

# The Fifteen

The Lives and Times of the Women in India's Constituent Assembly

Angellica Aribam & Akash Satyawali

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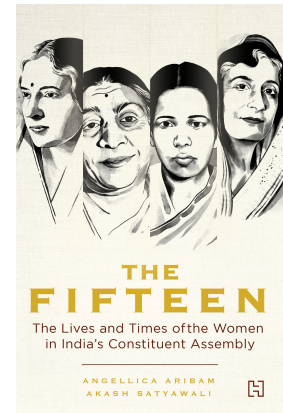
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## SELLING POINTS

- A fresh take on the **history of the Indian Constitution** and the **Constituent Assembly**.
- Contains **fascinating profiles** of its **women members** who **debated, formulated** and **established the cornerstones of our democracy** including Annie Mascarene who the Dewan of Travancore tried to kill, Begum Qudisia Rasul who had a fatwa issued against her and the powerful Nehru sibling, Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit.
- A must-read for **history buffs** and everyone who wishes to know the about the vision that set the **ideals for the Indian Republic** and its future.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

A refreshing look at the story of how the Indian Republic was formed, *The Fifteen* introduces readers for the very first time to the fifteen women who were key members of the Constituent Assembly, whose contributions to the making of the Indian Constitution has often been overlooked.

Tracing the history of how the Indian Constitution was created, *The Fifteen* provides remarkable insight into the lives of these women, tracing the influences that shaped them, the norms they defied, and the convictions they stood for. Rediscovering the inspirational stories of figures like Annie Mascarene who was targeted by the Dewan of Travancore, Begum Qudisia Rasul who had a fatwa issued against her, and the powerful Nehru sibling, Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, it presents engaging profiles of the women who set the tone for how the world's largest democracy would shape up in the future.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR (or Editor/Illustrator/Translator)

**Angellica Aribam** has been working on issues of race, gender and the democratization of politics for nearly a decade. In 2017, she was named as one of Forbes India's 30 under 30 for her work on politics and policy. The same year, she decided to pause her political career to work on a larger goal – to get more women into politics.

**Akash Satyawali** is a lawyer and a political consultant working with the Research Department, Indian National Congress, where he handles political research and outreach activities. After completing LLB from Campus Law Centre, Delhi University, Akash joined Prashant Kishore's Indian Political Action Committee and was associated with designing and executing campaigns for the assembly elections of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

# Menstrual Coupé

Stories

Shahina K Rafiq & Priya K. Nair

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## SELLING POINTS

- Bold, feminist stories that intertwine **magical realism with sharp critique of patriarchy and religious fundamentalism**.
- The story 'Madness' won the **2015 Kamala Suraiyya Award for Fiction**, and the story 'My Notebook' won the **2012 British Council Award**.
- The translator was longlisted for the **2019 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature**.
- 'A surprisingly bold and exceptionally well-crafted stories collection' – **Anees Salim**, winner of the Sahitya Akademi Award

## ABOUT THE BOOK

A woman lives the life of generations of women. A child bride escapes into a dreamland on her wedding night. A delayed train results in a women's compartment opening up about their stories.

In Shahina Rafiq's masterful story collection, women dream about murders and genies, and come together to poke fun at the imposing patriarchal world. Between the tedium of homemaking and the frustration at husbands and fathers, the women travel, swim naked, fantasize about men (and women!), stick together like migrating birds or dive into hidden worlds. Nightmares and dreamscapes go hand-in-hand, and what emerges is a whole new world where women seek to take control of their lives.

*Menstrual Coupé* marks the arrival of one of South Asia's most powerful voices for the first time in English. With her wry humour and cold objectivity, Rafiq's stories traverse both disturbing realities and dream worlds with equal ease.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR (or Editor/Illustrator/Translator)

**Shahina K Rafiq** has a Master's in English Literature and a PhD in English (Film Studies) from the University of Calicut. *Menstrual Coupé* was originally published as *Theendari Vandi*. She won the 2015 Kamala Suraiyya Award for Fiction for her short story, 'Madness' (included in this collection); the 2012 British Council Award for her story 'My Notebook' (included in this collection); and the 2016 British Council Award for Poetry. Her film *8 1/2 Intercuts*, a documentary on director K.G. George, was an official selection at the 2017 International Film Festival of India's Indian Panorama.

