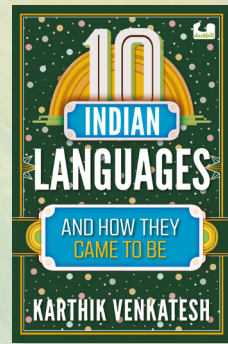
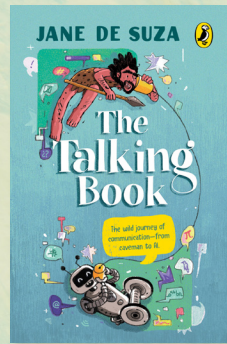
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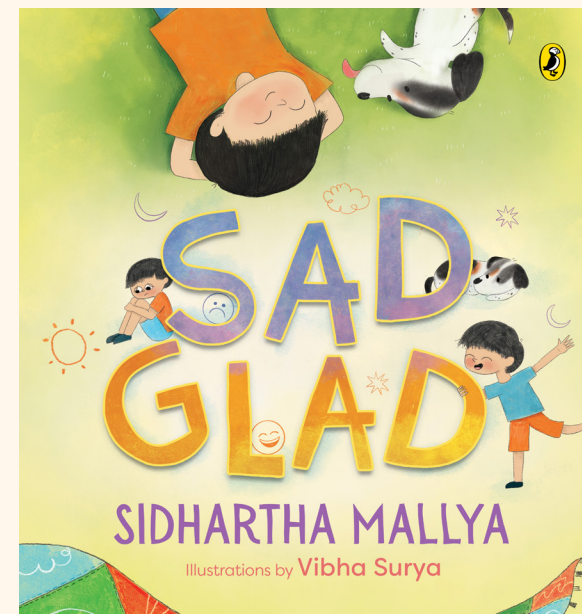
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PUFFIN

Young
Readers
and
Middle
Grade



IMPRINT Puffin

FORMAT 230 x 241 mm/PB

PAGE EXTENT 32/Full-colour

PRICE ₹299

ISBN 9780143463573

GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

SIDHARTHA MALLYA is an American-born, British-raised actor of Indian descent. He wrote his debut book, *If I'm Honest: A Memoir of My Mental Health Journey* (published by Penguin Random House) in 2022, receiving extensive acclaim.

VIBHA SURYA is an illustrator and designer from the beautiful Coromandel coastal city of Chennai, now based in Bangalore. She obtained a distinction for her master's degree in Children's Literature: Children's Illustration from Goldsmiths, University of London.

Sad-Glad

SIDHARTHA MALLYA

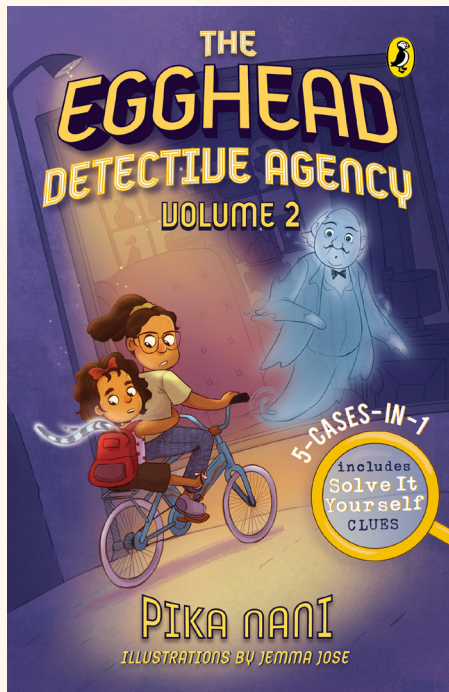
ILLUSTRATIONS BY VIBHA SURYA

All Sid wants is to be happy all the time. Why does he have to feel sad, anyway?

One morning, Sid wakes up feeling different. He can't quite put his finger on why. The day seems gloomy, and Sid doesn't feel like getting out of bed.

Luckily, Duke, Sid's best buddy, senses that Sid needs comforting. He gently encourages Sid to accept all the different emotions he is feeling.

