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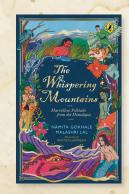
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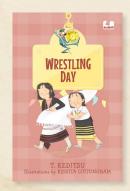
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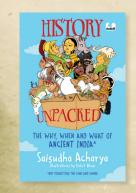




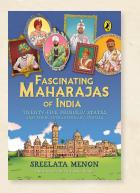




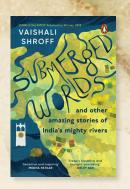




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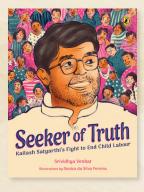


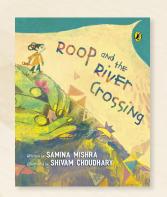






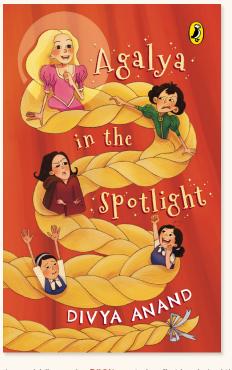












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TERRITORY World

As a middle grader, DIVYA wrote her first book. And then she promptly forgot the password to the file. She has learnt better and has now written four books. Her most recent book, Misfit Madhu, won the Neev Book Award and was on the Parag Honour List in 2023. Her other books are Dare Eat That (winner of the Gourmand Award in 2019), I Hate My Curly Hair and Written in the Stars.

Agalya in the Spotlight

DIVYA ANAND Illustrations by INDRANI GHOSH

What does a princess look like?

Nine-year-old Agalya is on cloud nine—she has been cast as Rapunzel in the school play! But her excitement is short-lived when her best friend, Prisha, turns against her. Prisha wanted the role too and can't understand why Agalya, who usually loves sports, suddenly cares so much about being a princess in a play.

Just when things couldn't get worse, Agalya develops alopecia, leaving a glaring bald spot on her head. A bald Rapunzel? That's unheard of!

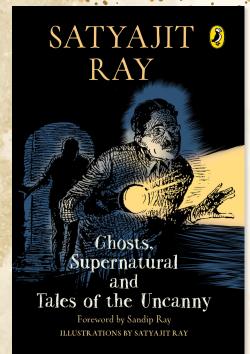
As whispers and self-doubt grow, she must find the courage to embrace berself. Can Agalya rise above it all and let her true self shine?



Young Readers & Middle Grade







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GENRE Fiction

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SATYAJIT RAY (1921–1992) was one of the greatest filmmakers of his time and received the Academy Award for Lifetime Achievement in 1992. In the same year, he was honoured with the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award. A true polymath, Ray was not only a visionary director but also a brilliant writer, illustrator, designer and music composer.

Ghosts, Supernatural and Tales of the Uncanny

SATYAJIT RAY

Translated by GOPA MAJUMDAR and INDRANI MAJUMDAR

Unveil the strange, the eerie and the unexplained in *Ghosts, Supernatural and Tales of the Uncanny*—where the ordinary blends into the extraordinary.

Strange things happen all the time—doors creak open, shadows shift when no one's looking, and some places never quite forget their past.

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NEIL D'SILVA is the author of over a dozen horror books, including bestsellers like the Maya's New Husband series, Yakshini, and Haunted: Real-life Encounters of Ghosts and Spirits.

Joyrides: Carnival of Creeps (A Fearless Four Paranormal Thriller)

NEIL D'SILVA Illustrations by DOODLENERVE

The island chooses who gets to leave!

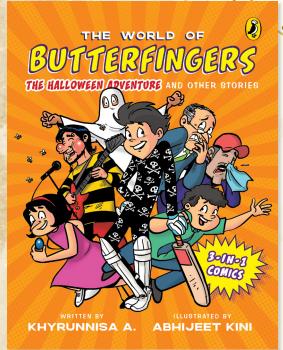
The Fearless Four is a paranormal investigation agency run by the brave youngsters—Riz,
Anvita, Tiana and Palash. After the horrors of their previous case, they are on a thrilling vacation
to Funmania, the grand amusement park on Bongo Island, which boasts of the biggest ride in
the world: the Big Loopy.

