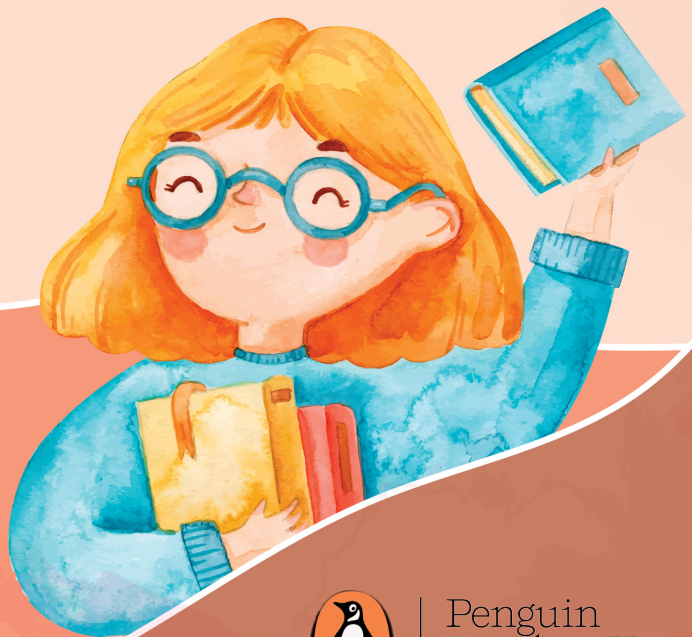




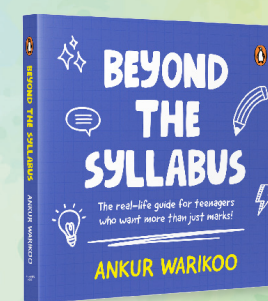
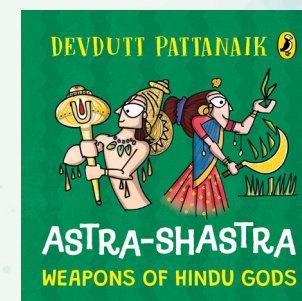
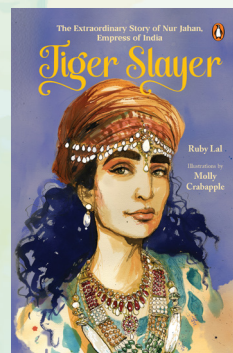
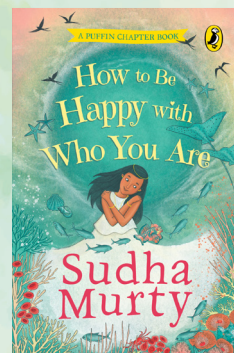
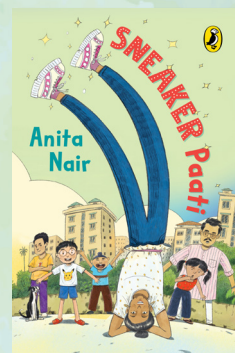
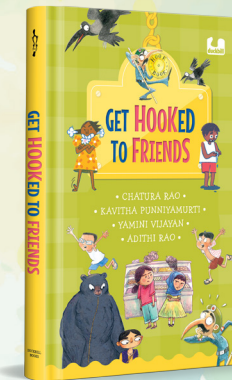
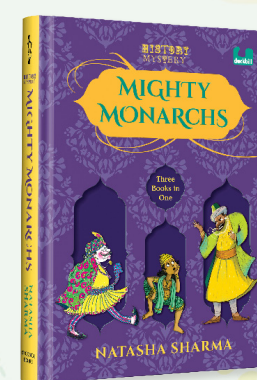
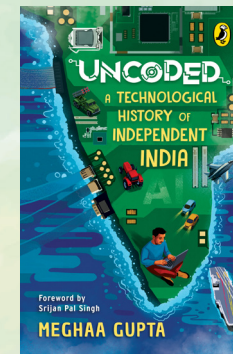
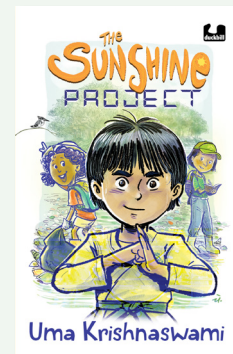
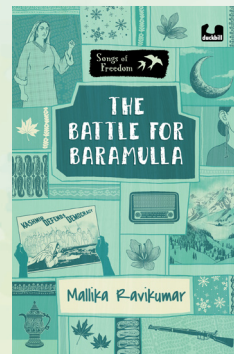
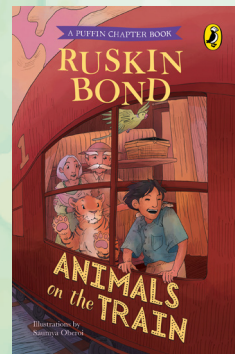
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PUFFIN