A helpful companion for a dull day, this assuring picture book is filled with many feelings and thoughts that offer a lot of hope!



IMPRINT Puffin
 FORMAT B/PB
 PAGE EXTENT 216/B&W
 PRICE ₹299
 ISBN 9780143462385
 GENRE Fiction
 TERRITORY World

PIKA NANI is the author of the thrilling detective series *The Adventures of Shrilok Homeless* (2017), *Shrilok Homeless: The Ultimate Adventures Volume 2* (2019), the popular fact-plus-fiction book *Little Indians: Stories From Across the Country* (2013) and *The Egghead Detective Agency* (2022).

The Egghead Detective Agency: Volume 2

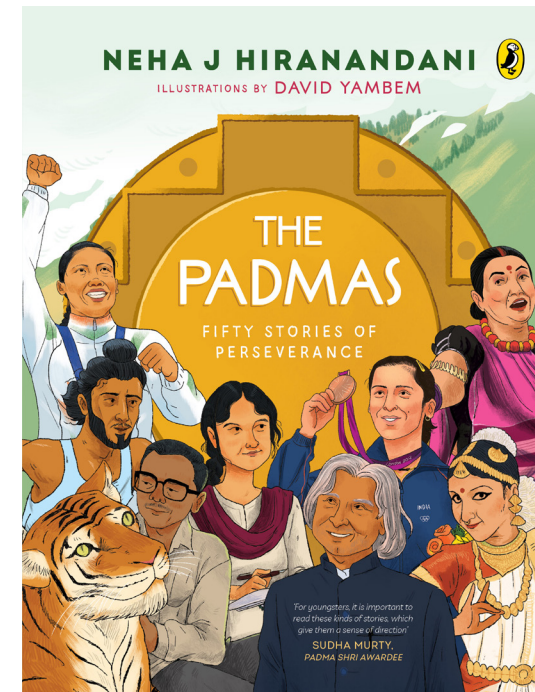
PIKA NANI

The Egghead Detective Agency is back with 'egg-citing' new mysteries to solve!

Ever since Egghead, the friendly ghost detective, showed up at Tam and Ant's home, life has been one big adventure. With their little *buddhis* and a dose of Egghead's ghostly powers, Tam and Ant have cracked case after case in their beloved apartment complex, Emerald Gardens.

But now, Egghead and his magical armchair have gone missing! Can Tam and Ant find their friend before it's too late? Join the sisters in their 'egg-ceptional' quest that will keep you on the edge of your seat!

What's more, YOU can help the detectives crack the cases with Solve It Yourself (SIY) clues, picture puzzles, brain-teasers and more in this 5-in-1 chapter book!



IMPRINT Puffin
 FORMAT 203x254 mm/PB
 PAGE EXTENT 112/Full-colour
 PRICE ₹399
 ISBN 9780143463955
 GENRE Non-fiction
 TERRITORY World

NEHA J HIRANANDANI is an author and columnist whose columns have appeared in *The Indian Express*, *Huffington Post*, *NDTV* and *Vogue* among others. She holds degrees in Literature and Education from Wellesley College and Harvard University. Her first book, *Girl Power!*, was a national bestseller, and she recently launched her second book, *iParent*, about living in the digital age.

DAVID YAMBEM is an animator and illustrator from Kakching, a town in Manipur. He loves cooking and experimenting with food. He is passionate about photography and is a plant and wildlife enthusiast.

The Padmas: Fifty Stories of Perseverance

NEHA J HIRANANDANI

ILLUSTRATIONS BY DAVID YAMBEM

A showcase of fifty amazing Padma awardees over the years.

Step into the world of the Padma Awards—one of India's highest civilian honours. Announced on the eve of Republic Day every year, the awards recognize the achievements of people who have fought to make a difference in the world.

This book features fifty incredible people—artists, scientists, freedom fighters, social workers, sports stars and many others from different walks of life. They have proven that determination, perseverance and courage are the only ingredients needed to accomplish remarkable things.

