

CHILDREN'S DAY

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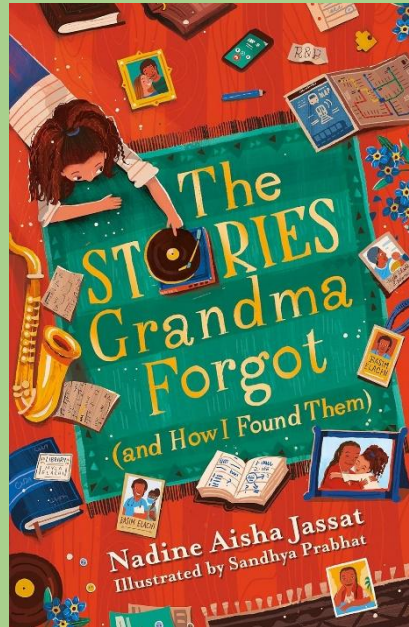
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FICTION

The Stories Grandma Forgot (And How I Found Them)

By Nadine Aisha Jassat



"Grandma Farida has Alzheimer's - but I'm going to help her remember a huge secret..."

Twelve-year-old Nyla's dad died when she was four, or that's what she's been told. So when Grandma Farida insists she saw him in the local supermarket, Nyla wonders if Grandma is simply "time travelling" again - the phrase she uses when Grandma forgets.

But Grandma is Nyla's best friend and when she asks Nyla to find her dad and bring him home, Nyla decides to make a brand new promise to her Grandma: **to find him.**

As Nyla turns detective and sets out on a journey through her family's past to try and find the truth, she also hopes that uncovering important stories will help her understand who she is, and where she fits in the world ...

A page-turning verse novel about the power of memory and story-telling, and an unbreakable bond between a grandmother and granddaughter.

Paper Boat, Paper Bird
By David Almond



This wonderful tale transports Mina to Kyoto, Japan, an entirely new and different cultural landscape, where she encounters the magic of origami and an older magic, too.

She accepts an origami paper boat from a woman on the bus.
'Ko-ni-chi-wa,' says the woman, 'Take it.' And then, 'Float it.'

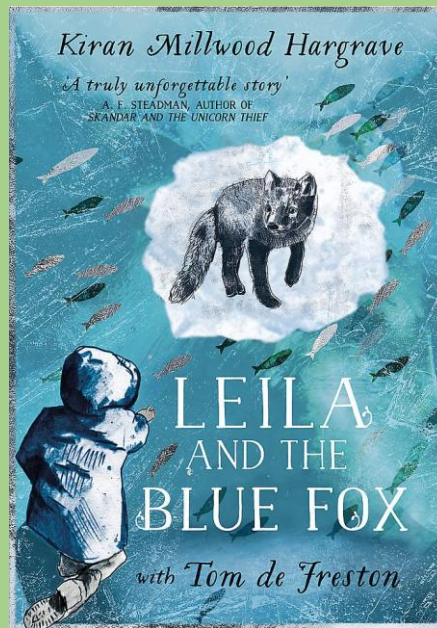
Mina watches as the woman's fingers fold another elaborate paper form: creased, tugged and teased into the shape of a paper bird. She imagines what it would be like to be a sheet of paper in the woman's hands, to become a paper Mina. The crowds around her disappear and Kyoto is gone.

This is a beautiful story from one of the masters of magical realism, David Almond, with stunning illustrations from Kirsti Beautyman.

Read more by David Almond:

Skellig
Island
Bone Music
War is Over
Kit's Wilderness
The Fire-Eaters
My Name is Mina
A Song for Ella Grey
The Colour of the Sun

Leila and the Blue Fox
By Kiran Millwood Hargrave



Come with an Arctic fox on a breathtaking journey ... an enthralling story from the bestselling, award-winning creators of *Julia and the Shark*.

*She was very tired.
She lay down, her soft head on her soft paws.
The sunset licked her face.
The snow covered her like a blanket.*

Fox wakes and begins to walk. She crosses ice and snow, over mountains and across frozen oceans, encountering bears and birds beneath the endless daylight of an Arctic summer, navigating a world that is vast, wild, and wondrous.

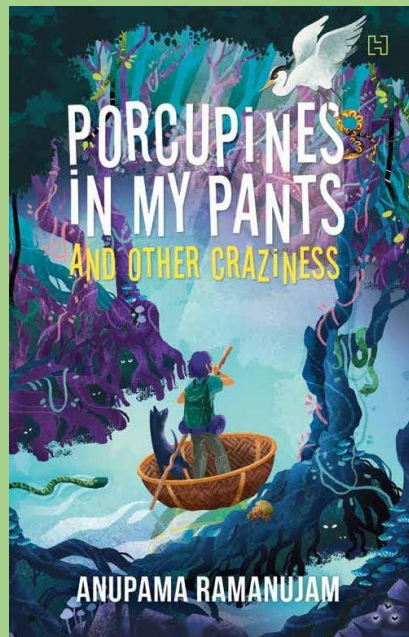
Meanwhile, Leila embarks on a journey of her own - finding her way to the mother who left her. On a breathtaking journey across the sea, Leila rediscovers herself and the mother she thought she'd lost, with help from a determined little fox.

Based on the true story of an Arctic fox who walked from Norway to Canada in seventy-six days, a distance of two thousand miles, this compelling, emotional, and beautifully illustrated story is the perfect gift for 9+ readers.

