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BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

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IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE – THE ASTRID LINDGREN MEMORIAL AWARD.

Inspirational work – Leawik Blan, Asian Education Foundation, University of Melbourne, Australia.



“... tugs at your imagination...” — *I Have a Home*, Parenting

“An absolutely delightful book!” — *The Glass Tree*, Young India Books

“... the dearly loved world of Tagore.” — *Katha Bangla Library*, The Open Library

“This delectable book, like a chocolate ice-cream is for all ages, moods and minds.
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“Read cover to cover, it is a dog-eared tale of a cat.” — *For the Love of a Cat*, Saffron Tree

“A wonderful attempt to bring such folk art in prominence.” — *Bioscope*, Literary Sojourn

“Truly creative and innovative methods and dedicated staff for the cause of education.
An asset to the society.” — *Rita Sharma*

School Inspector, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, South Zone

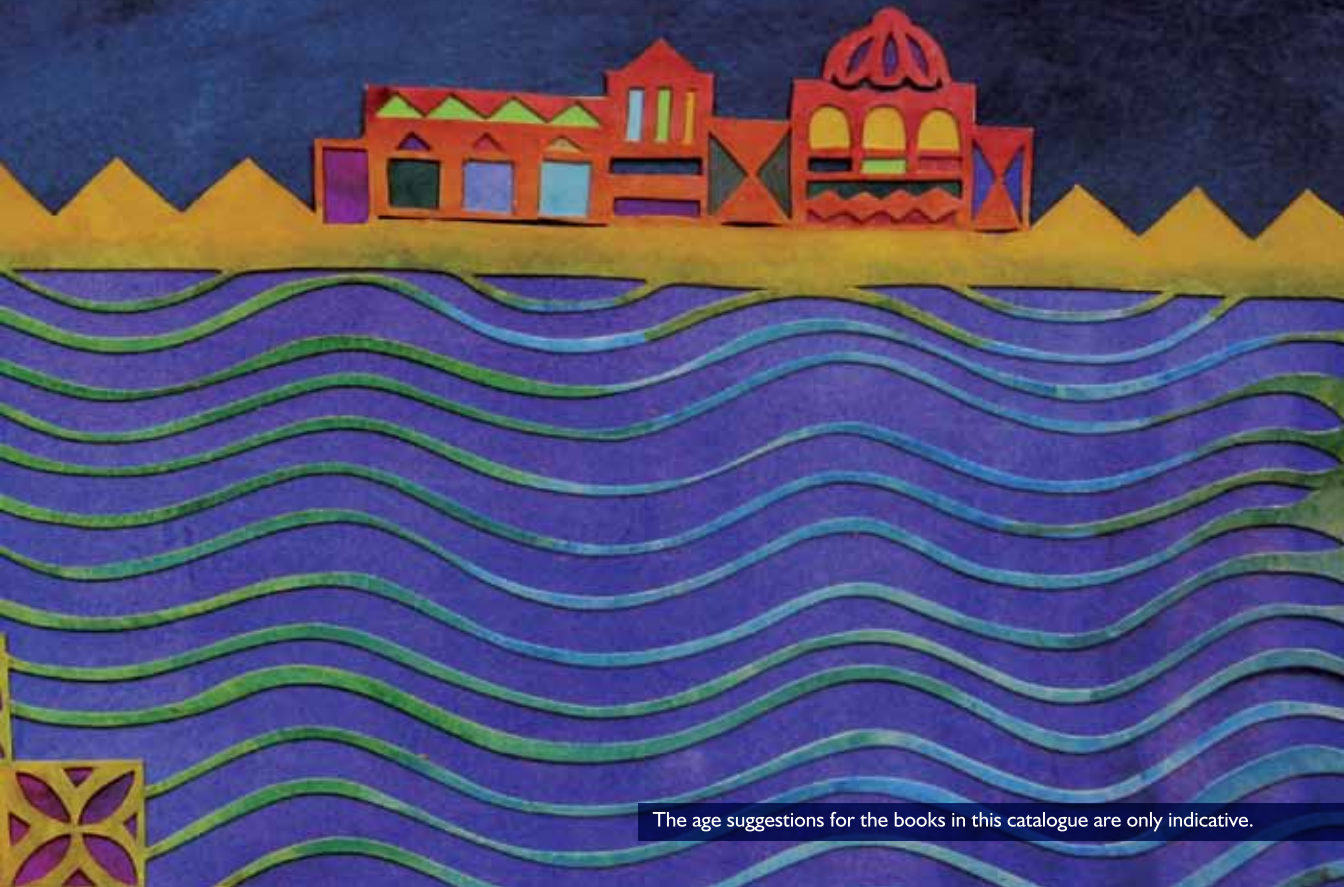
We present an array of stories for different age groups that will enchant, entertain and educate young readers. Experience the magic of story, the magic of Katha ...

Books are cool!

India has always been a land of storytellers. “Katha” or the narrative is a valued heritage that has moved from oral traditions to written texts, from the heard word to the read word. Today, in times so influenced by software and multimedia, Katha strives to keep our great storytelling traditions alive by publishing culturally distinctive children’s literature.

Katha’s children’s publishing programme boosts reading initiatives with stories that have been explored in-depth for their effect on impressionable young minds. Our books introduce children to the diverse regional influences of our own country as well as to international bestsellers for different age groups. All our books are published both in English and Hindi, to provide a boost to a child’s vocabulary and imagination.

Katha also organizes the Katha Chitrakala Award, a special initiative to identify and applaud excellence in writing and illustrating for children.



A Celebration of the Best in Indian Art & Literature for Children

YOUNG INDIA LIBRARY

Katha's YOUNG INDIA LIBRARY books are wrapped in a certain magic that will nourish a child's imagination. This series presents **translated narratives that feature regional flavours**, and **traditional art with diverse imagery**.

Bangla Library

From Katha Bangla Library we bring to you the Tantalizing Tagore series. This set of five classics from one of India's most loved poets is a must-have for every child. The gorgeous illustrations provide the right kind of art experience for the little ones ... truly a collectible!

Timeless Tagore for Children!

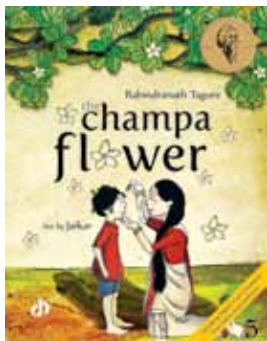
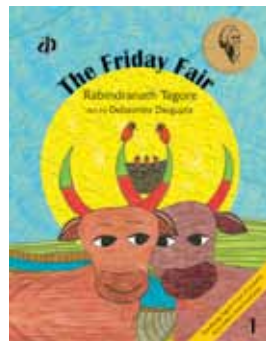
The Friday Fair

RECOMMENDED BY CBSE FRESH ARRIVAL

Rabindranath Tagore | Art by Debasmita Dasgupta

Here comes a timeless poem by one of the greatest poets of all times. Swinging in rhyme and rhythm, this poem unfurls vividly to create a kaleidoscope of colours, smells and sounds. A sure keep-for-ever book!

Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 2+ | Pub: 2013 [ENG] | 2011 [HINDI]
pp. 24 | 9" X 7" | ISBN 978-93-82454-10-6 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 80
ISBN 978-81-89934-72-9 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 65 | World Rights: KATHA



The Champa Flower

FRESH ARRIVAL

Rabindranath Tagore | Art by Jaikar

What if your child decides to be a champa flower? Will you know that it is him? From India's greatest poet and storyteller comes this charming and perky poem that will surely lead to a fun round of hide-and-seek. A timeless treasure. Enjoy!

Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 2+ | Pub: 2012 | pp. 24 | 9" X 7"
ISBN 978-93-82454-00-7 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 120
ISBN 978-93-82454-01-4 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA



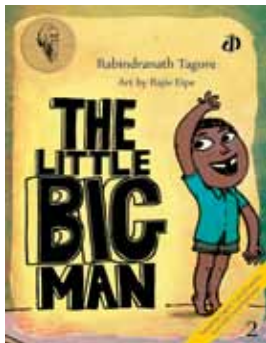
FRESH ARRIVAL **The Astronomer**

Rabindranath Tagore | Art by Harshvardhan Kadam

Have you ever tried to catch the moon? Is the moon really that far away? A curious little girl really doesn't think so, but her elder brother keeps telling her otherwise! Can she convince him? Find out as she shares a delightful dialogue with her Dada. Another timeless gem from Gurudev.



Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 2+ | Pub: 2012 | pp. 24 | 9" X 7"
ISBN 978-93-82454-02-1 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 120
ISBN 978-93-82454-03-8 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA



RECOMMENDED BY CBSE **The Little Big Man**

Rabindranath Tagore | Art by Rajiv Eipe

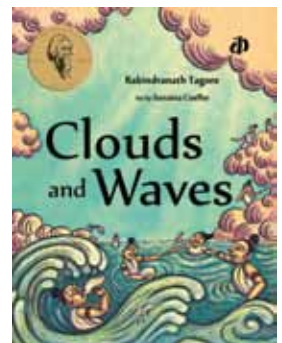
The Little Big Man shows what it's like for a child to wear his father's shoes, to grow up and assume adult responsibilities. Tagore's magic exercised one more time, with this one. Through the eyes of a child, a poetic ideal!

Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 2+ | Pub: 2011 | pp. 24 | 9" X 7"
ISBN 978-81-89934-81-1 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 120
ISBN 978-81-89934-82-8 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA

RECOMMENDED BY CBSE **Clouds and Waves**

Rabindranath Tagore | Art by Sunaina Coelho

An endearing poem of a child who refuses tempting invitations, instead staying with her mother at playtime, blissful in her company. Word woven with great tenderness by the greatest poet of all times, a gentle verse for all the little ones.



Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 2+ | Pub: 2011 | pp. 24 | 9" X 7"
ISBN 978-81-89934-83-5 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 120
ISBN 978-81-89934-84-2 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA

"... dearly-loved world of Bengal and Tagore's own sense of the magical in a child ... suited for 4 to 7 years old. The illustrators seemed to have revelled in the Bengali ambience and drawn their characters very true to the life of those days ... it was welcome to find an introduction to Gurudev at the end of the books.

– The Open Library



Once Upon a Moontime

Presented by Mamang Dai | Art by Nimret Handa

Two brothers create the world; a river wanders over the mountain; the dove sings a lullaby; a wayward sun tries to scorch the earth. Four delightful tales from Arunachal Pradesh on how the world came to be.

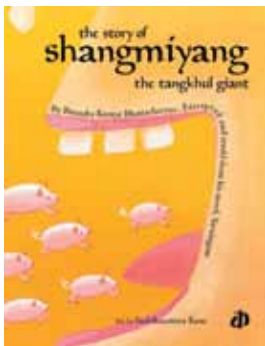
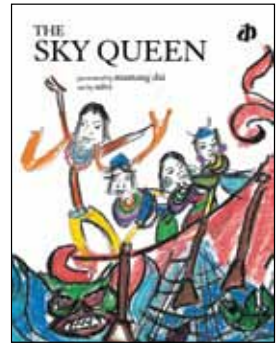
Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 6+ | Pub: 2005 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 32 | 9" X 7"
ISBN 978-81-89020-34-7 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 120 | ISBN 978-81-89020-83-5 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95
World Rights: KATHA

The Sky Queen

Mamang Dai | Art by Srivi

A superb retelling of an age-old classic folk tale from Arunachal Pradesh. The story of Nyanyi Myete, the glorious celestial aunt of the Kojum-Koja, from the lovely, ever-changing natural world.

Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 6+ | Pub: 2005 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 32 | 9" X 7"
ISBN 978-81-89020-32-3 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 120 | ISBN 978-81-89020-82-8 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95
World Rights: KATHA



The Story of Shangmiyang

Birendra Kumar Bhattacharyya | Art by Suddhasattwa Basu

A little book about the gentle, BIG giant who sneezed up a storm ...
A visual delight for children, superbly illustrated by Suddhasattwa Basu.

Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 6+ | Pub: 2005 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 32 | 9" X 7"
ISBN 978-81-89020-37-8 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 120 | ISBN 978-81-89020-81-1 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95
World Rights: KATHA

U Sier Lapalang

A Khasi tale retold by Kynpham Sing Nongkynrih
Art by Maya Ramaswamy

Lapalang, a young deer, loves adventure. He sets off in search of something different, not heeding to his mother's words or to the voice inside him. This is the tragic and unforgettable story of U Sier Lapalang, from the cloud land of Meghalaya.

Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 6+ | Pub: 2005 | Reprints: 4 | pp. 32 | 9" X 7"
ISBN 978-81-89020-31-6 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 120 | ISBN 978-81-89020-79-8 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95
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The Northeast is one of the most culturally diverse regions in India. Each of the eight states have their own distinct range of cultures and traditions. A region renowned for its magical beauty and amazing diversity, the Northeast is home to more than 300 separate tribal groups, speaking a wide range of languages. These stories reiterate and celebrate the vibrancy of this region.

Various Authors

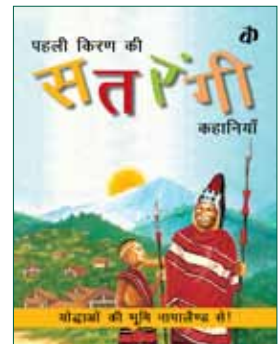
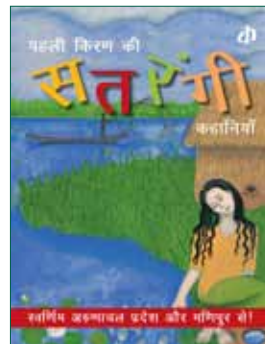
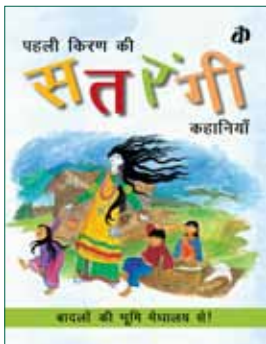


First Sun Stories

Sunrise stories ... Here is Katha's first collection of folktales from Northeast India, lovingly retold and illustrated for children. The story of creation from the Ao people, a Khasi tale of how the peacock's tail got its golden spots, the story of the hornbill girl from the Meitis, the Tejmola legend of Assam ... and many more.

CHOSEN IN 101 BEST INDIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY YOUNG ZUBAAN

Available in English | Age Group: 6+ | Pub: 2005 | Reprints: 1 | pp. 88 | 11" X 8.5"
ISBN 978-81-89020-33-0 [HB] [ENG] | Rs 350 | World Rights: KATHA



Pahli Kiran Ki Satrangi Kahaniyan **FRESH ARRIVAL** **RECOMMENDED BY CBSE**

Four Books from five states - celebrate the beauty of the Northeast through these beautifully illustrated translations of folktales. Now in Hindi.

Available in Hindi | Age Group: 6+ | Pub: 2012 | 9" X 7" | World Rights: KATHA

pp. 24 | ISBN 978-81-89020-55-2 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 120 | योद्धाओं की भूमि नागालैण्ड से!

pp. 28 | ISBN 978-81-89020-56-9 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 120 | स्वर्णिम अरुणाचल प्रदेश और मणिपुर से!

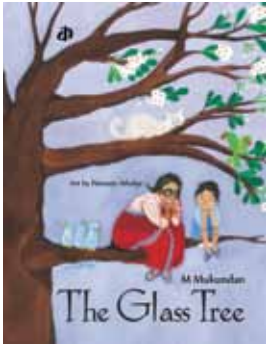
pp. 32 | ISBN 978-81-89020-61-3 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 120 | बादलों की भूमि मेघालय से!

pp. 40 | ISBN 978-81-89020-58-3 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 120 | सिंदूरी नदियों की भूमि असम से!

Fourteen folktales from the North East. And each one of them so different yet so interesting. Some funny, some sad, but all sure to keep the reader engaged to the very end.

— The Hindu

Malayalam Library



The Glass Tree

RECOMMENDED BY CBSE

M Mukundan | Art by Poonam Athalye

Unni has lots and lots of stories to tell. And his grandmother cannot go to sleep without one of Unni's colourful tales.

A delightful retelling of the original prize-winning Malayalam story, just for your little storyteller!

ROBINAGE RECOMMENDS AS BEST READS ON ENVIRONMENT

YOUNG INDIA RECOMMENDS AS BEST READS

Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 6+ | Pub: 2011 | pp. 32 | 11" X 8.5" | ISBN 978-81-89934-79-8 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 225
ISBN 978-81-89934-80-4 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 145 | World Rights: KATHA

... successfully conveys a subtle message on saving our trees from being axed. An absolutely delightful book!

— Young India Books 2012

Tamil Library

I am Aan

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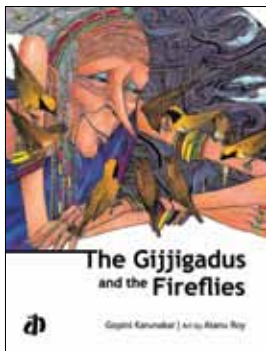
Meenakshi Bharadwaj | Art by Christopher Corr

A heart-warming story of Aan as he embarks on his journey from the magical world of childhood to the tough adult one. Punctuated with facts on elephants, Aan's exciting voyage of self-discovery will sure make him great friends with young readers.



Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 6+ | Pub: 2010 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 32 | 7" X 9"
ISBN 978-81-89934-61-3 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 95 | ISBN 978-81-89934-62-0 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA

Telugu Library



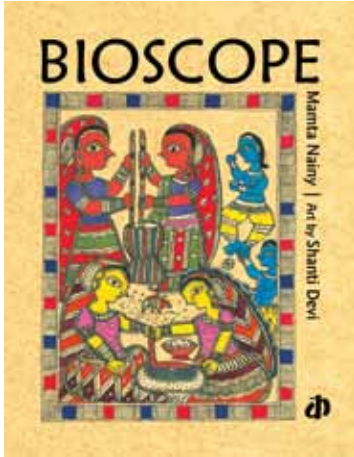
The Gijjigadus and the Fireflies

Gopini Karunakar | Art by Atanu Roy

The nests of the golden sparrows are dark, they have no light. They fly all the way to the Kingdom of Gods to ask for help, and together they find a magical solution. With rich imagery, leaps of fantasy, shadows and moon dust; this shimmering tale of friendship is sure to light up the eyes of its little readers.

So pick up this book, snuggle up with your child, and unwind with a dip in the moonlight!

Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 2+ | Pub: 2011 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 24 | 16" X 12"
ISBN 978-81-89934-75-0 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 350 | ISBN 978-81-89934-76-7 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 275 | World Rights: KATHA



Bioscope **BESTSELLER**

Mamta Nainy | Art by Shanti Devi

IBBY HONOUR LIST 2012 **RECOMMENDED BY CBSE**

Join Guddu as she takes you on a tour through the heartland of Mithila.

Simple joys of life are strung together with striking imagination. Guddu's warm-hearted and humorous narrative will make your lips curl to bring a smile.

Available in English and Hindi

Age Group: 2+ | Pub: 2011 | Reprints: 3 | pp. 32 | 9" X 7"

ISBN 978-81-89934-70-5 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 95

ISBN 978-81-89934-71-2 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA

A wonderful attempt by Katha to bring such folk art in prominence and to give the proficient artists the respect and fame that they so rightly deserve. — Literary Sojourn

Minimal text and vibrant illustrations by an accomplished Madhubani artist presents a great opportunity for children to look at and discuss with a parent or a teacher, or, maybe just soak it all in themselves. — Young India Books

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Mai and her Friends

Concept and Art by Durga Bai

Showcasing Traditional Gond Art

One dark stormy night, Konda wanders far away from home and is lost. Her family, a young calf and Mai, set out to look for her, and thus begins an extraordinary tale of caring and companionship. With its unlikely heroes, the story is sure to be loved by children and parents alike.

With signature Gond patterns and tips on making natural colours, the book is a great resource for acquainting young minds to this amazing folk art form.



Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 2+ | Pub: 2010 | Reprints: 3 | pp. 32 | 9" X 7"

ISBN 978-81-89934-55-2 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 120 | ISBN 978-81-89934-56-9 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA

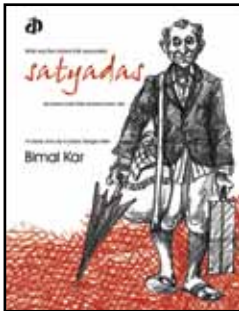
Kids will appreciate the way friends come together and help in times of need ... Durga Bai has also illustrated it [as] a hypnotic mixture of dots and dashes, dreamy shapes and blocks of colour, supposed to look like embroidery.

— Time Out, 2011

A prize book at a super price!

— Young India Books

An interesting and inspiring tale about love, affection, helping and acknowledging. I always admire such books which convey the message effortlessly through the narrative. Getting such character-forming values from different sources always help innocent minds in imbibing the same. — Literary Sojourn



Satyadas **BESTSELLER** **RECOMMENDED BY CBSE**

Bimal Kar | Art by Neeta Gangopadhyya

A story about how truth and honesty are compromised when material well-being arrives. The story showcases with sensitivity the exit of human values with the advent of material wealth and prosperity.

Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 10+ | Pub: 2006

Reprints: 8 | pp. 40 | 7" X 9" | ISBN 978-81-89020-68-2 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 95

ISBN 978-81-89020-72-9 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA

While the charcoal sketches bring to life the humble life and household of Raghunath, the story, originally written in Bengali, is about the decline in human values as one falls prey to greed. As the prologue to the book describes, it is a story "exploring truth, falsehood and everything in between."

— The Hindu

Raj Kahini

Abanindranath Tagore | Art by Vikram Nayak

Translated from the Bangla

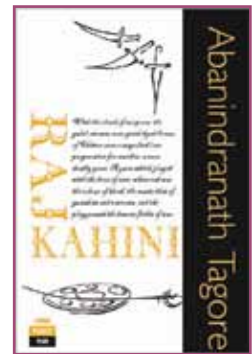
Do you hear the swish of dry desert winds, the clash of swords ...?

Come, enter the world of high intrigue, valour and courage in these timeless tales of Rajasthan's queens and kings.

Available in English | Age Group: 13+

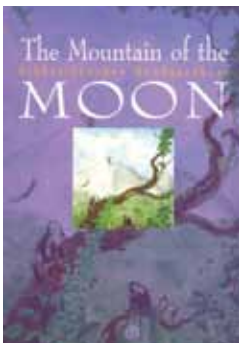
Pub 2004 | pp. 200 | 6.75" X 4.5"

ISBN 81-89020-52-8 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 120 | World Rights: KATHA



Nine picturesque tales that you'll never forget, from the master storyteller. Though a painter, Abanindranath Tagore loved writing for children. Perhaps that is why his uncle Rabindranath Tagore had urged him to write. When Abanindranath finally did, these unforgettable stories were born. Now, for the first time in English from Katha.

— School Planet



The Mountain of the Moon

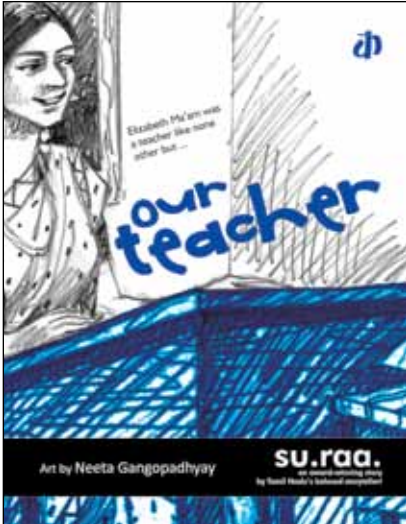
Bibhutibhushan Bandopadhyay | Art by Suddhasattwa Basu

The lurking danger, the mystery that shrouds it, the places you cannot run away from or hide in. Discover the magic and mystery of Africa created by Bibhutibhushan Bandopadhyay. A must read for all those who dream to dare, dare to dream.

