

South Asian Kidlit 2018 – Part 1 (Jan-March)

These books are traditionally published and are either by a South Asian author, contains a South Asian Main Character, or involves South Asian culture.



Title: Festival of Colors
Author: Surishtha Sehgal and Kabir Sehgal
Illustrator: Vashti Harrison
Publisher: Simon & Schuster/Beach Lane Books
Publication Date: January 30, 2018
Category-Genre: Picture Book

ISBN: 978-1481420495

Synopsis: Spring is here, and it's almost time for Holi, the Indian Festival of Colors. Siblings Mintoo and Chintoo are busy gathering flowers to make into colorful powders to toss during the festival. And when at last the big day comes, they gather with their friends, family, and neighbors for a vibrant celebration of fresh starts, friendship, forgiveness, and, of course, fun!

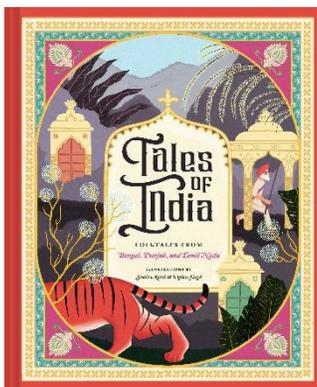


Title: Holi Colors
Author: Rina Singh
Publisher: Orca Books
Publication Date: February 13th, 2018
Category-Genre: Board Book - Concept Book

ISBN: 978-1459818491

Synopsis: People in India welcome the arrival of spring by tossing colored powders known as gulal on friends, family and strangers.

Holi, the spectacular Festival of Colors celebrates the legendary love of Lord Krishna for his beloved, Radha. Amid the clouds of reds, blues, yellows and every color imaginable, the festival of colors and love has everyone singing and dancing in the streets. Happy Holi!

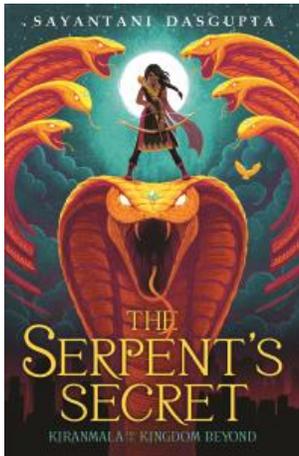


Title: Tales of India - Folktales from Bengal, Punjab & Tamil Nadu
Illustrations: Viplov Singh & Svabhu Kohli
Publisher: Chronicle Books
Publication Date: February 27, 2018
Category-Genre: Folktales

ISBN: 978-1452165912

Synopsis: This collection of 16 traditional tales transports readers to the beguiling world of Indian folklore. Transcribed by Indian and English folklorists in the nineteenth century, these stories brim with wit and magic. Fans of fairy tales will encounter familiar favorites—epic quests and talking

animals—alongside delightful surprises—an irreverent sense of humor and an array of bold, inspiring heroines. Each tale in this book comes alive alongside exquisite artwork by a pair of contemporary Indian artists.



Title: The Serpent's Secret (Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond - Book 1)

Author: Sayantani DasGupta

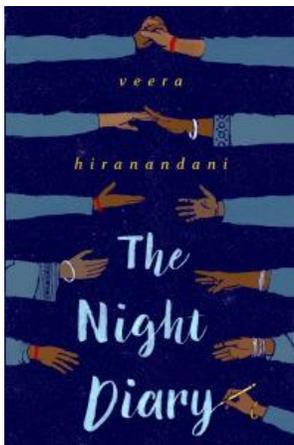
Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: February 27, 2018

Category-Genre: Middle-Grade - Fantasy Adventure

ISBN: 978-1338185706

Synopsis: On the morning of her twelfth birthday, Kiranmala is just a regular sixth grader living in New Jersey . . . until her parents mysteriously vanish and a rakkhosh demon that wants to eat her. There might be some truth to her parents' fantastical stories-like how Kiranmala is a real Indian princess and how she comes from a secret place not of this world. Kiran is swept into a dimension full of magic, winged horses, and annoying, talking birds. She must solve riddles and battle demons while avoiding the Serpent King of the underworld and the Rakkhoshi Queen in order to find her parents and save New Jersey, her entire world, and everything beyond it . . .



Title: The Night Diary

Author: Veera Hiranandani

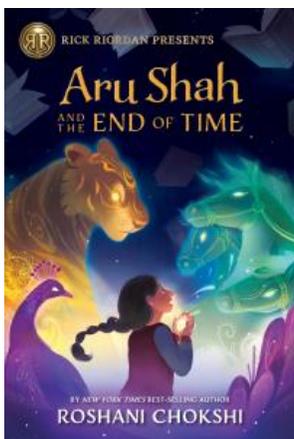
Publisher: Dial Books

Publication Date: March 6, 2018

Category- Genre: Middle-Grade - Historical Fiction

ISBN: 978-0735228511

Synopsis: It's 1947, and India, newly freed from British rule, has been divided into two countries, Pakistan and India. When her father decides it's too dangerous to stay in what is now Pakistan, Nisha and her family embark on a harrowing journey. Told through Nisha's letters to her deceased mother, The Night Diary, is an intimate tale of India's partition, and one girl's search for home, for her own identity, and for a hopeful future.