Celebrating seventy years of the Padma Awards, this beautifully illustrated book will inspire young readers to dream big and triumph against all odds.



IMPRINT Puffin

FORMAT 204 x 280 mm/PB

PAGE EXTENT 88/Full-colour

PRICE ₹399

ISBN 9780143455202

GENRE Fiction/Graphic novel

TERRITORY Indian subcontinent and SEA

C.G. SALAMANDER is a writer and comic journalist who splits his time between Chennai and the Netherlands. Salamander loves writing horror, humour and fantasy, and is currently working on a book about magical dogs. Some of his other books are *Puu*, *Nisha Small*, *Bounce* and *From Makaras to Manticores: Around India in 100 Mythical Creatures*.

RAJIV EIPE lives in Bangalore and works on animation and illustration projects. He likes to doodle in his sketchbook, drink more coffee than is good for him, maintain an untidy workspace and gaze into vacant space at short intervals. Rajiv won the Big Little Book Award in 2020 for his contribution to Indian children's literature.

Maithili and the Minotaur: Dolls of Despair

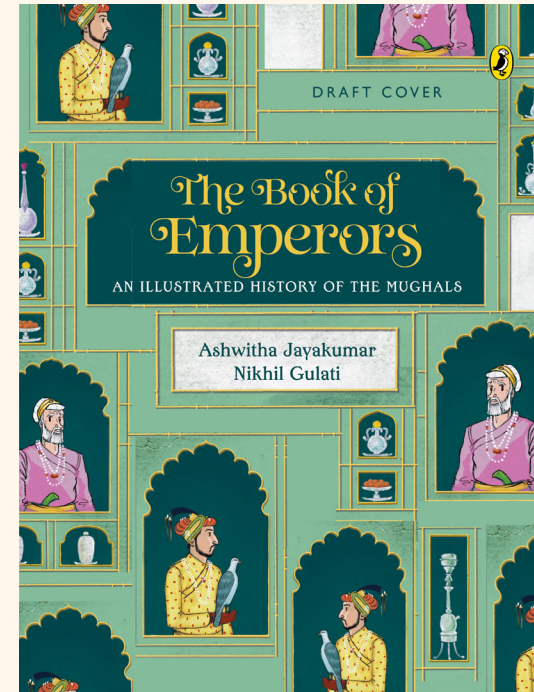
C. G. SALAMANDER
ILLUSTRATIONS BY RAJIV EIPE

Descend into the third instalment of *Maithili and the Minotaur*, set in an outlandish world where nothing is as it seems.

Armed with her mother's map, Maithili is out to find the truth behind her disappearance. But haunted by ominous visions of a strange boy, Maithili might just lead her friends into the clutches of something sinister.

Will Maithili, Minotaur and their friends find what they're looking for? Or will they be stuck in the cave of a thousand eyes forever?

More in the series



IMPRINT Puffin

FORMAT 203x254 mm/PB

PAGE EXTENT 136/Full-colour

PRICE ₹499

ISBN 9780143452386

GENRE Non-fiction

TERRITORY World

ASHWITHA JAYAKUMAR has written and adapted over a dozen books for young readers on history, mythology and science. After graduating with a master's degree in Literature and Society: 1688–1900 from the University of Edinburgh, she taught English literature to secondary school students and worked in publishing before doing an MA in medieval studies from the University of Leeds entirely for fun. She's mad about history, fantasy novels, chocolate and dogs.

NIKHIL GULATI is an author and illustrator who loves to tell stories that inspire wonder. He is the award-winning creator behind *The People of the Indus*, a graphic novel history of the Indus Valley Civilization.