Available in English | Age Group: 13+

Pub: 2003 | pp. 152 | 8"X5.5"

ISBN 81-87649-30-5 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 150 | World Rights: KATHA



Our Teacher FRESH ARRIVAL

Sundara Ramaswamy | Art by Neeta Gangopadhyay

Our Teacher is an important story of academic integrity and success; a vital lesson on the commitment of a teacher in educating the students, not just teaching them. Carrying the fragrance, the flavour and the felicity of the original, this award-winning translation brings to the readers, the foremost voice of modern Tamil literature and the winner of Katha Chudamani Award for Literary Achievement, Su.rraa.

Available in English and Hindi

Age Group: 10+ | Pub: 2012 | pp. 44 | 7" X 9"

ISBN 978-81-89934-88-0 [HB] [ENG] | Rs 150

ISBN 978-81-89934-89-7 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 120 | World Rights: KATHA

Parthiban's Dream

Kalki | Translated by Gita Rajan

Art by Srivi

A classic by Kalki, the book traces the fall and the final realization of the illustrious King Parthiban Chola's dream of an all-powerful Chola empire and the exploits of the even more illustrious Pallava king, Narsimhan Varman.



Available in English | Age Group: 13+

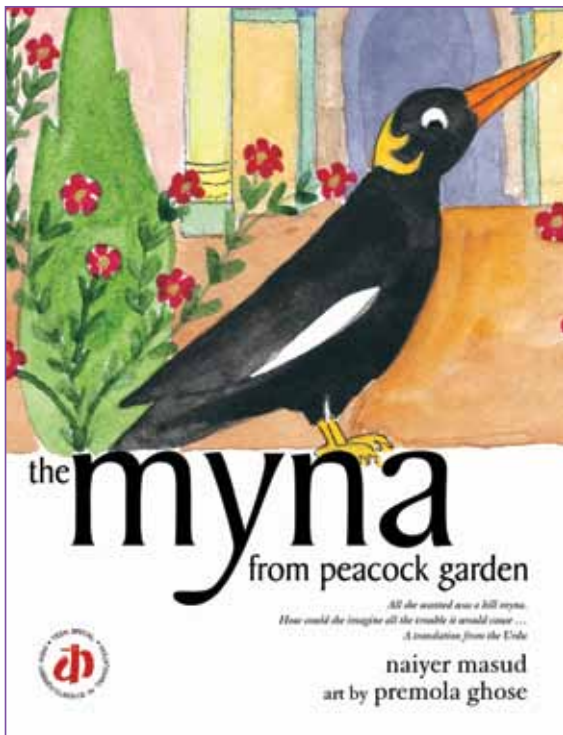
Pub: 2006 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 240 | 6.75" X 4.5"

ISBN 81-89020-64-1 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 150 | World Rights: KATHA

A gripping story spanning a wide canvas, Parthiban's Dream is a melting pot of adventure, mystery, romance, black magic and history. It is cast in the times of the Cholas and Pallavas, and brings alive the period in its lively and intricate description of the life and times of the people. A simple and elegant style of writing and eloquent charcoal illustrations in a folksy style are highlights of the novel.

— Chandamama





The Myna from Peacock Garden

BESTSELLER **RECOMMENDED BY CBSE**

Naiyer Masud | Art by Premola Ghose

Work is on in full swing at the Royal Peacock Garden to install a wondrous cage that will house forty talking hill mynas. Soon, the cage and its lively, twittering occupants are entrusted to Kale Khan's care. But he steals a myna for his little motherless daughter, who has long been asking him for one. What lies in store for Kale Khan ... and the beautiful historic city of Lucknow?

Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 13+
 Pub: 2010 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 96 | 9" X 7"
 ISBN 978-81-89934-64-4 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 199
 ISBN 978-81-89934-65-1 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 199 | World Rights: KATHA

The dreamlike quality and the meticulous attention to language ... — Mehraab

...[a] masterful portrayal of the Lucknow of yore.

— The World of Urdu Poetry

Teen Readings

Dip into a mix of unforgettable short fiction and novels that are sure to enchant, amuse and provoke. These books from the Pocket Plus series present an eclectic collection of stories in reader-friendly translations. Fine short fiction from across the country, this collection is a sure way of knowing India through her stories.

The Verdict

Available in English | Age Group: 13+
 Pub: 2006 | pp. 136 | 6.75" X 4.5"
 ISBN 81-89020-60-9 | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA

Ghost Stories

Available in English | Age Group: 13+
 Pub: 2006 | pp. 64 | 6.75" X 4.5"
 ISBN 81-89020-53-6 | Rs 75 | World Rights: KATHA

Night of the Third Crescent

Available in English | Age Group: 13+
 Pub: 2005 | pp. 144 | 6.75" X 4.5"
 ISBN 81-89020-51-X | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA

Bhiku's Diary

Available in English | Age Group: 13+
 Pub: 2005 | pp. 136 | 6.75" X 4.5"
 ISBN 81-89020-59-5 | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA

The Dragonfly

Available in English | Age Group: 13+
 Pub: 2005 | pp. 176 | 6.75" X 4.5"
 ISBN 81-89020-62-5 | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA

The Bell

Available in English | Age Group: 13+
 Pub: 2006 | pp. 144 | 6.75" X 4.5"
 ISBN 81-89020-63-3 | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA

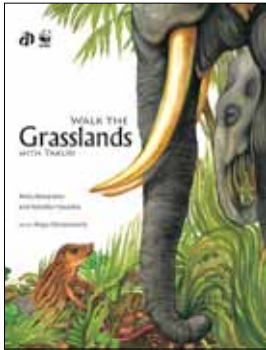
Lucese's Church

Available in English | Age Group: 13+
 Pub: 2005 | pp. 120 | 6.75" X 4.5"
 ISBN 81-89020-50-1 | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA

Presenting Wondrous Facts of Nature from all over the Planet

Here are books that make facts and information lots of fun! The series will help children discover flora and fauna from all over the planet and introduce them to the concept of biodiversity.

KATHA BIOME SERIES



Walk the Grasslands with Takuri **RECOMMENDED BY CBSE**

Nima Manjrekar and Nandita Hazarika | Art by Maya Ramaswamy

Join the shy and super adorable Takuri on a tour of his undulating grasslands, where the wind plays Chinese whispers and the crumbling leaves tickle your feet. It takes you to the lush greens, pointing out the sights and sounds along the way and is sure to reveal some jaw dropping and fun facts!

ROBINAGE RECOMMENDS AS BEST READS ON ENVIRONMENT

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YOUNG INDIA RECOMMENDS AS BEST READS

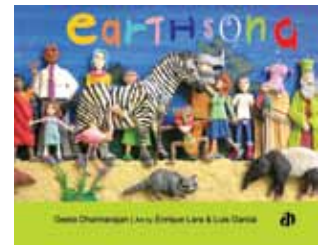
Available in English | Age Group: 6+ | Pub: 2010 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 40 | 11" X 8.5"

ISBN 978-81-89934-47-7 [HB] [ENG] | Rs 250 | ISBN 978-81-87649-86-1 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 195 | World Rights: KATHA

Earthsong

Geeta Dharmarajan | Art by Enrique Lara and Luis Garcia

A lyrical tribute to the Earth and its amazing diversity. Filled with out-of-this-world artwork and factoids, this book can also be used as a classroom resource.

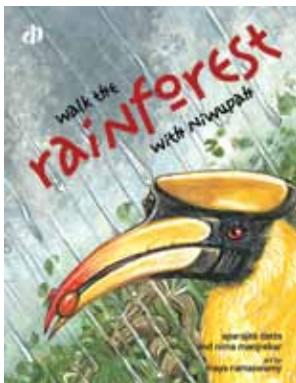


CHOSEN IN 101 BEST INDIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY YOUNG ZUBAAN

Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 6+ | Pub: 2005 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 32 | 8" X 10"

ISBN 978-81-89020-40-8 [HB] [ENG] | Rs 150 | ISBN 978-81-89020-44-6 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 145

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Walk the Rainforest with Niwupah

YOUNG INDIA RECOMMENDS AS BEST READS **RECOMMENDED BY CBSE**

Aparajita Datta and Nima Manjrekar | Art by Maya Ramaswamy

Join Niwupah, the hornbill on a tour of his rainforest home, where the sights we see and the sounds we hear, the scents we smell and the creatures we meet, are like nothing we've ever imagined! A tour guide, introducing children to the sights and sounds of the rainforests.

Available in English | Age Group: 6+ | Pub: 2005 | Reprints: 1 | pp. 32 | 11" X 8.5"

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KATHA WORLD LIBRARY

The KATHA WORLD LIBRARY initiative brings refreshing new stories for younger children to India. Discover new cultures and enjoy international artworks through these specially selected titles from all over the world.



I Have a Home

FRESH ARRIVAL

RECOMMENDED BY CBSE

Claudia Legnazzi

Translated from the Spanish

Home is where the heart is! And that's reason enough for a little girl to travel around with her mystical, magical home. From the award-winning author-illustrator Claudia Legnazzi, a book that will stay with you!

... Tugs at your imagination...

— Parenting

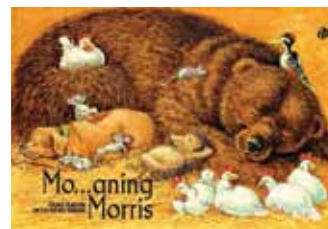
Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 2+ | Pub: 2012 | pp. 40 | 9" X 9" | ISBN 978-81-89934-86-6 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 145
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Franz Hubner | Art by Mario Kessler

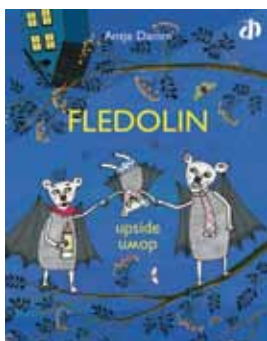
Translated from the French

A delightful little book that helps us realize that adapting to other people is easier than we think. A few sentences of fun facts about hedgehogs make the reading all the more interesting.



Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 2+ | Pub: 2004 | Reprints: 1 | pp. 32 | 5" X 8"

ISBN 81-87649-93-3 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 65 | ISBN 978-81-89020-09-9 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 45 | World Rights: KATHA



Fledolin Upside Down

RECOMMENDED BY CBSE

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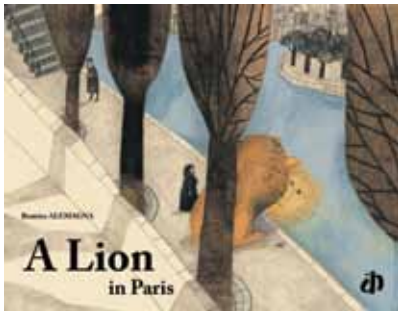
Translated from the German

All bats hang with their heads down but Fledolin — he stands firmly on the ground! And when you are downside-up, how do you think the world will look? Read this upside down book and find out how it's great fun to be topsy-turvy just like Fledolin! The book tells impressionable minds that it's good to be different and that everyone has strengths. A fun way to learn about bats too!

Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 6+ | Pub: 2010 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 32 | 11" X 8.5"

ISBN 978-81-89934-38-5 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 150 | ISBN 978-81-89934-39-2 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 150 | Rights for India and South Asia: KATHA

The simple but quirky drawings let kids discover what it's like to see the world from a bat's perspective. — Time Out



A Lion in Paris **RECOMMENDED BY CBSE**

Beatrice Alemagna

Translated from the French

Join the adventures of the young, curious and lonely lion as he leaves his sunny savannah and travels to the beautiful city of Paris in search of work, love and a future.

