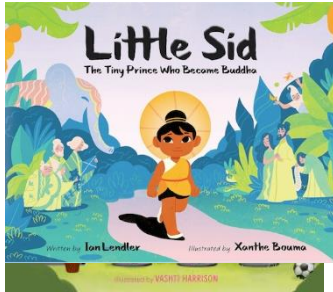


## South Asian Kidlit 2018 – Part 2 – Picture Books

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:** Little Sid: The Tiny Prince Who Became Buddha

**Author:** Ian Lendler

**Illustrator:** Xanthe Bouma

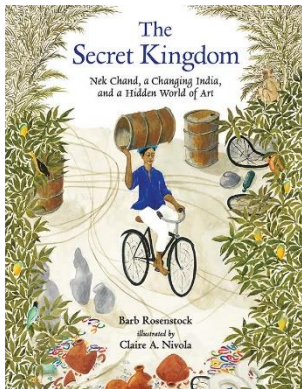
**Publisher:** First Second

**Publication Date:** January 23, 2018

**Category-Genre:** Picture Book-Buddhist Fiction

**ISBN:** 978-1626726369

**Synopsis:** Little Sid weaves traditional Buddhist fables into a new tale of Siddhartha as a spoiled young prince, who gets everything he asks for, until he wants something that can't be given— happiness. So he sets off on a journey of discovery and encounters mysterious wise-folk, terrifying tigers, and one very annoying mouse.



**Title:** The Secret Kingdom: Nek Chand, a Changing India, and a Hidden World of Art

**Author:** Barb Rosenstock

**Illustrator:** Claire A. Nivola

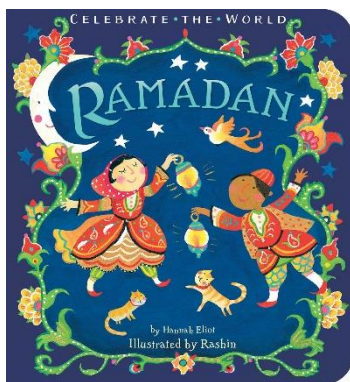
**Publisher:** Candlewick Press

**Publication Date:** February 2018

**Category-Genre:** Picture Book - Non-Fiction

**ISBN:** 978-0763674755

**Synopsis:** The incredible story of the world's largest visionary environment: the Rock Garden of Chandigarh, kept secret by outsider artist Nek Chand for fifteen years.



**Title:** Ramadan

**Author:** Hannah Eliot

**Illustrator:** Rashin

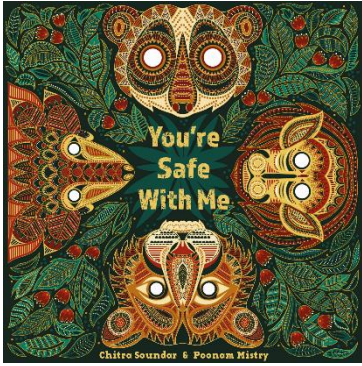
**Publisher:** Little Simon

**Publication Date:** April 3, 2018

**Category-Genre:** Board Book

**ISBN:** 978-1534406353

**Synopsis:** In the ninth month of the year, when the first crescent moon rises in the sky, it's time to celebrate Ramadan! In this lovely board book with illustrations from Rashin Kheiriyeh, readers learn that Ramadan is a time to reflect on ourselves, to be thankful, and a time to help others.

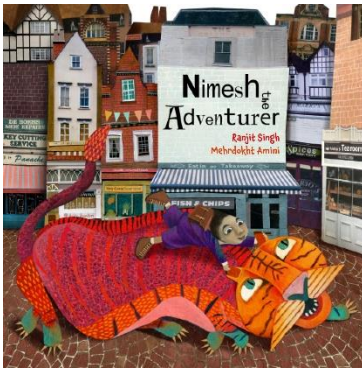


**Title:** You're Safe With Me  
**Author:** Chitra Soundar  
**Illustrator:** Poonam Mistry  
**Publisher:** Lantana Publishing (distributed by Lerner Books)  
**Publication Date:** April 1, 2018  
**Category-Genre:** Picture Book