Read more by Kiran Millwood Hargrave:

Geomancer: In the Shadow of the Wolf Queen
The Deathless Girls
Julia and the Shark

Porcupines in my Pants and Other Craziness
By Anupama Ramanujam



Life's going to be easy...said no one ever.

Especially for a PlayStation-loving twelve-year-old in a futuristic city.

Being twelve matters. Because that's when I am packed off by the Council on a hardcore, muscle-numbing strugglethon across the five Thinais – the treacherous hills, fatiguing fields, muddy mangroves, dry desert lands and dense forests – to come out shining...or whining.

The latter is more my style.

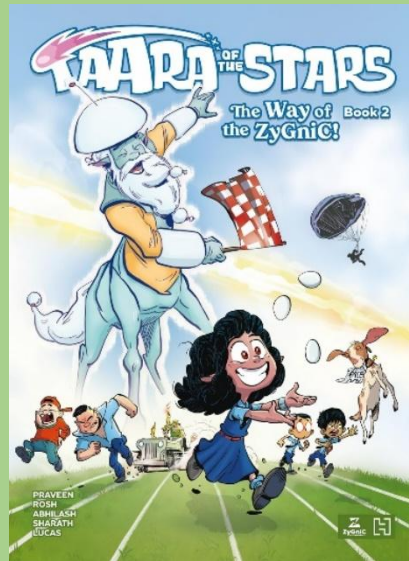
It's me against Nature. Me versus wild animals. Me against who-knows-what-lurks. Me versus Me. Get the picture?

How this will help me grow up and glow up all in one go, I don't know. But I'm about to find out.

So are you!

Taara of the Stars: The Way of the ZyGniC! (Book 2)

By Zygnic Entertainment



*Tell me a secret,
and I'll tell you two,
Lay me a trap,
Or tell me a lie,
I see them all,
as clear as the sky.
Find me an answer,
show me a trick,
Tell me your secrets,
nothing untrue,
What is the ZyGniC!...
...and what are you?*

Aakash and Rehan, our two mischievous friends with their knack for crazy, get-rich-quick schemes, are in trouble (again), and the trouble is Scoot (again!).

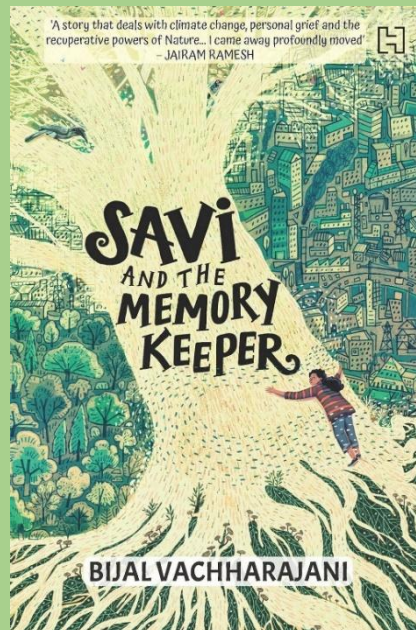
Things are tight, and nothing's going right. Their worst-laid plans are spiralling out of control. ZyGniC! is battling power issues, and the Inter-Galactic Peace Corps (IGPC) is close on their heels!

Can Taara, with her 'eggcellent' idea, swoop in and save the day?

Find out in this fun-filled entertainer with a cosmic twist from the Indian entertainment start-up Zygnic Entertainment – the second in the five-book series – *Taara of the Stars*.

Don't miss out on:
Taara of the Stars – the first book in the series!

Savi and the Memory Keeper By Bijal Vachharajani



If Savi were to make a list of things that were the absolute worst, moving to Shajarpur would be right on top. Well, right after the point about missing her father. And death. And her new school, with the most stuck-up of classmates. Worse, she is now part of an eco-club in which they make fun of her for not having enough green gyaan. And those stuck-up classmates seem to be her new friends.

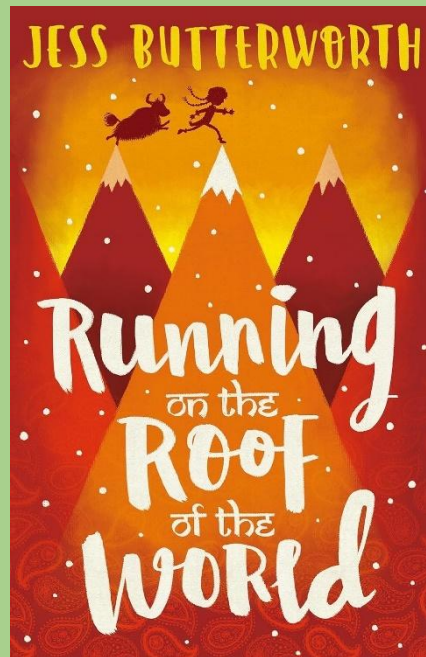
Wait, what? How did that happen?

But Savi is too busy figuring out why in the world she, a certified brown thumb, is suddenly able to talk to us (her plants) and to the ginormous ficus tree, whose heartwood seems full of secrets.

Funny, thoughtful, and deeply moving, this is a story of loss, climate change and the magical power of... Ahem. Actually, why don't we just let Savi tell it now?