Introduces children to the many sights of Paris making them add one more place to their list of places to go.

Available in English and Hindi | Age Group: 6+ | Pub: 2009 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 32 | 8.5" X 11"

ISBN 978-81-89934-27-9 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 150 | ISBN 978-81-89934-40-8 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 150 | Rights for India and South Asia: KATHA

The illustrations are beautiful. The concept is fantastic and so easy for even my two year old to grasp. And the idea of the lion finding fulfillment in something so simple and yet so important, is something I loved. — Saffron Tree

The warm and humorous story is accentuated by Alemagna's illustrations, which combine different painting techniques with collage work. — Time Out

A great read especially one you enjoy with your child, cuddled up next to you with a cup of cocoa. — Parenting

What Shape is an Elephant?

Rumi | Art by Feeroozeh Golmohammadi

Translated from the Persian

What shape is an elephant? Is it round or crooked? Is it straight or is it curved? These are questions that go much deeper than they appear.

Katha introduces Rumi, the great spiritual leader of Iran, to children for the first time in India.

CHOSEN IN 101 BEST INDIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY YOUNG ZUBAAN



Available in English | Age Group: 6+

Pub: 2006 | Reprints: 1 | pp. 32 | 11" X 8.5"

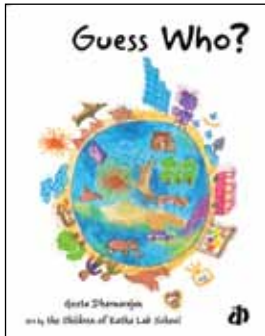
ISBN 978-81-89020-48-4 [HB] [ENG] | Rs 199 | World Rights: KATHA

The book is made lively with colourful illustrations by Feeroozeh Golmohammadi, an Iranian artist. The paintings convey a poetic rhythm, with the illustrations, speaking as much as the words. The book introduces Rumi to the readers and is simple and interesting in style. — The Indian Express

Helping you to step into another magical world is the Persian poet and philosopher, Rumi's "What shape is an elephant?" It is the story of people trying to identify the shape of an elephant in the dark and coming out with hilarious interpretations. But what makes this particular book special is the exquisite illustrations. The brilliant innovation of the folded frieze is a bonus that would make one long to frame it as a treasured tapestry.

— Young World, The Hindu

PICTURE BOOKS FOR 2 YEAR OLDS AND ABOVE



Guess Who? **RECOMMENDED BY CBSE**

Geeta Dharmarajan | Art by the children of Katha Lab School

This is a song that most of us have sung as children. Katha brings this old favourite back to life, with words that resonate in English. Enjoy!

Comes with a beautiful poster for sing-along sessions in classrooms.

Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2010 | Reprints: 1 | pp. 24 | 9" X 7" | ISBN 978-81-89934-45-3 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 120
ISBN 978-81-89934-46-0 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 120 | World Rights: KATHA

If you are getting inundated with questions about who makes everything and where everything comes from, then this book may satisfy your child for a bit, until she begins to question the answer to "Guess Who?" provided in the book.

— Parenting

A lovely attempt to connect the children to the nature all over again and to encourage them to offer gratefulness to the great creator of this whole magic. My appreciation for publishers like Katha increases manifolds when I come across such sparkling pearls. The beauty of written words has been accentuated by the artwork by children of Katha Lab School.

— Saffron Tree

RECOMMENDED BY CBSE Days with Thathu

Geeta Dharmarajan | Art by Nancy Raj

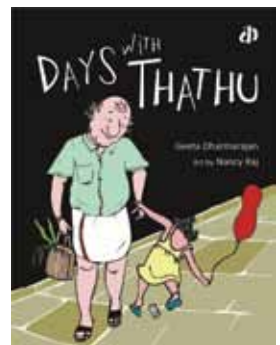
A magically beautiful story about Malar and her grandfather. A laptime, bedtime, anytime story for you to share. Enjoy!

A beginner's book for children learning to read.

CHOSEN IN 101 BEST INDIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY YOUNG ZUBAAN

Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2010 | Reprints: 3 | pp. 32 | 9" X 7" | ISBN 978-81-89934-48-4 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 120
ISBN 978-81-89934-49-1 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA



The attractive pictures in the book support your imagination as you ride and play along with Malar and Thathu.

— Robin Age

A sweet little book conveying the true feelings of a little heart and the same are beautifully projected by the artwork of Nancy Raj. She has brilliantly captured the togetherness and loving bond between a grandfather and a granddaughter through sketches, using very little colours which works marvelously to bring out the simplicity and the clarity.

— Literary Sojourn



Dobakatti **FRESH ARRIVAL**

Geeta Dharmarajan | Art by Vandana Bist

Hop on to a merry-go-round of fun and frolic; a playful joyride with the wind as she swirls and twirls around.

Fall into a whirlpool of words, movement and sound. Dobakatti!

Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2012 | pp. 12 | 9" X 6.5" | ISBN 978-81-89934-96-5 [PB] | Rs 95

ISBN 978-81-89934-97-2 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 75 | World Rights: KATHA

A story in pictures with the support of simple words, guiding young readers to follow the girl and her cat on their roller coaster ride. It folds out into an accordion-like shape providing a ready activity for your child to do! — Parenting

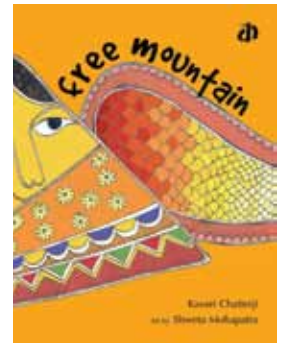
RECOMMENDED BY CBSE **BESTSELLER** Free Mountain

Kaveri Chatterji | Art by Shweta Mohapatra

Long long ago, all mountains could fly.
They swam through clouds and skies so high.
And then came a day when ...

Find out what happens next in this story that comes alive with brilliant art. Wonderfully imaginative, ringing with music and rhythm, this book is sure to inspire every child who dreams of flying!

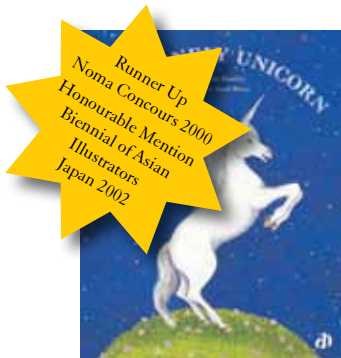
Here's to girl power. A book that attempts to sketch an inspiring message.



Available in English and Hindi | Pub: 2010 | Reprints: 3 | pp. 32 | 9" X 7"

ISBN 978-81-89934-43-9 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 120 | ISBN 978-81-89934-44-6 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 120 | World Rights: KATHA

Illustrations are simple and bright and motivate readers to draw some easy landscapes themselves. — Literary Sojourn
Simplicity has the ability to make a lasting impression with candor! I was awed by the sincerity of the words and illustrations which are very simple yet convey a lot. — Saffron Tree



One Lonely Unicorn **BESTSELLER**

Meenakshi Bharadwaj | Art by Sonali Biswas

An innovative book that introduces the concept of numbers through a story. Children will love the unicorn and her many animal friends! Through this song, you can make up lots of funny and nice things about unicorns.

Available in English and Hindi | Pub: 2004 | Reprints: 4 | pp. 32 | 10" X 8"

ISBN 978-81-87649-96-8 [HB] [ENG] | Rs 120 | ISBN 978-81-89020-05-6 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 120

ISBN 978-81-89020-98-9 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 120 | World Rights: KATHA

Delightful illustrations make children learn counting by counting the animals in the forest. The one unicorn, the two birds, the three elephants ... — The Hindu



Daddoo's Day Out | Prabhjot Kaur

BESTSELLER **RECOMMENDED BY CBSE**

Daddoo, the little frog, on her day out ...

A lively book that celebrates friendship and introduces children to the world of animals, colours and sizes.

The story with its view of life in a small pond and the larger forest can be used in the classroom.

Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2004 | Reprints: 5 | pp. 24 | 8" X 10"

ISBN 978-81-87649-94-6 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 150

ISBN 978-81-89020-13-2 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA

The story has illustrations in bright and bold colours that merge into each other to give an adventurous feel to the story. They are present in all pages and have been done in a very novel style, with a lot of lines in them. They are used to convey certain ideas that cannot actually be put forward with words alone and the language used throughout the story is very lucid and easy to understand.

— The New Indian Express

Pokiri Parrot & the Needle-nosed Ojha

RECOMMENDED BY CBSE

Meenakshi Bharadwaj | Art by Stephen Aitken

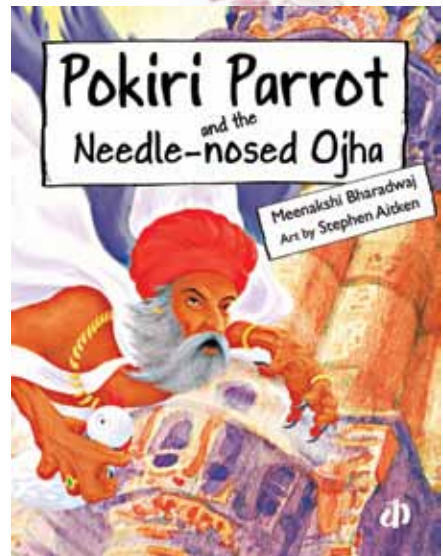
A smart white parrot called Pokiri is whisked away by the wicked needle-nosed Ojha. Can little Rajkumari save her precious parrot? A superb blend of magic and reality ... Join Pokiri, Rajkumari and the Ojha on a hair-raising adventure across extraordinary India. Real fun!

A valuable resource for teachers to introduce children to the thrill and excitement of incredible India.

Available in English and Hindi | Pub: 2007 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 32 | 9" X 7"

ISBN 978-81-89020-84-2 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 120

ISBN 978-81-89934-32-3 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA



When the wicked Ojha whisks away her smart parrot Pokiri, Rajkumari must fly all over India to retrieve her. And thus begins a part-magic, part-real adventure, brought alive by Stephen Aitken's charming illustrations. Replete with factoids and trivia, this can also serve as a great geography primer for kids!

— What's Hot, The Times of India



The Magic Raindrop

Geeta Dharmarajan | Art by Bindia Thapar

Wouldn't you love to read a story about something which is bigger than the Big, Bigger, Biggest that you have ever known?

Come join us ...

Step into a wonderland of magical raindrops and unbelievable kites, told by Geeta Dharmarajan and breathtakingly illustrated by Bindia Thapar.

A wonderful book that introduces children to kites and the kite festival.

CHOSEN AND RECOMMENDED BY NCERT

Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2005 | Reprints: 5 | pp. 32 | 11" X 8.5"

ISBN 81-89020-28-5 [HB] [ENG] Rs 150

ISBN 978-81-89020-27-9 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 175

ISBN 978-81-89020-35-4 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 145 | World Rights: KATHA

Breathtaking illustrations by Bindia Thapar are sure to keep the reader from putting the book down long after the story is done. The pictures in astounding colours bring the characters and the setting alive. — The Hindu

The Magic Raindrop is a tale full of childhood fantasies and a yearning to break free. Using a metaphor of a kite, Geeta seems to suggest that all things are best left to their natural habitat. The illustrations by Bindia Thapar bring to life the characters, and the multi-coloured kites that kiss the sky. The use of bright and bold shades of reds, blues and greens breathe life into the pages, and you can almost hear the swish of kites fluttering past you. The last three pages of the book give you an enlightening view into the traditions of kite flying all around the globe. Kites are not just flown for entertainment, the Thais and the Nepalese send kites up with secret prayers to the gods.

— The New Indian Express

Leaves

Enrique Lara Robayo and Luis Fernando Garcia Guayara

"From the window of my room I see amazing things ..."