### ABOUT THE TRANSLATOR:

**Priya K. Nair** teaches English at St. Teresa's College in Kerala. Her translation of T.D. Ramakrishnan's novel *Sugandhi Alias Andal Devanayaki* was longlisted for the 2019 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature.

# Woebegone's Warehouse of Words

Payal Kapadia

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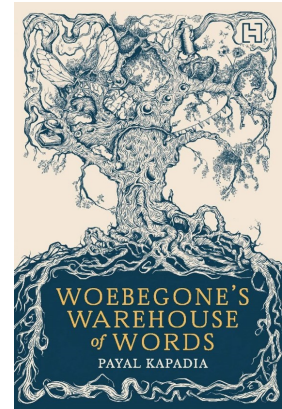
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## SELLING POINTS

- After a four-year silence, Crossword Award-winning author Payal Kapadia does not disappoint. Her much-awaited children's book *Woebegone's Warehouse of Words* captures the spirit of our times. The story is a freedom song for the words that make us human.
- Wildly inventive, grand in sweep, dark, and full of heart, the story touches on the urgent questions of the day: How do we think, feel, imagine or remember when the words are missing? In a toss-up between freedom and survival, what wins? And in a world where lies shape-shift as the truth, of what value is a story?
- A crossover, action-packed story that speaks to both the mind and the heart – perfect for middle-grade edging on YA.
- Teeming with intriguing and engaging character, and alive with wordplay.
- Beautifully told in prose both eloquent and spare. Gold-foiled, stunningly illustrated cover.
- Ambitious plot, lyrical writing, hot-button topics, genre-bending... **Because we can't have enough of this contemporary classic for young readers everywhere, we're going all out with a paperback edition too!**

## ABOUT THE BOOK

'*The Hunger Games* meets *Fahrenheit 451* in this gritty rebel story' – **SOMAN CHAINANI**, author of the bestselling *The School for Good and Evil* series

**Six desperate Words.  
Two fearless Speakers.  
One audacious quest to reclaim the truth,  
if such a thing can still be found.**

In a world where you must pay a price to speak, Speakers have to buy words to use them. And at the click of a button, the flesh-and-ink Words at a warehouse are boxed and shipped to stay alive.

Everything changes when fifteen-year-olds Asha and Zeb break the rules and graffiti a wall. They collide head-on with the tyrannical Word Bloc and its sinister leader, Gunther Glib. For him, power is about controlling what can be said, even if it means silencing the Speakers by forever destroying their Words. In a losing battle, a dying Word urges her friends to escape to the forgotten Wood the Words first came from.

As the paths of the Words and their Speakers intersect, they embark on an epic journey to fight a brutal regime and find what they stand for.

A startling, scorching adventure from award-winning author Payal Kapadia, *Woebegone's Warehouse of Words* is a compelling cry for the freedom of speakers, and their words.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR (or Editor/Illustrator/Translator)

**Payal Kapadia** studied English Literature at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, and took an M.Sc. degree (Journalism) from Northwestern University, Chicago. Reporting for news outlets in Chicago, Washington, DC, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Mumbai, she wrote about elephants who paint for a living and the last Japanese soldiers of Subhas Chandra Bose's Indian National Army, warring street gangs and historic homes going under the hammer.

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- Digitally signed, with rich stained edges and gold-foiling on the stunningly illustrated cover.
- A crossover story that speaks to both the mind and the heart – perfect for middle-grade edging on YA.
- Bookended with imaginative illustration spreads.

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# Cactus Wants A Hug

Neil Flory & Simon Yeo

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## SELLING POINTS

- A cute, emotional rollercoaster, the story explores the **themes of friendship and adventure**.
- Helps in instilling the **idea of seeking what one wants, and of hope and acceptance** – both of others and oneself.
- Be inspired by the determination and resilience of the character as it navigates through **different landscapes and experiences**.
- Charming and **adorable illustrations** are sure to keep make the readers smile!

## ABOUT THE BOOK

Cactus is looking for a hug.

Problem is, he's not very hug-friendly, as a balloon, a tomato and a worm find out.

Cactus is sad for a while, but there's a surprise for him along the way...

A sweet, funny and gorgeously illustrated tale about finding a friend and believing that there's someone for everyone.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR (or Editor/Illustrator/Translator)

**Neil Flory** became a children's writer when his son asked him for a bedtime story and Neil didn't want to make the trek to go get a book. So, he made up a story. *The Short Giraffe*. It got picked up by Australian Kids' Publisher of the Year, Allen & Unwin. That was exciting, so he wrote more books. He now lives in Goa, where he divides his time between writing kids' stories, adult novels, comics and screenplays; making music, art and pottery; taking film photographs; and any other thing that takes his fancy. By buying his book, you are supporting him greatly in his fight against those who wish he'd get a real job.