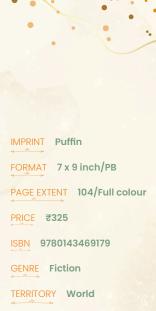
However, strange things begin to unfold as soon as they arrive—the Wailing Witch begins to haunt the island with her eerie cries, the island's fierce inhabitants are hiding secrets, and, even more mysteriously, their friend Cyrus disappears from the cart while riding the Big Loopy!

With time running out on their three-day trip, they must face the blood-curdling dangers of the island before Cyrus is lost forever. With no one to trust, will they be able to uncover the twisted truth before their friend is gone for good? Or will they become the witch's next victims?









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

ABHIJEET KINI is a Mumbai-based illustrator, animator and comics creator.

The World of Butterfingers: The Halloween Adventure and Other Stories

KHYRUNNISA A. Illustrations by ABHIJEET KINI

Butterfingers is back in a jumbo edition of 3-in-1 comics!

Amar Kishen is back. From saving bees to catching bank robbers to solving the mystery of a haunted house to getting into trouble and then saving the day—Butterfingers does it all!

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- A trip to Ooty during Halloween takes a rather unexpected turn with a bank robbery and a haunted house mystery!
- Disaster strikes when Amar and his friends are tasked with setting up a historical exhibition, leaving everyone with a case of the giggles.
- So, drop everything and jump into this book . . . where there's Butterfingers, there's bound to be fun, thrills and, of course, spills.



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TERRITORY World

NITIN KUSHALAPPA MP, by profession, is a software developer who has been responsible for twenty-two iPhone apps that have been released so far. Over the past decade, he has worked as a team lead, entrepreneur, and senior consultant for numerous companies. In his free time, he can be found either coding or digging up history—something he's very passionate about.

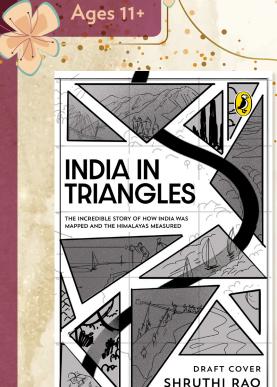
A Hoysala Adventure

NITIN KUSHALAPPA MP Illustrations by PRIYANKA TAMPI

Three siblings. One mission. A kingdom at stake.

When the mighty chieftain Virappa falls gravely ill, his three children take up his mission to collect tributes from the feudatories for Emperor Ballala. But when Bitti, a disgraced royal turned ruthless cattle raider, intercepts them and tries to steal the money, the siblings must rely on each other to defeat this deadly foe. Moreover, when they learn that Bitti has kidnapped the emperor's daughter and is plotting to sell her into slavery, the trio knows that they must act now. Will Virappa's children manage to rescue the princess and protect the tribute money, or will their nemesis win?

Find out what happens in this epic tale of loyalty, honour and courage against all odds.



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GENRE Non-fiction

TERRITORY World

MEERA IYER is an independent writer and researcher and is currently the convenor of the Bengaluru chapter of INTACH.

SHRUTHI RAO has a master's degree in energy engineering and previously worked in the IT industry before embarking on her writing career.

India in Triangles: The Incredible Story of How India Was Mapped and the Himalayas Measured

SHRUTHI RAO & MEERA IYER

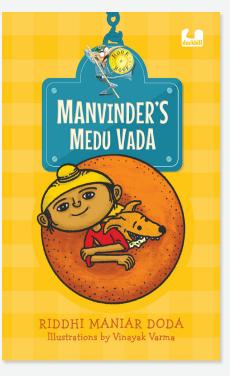
MEERA IYTER

A fascinating book about the Great Trigonometrical Survey of India—one of the largest and most impressive scientific feats in history!

As the British East India Company established itself in India and gained more and more territories, it wanted to map the land it was acquiring. But the methods that existed for this purpose at the time lacked precision. Under the leadership of William Lambton, a soldier with experience in surveying, a project was launched in the early nineteenth century that proposed to initially map the state of Mysore and eventually the entire subcontinent through a series of triangulations. What was originally expected to take just five years ended up spanning seventy years!