Young Readers and Middle Grade



Ages 8+



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Territory **World**

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Ages 8+

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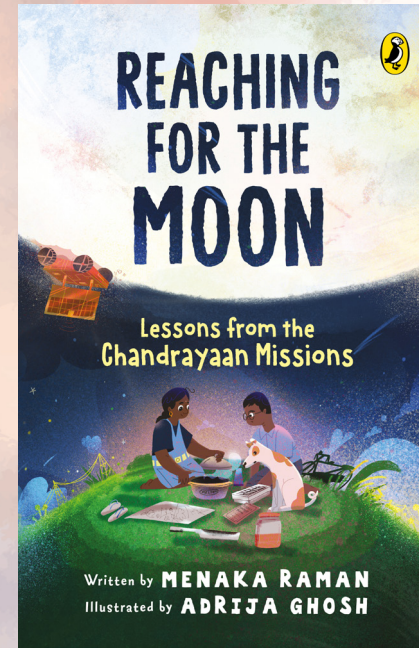
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Along the way, she unravels stories of love and loss, glimpses pieces of India's rich history, and discovers that some treasures hold more than just beauty—they carry memories worth remembering.



Imprint Puffin
Format 6 X 9 inches/PB
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Genre Fiction
Territory Indian Subcontinent

MENAKA RAMAN is the author of several picture books, short stories and a young adult novel.

ADRIJA GHOSH is from Calcutta, lives in Bangalore and works as an illustrator. She can never have too many notebooks and too much chocolate cake.

Reaching for the Moon: Lessons from the Chandrayaan Missions

MENAKA RAMAN

Illustrations by **ADRIJA GHOSH**

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With her best friend Siva, Valarmathi sets out to make actual snow and she's convinced that her idea is bold, innovative and ribbon worthy.

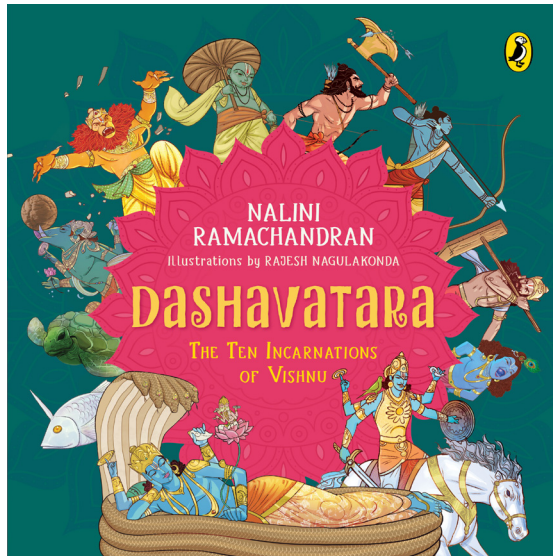
But just like the early Chandrayaan missions, her experiments don't always go as planned. In fact, they fail. Spectacularly.

Join Valar on an adventure of chasing BIG dreams, learning from epic flops, and discovering that failure might just be the coolest part of success!





Ages 9+



Imprint **Puffin**

Format **230 x 280 mm/PB**

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ISBN **9780143466994**

Genre **Non-fiction**

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.

Dashavatara: The Ten Incarnations of Vishnu

NALINI RAMACHANDRAN

Illustrations by **RAJESH KUMAR NAGULAKONDA**

Read about the ten incarnations of Vishnu brought to life in this beautifully illustrated book!

Vishnu, the formidable blue god, is the master of never-ending time. Through his ten dynamic avatars—some human, some odd, He preserves the universe and reduces evil to grime.

MATSYA, KURMA and VARAHA: Give life to gods and humans.

NARASIMHA, VAMANA and PARASHURAMA: Defeat ego and arrogance.

RAMA, BALARAMA and KRISHNA: Show the true meaning of brotherhood.

And last is the much-awaited **KALKI:** Who will bring back the reign of good!