Running on the Roof of the World

By Jess Butterworth



Join 12-year-old Tash and her best friend Sam in a story of adventure, survival, and hope, set in the vivid Himalayan landscape of Tibet and India. Filled with friendship, love and courage, this young girl's thrilling journey to save her parents is an ideal read for children aged 9-12.

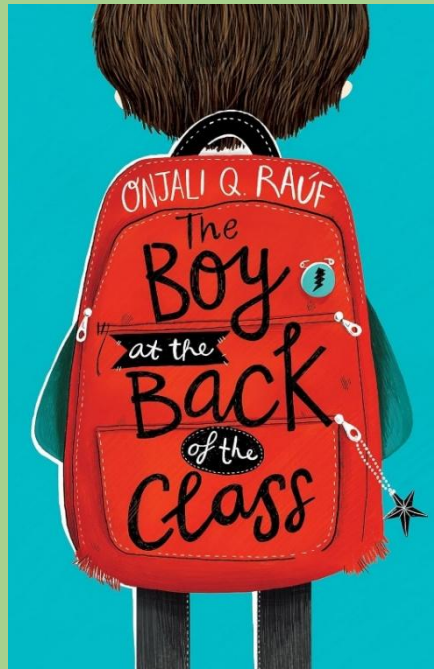
There are two words that are banned in Tibet. Two words that can get you locked in prison without a second thought. I watch the soldiers tramping away and call the words after them. 'Dalai Lama.' Tash has to follow many rules to survive in Tibet, a country occupied by Chinese soldiers. But when a man sets himself on fire in protest and soldiers seize Tash's parents, she and her best friend Sam must break the rules. They are determined to escape Tibet - and seek the help of the Dalai Lama himself in India. And so, with a backpack of Tash's father's mysterious papers and two trusty yaks by their side, their extraordinary journey across the mountains begins.

Read more by Jess Butterworth:

When the Mountains Roared
Swimming Against the Storm
The Adventure Club series

The Boy at the Back of the Class

By Onjali Q. Rauf



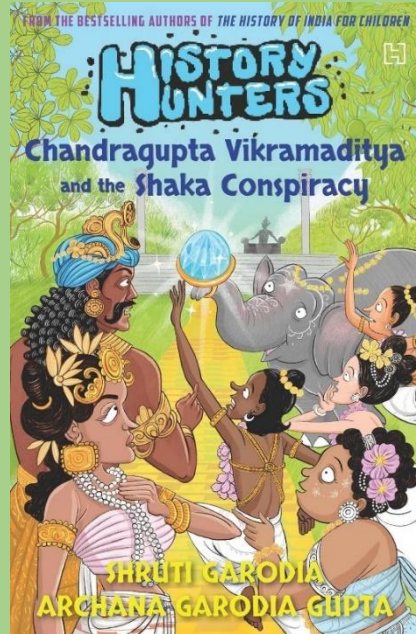
Told with heart and humour, The Boy at the Back of the Class is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.

There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite! But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help. That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan. . .

Read more by Onjali Q. Rauf:

Hope on the Horizon
The Star Outside My Window
The Lion Above the Door
The Night Bus Hero

***History Hunters Book 3:
Chandragupta Vikramaditya and the Shaka Conspiracy
By Shruti Garodia and Archana Garodia Gupta***



Whom would YOU ask for help if you knew of a terrible plot against an emperor 1,600 years ago?

The gutsy foursome – Zoya, Noor, Ansh, and Rohan – and their enthusiastic elephant friend Elfu are having second thoughts about their blasts in the past, after their nerve-wracking run-in with the Mughals.

Yet, the next opportunity offered by the mysterious billionaire, who lives next door to their Goa resort, proves irresistible. Off they go again – this time to the fabulous and flamboyant age of the Gupta king Chandragupta Vikramaditya.

A horse-mad teenage princess, an absent-minded mathematician and a face-painting spree are all very well, but what about the super-precious *thing* in their keeping that no one must know about? And the dark and dangerous secret that they know about the Shakas?

The four friends have to save others – and themselves too!

Do they have what it takes?

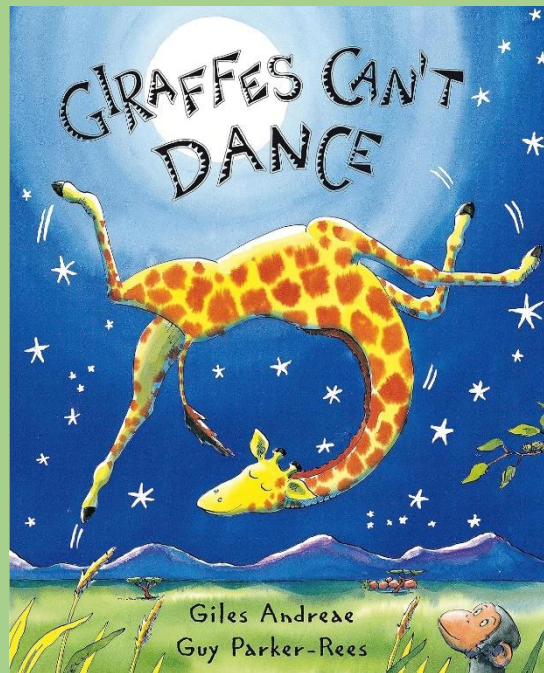
Join the feisty and funny History Hunters as they brave the eye-popping era of the Guptas in yet another incredible adventure.