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GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World

RIDDHI MANIAR DODA grew up in the megalopolis of Mumbai, where stories could be found in every conversation and every corner. She headed the content department of various organizations after graduating with a major in visualization from Sir J.J. Institute of Applied Art and obtaining a postgraduate diploma in copywriting.

VINAYAK VARMA is the author-illustrator of The Sunshower Song, Angry Akku, Jadav and the Tree-Place and Up Down, among other picture books. He was the editor of the science-fiction anthology, Strange Worlds!

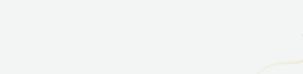
Manvinder's Medu Vada

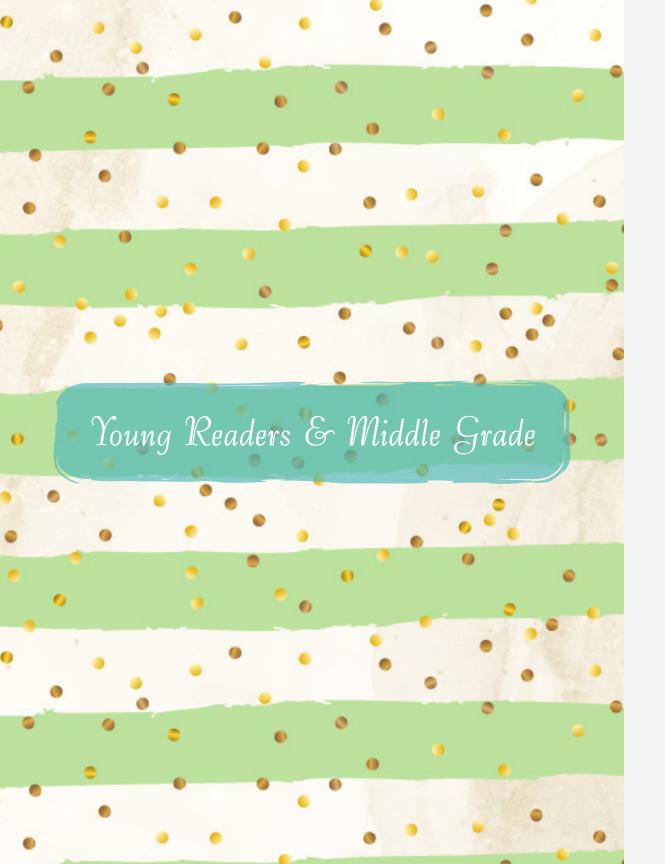
RIDDHI MANIAR DODA

Illustrations by VINAYAK VARMA

A fun story about a boy who wants to eat only medu vadas!

Crispy, golden-brown, fluffy and white . . . with a hole that fits his finger! Who will make the perfect medu vadas for Manvinder?







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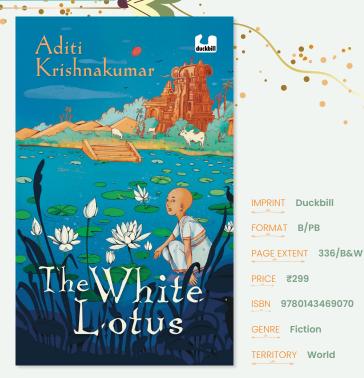
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GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY World



ADITI KRISHNAKUMAR works in the finance industry in Singapore, where she lives with her husband and daughter. She won the Scholastic Asian Book Award in 2016.

The White Lotus

ADITI KRISHNAKUMAR

A fourteen-year-old widow must figure out who killed her husband to forge her own path to freedom.

I can hardly imagine it, but everything will be different tomorrow. I've looked forward to it for years. I'll truly be Sundaram's wife, together in body as in spirit. . .'

But that tomorrow never comes, and at just fourteen, Aru is left a widow. Worse, the village whispers name Sundaram a drunkard and a thief—the thief who called down the wrath of the local goddess by stealing the most precious jewel from her temple.