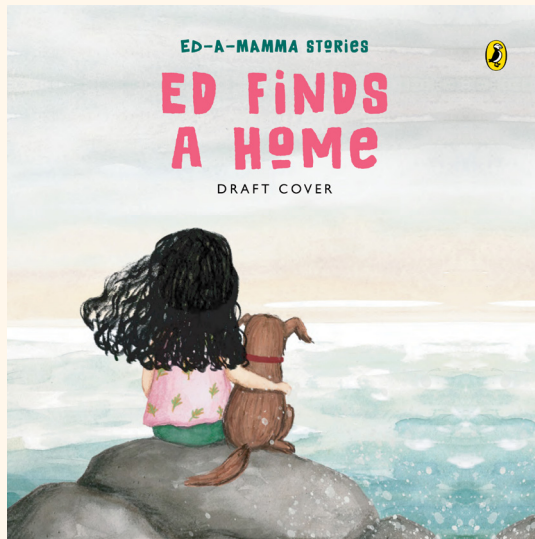
The Book of Emperors: An Illustrated History of the Mughals

ASHWITHA JAYAKUMAR
ILLUSTRATIONS BY NIKHIL GULATI

Meet the Mughals in this colourful chronicle of padishahs, begums and adventurers!

A little over five hundred years ago, in a green valley surrounded by tall mountains, a boy sat in a garden, waiting for his story to begin. His name was Babur, and he would soon build an empire that would astonish the world. For three hundred years, Babur's sons and grandsons, alongside their mothers, wives, sisters and daughters, would wage wars, make art and music, eat a delicious fruit or two, and change and be changed by the land they called home.

History would call them the Mughals. *The Book of Emperors* tells their stories.



IMPRINT Puffin

FORMAT 229x229 mm/PB

PAGE EXTENT 40/Full-colour

PRICE ₹299

ISBN 9780143461210

GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

Whether weaving magic on the silver screen as an actor or nurturing new narratives as a producer, **ALIA BHATT**'s love for storytelling knows no bounds. But her magic doesn't end there. Alia is on a mission to cultivate a generation of 'mini planeters' through her sustainable brand for children, Ed-a-Mamma. Combining her passion for sustainability with her penchant for storytelling, Alia is now crafting enchanting tales for young hearts in a series of books titled 'The Adventures of Ed-a-Mamma'. Filled with messages of kindness, courage, friendship, and the wonders of our world, these stories promise to whisk you away on a magical journey of discovery.

When Alia isn't telling a story, she's reading one either by herself or to her daughter, Raha. Their cat, Edward, and their dog, Guido, often join them in reading sessions.

TANVI BHAT is a children's book illustrator and author who has created books for publishers like Pratham Books, Duckbill and Tulika Books, to name a few. She likes working with watercolours and gouache when making pictures, and scribbling on scraps of paper that she's constantly losing when she writes.

The Adventures of Ed-a-Mamma: Ed Finds a Home

ALIA BHATT
ILLUSTRATIONS BY **TANVI BHAT**

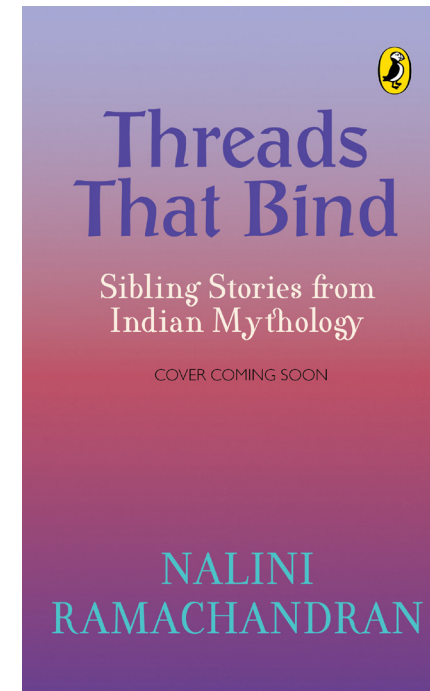
A girl. A dog. And a place called home.

Ed is a little dog without a home but a heart full of hope. Alia is a little girl with a heart full of love and a secret superpower.

When Ed meets Alia, she becomes his safe place. In turn, he inspires her to be the best version of herself.

Ed Finds a Home celebrates ordinary kindnesses and the hero inside each one of us.