Title: Aru Shah and the End of Time

Author: Roshani Chokshi

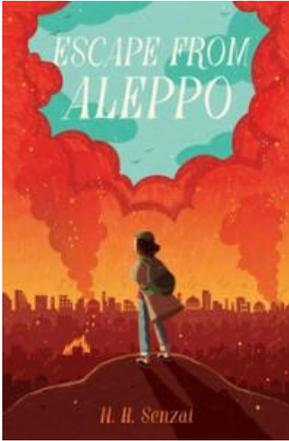
Publisher: Rick Riordan Presents / Disney Publishing Worldwide

Publication Date: March 27, 2018

Category-Genre: Middle Grade – Fantasy

ISBN: 978-1368012355

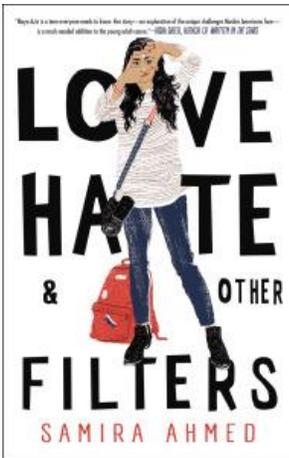
Synopsis: The first in an accessible, funny, and fast-paced fantasy adventure series based on Hindu mythology, about a twelve-year-old girl who sets a cosmic showdown in motion when she lights an ancient lamp on a dare. Best-selling author Rick Riordan introduces this adventure by Roshani Chokshi about twelve-year-old Aru Shah, who has a tendency to stretch the truth in order to fit in at school.



Title: Escape From Aleppo
Author: N.H. Senzai
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
Publication Date: January 2, 2018
Category-Genre: Young Adult - Realistic Fiction

ISBN: 978-1481472173

Synopsis: Nadia's family is forced to flee their home in Aleppo, Syria, when the Arab Spring sparks a civil war in this timely coming-of-age novel.



Title: Love, Hate, & Other Filters
Author: Samira Ahmed
Publisher: Soho Teen
Publication Date: January 18, 2018
Category-Genre: Young Adult – Contemporary

ISBN: 978-1616958473

Synopsis: American-born seventeen-year-old Maya Aziz is torn between worlds. The proper one her parents expect for their good Indian daughter and the the world of her dreams: going to film school and living in New York City—and maybe pursuing a boy she's known from afar since grade school. There's also the real world. In the aftermath of a horrific crime perpetrated hundreds of miles away, her life is turned upside down. Her community becomes

unrecognizable; neighbors and classmates alike are consumed with fear, bigotry, and hatred. Maya must find the strength within to determine where she truly belongs.



Title: Dark Goddess
Author: Amalie Howard
Publisher: Sky Pony Press
Publication Date: February 13, 2018
Category-Genre: Yong Adult – Fantasy

ISBN: 978-1510709898

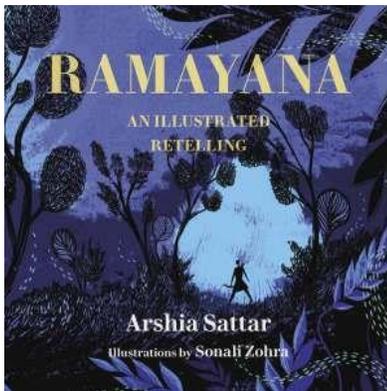
Synopsis: After a fierce struggle that unseated the Azura Lord of Death and elevated Serjana Caelum's best friend, Kyle, to his role, the realms of existence appear peaceful, and the balance between good and evil—which Sera is sworn to protect—has been restored. But a new threat appears: a scourge of demons is invading the Mortal Realm, and Kira, the living incarnation of Kali, the goddess

of destruction, plans to protect the heavens at all cost. But when an even more sinister threat arises—putting not just the human world but all planes of existence in jeopardy—they must all learn to work together or lose everything they sacrificed so much to save.



Title: A Girl Like That
Author: Tanaz Bhathena
Publisher: Farrar Straus Giroux BYR
Publication Date: February 27, 2018
Category-Genre: Young Adult – Contemporary
ISBN: 978-0374305444

Synopsis: Sixteen-year-old Zarin Wadia is many things: a bright and vivacious student, an orphan, a risk-taker. She’s also a troublemaker whose romantic entanglements are the subject of endless gossip among her classmates. You don't want to get involved with a girl like that, they say. So how is it that eighteen-year-old Porus Dumasia has only ever had eyes for her? And how did Zarin and Porus end up dead in a car together, crashed on the side of a highway in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia? When the religious police arrive on the scene, everything everyone thought they knew about Zarin is questioned. And as her story is pieced together, told through multiple perspectives, it becomes clear that she was far more than just a girl like that.



Title: Ramayana: An Illustrated Retelling
Author: Arshia Sattar
Illustrator: Sonali Zohra
Publisher: Restless Books
Publication Date: March 20, 2018
Category-Genre: Young Adult - Classics / Hindu Epics
ISBN: 978-1632061775

Synopsis: Ramayana—an unforgettable tale of love, adventure, flying monkeys and god acting in the world of humans—has been treasured by readers around the world for thousands of years. Now in an authoritative, gripping retelling by the renowned Ramayana scholar Arshia Sattar, readers have a new chance to explore this classic’s riches.