The future Aru once envisioned vanishes, leaving only bleak and endless days ahead. So when a ray of hope appears in the form of the landlord's children offering her a job as their grandmother's companion, Aru seizes the opportunity.

In the landlord's house, Aru gains an education, finds that her charge is an unexpected ally, and dreams impossibly of having a profession of her own one day. But she also learns uncomfortable truths. Soon, her very life is in danger...



MARIYAM FATIMA is a writer and editor from Delhi. If she is not frantically typing on her computer to meet a deadline, she is probably sleeping for ten hours straight, reading a book or trying to pet a cat. All she wants in life is peace, not problems.

Trained at the Riyaaz Academy in Bhopal, HABIB ALI specializes in illustrating children's books. He holds a BFA from the Government Institute of Fine Arts, Gwalior, and resides in Gwalior, where he enjoys capturing the daily lives of city dwellers through his camera. Habib has illustrated children's books for publishers like Duckbill, Tulika and Room to Read. He is also associated with organizations like NCERT, Child Fund, the Language and Learning Foundation (LLF), Eklavya, Ektara and Pratham. His book A Home of Our Own was selected for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Book Club in 2020.

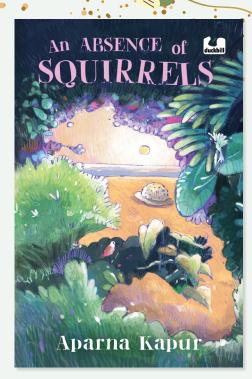
Vincent Can't Go

MARIYAM FATIMA Illustrations by HABIB ALI

Jump into reading through a Duckbill hOle!

Ever since his father went away to work, all Vincent's mother can say to any of his plans is: 'Vincent can't go'. But with his best friend's birthday party coming up, Vincent has to go. How will he manage that?

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Ages 10+

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GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY Indian Subcontinent and Singapore

APARNA KAPUR writes and edits children's books. Her recent books include What the Dark Sounds Like (illustrated by Krishna Bala Shenoi) and I Won't Wash My Hair (illustrated by Ogin Nayam). Aparna loves ice cream.

An Absence of Squirrels

APARNA KAPUR
Illustrations by SIDDHI VARTHAK

Welcome to Thutta. We have a train, an ocean and exactly 5,120 people.

One of these people is Katli, although she pretends to be seven people—making up new versions of herself is her way of dealing with being a thirteen-year-old on an island where nothing much happens. Until one morning, when she follows a cat off a train and sets off a sequence of events involving absent animals, mysterious meetings and sneaky schemes.

As secret after secret reluctantly come to light and the mystery looms large, Katli knows one thing for sure: life on the island will never be boring again.

Oh, and whatever you do, don't say squi-



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GENRE Fiction

TERRITORY Indian Subcontinent and Singapore

When BIJAL VACHHARAJANI is not reading Harry Potter, she dreams up picture books as Editor Scissorhands at Pratham Books. Bijal is the author of four children's books including, A Cloud Called Bhura and So You Want to Know About the Environment. She has edited a magazine, rescued parakeets, tigers and elephants, and is part of the Abhiyan Library movement. Bijal has a Masters in Environment Security and Peace from the University of Peace in Costa Rica and is 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 space at short intervals. Rajiv won the Big Little Book Award in 2020 for his contribution to Indian children's literature.

Left-out Paru

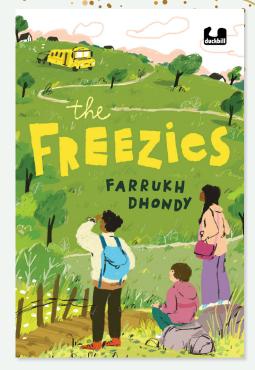
BIJAL VACHHARAJANI Illustrations by RAJIV EIPE

Jump into reading through a Duckbill hOle!

The kids in Paru's new class make fun of her because she is left-handed. The bullying is led by Nina, Paru's deskmate. How is Paru to make things right left?