A book that can be read and enjoyed by everyone from the very young to the old!

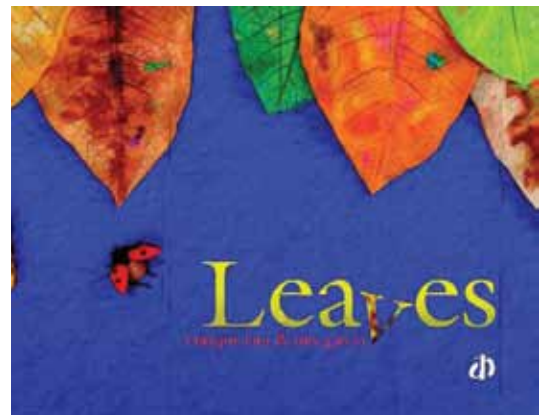
Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2005 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 28 | 5" X 8"

ISBN 978-81-87649-88-5 [HB] [ENG] Rs 100

ISBN 978-81-89020-07-1 [PB] [ENG] Rs 70

ISBN 978-81-89020-70-5 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 75 | World Rights: KATHA



Leaves zooms into the colour and magic of nature.

— Young World, The Hindu

THE MAGICAL WEB BRIDGE

geeta dharmarajan . art by sonali biswas



The Magical Web Bridge

RECOMMENDED BY CBSE

Geeta Dharmarajan

Art by Sonali Biswas

A dreamer and a doer. Creative. Sensitive. Imaginative. That's the baya! Fabulously illustrated by Sonali Biswas, this story by an award-winning writer for children, vividly captures the spirit and joy of friendship and teamwork. A must read for bedtime, laptime or ... any time! Enjoy!

Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2005 | Reprints: 4 | pp. 32 | 10" X 8"

ISBN 81-89020-18-8 [HB] [ENG] | Rs 225

ISBN 978-81-89020-19-4 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 150

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Some books cast a magical spell on us right from the time we set our eyes on it! Like a child we feel like touching the smooth papers, tracing the lovely illustrations and going back to the book repeatedly to find some new treasure. That's the way I feel about The Magical Web Bridge!

— Saffron Tree

The Runaway Puppy

RECOMMENDED BY CBSE

Sarang Dev Murthy

Art by Bindia Thapar

Little Puppy loved to jump and wag his tail. And he loved to lick. He licked everything he could find. Then one day, he peeped out through the open gate of the garden ... And guess what happens next? A story that helps the child discover the joys as well as responsibilities of keeping a pet.

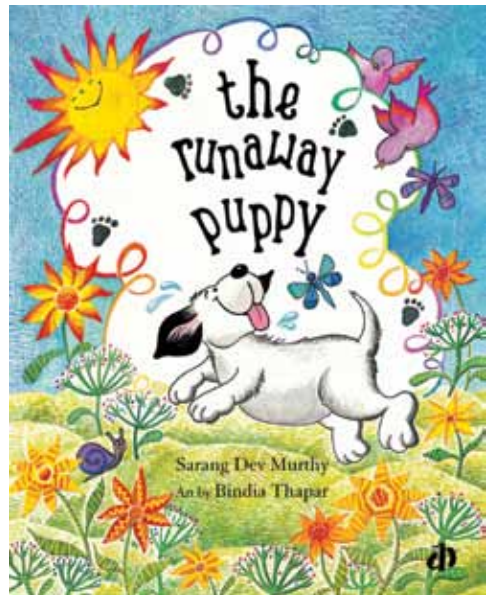
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Pub: 2004 | Reprints: 7 | pp. 24 | 10" X 8"

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ISBN 978-81-89020-12-5 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95

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Kuttan Follows a Butterfly

Serene Kasim | Art by Sonal Panse

A little kitten that loves to play!

Meet Kuttan and his brother Appu as they go hunting for adventure.

Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2008 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 24 | 7.25" X 4.75" | ISBN 978-81-89934-09-5 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 55

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Kuttan Series

Kuttan Meets a Furry Friend

Serene Kasim | Art by Sonal Panse

Kuttan the kitten is as playful as ever. Come along with him and his brother Appu as they make a strange new friend.

Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2008 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 24 | 7.25" X 4.75" | ISBN 978-81-89934-10-1 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 55

ISBN 978-81-89934-36-1 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 65 | World Rights: KATHA



Kuttan Finds Happiness

Serene Kasim | Art by Sonal Panse

Kuttan thinks he is grown-up now. Find out if he is able to handle his noisy little cousins who pester him with questions.

Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2008 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 24 | 7.25" X 4.75" | ISBN 978-81-89934-12-5 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 55

ISBN 978-81-89934-34-7 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 65 | World Rights: KATHA

Kuttan and the Shooting Stars

Serene Kasim | Art by Sonal Panse

One clear and dreamy night, Kuttan sees a light streak across the sky. Aren't you curious to know what it was? Find out in Kuttan's fourth fascinating adventure.

Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2008 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 24 | 7.25" X 4.75" | ISBN 978-81-89934-13-2 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 55

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The books are light and easy, and could well entice many children to the charms of reading.

— DNA

The stories are original, refreshing and are narrated imaginatively. They are aptly supported by illustrations by Sonal Panse. Panse's illustrations look like pencil drawings. Something a child can immediately identify with. Use of bright yet earthy colours like green and brown make it very friendly to the eye. The design too is innovatively done. Notice a speech bubble that doubles up as a white wooly nimbus cloud ... Nice.

— Buzzintown.com

The simple and lucid language used by the author Serene Kasim and the appealing illustrations by Sonal Panse make the series very interesting for the young readers of the age group 4-9 years.

— Dimdima.com

Prize-winning Stories for Young Readers

PICTURE BOOKS FOR 6 YEAR OLDS AND ABOVE



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Chitrakala
Award 2009 for
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Dinosaur-Long-as-127-Kids

Geeta Dharmarajan | Art by Rajiv Eipe

A one-of-a-kind Dino loves taking children out for a ride ... until he bumps into a strange problem. What follows next is sure to leave you rollicking. This is a must-have for all little dino freaks.

CHOSEN IN 101 BEST INDIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY YOUNG ZUBAAN

Available in English and Hindi | Pub: 2010 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 40 | 8.5" X 11.75"

ISBN 978-81-89934-53-8 [HB] [ENG] | Rs 295 | ISBN 978-81-89934-54-5 [HB] [HINDI] | Rs 295 | World Rights: KATHA

Dharmarajan's humour and Eipe's colourful illustrations have created a lovable dinosaur character who young children will love meeting.

— Parenting

The attractive drawings look very classy and very stylish, just the perfect kind for this sweet little story.

— Literary Sojourn

RECOMMENDED BY CBSE Moon, Ramu and I

Geeta Dharmarajan | Art by Harshvardhan Kadam

Slip into your invisible space suits for a swashbuckling adventure trip to the moon! Get set for this spellbinding story packed with action and fun.

CHOSEN IN 101 BEST INDIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY YOUNG ZUBAAN



Winner of the
Prestigious Darsana
2011 for the Best
Children's Book.

Available in English and Hindi | Pub: 2010 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 32 | 8.5" X 11"

ISBN 978-81-89934-59-0 [HB] [ENG] | Rs 275 | ISBN 978-81-89934-60-6 [HB] [HINDI] | Rs 275 | World Rights: KATHA

The pictures by Harshvardhan Kadam are poured on complete two pages with minimal text - a sure way to pull young readers towards this particular fancy of the little one like them.

— Literary Sojourn

The illustrations by Harshvardhan Kadam enlivens the book and creates many interesting images for a child to muse over. Well laid-out with minimal text on each page will engage the child.

— Young India Books

The language is simple, the idea of going to the moon appeals to everyone, specially the age group targeted and the method sounds simple enough. Brightly coloured illustrations by Harshvardhan Kadam just add to the beauty of it.

— Saffron Tree

Runner Up
Katha Chirakala
Award 2009 for
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Creativity



Ball Heaven **RECOMMENDED BY CBSE**

Diego Castellanos | Art by Paula Bossio

Do you know where all the balls being tossed finally go? Join the journey of one such ball to an intriguing new world.

The book can be read at various levels. In a very subtle manner it tells that you need to find peace from within.

Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2010 | Reprints: 1 | pp. 32 | 7" X 9"

ISBN 978-81-89934-57-6 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 95

ISBN 978-81-89934-58-3 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA

I like such books which encourage young readers to have compassion for everybody and everything around them and to cultivate sensitivity towards the feelings of others. Also, it brings out a very subtle message that heaven is actually a state when we learn to appreciate and enjoy everything that we observe, experience and do, no matter how small or big, significant or insignificant that thing really is. If it gives us pleasure, the same becomes our heaven.

Simple illustrations by Paula Bossio using mostly pencil drawings are lovely and I am sure the drawings will motivate many kids to pick their pencils and doodle something that comes to their minds. That is what my kids did after reading this book.

— Literary Sojourn

BESTSELLER The Princess with the Longest Hair

CHOSEN IN 101 BEST INDIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY YOUNG ZUBAAN

CHOSEN AND RECOMMENDED BY NCERT | RECOMMENDED BY CBSE

Komilla Raote | Art by Vandana Bist

This is the fascinating story of a princess who has the longest and most beautiful hair in the whole kingdom. Read on to find out about her journey to the mountains and all the people and animals whose lives she touches on the way.



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Have you seen the princess with a gurgling river of hair? No? Ask the jungle birds or the fisherfolk. They'll tell you who she is! Komilla Raote tells you a story you will never forget.

— Young World, The Hindu



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Chitrakala
Award 2006 for
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Creativity



The Famous Smile **BESTSELLER** **RECOMMENDED BY CBSE**

Geeta Dharmarajan | Art by Rashin Kheiriyeh

After several failed attempts, Agar Magar finally makes it big. Come, take a tour of the mighty river, the deep forest and the big town, as Agar Magar goes places, flaunting his sparkling, shiny teeth and his Famous Smile. A fun way to tell the little ones about crocodiles too!

CHOSEN IN 101 BEST INDIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY YOUNG ZUBAAN

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Katha has a real soft corner for kids ... it has created such a gorgeous picture book for children.

— Time Out

Parents can definitely use this story to teach their little ones the benefits of dental hygiene. A delightful book, with a simple idea that will bring a smile to your child's face.

— Young India Books

BESTSELLER Kaleh and the Sing Song Castle

By Rizio Yohannan Raj | Art by Anahita Taymourian

Do you know of a quirky crow who loves cheese but loves singing more? Do you too love to dream like Kaleh? Then come along and see how a simple song can take you a long way and make your dreams come true!

This sing-song poem talks of simplicity, peace and harmony.



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Available in English and Hindi | Pub: 2007 | Reprints: 1 | pp. 24 | 11" X 8.5"

ISBN 978-81-89934-01-9 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 120 | World Rights: KATHA

The author has brought in the idea that it is not enough to dream only for oneself, but one must dream for others too. The vibrant illustrations do justice to the above and the book opens out like a colourful patchwork quilt.

— Young India Books

Honourable
Mention
Biennial of
Illustrations
Bratislava 2003



The Song of a Scarecrow **BESTSELLER** | Suddhasattwa Basu

What happens when the scarecrow decides to leave his field one day? This wonderfully imaginative book helps the child to see that everything in our world has a role to play and we are all responsible for one another.

A great read-aloud book for classroom reading.