Join Alia and Ed on all their exciting adventures in this new picture-book series, Ed-a-Mama.



IMPRINT Puffin

FORMAT Demy/PB

PAGE EXTENT 128/Full-colour

PRICE ₹350

ISBN 9780143465744

GENRE Fiction/Mythology

TERRITORY World

NALINI RAMACHANDRAN has written many children's books and graphic novels that are rooted in the divine realm of gods and goddesses, the ordinary world of humans and wildlife, and the intriguing land of spirits and fantastical beasts. Some of her works are *Lore of the Land: Storytelling Traditions of India*, *Nava Durga: The Nine Forms of the Goddess*, *APJ Abdul Kalam: One Man, Many Missions*, *Gods, Giants and the Geography of India* and *Trumpet Calls: Epic Tales of Extraordinary Elephants*.

Threads that Bind: Sibling Stories from Mythology

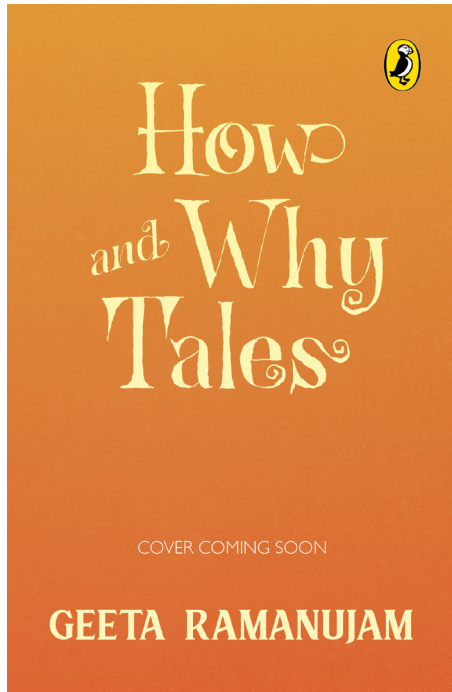
NALINI RAMACHANDRAN

Celebrate the bittersweet bond between siblings through these endearing tales from Indian mythology!

Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati often solved small and big problems that occurred in the three worlds. But their biggest problem was solving the constant complaints and fights between their sons, Ganesha and Kartikeya. When their quarrels and crying go out of hand, Parvati comes up with an ingenious plan—to deal with her sons' complaints, one story at a time!

As the goddess takes them through the sweet and sour, bitter yet beautiful world of divine siblings like Jyeshtha and Lakshmi, Krishna and Katyayani, Kubera and Ravana, Nara and Narayana, and many others, Ganesha and Karthikeya sit back and listen.

Ages 7+



IMPRINT Puffin

FORMAT B/PB

PAGE EXTENT 176/B&W

PRICE ₹250

ISBN 9780143459934

GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

GEETA RAMANUJAM is a master storyteller, trainer, founder and executive director of Kathalaya's International Academy of Storytelling and Kathalaya Trust.

How and Why Tales

GEETA RAMANUJAM

Do you ever wonder how the moon got its craters? Or why water lost its colours? And what makes the conch so special?

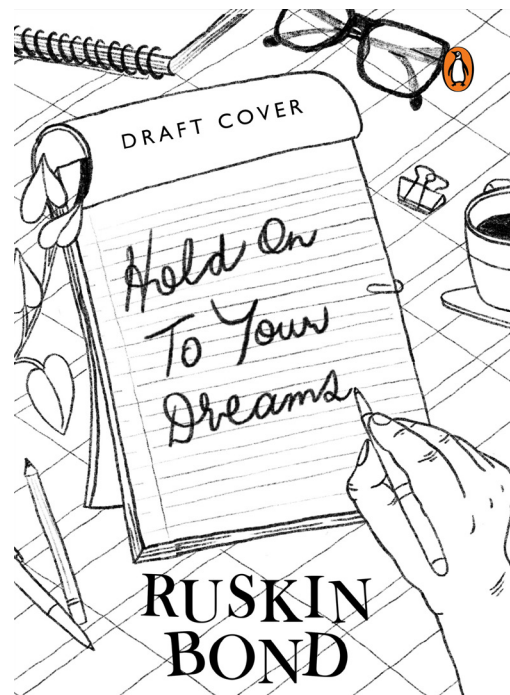
If you love asking questions and exploring the mysteries of the universe, then this book of amazing folktales is perfect for you!