Other books in the History Hunters series:

History Hunters Book 1: Chandragupta Maurya and the Greek Onslaught

History Hunters Book 2: Akbar and The Agents from the East

Giraffes Can't Dance
By Giles Andreae



Number One bestseller *Giraffes Can't Dance* from author Giles Andreae has been delighting children for over 15 years.

Gerald the tall giraffe would love to join in with the other animals at the Jungle Dance, but everyone knows that giraffes can't dance . . . or can they?

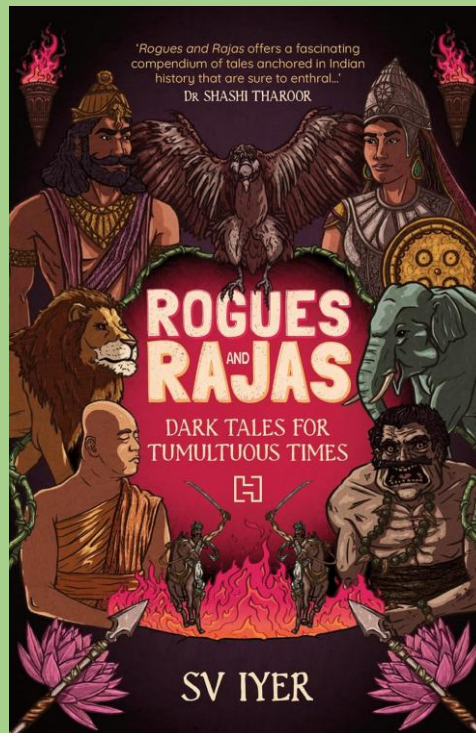
A funny, touching, and triumphant picture book story about a giraffe who finds his own tune and confidence too, with joyful illustrations from Guy Parker Rees.

Read more by Giles Andreae:

Rumble in the Jungle
Elephant Me
Brave Dave
Every Little Hippo Can

Rogues and Rajas

By SV Iyer



The old stories know what darkness lies in the hearts of men, what poison flows in their veins.

Some conquer temptation, sidestep misfortune.

and rise above themselves.

And some lose their dispute with the devil...

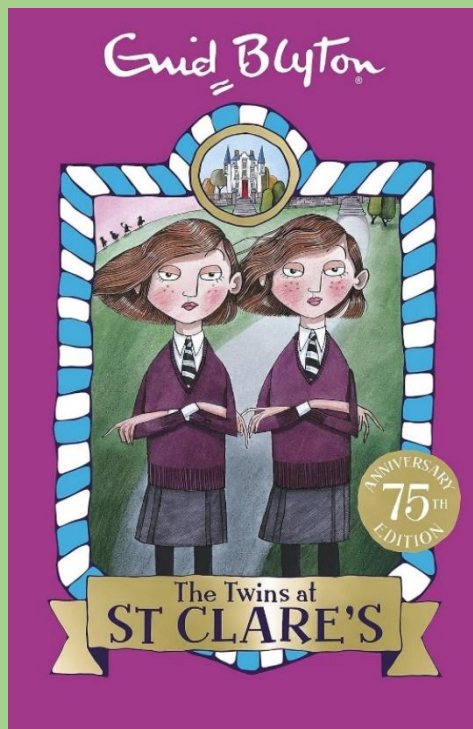
A prince so reviled that he is determined to become the monster everyone calls him. A queen who crushes every challenger who dares to rise. A craftsman who uses his divine talents to steal from the state treasury. An executioner whose paradisiacal garden veils macabre designs. Be it king or knave, queen or slave, minister or minion, the barbaric instinct that might is right echoes and re-echoes across lifetimes.

Dramatically revealing the gambles, betrayals, and plots of fierce and ferocious rulers of ancient India – from Ashoka of Magadha to Shashanka of Bengal and from Didda of Kashmir to Peruvallathan of Tamilakam – and of commonfolk no less menacing, these are tales of an age when intrigue was rife, and offence was the first defence.

Gripping and intense, Rogues and Rajas opens a rare window to a shadowy past, eloquently exposing the underside of the soul, and questioning how far we have come today.

St. Clare's: 01: The Twins at St. Clare's

By Enid Blyton



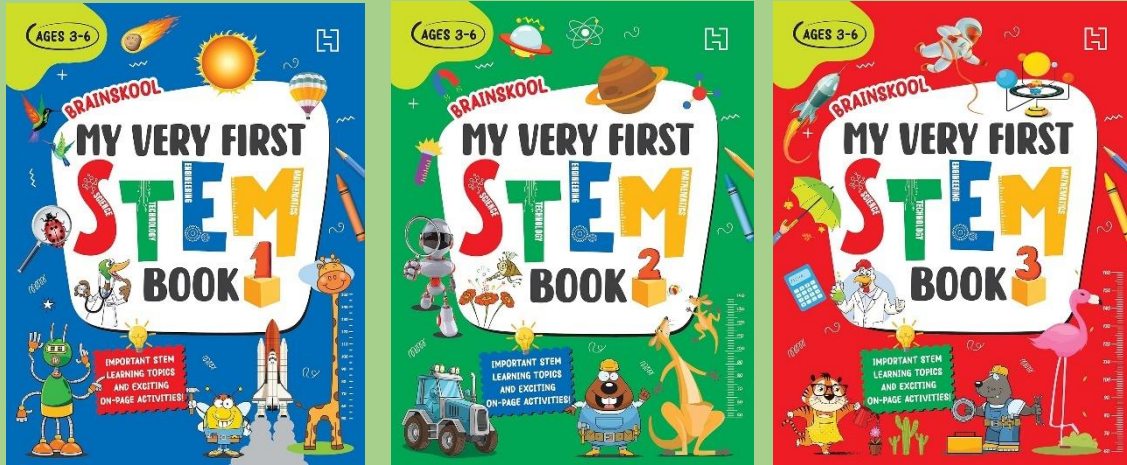
Schooldays at St Clare's are never dull for twins Pat and Isabel O'Sullivan in Enid Blyton's much-loved boarding school series. I