CHOSEN IN 101 BEST INDIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY YOUNG ZUBAAN

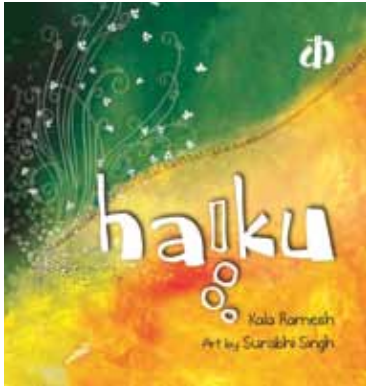
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ISBN 81-87649-56-4 [HB] [ENG] | Rs 170 | ISBN 81-89020-08-8 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 150

ISBN 978-81-89020-71-2 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA

The book comes with the hidden moral that there should be a balance between responsibility and freedom. The author's debut attempt in writing a book has won him the Chitra Katha Award in the year 2002. An imaginative and thought provoking book with interesting illustrations.

— The New Indian Express



Haiku and a Companion Activity Book

Kala Ramesh | Art by Surabhi Singh

Here's a lovely compilation of evocative Haiku poems that will light up your child's vibrant imagination. The interactive three-dimensional book is fun to hold and read. Comes with an exciting and engaging activity book replete with detailed explanations and examples. A must-have for all the young poets and their teachers!

HONOURABLE MENTION: THE HAIKU SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Available in English | Pub: 2010 | Folding Book | Activity Book pp. 16
5.5" X 5.5" | ISBN 978-81-89934-63-7 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 199 | World Rights: KATHA

It's whimsical, it's colourful and it gives a spin to poetry in motion. The tiny square book unfolds to reveal beautiful illustrations. The book is accompanied by My Haiku Moments, an activity book in which children can compose their own poems. The guide offers tips and sets of exercises for the readers, making it a great gift. — Time Out

CHOSEN AND RECOMMENDED BY NCERT A Jungle Safari

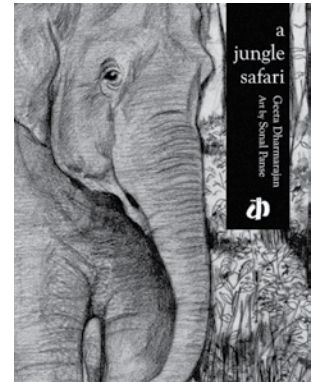
Geeta Dharmarajan | Art by Sonal Panse

Are you a lover of the wild and the myriad mysteries of the jungle? Are you thrilled by its smells and sounds? Do you long to trek through meandering jungle paths and lush greens?

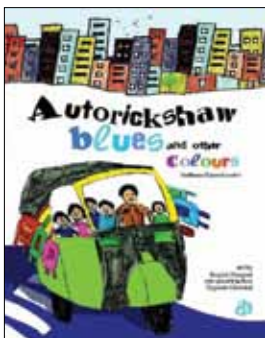
Join us on an elephant safari, and let Bhama take us through the deep, silent forests of Mudumalai in the Nilgiris, for an unforgettable experience!

Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2006 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 32 | 9" X 7" | ISBN 978-81-89020-39-2 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 95
ISBN 978-81-89020-69-9 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA



Black and white sketches on every page are a feast to the eyes. The drawings bring to life the mood of the wild. The narrative is snappy, sustaining the thrill of all that the jungle has to offer. — Young World, The Hindu



Autorickshaw Blues and Other Colours

Sadhana Ramchander | Art by Ragini Siruguri

With help from Taposhi Ghoshal

This great book by a mother-daughter team is all about you! A refreshing look at the parent-child relationship, through poems.

Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2004 | Reprints: 3 | pp. 20 | 10" X 8" | ISBN 81-87649-89-5 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 75
ISBN 978-81-89020-85-9 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA

Candid drawings add much to this fun-filled teamwork. Kudos to both mother and daughter for bringing this creative project to life with so much gusto. — Papertigers

Katha CHITRAKALA 2011

Katha has a real soft corner for kids. Which is why it ... create[s] such gorgeous picture books for children.

— Time Out

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illustrations and concepts. Artists with that magical eye and a way with colours, are invited to this international search for excellence – the only one of its kind in India – open to all image storytellers, emerging or established, to make an indelible mark in the world of children's books.

Katha Chitrakala Awards boasts of an enthusiastic participation of over 300 illustrators from over 14 countries.



To Each Her Own

Vijaydan Detha

Art by Anita Hashemi Moghaddam

A fisherwoman loves fish. And a gardener loves flowers. One rainy day the two meet. Each to the other is gracious and sweet. And yet they find it impossible to be together. Dip into this fishy-flowery story to find out why!

A Rajasthani folklore from India's much-loved storyteller, who has been nominated for the Nobel Prize!

Available in English and Hindi | Pub: 2012 | pp. 32 | 11" X 8.5"

ISBN 978-81-89934-02-6 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 295 | ISBN 978-81-89934-03-3 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 225 | World Rights: KATHA

How to Weigh an Elephant

Geeta Dharmarajan | Art by Wen Hsu

Where has everybody gone? Oh! They are busy finding out the weight of King's favourite elephant! Wondering how this will be done? Join Leelavati as she solves this maths mystery for you!



Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2012 | pp. 36 | 11" X 8.5"

ISBN 978-81-89934-04-0 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 225

ISBN 978-81-89934-05-7 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 175

World Rights: KATHA



Thangam of Mehrgarh

Geeta Dharmarajan | Art by Mrinalini Sardar

9000 years ago in the land that we now call South Asia, lived a girl called Thangam. She was just like you, dreamy, restless and wanting to do everything all at once.

Available in English and Hindi | Pub: 2012 | pp. 32 | 11" X 8.5"

ISBN 978-81-89934-90-3 [HB] [ENG] | Rs 225

ISBN 978-81-89934-91-0 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 175 | World Rights: KATHA

Mimi's Dream

Kuie Ling Hsu

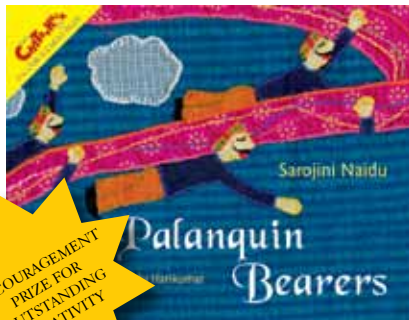
No one has ever seen Mystery Spider. But everyone has seen her shining Dream Nets. Find your own pet dream with Mimi, the Princess of MagicLand.

Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2012 | pp. 28 | 9" X 9"

ISBN 978-81-89934-92-7 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 225

ISBN 978-81-89934-93-4 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 175 | World Rights: KATHA



Palanquin Bearers

Sarojini Naidu | Art by Indu Harikumar

In the palanquin sits the graceful bride and four able men bear her with pride. In the glorious ways of Indian tradition, sing to the beat of this springy ride.

Available in English and Hindi | Pub: 2012 | pp. 28 | 11" X 8.5"

ISBN 978-81-89934-94-1 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 195

ISBN 978-81-89934-95-8 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 145 | World Rights: KATHA

Gatila

Lisa and Anjora Noronha

Gatila does not think she is pretty. But she has a solution. And so, quietly in the night, plop goes her tail in the paint cans.

What happens next? Find out in multicolour!

Available in English and Hindi

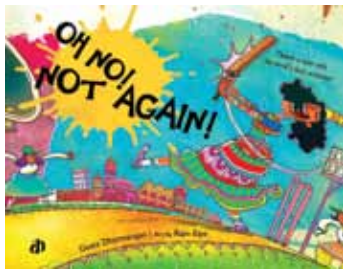
Pub: 2012 | pp. 36 | 9" X 9"

ISBN 978-93-82454-04-5 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 225

ISBN 978-93-82454-05-2 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 175 | World Rights: KATHA



Wacky & Witty Fantasies for Young Readers



Oh No! Not Again!

Geeta Dharmarajan | Art by Rajiv Eipe

What happens when the famous cricketer of Dhamdhoom Nagar, Her Most Royal Highness of Dhamdhoom and owner of the Best Cricket Pitch in the world, Banu, loses her Temper? Find out for yourself in this mad, mad story that recreates the excitement of cricket.

CHOSEN IN 101 BEST INDIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY YOUNG ZUBAAN

Available in English and Hindi | Pub: 2010 | pp. 44 | 8.5" X 11"

ISBN 978-81-89934-68-2 [HB] [ENG] | Rs 275 | ISBN 978-81-89934-69-9 [HB] [HINDI] | Rs 275 | World Rights: KATHA

Free Poster Inside!

Geeta Dharmarajan's timely book on cricket aims at drawing more children into the world of words. The narrative is complemented by the attractive artwork by Rajiv Eipe. The illustrations are humorous. The theme based on cricket is likely to appeal to kids, especially with its picture book format. The characters seem the kind with whom kids can identify.

— The Hindu

The Elephant in the Tree

RECOMMENDED BY CBSE Mallika Nagarajan

With its quirky characters, unusual use of language and skillful blending of fantasy and reality, this is a lovely story of Mahi who finds a seven-trunked elephant in the tree and journeys with him to a new world that will change her life forever. This delightfully illustrated story shows us how each one of us, like Mahi, is also capable of great little miracles.

ROBINAGE RECOMMENDS AS BEST READS ON ENVIRONMENT

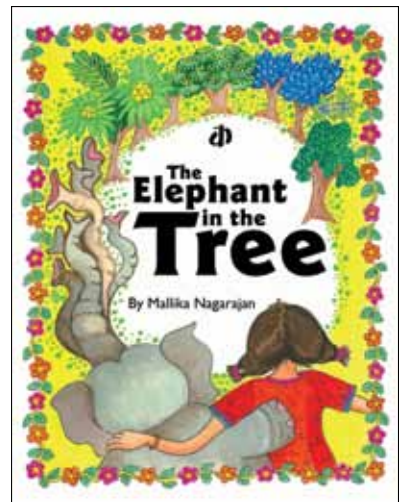
YOUNG INDIA RECOMMENDS AS BEST READS

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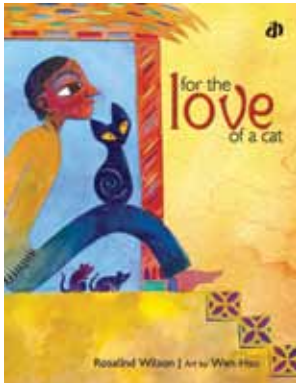
ISBN 978-81-89934-66-8 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 175

ISBN 978-81-89934-67-5 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 175 | World Rights: KATHA



The simple text and expressive pictures with a lot of details will make the child want to look at the book over and over again, each time noticing something new and exciting – a monkey on a tree, a snake coiled on the branch of a tree, tiny butterflies and more. What a delightful way to deliver this strong message of conservation to kids!

— Young India Books



For the Love of a Cat **BESTSELLER** **RECOMMENDED BY CBSE**

Rosalind Wilson | Art by Wen Hsu

A painter loves his cat as much as he loves painting. But when the starving artist is commissioned to paint a picture of the Buddha, he must choose between his art and his pet ...

A colourful read that introduces children to the common thread of feelings running through all living things.

Available in English and Hindi | Pub: 2010 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 32 | 11" X 8.5"
ISBN 978-81-89934-51-4 [HB] | Rs 350 | ISBN 978-81-89934-50-7 [PB] | Rs 250
ISBN 978-81-89934-52-1 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 250 | World Rights: KATHA

This sweet little book by Katha, focuses on the special bond between a boy and his pet. Simple text on the pages and vibrant colours of the illustrations make this book easily a favourite among young readers. — Literary Sojourn

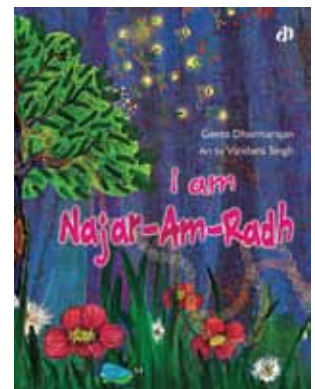
A truly heart-warming story!