These stories are like magical threads, unraveling the mysteries behind our curious questions. They come from different places and are retold by Geeta Ramanujam in her own special way. Each story is full of adventure and surprises, keeping you hooked till the end!

Young Adult



Ages 13+



IMPRINT Penguin
FORMAT Short B/HB
PAGE EXTENT 112/B&W
PRICE ₹399
ISBN 9780143468998
GENRE Non-fiction
TERRITORY World

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

Hold On to Your Dreams: A Letter to Young Friends

RUSKIN BOND

'Putting down my thoughts and reflections in the form of a letter comes readily to me than using the more formal medium of a memoir or the egoism of a journal.'

On the eve of his ninetieth birthday, Ruskin Bond, one of the greatest writers and icons of our time, brings to readers his most cherished memories and experiences that shaped him into the person he is. Penning his thoughts with sincerity and simplicity, the writer reflects upon love and loss, family and friends, fortitude and frailty, companionship and solitude—everything that makes us human.

As he traverses between tales of his boyhood and incidents from his youth, the author emphasizes the importance of learning from mistakes, having empathy for all fellow beings (including his pet cat, Mimi), and holding on to one's dreams through life's vicissitudes.

Written as a letter, the words on these pages offer hope, strength and evoke a sense of purpose. Complemented with poignant art, this book is a timeless collection of learnings on the journey called life.



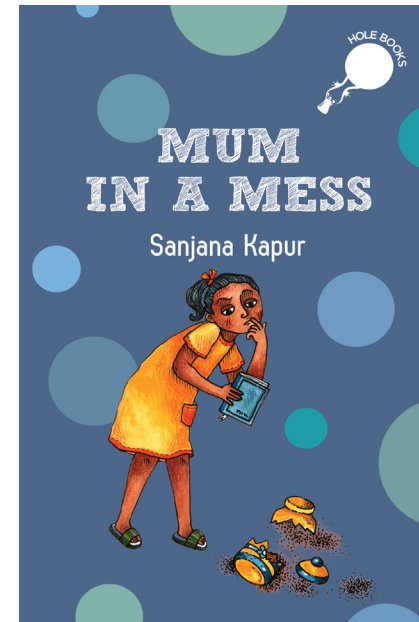
DUCKBILL

Young Readers and Middle Grade

More in the series



Ages 7+



IMPRINT Duckbill

FORMAT B/PB

PAGE EXTENT 80/B&W

PRICE ₹225

ISBN 9780143462378

GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

SANJANA KAPUR is an author and editor with over fifteen years of experience in children's publishing. She has written several books for children, including the award-winning *Who Stole Bhaiya's Smile?* Sanjana has also hosted quiz shows and children's events in schools across India. She makes futile attempts to make sense of the world but ends up making baba ganoush instead.

PROITI ROY is an illustrator and designer. She graduated in fine arts from Kala Bhavan, Viswa Bharati in Shantiniketan. Proiti worked as a graphic designer in advertising and manufacturing in India and Bangladesh. Later, she taught children art and crafts and worked with recycled materials.