n book one, the twins are simply not having it. St Clare's is beneath them and they're determined to cause a stir. But life at St Clare's is not as easy as they thought. They have several surprises and arguments before they admit their troubles are of their own making and settle down to make friends.

Expect mischief at St Clare's!

NON – FICTION

My Very First Stem Library



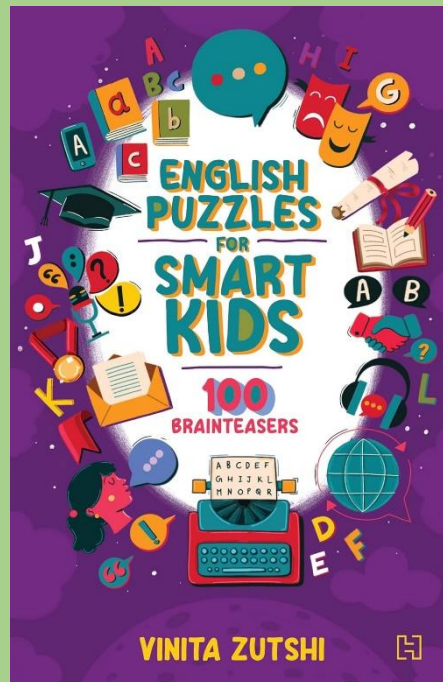
READY, STEADY...STEM!

Spark curiosity in bright young minds with this three-book set that explains early concepts in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in an easy and engaging way for little learners. A scientific approach, critical thinking and creative problem-solving are going to be essential skills for every child in the future. A perfect blend of important learning topics and fun on-page activities, this colourful series –bursting with photographs and illustrations – is guaranteed to stir up big ideas in little scholars.

Also includes an answer key.

English Puzzles for Smart Kids

By Vinita Zutshi



SKYROCKET YOUR LANGUAGE SKILLS WITH THE ULTIMATE ENGLISH PUZZLE BOOK!

Flex your brain muscles with challenges that put your focus and problem-solving skills to the test. Get to the top of the class as you boost your confidence with brainteasers that help you crack every topic you will be tested on. Become a wordsmith and have fun as you level up!

Master English with:

Crosswords
Match the Columns
Word Search
Fill in the Blanks
Scrambled Words
Spot the Error
Crack the Code
Solve the Riddle
Odd One Out

And Much More...

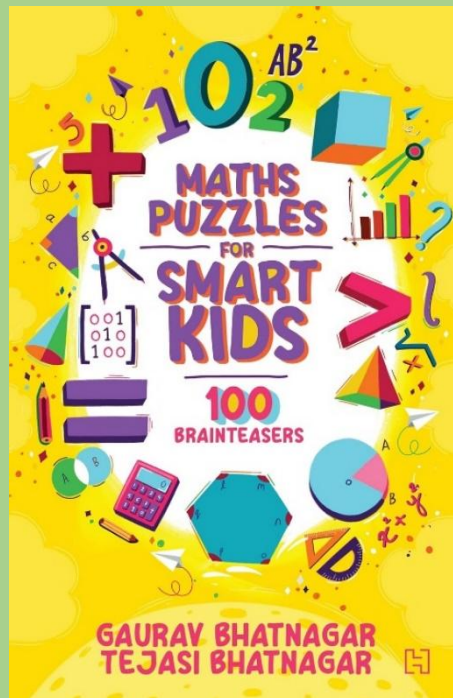
Other books in the series include:

Geography Puzzles for Smart Kids

History Puzzles for Smart Kids

Science Puzzles for Smart Kids

Maths Puzzles for Smart Kids
By Gaurav Bhatnagar and Tejasi Bhatnagar



***TAKE YOUR PROBLEM-SOLVING ABILITY TO THE NEXT LEVEL WITH THE ULTIMATE MATHS
PUZZLE BOOK!***

Boost your logical thinking, sharpen your reasoning, find number patterns, learn to think visually, and strengthen your maths fundamentals, all while solving the puzzles asked by the legendary sage Pita Gora, the kung fu master Ooooh Clide and others.

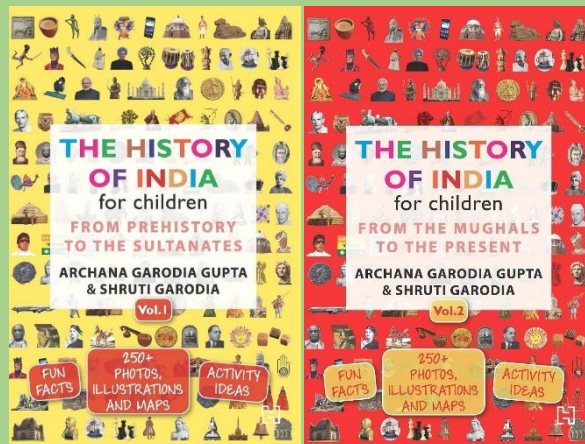
Discover the joy of getting creative ideas and learning something new!