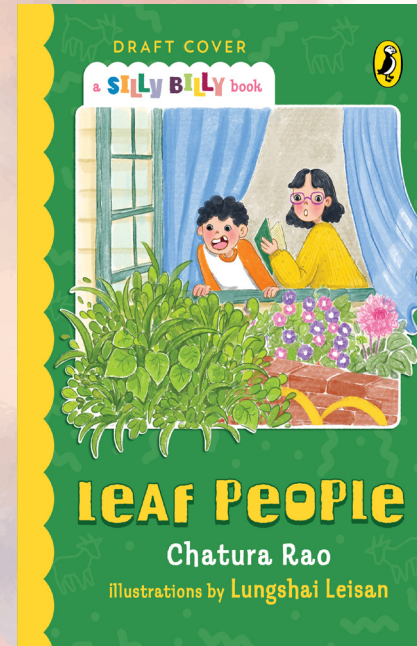
Known together as the Dashavatara, These incarnations are a perfect ten!

This is their heroic saga, Let's begin reading their stories, then?

In the same series



Ages 8+



Imprint **Puffin**

Format **Short B/PB**

Page Extent **88/Full-colour**

Price **₹299**

ISBN **9780143472155**

Genre **Fiction**

Territory **World**

CHATURA RAO is a journalist and writes fiction for adults and children. Her work seeks to communicate ideas that are inclusive and empowering, and she also teaches creative writing and storytelling.

Leaf People (Silly Billy Series)

CHATURA RAO

Illustrations by **LUNGSHAI LEISAN**

A Silly Billy book for a Silly Billy reader!

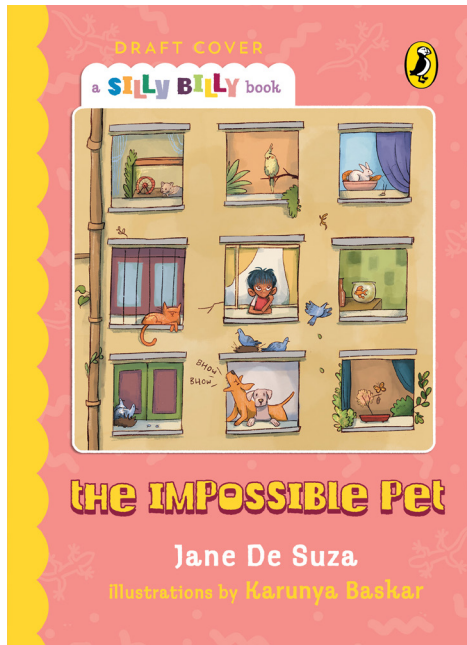
While spending the summer vacation at their grandmother Mummy Shirin's home in the hills, Nikoo and her younger brother, Zubin, spot a mysterious leaf creature on the other side of the garden wall.

The children plan to find out the truth about this new species, but the very next day, an ugly squabble breaks them apart.

How can Nikoo win back Zubin's friendship? Can she put aside her love for practical things and follow him on a whimsical journey to where his heart leads?



Ages 8+



Imprint **Puffin**
 Format **Short B/PB**
 Page Extent **88/Full-colour**
 Price **₹299**
 ISBN **9780143476214**
 Genre **Fiction**
 Territory **World**

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.

The Impossible Pet (Silly Billy Series)

JANE DE SUZA

Illustrations by **KARUNYA BASKAR**

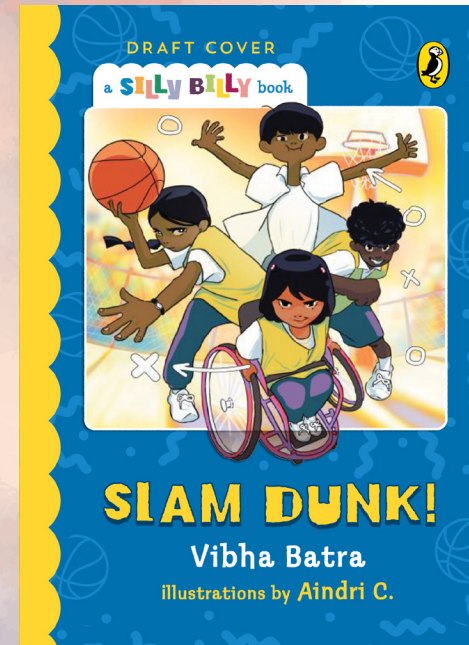
A Silly Billy book for a Silly Billy reader!

Tarun wants a pet. Desperately. Especially since his best friend Joey has a brand-new puppy. But Papa says no, Mummy says no-no, and Daadi says *achoo!* So Tarun sets off on a pet-hunt, trying to charm everything from birds to baby crocodiles and even Aunty-C.