— Young India Books

I am Najar-Am-Radh

Geeta Dharmarajan | Art by Vandana Singh

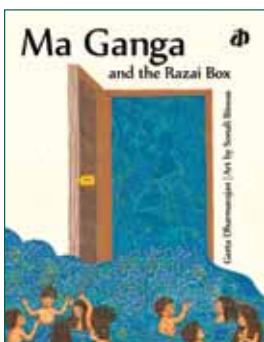
Who's the Wizard of Tantrapuri and what's in his tamarind seeds? Unravel the swirling magic in *I am Najar-Am-Radh*, charmingly written and wondrously illustrated. A truly captivating story!



Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2011 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 32 | 11" X 8.5" | ISBN 978-81-89934-73-6 [PB] | Rs 199
ISBN 978-81-89934-74-3 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 120 | World Rights: KATHA

It is a strange tale of a Tamarind Story Tree which has a treasure of wonderful stories for all. People from far and near places come to listen to his stories and he is a very friendly storyteller now. A swirling magic of the tamarind tree beautifully illustrated is sure to captivate young readers. — The Literary Sojourn



Ma Ganga and the Razai Box **RECOMMENDED BY CBSE**

Geeta Dharmarajan | Art by Sonali Biswas

A delightful story that combines mythology and contemporary thought. The book weaves environmental concerns like pollution, soil erosion and desertification, with mythology.

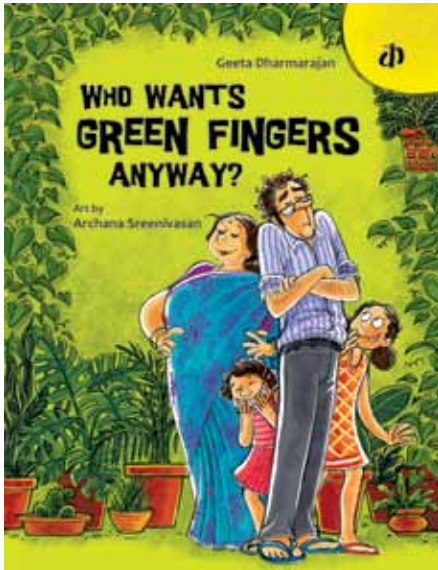
Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2006 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 32 | 9" X 7" | ISBN 978-81-89020-74-3 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 120
ISBN 978-81-89020-97-2 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 95 | World Rights: KATHA

Teaching through storytelling is often more entertaining and effective than laying down a list of do's and don'ts. Katha books employ allegory to provide a charming yet instructive account of issues that affect us all. — The Hindu

A Whirlwind of Imagination!

PICTURE BOOKS FOR 8 YEAR OLDS AND ABOVE



Who Wants Green Fingers Anyway?

FRESH ARRIVAL

Geeta Dharmarajan | Art by Archana Sreenivasan

No one likes to be compared to the neighbours, and most certainly not Amma! Mud flies, pots break and a challenge is thrown. Appa's pursuit of proving his point leads to well ... complete unrest. What'll it take to restore the peace? Find out, as a little girl shares her funny family saga!

Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2013 | pp. 40 | 9" X 7"

ISBN 978-93-82454-06-9 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 95

ISBN 978-93-82454-07-6 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 75

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Old Man Who Wouldn't Listen

FRESH ARRIVAL

Nonda Chatterjee

He was laughed at, scolded for his obstinacy and called names. But the Old Man would not change his ways, nor part with his companions. With pockets of suspense, this beautiful story exemplifies that life is impossible without a little help from friends.

Available in English and Hindi

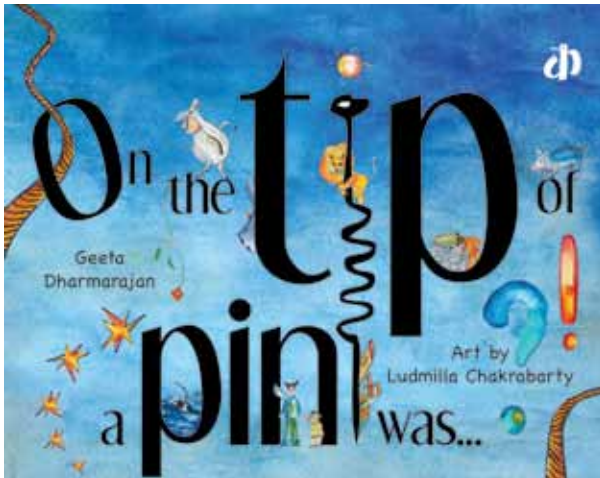
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ISBN 978-93-82454-09-0 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 60

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On The Tip of a Pin was ...

RECOMMENDED BY CBSE

Geeta Dharmarajan

Art by Ludmilla Chakrabarty

Uncover the mystery of the Amazing Worm, and her incredible wormholes! Hop into this sci-fi tale for a journey you won't forget. Comes with a note about the science behind wormholes - a valuable resource for environmental studies.

Available in English and Hindi | Pub: 2009 | pp. 36 | 8" X 10" | ISBN 978-81-89934-26-2 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 175
ISBN 978-81-89934-41-5 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 175 | World Rights: KATHA

This delectable book, is for all ages, moods and minds. And as for the price – well, it's Priceless! — Bolokids.com

I love how the book encourages you to explore other worlds and other options. How it shows not to confirm, to follow your heart and to keep learning, keep discovering, to not walk the beaten path and to be yourself. — Saffron Tree

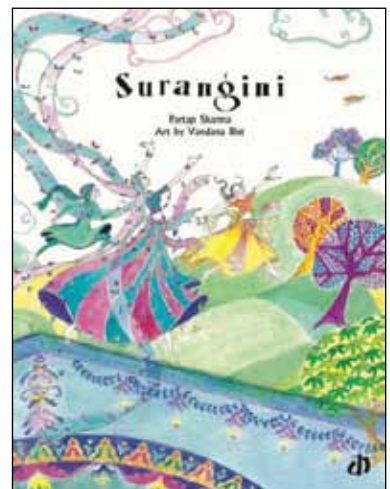
Surangini

Partap Sharma | Art by Vandana Bist

Kalu, the poor weaver, loves the beautiful Surangini, but only the wealthiest of eligible young men can ask for her hand in marriage.

Unless Kalu with his deft hands, quick wit and unselfish love can produce something like a miracle ...

An enchanting story about what we all value and seek in life – love, trust, friendship and peace. This is an abridged version of the original book, *Surangini* tales by Partap Sharma.



Available in English and Hindi

Pub: 2005 | Reprints: 4 | pp. 40 | 11" X 8.5"

ISBN 81-89020-41-2 [HB] [ENG] | Rs 150 | ISBN 978-81-89020-43-9 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 145

ISBN 978-81-89020-65-1 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 120 | World Rights: KATHA

Mid-November is that time of the year when publishers turn to the small fry and, sure enough, mouth-watering books for youngsters are on offer again this Children's Day. Katha issued Surangini by Partap Sharma. — Hindustan Times

A tale of struggle and conquest never fails to enthrall readers and here too we have the eternal love story with all its complications and the struggle to overcome them. A magic carpet, a story within a story, an enigmatic puzzle takes place before the story ends happily ever after, but with a strange twist. The beauty of the story is further enhanced by the illustrations by Vandana Bist.

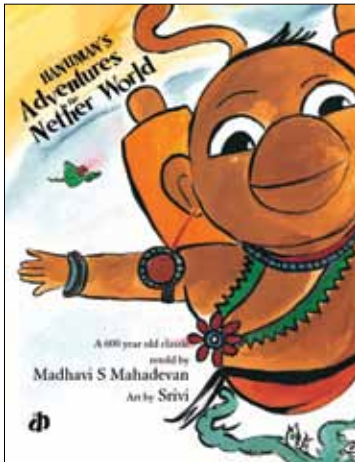
— The Hindu

Stories to Enchant, Amuse and Educate!

PICTURE BOOKS FOR 10 YEAR OLDS AND ABOVE

*[Katha] publications are beautifully illustrated
and should be widely disseminated ...*

— Department of Education
Government of India



Hanuman's Adventures in the Nether World Madhavi S Mahadevan | Art by Srivi

The magician, Mayil Ravana, has cast a stupendous spell! He's kidnapped Rama and Lakshmana. Now, no one can ever find their way to the Lotus Kingdom to rescue the princess. But, wait! There goes Hanuman, the son of the swishing wind and a trusted friend of the princes, gliding across the bluest sky in search of the nether world. Get ready for a splashing, big adventure!

Available in English and Hindi | Pub: 2005 | Reprints: 2 | pp. 40 | 11" X 8.5"
ISBN 81-89020-30-7 [HB] [ENG] | Rs 200 | ISBN 978-81-89020-29-3 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 175
ISBN 978-81-89020-36-1 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 120 | World Rights: KATHA

A great read for young children, to bring history and mythology alive.

— Parenting

The writings are simple and interesting. Illustrations are beautiful and modernistic.

— The New Indian Express

A great read for young children, this creative and highly visual text can and should also be read aloud, by both children and adults, or even dramatized, to bring history and mythology alive.

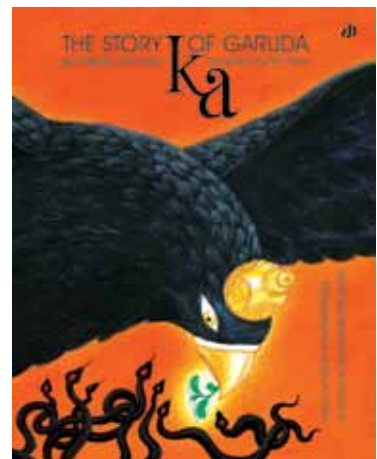
— Parenting

RECOMMENDED BY CBSE **Ka: The Story of Garuda**

Roberto Calasso | Art by Suddhasattwa Basu
Retold by Geeta Dharmarajan

The skies shook, then came rains of fire. Yet Garuda, the big, black eagle, pierced through the walls of heaven to snatch away the soma.

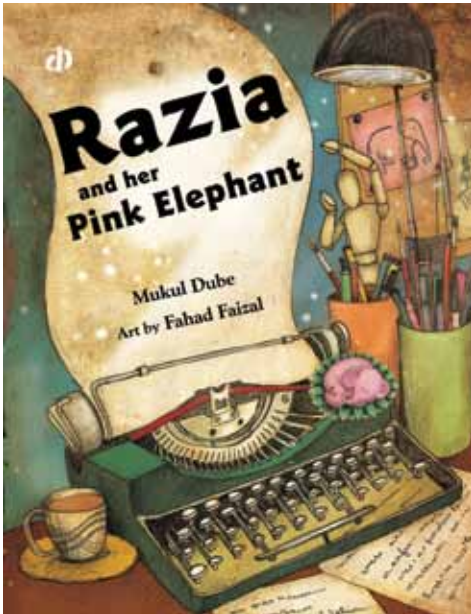
He had to. That was the only way he could free his mother. With superb artwork this is a fascinating version, adapted from the original international bestseller.



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ISBN 978-81-89020-10-1 [PB] [HINDI] | Rs 120 | World Rights: KATHA

Spread out your wings to read the fascinating tale of Garuda, the big black eagle who won the soma from heaven to free his mother. Based on Roberto Calasso's bestselling novel.

— Educational Initiatives



Razia and her Pink Elephant

Mukul Dube | Art by Fahad Faizal

Meet SARASVATI, Razia's pink baby elephant, who was born in Kerala and now lives in Delhi. Meet Sarasvati's uncle SHER SINGH, the Master Mistri Elephant and former carrot taster, who's been in Myanmar and Australia and South America. Meet NATASHA, the world's fastest courier pigeon, who leads the fly-past on Republic Day and draws maps for all the world's airlines.