Master Maths With:

Logic Puzzles
Number Series
Linear Equations
Age Puzzles
Geometry Puzzles
Magic Squares
Graph Theory

And Much More...

The History of India Volume 1 & 2
By Archana Garodia Gupta and Shruti Garodia

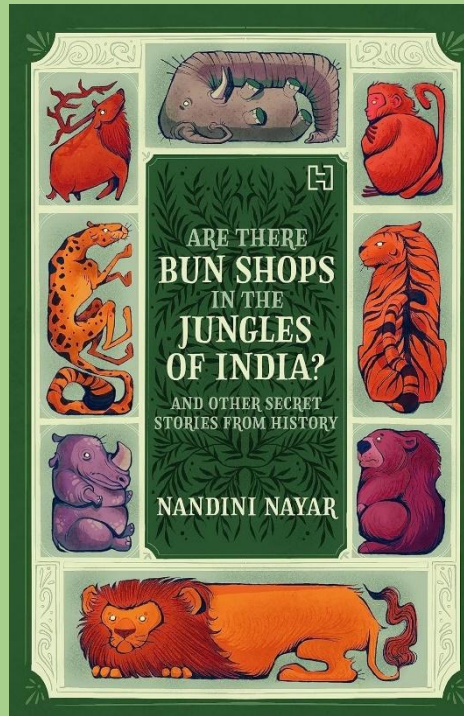


Jump into an action-packed history of India told like never before. Discover our incredible heritage and uncover delightful nuggets about our grand old country. Travel through time and see how people lived, why things happened and how we came to be what we are. Written by BBC Mastermind 'Champion of Champions' Archana Garodia Gupta and history-geek Shruti Garodia, volume 1 spans the ages from the dawn of humans until the Delhi and Deccan sultanates, and tells the story of India's rulers and invaders, traders and architects, sculptors and poets, scientists and innovators, farmers and businessmen, and millions and millions of just ordinary, everyday men and women.

Volume 2 covers the centuries from the Mughals to Modi, and continues the story of India's movers and shakers, artists and traders, patriots and traitors, and the millions of ordinary folks. With a chatty style, simple explanations, and well-rounded coverage, this is the definitive Indian history in two volumes for young readers. Filled with photographs, illustrations, activities, and quotable facts, this is one retelling of history you don't want to miss.

Are There Bun Shops in the Jungles of India?

By Nandini Nayar



When was the last time the MIGHTY tiger roamed freely under the open sky?

What is the SLEEK leopard from sunny India doing in FREEZING England?

How will the HUGE rhinoceros stay in a SMALL, cramped cage?

And why, oh why, is the ENORMOUS elephant eating tiny BUNS in the zoo?

Leopards and cheetahs, bears and antelopes, monkeys, and deer...it's the same SORRY tale. These animals from India have been CAGED for the amusement of people – to be prodded, poked, and teased!

It's upsetting. It's shocking. It's breaking our hearts.

What are we to DO?

Well, we have written letters – a whole SHEAF of them – to the owners of menageries and the zoo, asking them to STOP this cruelty NOW. To give the animals the food, the care, and the freedom they deserve.

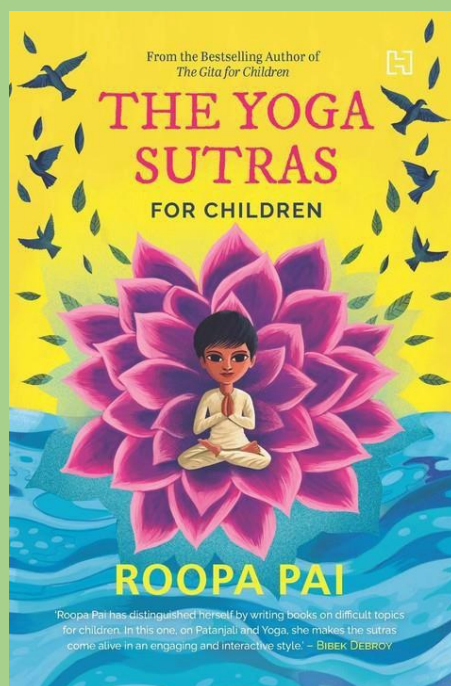
But are they reading them?

Are you?

Read more by Nandini Nayar:

A Sailor Called Wet Paint and Other Secret Stories from History
The Happiness Train

The Yoga Sutras for Children ***By Roopa Pai***



What are the Yoga Sutras? Instructions for bearded rishis who lived in the forests of ancient India? Or the complete manual of asanas? Neither! In fact, the text may well have been called 'Maharishi P's Ultimate Handbook of Mind Control', for it is really a set of techniques to help us – all of us – awaken and harness the explosive power of our minds, through our actions, our attitudes, and our awareness.

And not through asanas? That too, but not in the way you imagined it.