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TERRITORY Indian Subcontinent

FARRUKH DHONDY is a highly acclaimed British-Indian author, dramatist and screenwriter. His latest books include Prophet of Love, Rumi: A New Collection and an autobiography titled Fragments against My Ruin: A Life. He is a recipient of numerous prizes, including the prestigious Whitbread Book Award for his novel Bombay Duck. He lives in London, United Kingdom.

The Freezies

FARRUKH DHONDY

A heartwarming story that explores themes of friendship, what it means to be a refugee, and standing up for what's right in the face of injustice.

Suleikha, Leo and Kai call themselves the Freezies because they've been frozen out of the popular groups of their village school.

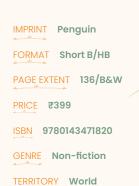
One day, a battered van with a trailer attached is found parked in the Mead, the open village green. In it is Mr Christaki, who is unkempt in appearance but gentle in speech. His appearance creates fissure lines in the village, which divides into camps that cannot agree over what is to happen with Mr Christaki. Meanwhile, Mr Christaki makes his own place in the community and becomes music tutor to the Freezies.

And then events spiral and grow until it becomes something much bigger than the Freezies could have ever imagined, and they have to plan a daring and dangerous public ruse to save their friend from the devastating fate he faces ...









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

Life's Magic Moments

RUSKIN BOND Illustrations by KAJAL BHOJAWALA

- 'People are stories. Stories are people.'
- As he steps into his ninety-first year, the prolific Ruskin Bond brings nine decades of wisdom to his readers, encapsulated in a book that draws from the author's most personal experiences.
- Reflecting on childhood and old age, people and places and Mother Nature—an inseparable part of his life—the writer ponders over the fleeting nature of human ambition, the sanctity of dreams (for he still dreams) and the endless generosity of our planet.

Fresh and witty, the text puts forth profound learnings with a candour that is uniquely his. Featuring life lessons, musings and memorable quotes, this book is a tribute to life's magical moments. Because when life fades, it's words and memories that live on.







Ages 5+



SONIA MEHTA is a children's writer who believes that sparking off a child's imagination opens up a world of adventure. She has been writing for children for over two decades. She lives in Mumbai and runs Quadrum Solutions, a content company she co-founded.

Dealing with Feelings: My Storybook Collection (Box set 3)

SONIA MEHTA

This collection of six storybooks will help you learn about your feelings and how to deal with them.

Foggy Forest is a tiny forest inhabited by many fun little animals. These quirky creatures are always there for one another—helping each other to not feel guilty, to overcome crankiness, and to understand that it's okay to be wrong or to not come first. Together, they deal with all the different feelings one might have every day.

This special box set edition brings together six exciting titles to start a conversation with kids about their feelings and emotions.

Covers six brand-new topics: There Is No Need to Feel Guilty, It's OK to Feel Left Out, It's OK to Be Wrong, Being Stubborn Isn't Fun, It's OK to Not Come First and Being Cranky Is No Fun.



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Step into the playful world of Ruskin Bond, where animals, mischief and unforgettable characters come alive on every page. Have you ever started a zoo at home with a motley crew of pets or met a crocodile who enjoys a cricket match? Have you heard of a white mouse plotting the perfect sweet revenge or a house that is a lively haven for animals?

Meet adorable, fun-loving, furry and feathered friends in *My First Animal Stories with Ruskin Bond*, a charming collection of the author's most delightful and humorous tales that are perfect for young readers!

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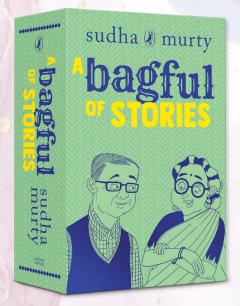
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A heart-warming and timeless collection of books that are perfect for sharing and cherishing with our loved ones.



Inside the box:



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SUDHA MURTY was born in 1950 in Shiggaon, north Karnataka. She did her MTech in computer science. A philanthropist, a teacher and an author, she is the chairperson of Murty Foundation. She is also a member of the Rajya Sabha. 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.

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