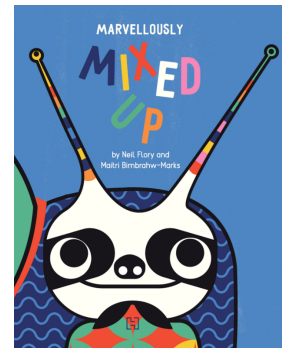
### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR:

**Simon Yeo** has always been an ardent fan of colours, textures, typography, and pop cultures from around the world, and growing up among rich, flavourful and eclectic Asia, his art reflects all that. He was working on a series of paintings when Neil asked him to work on this special book project, which he couldn't resist. These days, he lives with his family in Melbourne, Australia, where he divides his time being a busy parent and indulging his art, street photography, upcycling and landscaping. By buying his book, you will be helping him to launch his art and illustration into a new world.

# Marvellously Mixed Up

## Neil Flory & Maitri Bimbrahw-Marks

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### SELLING POINTS

- **Discover the animal kingdom like never before** – unique creatures, strange patterns and unthinkable combinations.
- Helps reader think outside the box and introduces new ways of looking at nature – **fostering creativity, imagination and curiosity.**
- **Teaches how words are formed, word-building, and the joys and skills of wordplay.**
- Introduce young readers to **fascinating tid-bits about animals.**
- **Unusual illustrations** that will keep the readers guessing and excited.

### ABOUT THE BOOK

Ever met a Donpidrill or a Snoth?

A Hedgekunk or a Hipsquiro?

How about a Kangahopper?

They are all showstoppers!

Meet all these eye-popping creatures

With the most amazing features

That will make you go

Eeeeeee! Awwww! Ohhhhh!

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR (or Editor/Illustrator/Translator)

**Neil Flory** became a children's writer when his son asked him for a bedtime story and Neil didn't want to make the trek to go get a book. So, he made up a story. *The Short Giraffe*. It got picked up by Australian Kids' Publisher of the Year, Allen & Unwin. That was exciting, so he wrote more books. He now lives in Goa, where he divides his time between writing kids' stories, adult novels, comics and screenplays; making music, art and pottery; taking film photographs; and any other thing that takes his fancy. By buying his book, you are supporting him greatly in his fight against those who wish he'd get a real job.

#### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR:

**Maitri Bimbrahw-Marks** is a NIFT graduate and a graphic designer. She began to illustrate when Neil saw her drawing up designs to make soft toys out of her mom's vintage tablecloth and asked her to mix up creatures instead. Now she can't stop dreaming up and illustrating books for young readers. She lives in Bengaluru, bringing up two daughters and a husband, and fostering three kittens.

# Lakshmi's Little Bird

Sharanya Kunnath

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## SELLING POINTS

- A **heartwarming picture book** that takes readers on a **delightful journey into the world of friendship**, where the **unexpected bonds between cows and birds** prove that true companionship knows no boundaries.
- It not only entertains but also teaches essential life lessons about **empathy, compassion, and the interconnectedness of all living beings**.
- It is an ideal bedtime story, offering a sense of warmth and reassurance that leaves young **readers with a smile on their faces and a full heart**.
- **Beautifully hand-drawn coloured illustrations** with striking colours that are sure to appeal to any one who picks up the book.
- **A book for the lovers of art!**

## Lead

## ABOUT THE BOOK

**All that Lakshmi wants is her own bird buddy – her very own pakshi.**

After all, all the other cows have one.

One by one, many birds come, but they don't stay. With a skip in her step and a twinkle in her eye, Lakshmi waits...

Until one day, there is a flutter of wings and a burst of laughter... A chatty, chirpy bird comes her way.

Will this one stay? Will Lakshmi finally find her perfect match?

This delightful picture book by illustrator-author Sharanya Kunnath is a heartwarming story about acceptance and finding extraordinary friendships in the most unexpected places.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR (or Editor/Illustrator/Translator)

**Sharanya Kunnath** is an illustrator, graphic designer and now a first-time author, who has drawn for as long as she can remember – on walls and in the margins of textbooks. She has spent varying portions of her life in Doha, Chennai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Bournemouth, and is now back in Bengaluru, which she considers a homecoming. She lives in the outskirts of the city, where the nearby landscape and geography have influenced her love for ancient temples, architecture and cows. Her illustration work has appeared across the covers and insides of multiple books, some of which have been nominated for awards such as the Parag Honour List and the Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2023. Her newest fascination is identifying insects and birds.