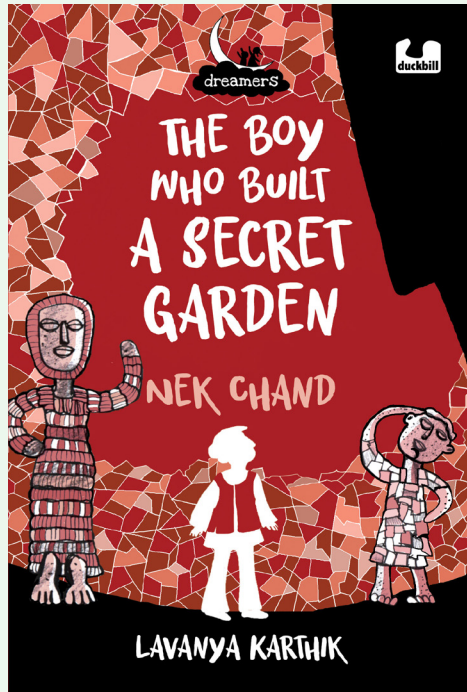
Mum in a Mess

SANJANA KAPUR

ILLUSTRATIONS BY PROITI ROY

A compelling story about a young girl who is navigating parental depression.

When Mum breaks a coffee jar, it does not seem like a big deal. But then Mum starts acting very strangely. What is Vishu to do?



IMPRINT Duckbill

FORMAT B/PB

PAGE EXTENT 48/Two-colour

PRICE ₹199

ISBN 9780143464761

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 Built a Secret Garden: Nek Chand

LAVANYA KARTHIK

A delightful introduction to the famous artist!

Before Nek Chand built his iconic garden, he was a boy with a dream—of home.

More in the series



IMPRINT Duckbill

FORMAT 154x158 mm/HB

PAGE EXTENT 480/Two-colour

PRICE ₹2699

ISBN 9780143464129

GENRE Non-fiction

TERRITORY World

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

PIA ALIZÉ HAZARIKA is an illustrator primarily interested in comics and visual narrative. Her independent and 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.

Science for Smarty pants: 10 Books for Brilliant Beginners

ANUSHKA RAVISHANKAR

ILLUSTRATIONS BY PIA ALIZÉ HAZARIKA

Learning about the concepts of science through fun picture books with a curious cat asking silly questions!

Are you a Smarty pants?

Do you ask a lot of questions? Like—

Can a set have a bicycle and a banana?

Can you see an animal cell?

What makes a rocket take off?

How do you measure an earthquake?

Will you go to jail if you break Newton's laws?

Are all germs bad?

If you do, then you just might find the answers in this set of ten books. They have gorgeous pictures, simple explanations and a very curious cat!



IMPRINT Duckbill

FORMAT B/PB

PAGE EXTENT 40/Full-colour

PRICE ₹225

ISBN 9780143464792

GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY Indian Subcontinent

BIJAL VACHHARAJANI believes she needs to befriend all cats and dogs. A plan that often derails her work, which includes reading, writing and editing children's books. She mostly writes books that are about green and furry things (which might sound like mould but isn't always). She is now a certified climate worrier.

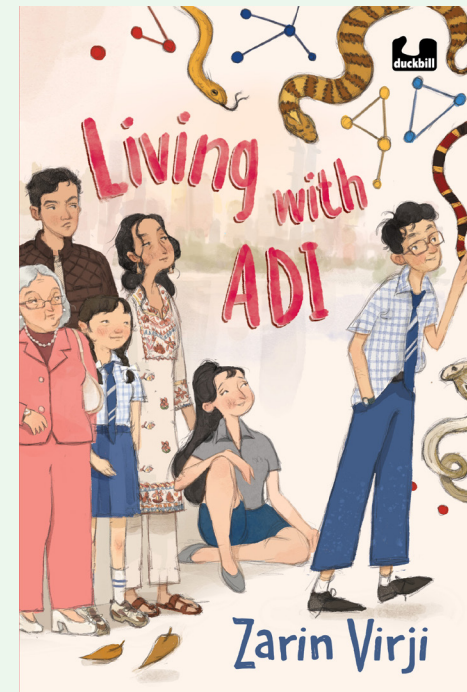
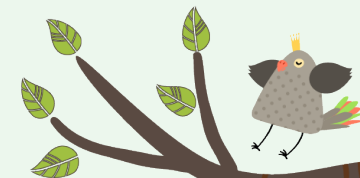
RAJIV EIPE lives in Bangalore and works on animation and illustration projects. He likes to doodle in his sketchbook, drink more coffee than is good for him, maintain an untidy workspace and gaze into vacant spaces at short intervals.