Just when Tarun is about to give up, the fat cat brings news. Is there hope for the petless boy? Or more mosquito bites, pigeon poop and trouble?



Ages 8+



Imprint **Puffin**
 Format **Short B/PB**
 Page Extent **88/Full-colour**
 Price **₹299**
 ISBN **9780143475538**
 Genre **Fiction**
 Territory **World**

VIBHA BATRA is an author, graphic novelist, advertising consultant, poet, lyricist, translator, playwright, script writer, travel writer, columnist, speaker and creative writing mentor.

Slam Dunk! (Silly Billy Series)

VIBHA BATRA

Illustrations by **AINDRI C.**

A Silly Billy book for a Silly Billy reader!

It was all going well. BFFs Faizya-Kalpesh super like their basketball sessions at Sporty. Then, they make a small, teeny, tiny (okay, big, huge, gigantic) mistake. And it's all downhill from there.

The BFFs go all out to charm Coach Dollar. Alas! He has other ideas.

Will Faizya and Kalpesh get to play at Sporty ever again? Or will it be bye-bye basketball?

Young Adult

Ages 13+



Imprint Penguin

Format Demy/PB

Page Extent 296/B&W

Price ₹250

ISBN 9780143447818

Genre Fiction

Territory World

AKSHAY LOKAPALLY is a science graduate from Ramjas College with experience in the field of education.

VIJAY LOKAPALLY is a retired sports journalist who worked with The Hindu and Sportstar for more than three decades.

We Are the Champions: Forty Iconic Moments in Indian Sports

AKSHAY LOKAPALLY and VIJAY LOKAPALLY

Forty moments. Legendary wins. One nation's journey to sporting glory.

From India's first Olympic hockey gold in 1948 to Kapil Dev's World Cup triumph in 1983, from Mary Kom's world titles to Neeraj Chopra's javelin glory, this book brings alive the victories that put India on the global sporting map.

Celebrate the athletes who changed the game—icons like Sunil Gavaskar, Mithali Raj, and Pankaj Advani, as well as barrier-breakers like Avani Lekhara and Sumit Antil. Their courage, sacrifice and will to win lit the path for today's generation of sporting stars.



DUCKBILL

*Young Readers and
Middle Grade*





Ages 5+



Imprint **Duckbill**

Format **B/PB**

Page Extent **40/Full-colour**

Price **₹250**

ISBN **9780143469926**

Genre **Fiction**

Territory **World**

Wonderfully funny characters get into wacky adventures in **ASHA NEHEMIAH's** stories. Her books for children include *The Grand Chapati Contest*, *Wet Paint*, *Trouble with Magic*, *Granny's Sari*, *The Adventures of Mooli* series and *The Mystery of the Secret Hair-Oil Formula*.

RAJIV EIPE lives in Bangalore and works on animation and illustration projects.

Prabir's New Flute

ASHA NEHEMIAH
Illustrations by **RAJIV EIPE**

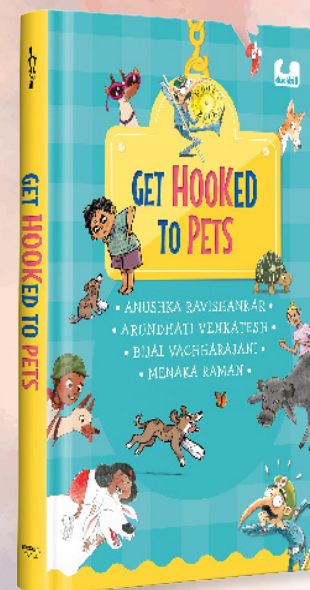
It's not a book, it's a hook!

Prabir plays music at every happy event in his village. But when his flute breaks, many strange and funny things start happening.

In the same series



In the same series



Imprint **Duckbill**

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Page Extent **168/Full-colour**

Price **₹599**

ISBN **9780143477037**

Genre **Fiction**

Territory **World**

A collection of stories by celebrated children's authors and illustrators including **ANUSHKA RAVISHANKAR**, **ARUNDHATI VENKATESH**, **BIJAL VACHHARAJANI**, **MENAKA RAMAN**, **RAJIV EIPE**, **JEMMA JOSE**, **RESHU SINGH** and **PRIYA KURIYAN**.

Get Hooked to Pets

Celebrate the joy that animals bring to our lives!