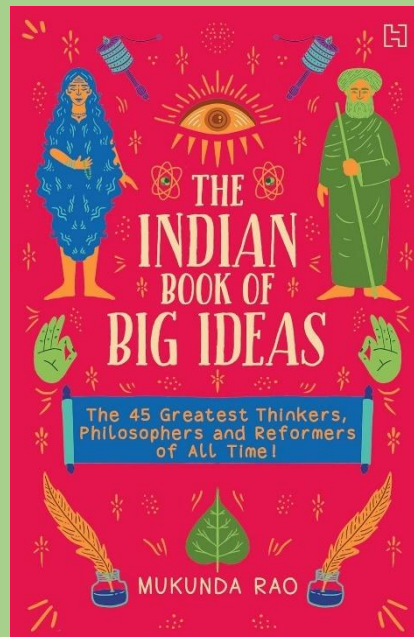
46 In this surprising, sparkling book, Roopa Pai unravels the secrets of Patanjali's compact 2,000-year-old text in ways both fun and accessible. Walk down the well-marked paths into a dazzling world where a whole new version of yourself – self-assured, fearless, and free – awaits you.

Go on, then – what are you waiting for?

Read more by Roopa Pai:

The Gita for Children
The Vedas and Upanishads for Children
Taranauts

The Indian Book of Big Ideas
By Mukunda Rao and adapted by Ashwitha Jayakumar



Who are we?

Is everything in the world connected?

Is truth different for different people?

Does God speak to only some of us?

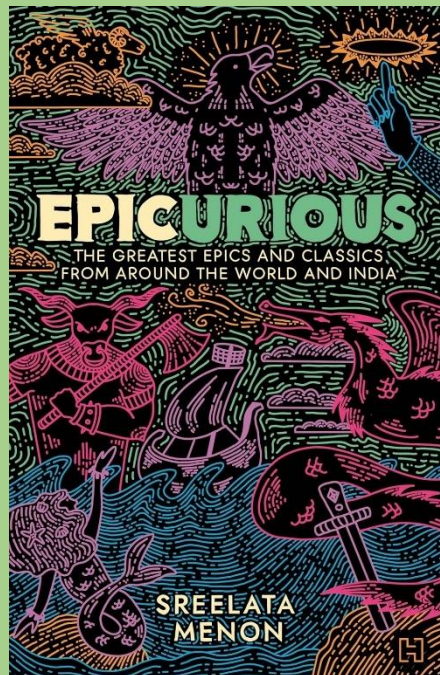
Great minds have forever been engaged in tackling life's big questions. People travelled far and wide in search of answers, learned from others and came up with new ways of understanding the world.

Curious to know what on earth they were thinking?

Now you can walk down the winding path of philosophy from 700 BCE to recent times, discovering the wisdom and teachings of 45 great thinkers, philosophers, and reformers of India. Learn from the most far-sighted luminaries, such as Mahavira, Gargi, Adi Shankara, Kabir, the Buddha, Vivekananda, and Guru Nanak, along with Sri Aurobindo, Rammohan Roy, Rabindranath Tagore and Mahatma Gandhi, and get to know how the most brilliant and influential Indian ideas were born.

These thinkers, you will see, didn't always agree with each other (indeed, they sometimes fiercely disagreed!), but all of them left behind a legacy of courage and compassion that remains valuable even today.

Epicurious
By Sreelata Menon



WHAT ARE THE WORLD'S MOST EXCITING STORIES MADE OF?

Bloodthirsty demons and dragons snarling and spouting fire.
Powerful gods swooping in to defend their fearsome heroes with blood-curdling ferocity.
Ships being tossed about in terrible storms, perilous battles fought back-to-back, the rise
and fall of cities and nations, and bouts of betrayal, war, and tragedy.

Now you can spin the wheel of time and be enchanted by more than 40 such famous ancient epics from Greece, England, France, Italy, Finland, Iran, Japan and many other cultures and countries, besides India, of course! From *The Iliad*, *The Odyssey*, and *The Argonautica* to *Beowulf*, *Paradise Lost* and *The Faerie Queene*, from *The Divine Comedy*, *The Aeneid*, and *The Metamorphoses* to *The Shahnameh*, *The Kalevala* and *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, and from the Ramayana, Mahabharata and *Raghuvamsha* to *Silappadikaram*, *Kumarasambhavam* and *Jivaka Chintamani*, these classic tales of super adventures take you to faraway lands of wonder where danger lurks round every bend, evil is a no-no, heroism a byword, duty a given and goodness a must.

Retold with drama and humour for young readers, *Epicurious* breathes life into the longest- living and thrilling chronicles of the past.

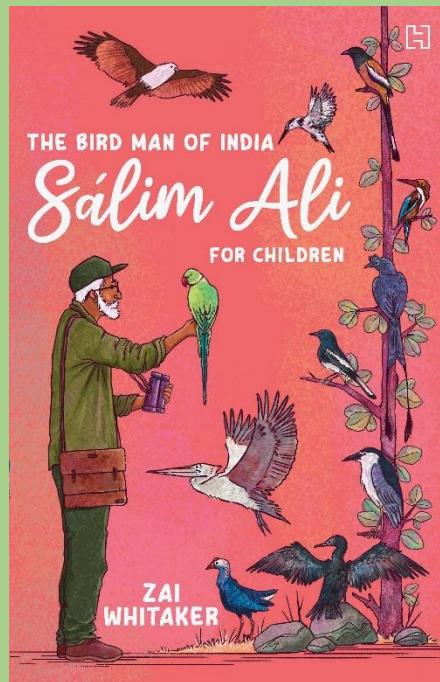
Coming Soon:

The Invincible Heroes and Other Friendship Stories from Mythology

The Fearless Twins and Other Sibling Stories from Mythology

Sálim Ali for Children

By Zai Whitaker

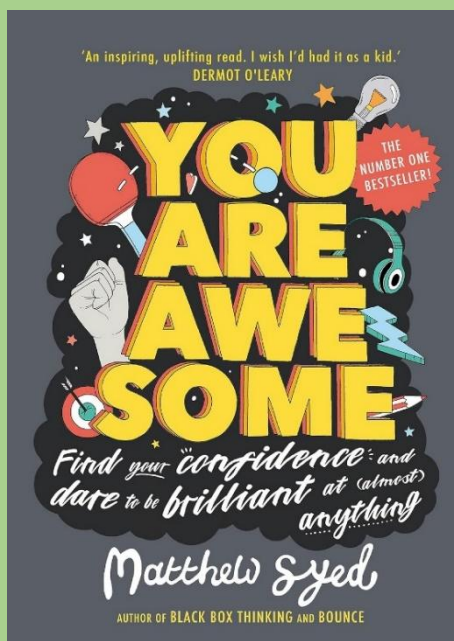


Of course, there were birds in the bushes, trees, and skies before Sálim Ali. But it was he who put them on India's map forever. From being a trigger-happy air gun-toting nine-year-old boy to becoming one of the foremost bird scientists in the world, Sálim Ali did not follow a straight path. Somewhere along his adventures between India, Burma, and Europe, he developed such a single-minded zeal for the study of feathered creatures that he spent all his time close to them.

Over the long course of researching bird life, in the days when there were no computers or internet, he wrote the first Indian field guide to birds, using just a notebook and binoculars. 'Sálim Bhai' – as he was widely known – had neither wealth nor connections in high places, but his passion for birds, a phenomenal memory and discipline made him one of the most famous ornithologists in the country and beyond.

In *Sálim Ali for Children*, his grand-niece Zai Whitaker brings to life the inspiring story of this brilliant, quirky man who left behind an incredible legacy.

You Are Awesome: Find Your Confidence to be Good at Almost Anything
By Matthew Syed



I'm no good at sport ...
I can't do maths ...
I really struggle with exams ...
Sound familiar?

If you believe you can't do something, the chances are you won't try. But what if you really could get better at maths, or sport or exams? In fact, what if you could excel at anything you put your mind to? *You Are Awesome* can help you do just that, inspiring and empowering young readers to find the confidence to realise their potential.

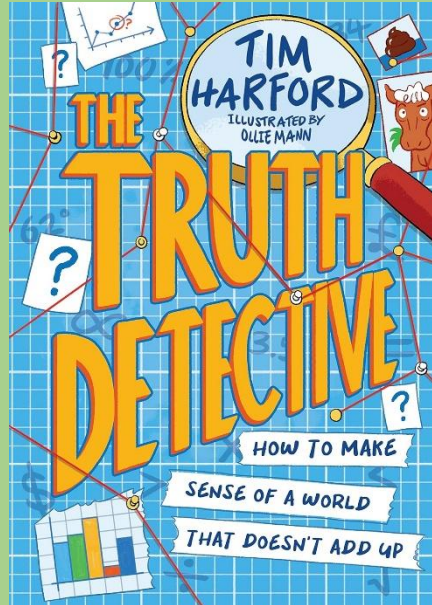
The first children's book from Times journalist, two-time Olympian, and best-selling author Matthew Syed, it uses examples of successful people from Mozart to David Beckham to demonstrate that success really is earned rather than given, and that talent can be acquired. With hard work and determination, practice and self-belief, there's no reason why anyone can't achieve anything.

Practical, insightful, and positive, this is the book to help children build resilience, embrace their mistakes, and grow into successful, happy adults.

Also by Matthew Syed:

Dare to be You

***The Truth Detective:
How to Make Sense of a World That Doesn't Add up
By Tim Harford***



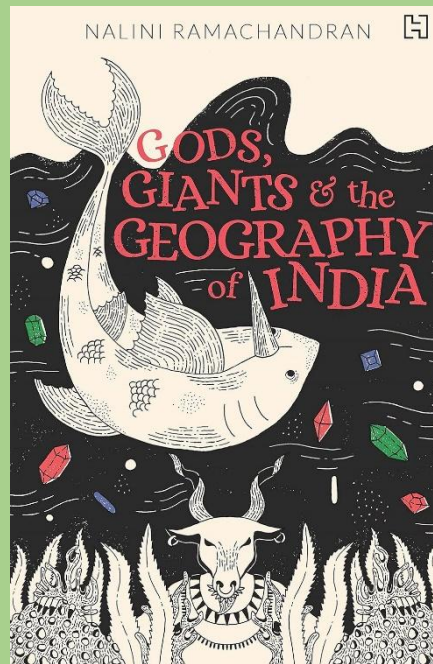
*Did you know that a toy spaceship can teach you about **inflation**?
Or that a pooping cow can show you how to **invest your pocket money**?
And that even the greatest detectives have been fooled by **fake news** and dancing fairies?*

The world is often full of bamboozling headlines and numbers that don't add up. But don't panic. Within these pages you will transform into a Truth Detective, hunting down the truth about the world around you.

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