Available in English and Hindi

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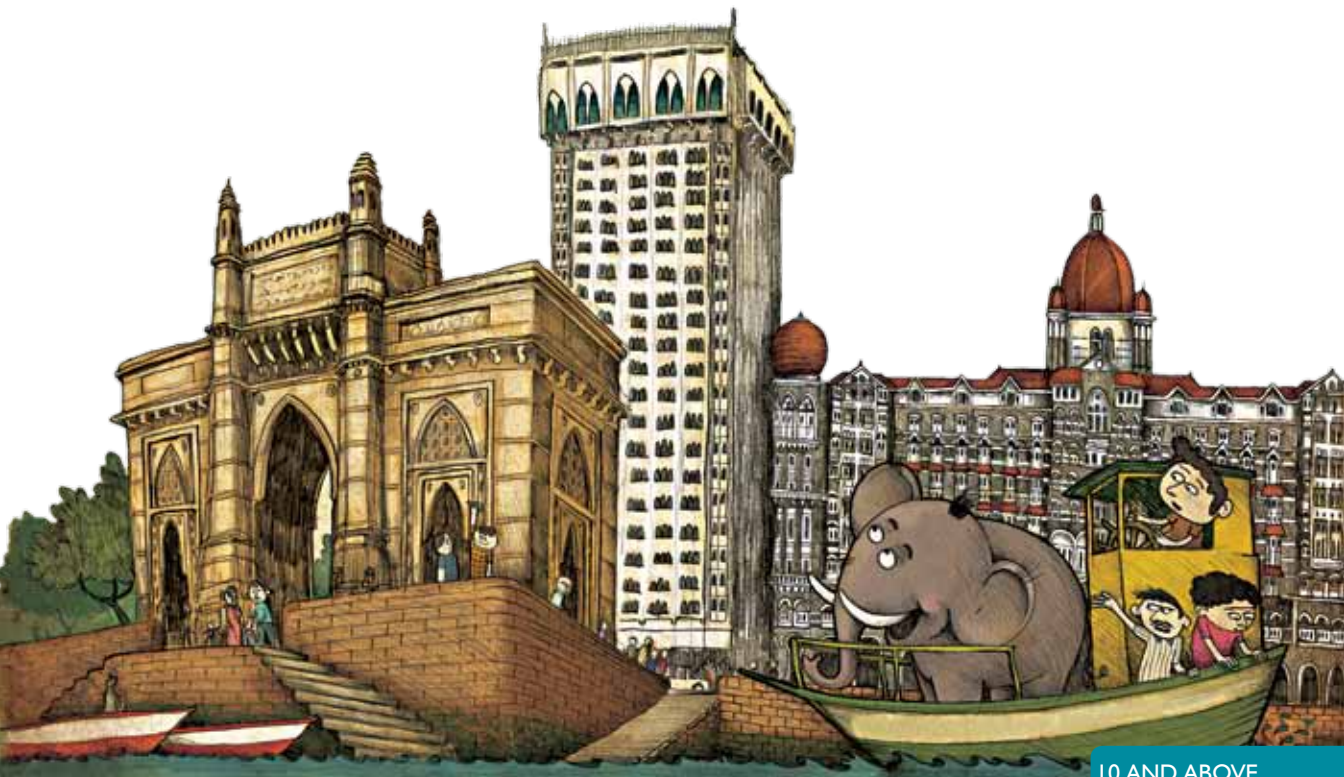
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CHOSEN IN 101 BEST INDIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY YOUNG ZUBAAN

A delightfully different book. It starts by narrating a story of Razia and her Pink Elephant but like a wayward mind, in which one thought leads to another; the story jumps from one zany situation to another with the reader finding herself on a roller-coaster ride of sorts. A zany story needs zany illustrations and it more than succeeded in creating images that will have kids poring over them, enjoying the quirky little idiosyncrasies. — Young India Books



Selected Short Stories

Various Authors

Battling Boats

Cover illustration: Tapas Guha

Share the spine-tingling adventures of the brave, young heroes of this book. Rediscover excitement, mystery and thrill in this collection by master storytellers from the much-loved children's magazine, *Target* edited by Rosalind Wilson.

Full of fun and mystery, these stories by master storytellers will take you on a fantastic journey.

— School Planet

Available in English

Pub: 2000 | pp. 112 | 8" X 5.5" | ISBN: 81-87649-03-8 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 75 | World Rights: KATHA



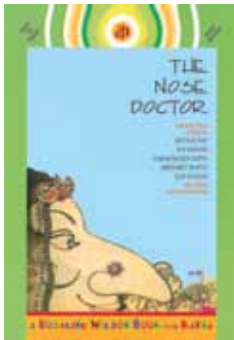
The Nose Doctor

Cover illustration: Suddhasattwa Basu

Do spaceships and genies stir your imagination? Why not solve a mystery with detective Dee Kay? Come! Get set for these spellbinding stories packed with action, fun and adventure. From the marvelous children's monthly, *Target* edited by Rosalind Wilson. Plunge into worlds you have visited only in your dreams!

Available in English

Pub: 2000 | pp: 144 | 8" X 5.5" | ISBN: 81-85586-93-4 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 75 | World Rights: KATHA

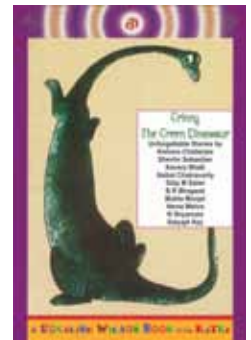


Grinny, the Green Dinosaur

A collection of delightful stories from the popular children's magazine *Target* edited by Rosalind Wilson.

Available in English

Pub: 2000 | pp: 144 | 8" X 5.5 | ISBN: 81-87649-02-X [PB] [ENG] | Rs 75 | World Rights: KATHA



The Carpenter's Apprentice

Cover illustration: Jagdish Aich Roy

Rediscover an extraordinary world of words with stories from *Target* – the much-loved children's magazine, edited by Rosalind Wilson. An enthralling collection put together in a new volume by Katha, with delightful, vintage illustrations. Ideal for curling up with on a lazy Sunday afternoon.

Available in English

Pub: 1999 | pp. 136 | 8" X 5.5" | ISBN: 81-85586-94-2 [PB] [ENG] | Rs 75



Full of fun and mystery, these stories by master storytellers will take you on a fantastic journey.

— School Planet

WRITE&READ

A SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE
IN CREATIVE WRITING

Designed to draw out the storyteller in every child, Write&Read is a Katha-HP initiative that allows young writers to convert their

creative spark and imagination into new-age content for their peers.

A series of story writing workshops and an All India Story Writing Contest brought us this bunch of amazing stories by children, for children! Stories that are on different ends of the spectrum, and yet all alike in their power to catch our eye, tickle us sometimes, and even move us at their whim.

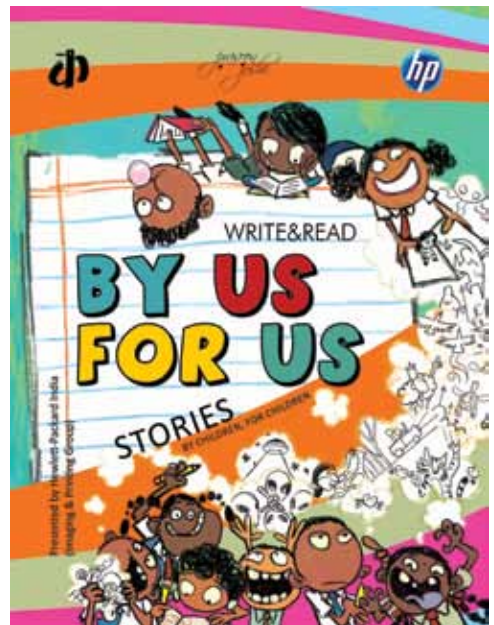
Now available in all the leading bookstores and libraries.

By Us For Us

Various Authors

One very nice dragon, two true friends, three traffic lights, four toothbrushes (and a toothpaste tube)

We bring to you a pack of twenty-nine exciting stories with innumerable moments of wit, humour and thoughtfulness. Handpicked from across the best of Write&Read creative writing workshops by the poet extraordinaire, Prasoon Joshi, this collection is a worthy addition to every bookshelf!



Available in English

Pub: 2011 | pp. 136 | 11" X 8.5"

ISBN 978-81-89934-85-9 [HB] [ENG] | Rs 375

World Rights: KATHA

A truly worth appreciating effort to bring the students in touch with creativity. The workshop gave the students a lot of exposure into the world of literature and creative writing. A step ahead in building budding writers amongst us.

– Ramya Gangadharan, Teacher, Bengaluru

This is also a one-of-its kind, and perhaps the only initiative in the world of books, that is truly a peer-to-peer experience, one where young children will create content for other young children.

– Prasoon Joshi

The programme urged the children to dig deep for ideas.

– The Hindu, Bengaluru

It is definitely a keeper!!!

– mom-of-all-trades.blogspot.in



The Magic of Story!

Katha believes that children can bring change that is sustainable and real. With the vision to equip them with reading skills, Katha initiated I LOVE READING (ILR) programme. It is a unique programme that enhances reading in children so that they can be lifelong learners. ILR with nearly 100,000 children across slums, streets and government schools has been a huge success, getting a thumbs-up from Delhi and Central government.

TEACHER TRAINING

- Katha's Teacher Education Programme works in early learning and in elementary education to support sound and creative classroom ideas
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- Formal training to teach children in poverty
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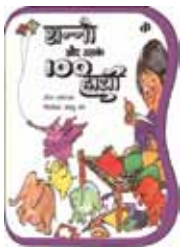
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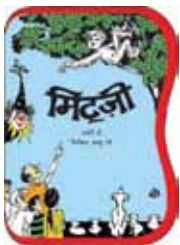
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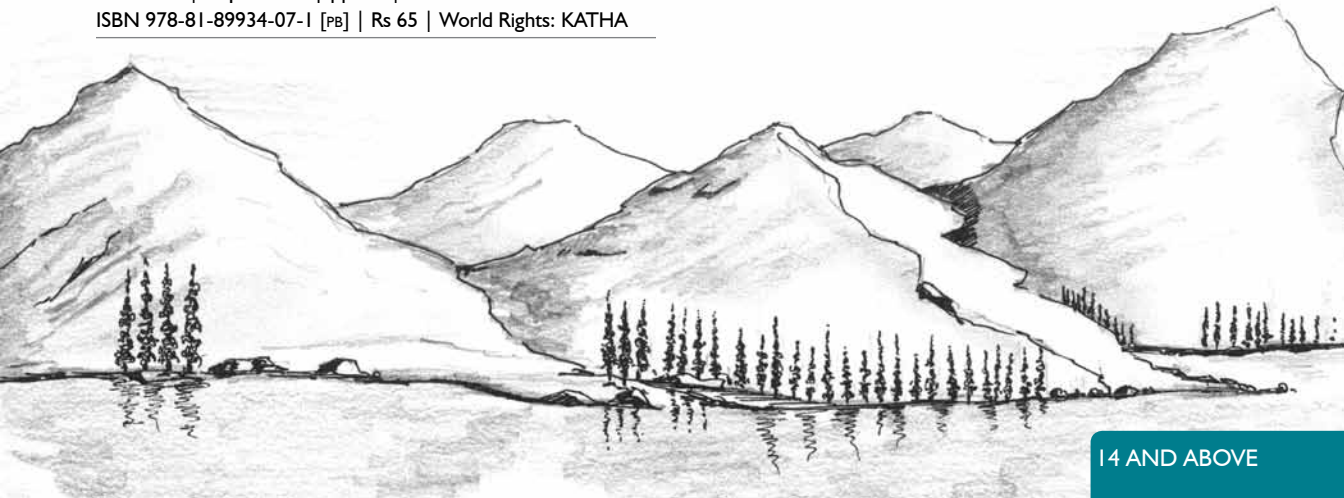
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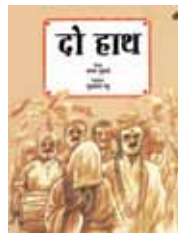
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