Hey Diddle Diddle! by Anushka Ravishankar

Illustrations by **Priya Kuriyan**

A horse may be able to jump over the moon. Can a cow do it? Hey diddle diddle.

I Want a Pet by Arundhati Venkatesh

Illustrations by **Reshu Singh**

Jasbir has always wanted a pet, not a sibling. Then one day, a buffalo walks into his life and does not want to leave...

Puppy Trouble by Bijal Vachharajani

Illustrations by **Rajiv Eipe**

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

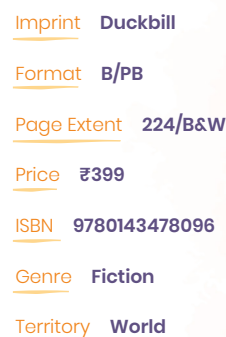
Passepartout, Is That You? by Menaka Raman

Illustrations by **Jemma Jose**

Thatha has asked Shyam to keep an eye on Passepartout, a rescued tortoise. But now Passepartout has disappeared. Where can Shyam and Kannamma find him?



Ages 5+



LESLEY D. BISWAS grew up in McCluskiegunj 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.

After her fifteen-year stint as a software engineer, **ANUPAMA AJINKYA APTE** decided to pursue her childhood passion for art.

A WhOle Lot of Chumki

LESLEY D. BISWAS

Illustrations by ANUPAMA AJINKYE APTE

Jump into reading through a Duckbill hOle!

Chumki is brave and gutsy and faces all challenges with gusto (and some self-doubt), whether it is saving a pangolin, looking out for some runaway elephants, helping her grandmother who forgets everything, or dealing with people who think she is unlucky.

These funny adventure books are now in one delightful package, with a special note by the author for this edition.



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.

SHILPA RANADE is an illustrator and animator. She has illustrated numerous children's books and made short and feature-length animation films.

A WhOle Lot of Petu Pumpkin

ARUNDHATI VENKATESH

Illustrations by SHILPA RANADE

Jump into reading through a Duckbill hOle!

Join the merry adventures of the Awesome Foursome as they try to stop their friend Petu Pumpkin from polishing off their tiffins and worse, heading towards a life of crime—and helping him lose a tooth (mainly to trade it for a football and win the big match).

The well-loved, award-winning books are now in one hilarious package, with a special note by the author for this edition.



Ages 10+

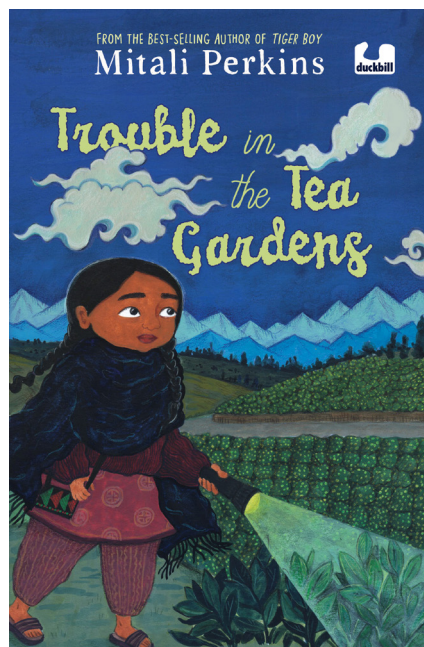
More by Mitali Perkins



In the same series



Ages 7+



Imprint **Duckbill**

Format **B/PB**

Page Extent **120/B&W**

Price **₹250**

ISBN **9780143477693**

Genre **Fiction**

Territory **Indian Subcontinent**

MITALI PERKINS has written many novels for young readers, including *Rickshaw Girl* and *Bamboo People*.

Trouble in the Tea Garden

MITALI PERKINS

A tale of mountains and tea gardens, of a brave girl and a yellow dog—and a thief who is clever...

Set in a tea plantation in Darjeeling, this is the story of Sona, a twelve-year-old Nepali girl. Life is challenging, as she has to master English quickly to get a scholarship and fulfil her dream of studying in a good school. Meanwhile, there is constantly the challenge of finding enough drinking water and worrying about her brother finding a job to support the family.

But things get extra difficult when her friend Tara's gold goes missing. Sona must use all her wits in order to prove it wasn't her beloved brother, Samiran Daju, who stole it.

'A page-turner that's richly threaded with social conflict.' —*Kirkus Reviews*



Imprint **Duckbill**

Format **B/PB**

Page Extent **80/B&W**

Price **₹250**

ISBN **9780143476139**

Genre **Fiction**

Territory **World**

VARSHA SESHAN is a writer of lists, emails and notes to herself. She also writes children's stories. Based in Pune, she loves windy, rainy days, full of magic and possibility.