Puppy Trouble

BIJAL VACCHARAJANI
ILLUSTRATIONS BY RAJIV EIPE

A funny story about a boy and a foster puppy!

Amit wants a puppy. But when a pokey-bitey-chewy-peeing pup turns up, he is not sure he wants a dog any more . . .



IMPRINT Duckbill

FORMAT B/PB

PAGE EXTENT 224/B&W

PRICE ₹299

ISBN 9780143466086

GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

ZARIN VIRJI, a creative writing graduate from the University of Sheffield, follows her passions for teaching and writing. For over three decades, she has played the roles of teacher, teacher trainer and head of school. From 1996 to 2006, she edited the journal Classroom, a safe space for all matters related to education. Her writing is as much about expressing spontaneous feelings as it is about grappling with the socio-economic realities of our times. Her poetry and short stories have been featured in publications such as the Research Scholar, Route 57 and The Best Asian Short Stories, 2018.

Living with Adi

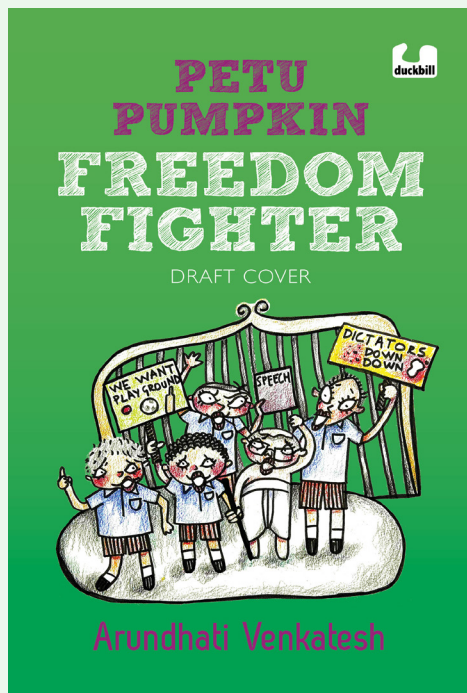
ZARIN VIRJI

A richly layered story about Adi, who is a neurodivergent teenager, and his family who navigate their way through the challenges of school, friendship and family.

He excels in studies, delights in reading and remembers even the smallest details. But his unusual view of things makes his classmates and teachers regard him as a weirdo.

Will the bullying ever end? Will people accept him as he is? Will he gain the respect of others, especially his dad?

Award-winning author Zarin Virji creates the extraordinary journey of a unique boy, narrated by him, his family, classmates and a teacher. And shows how, despite the challenges, living with Adi is, in fact, unexpected, delightful and funny.



IMPRINT Duckbill

FORMAT B/PB

PAGE EXTENT 104/B&W

PRICE ₹250

ISBN 9780143458470

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. Her books have won several awards, including the Comic Con India Best Publication for Children Award and the SCBWI Crystal Kite Award for India, Middle East and Asia. When she is not cooking up stories or dreaming of food, she cycles aimlessly on the streets of Bangalore.

SHILPA RANADE is an illustrator and animator. She has illustrated numerous children's books and made short- and feature-length animation films. She is a professor at the IDC School of Design, IIT Bombay, where she teaches the animation and design programme.

Petu Pumpkin: Freedom Fighter

ARUNDHATI VENKATESH
ILLUSTRATIONS BY SHILPA RANADE

A hilarious story about young boys who take desperate measures to save their school playground.

Petu and his friends are fighting for a noble cause.

When games periods are cancelled and Petu and his friends unearth a sinister conspiracy, there is only one thing to be done—seek inspiration from the founders of our nation and protest.

But the path to freedom and justice is not a straight and narrow one. There are many unexpected challenges that Awesome Fivesome have to encounter, including malicious media, credit-seeking politicians, scary security guards and many people with their own agendas.

Will truth and justice prevail? Will they get their playground back?





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