# The Day It Rained Letters

Nury Vittachi & Eamonn O'Boyle

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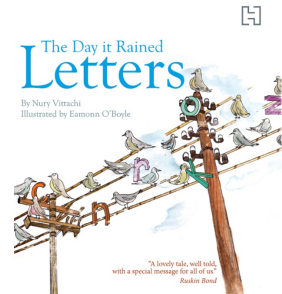
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## SELLING POINTS

- **'A lovely tale, well told, with a special message for all of us.'** – Ruskin Bond
- The book is centred around the **themes of reading and the love for storybooks** and how stories open the minds and hearts of young readers.
- Teaches the priceless value of **imagination** and **words**.
- Perfect for curious learners, the book opens doors to vibrant imagination while subtly instructing **concepts of 'alphabet' and 'letters'**.
- **Beautiful drawings** that will keep the reading journey immersive and engaging.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

In a world where there are no storybooks, a few letters of the alphabet fall – donk!

This sets Minky Binka and her friend Rama Khan off on an adventure – and they find that reading unlocks a wonderful dream machine called Imagination hidden in everyone's head.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR (or Editor/Illustrator/Translator)

**Nury Vittachi** is one of Asia's best-known writers, the founding editor of the Asia Literary Review and chief judge of the Australia-Asia Literary Award. He has published more than 30 books, including the comedy-crime novel series, The Feng Shui Detective. His columns on his website are read by more than a million people a month. However, his biggest love is children's literature, and he has written many books for them, including *The Paper Princess* and *The True History of Santa Claus*. Vittachi currently lives in Hong Kong with his wife and their three adopted children.

### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR:

**Eamonn O'Boyle** graduated from the National College of Art and Design, Dublin, Ireland. He has been living and working in Hong Kong since then as a freelance illustrator, art director and designer. He has also illustrated a number of children's books, such as *The True History of Santa Claus*, *The Paper Princess* and *The Tales of Ricky*, all published by PPP Company Limited, Hong Kong. He has also contributed to ABC: Hong Kong's Biggest Alphabet Book, published in aid of The Child Development Centre.

# Chambers Book of Sports Facts

Over 1,000 essential facts

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## SELLING POINTS

- A meticulously researched, **thematically divided** sports book that goes beyond cricket and football to explore a **wide array of sports including basketball, tennis, athletics, golf, swimming, fencing, and more.**
- Each chapter presents a unique theme, offering **engaging storytelling alongside comprehensive coverage of rules, origins, fun facts, quirky trivia, awe-inspiring tales, and astonishing information.**
- Perfect for **sports enthusiasts** seeking a blend of intrigue and information, as well as for individuals who enjoy **fun facts and trivia.**
- An essential companion for anyone interested in the sporting spirit, providing a **holistic view of the world of sports, catering to a diverse range of interests, making it a narrative of facts that offers a pulp-fiction-level high-octane experience.**
- Offers a unique opportunity to **explore lesser-known aspects of various sports, enhancing understanding and appreciation** for the diversity within the sporting world.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

### Did you Know?

- Paavo Nurmi, Finland's legendary athlete, was the first well-known personality to light the Olympic torch.
- In 1971, the moon became an unexpected sporting arena when Alan Shepard, a member of the Apollo 14 mission, played golf on its surface.
- Austrian Formula One driver Niki Lauda was involved in a very bad crash in the German Grand Prix 1976, that a priest even performed his last rites. He returned to racing within forty days, eventually winning the World Championship twice.

The sports edition of the **Chambers Facts** series offers an enthralling exploration of multiple sports, ranging from cricket and football to basketball, tennis, golf, swimming, athletics and more. Divided thematically, this panoptic yet riveting book delves into the origin, history, pioneers, tournaments, and anecdotes from the dynamic world of sports, a narrative that takes you on a rollercoaster ride. Experience the full spectrum of emotions – from great sporting gestures to humour, tragedy, thrill, controversy, and inspiring tales.

This ultimate sports compendium is the perfect fusion of intrigue and information, catering to quizzers, sports aficionados, and curious minds alike. Whether you seek in-depth knowledge or fascinating trivia, this book is a must-have addition to your collection.

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