MIHIR JOGLEKAR is an Indian artist with over a decade of experience bringing stories to life through illustration. He has illustrated more than thirty books.

Think Big!

VARSHA SESHAN

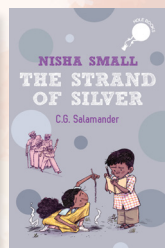
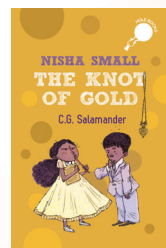
Illustrations by **MIHIR JOGLEKAR**

Jump into reading through a Duckbill hole!

Geet is full of amazing ideas. But are her ideas enough to win at the October Bazaar when (really) she does not have the skills?



Ages 7+

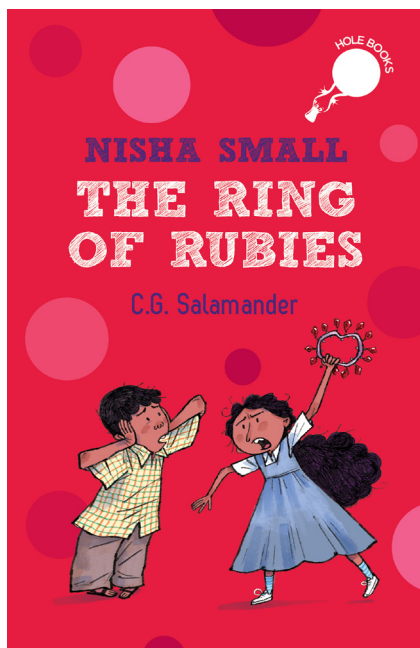


In the same series



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Ages 7+



Imprint **Duckbill**

Format **B/PB**

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Price **₹250**

ISBN **9780143471288**

Genre **Fiction**

Territory **Indian Subcontinent**

C.G. SALAMANDER is a writer and editor. He lives five minutes away from a barn and has once come face-to-face with a bull. While he hasn't tamed one, he has summoned cows through song.

RAJIV EIPE lives in Bangalore and works on animation and illustration projects.

Nisha Small: The Ring of Rubies

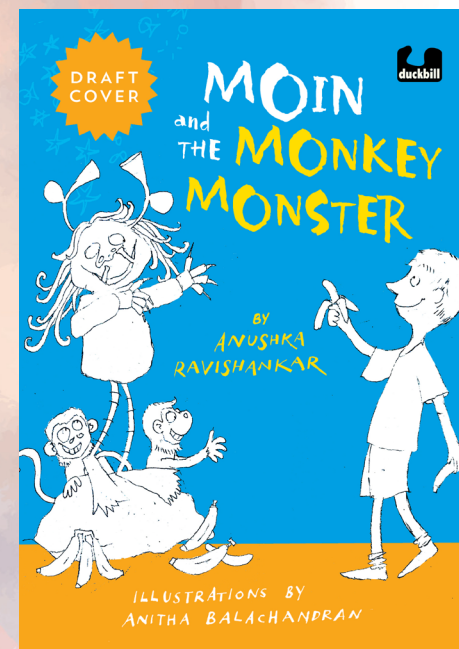
C.G. SALAMANDER

Illustrations by **RAJIV EIPE**

Jump into reading through a Duckbill hole!

Madurai is burning!

Can Nisha Small and Jamie Karthick solve the mystery behind the fires flaring up in different parts of the city?



Imprint **Duckbill**

Format **Wide A/PB**

Page Extent **124/B&W**

Price **₹250**

ISBN **9780143478300**

Genre **Fiction**

Territory **World**

ANUSHKA RAVISHANKAR, often called the Indian Dr Seuss, has been a pioneer in writing both nonsense in contemporary English in India and also picture books.

ANITHA BALACHANDRAN makes a precarious living as an award-winning animation filmmaker and illustrator.

Moin and the Monkey Monster

ANUSHKA RAVISHANKAR

Illustrations by **ANITHA BALACHANDRAN**

Moin and the Monster are back for another laugh-out-loud adventure!

'The monster was a menace when it was around and a menace when it was not.'

The monster has gone, and Moin is not sure how he feels about it. He's happy that he doesn't have to listen to the monster's songs, but he's so sick of the bananas that keep piling up! And he still has to sing at Loopy Bagiri's concert. If only the monster would come back and sing for him!

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