**ISBN:** 978-1911373292

**Synopsis:**

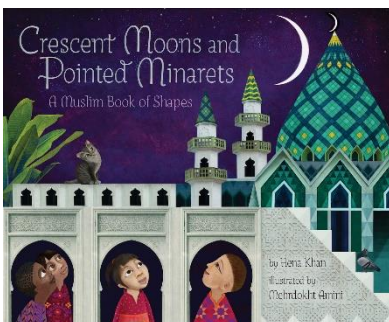
When the moon rises high and the stars twinkle, it is bedtime for the baby animals of the Indian forest. But tonight, when the skies turn dark and the night grows stormy, the little ones can't sleep. SWISH-SWISH! CRACK-TRACK! FLASH-SNAP! goes the storm. Only Mama Elephant with her words of wisdom can reassure them. "You're safe with me."



**Title:** Nimesh the Adventurer  
**Author:** Ranjit Singh  
**Illustrator:** Mehrdoht Amini  
**Publisher:** Lantana Publishing (distributed by Lerner Books)  
**Publication Date:** April 1, 2018  
**Category-Genre:** Picture Book

**ISBN:** 978-1911373247

**Synopsis:** Nimesh is walking home from school. Except...there happens to be a shark in the corridor. And a dragon in the library! And why would crossing the road lead to the North Pole? A fun-filled story about a little boy with a BIG imagination, Nimesh the Adventurer will surely make even the dulllest journey a dazzling adventure.

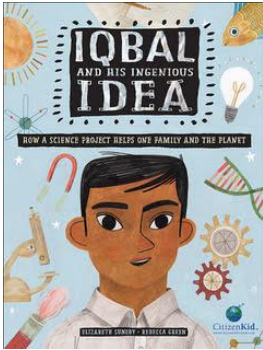


**Title:** Crescent Moons and Pointed Minarets: A Muslim Book of Shapes  
**Author:** Hena Khan  
**Illustrator:** Mehrdoht Amini  
**Publisher:** Chronicle Books  
**Publication Date:** April 10, 2018  
**Category-Genre:** Picture Book

**ISBN:** 978-1452155418

**Synopsis:**

From a crescent moon to a square garden to an octagonal fountain, this breathtaking picture book celebrates the shapes—and traditions—of the Muslim world. Sure to inspire questions and observations about world religions and cultures, this beautiful sequel to Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns is equally at home in a classroom reading circle as on a parent's lap being read to a child.



**Title:** Iqbal and his Ingenious Idea: How a Science Project Helps One Family and the Planet

**Author:** Elizabeth Suneby

**Illustrator:** Rebecca Green

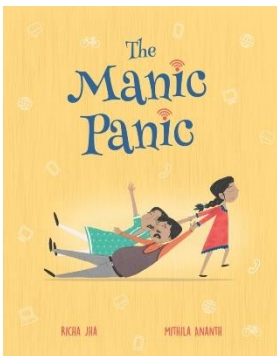
**Publisher:** Kids Can Press

**Publication Date:** May 1, 2108

**Category-Genre:** Fiction

**ISBN:** 978-1771387200

**Synopsis:** Motivation, science problem-solving skills and the help of a little sister—that’s what it takes for Iqbal to come up with an idea for his school’s science fair. If he wins, he can buy his mom a gas-fueled stove so during monsoon season she doesn’t have to cook over an open fire inside which is making her and the baby sick.



**Title:** The Manic Panic

**Author:** Richa Jha

**Illustrator:** Mithila Ananth

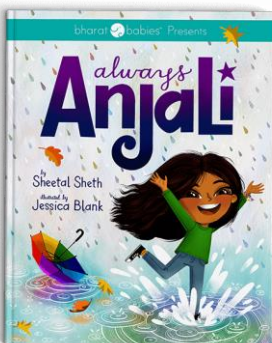
**Publisher:** Creston Books

**Publication Date:** May 1, 2018

**Category-Genre:** Picture book

**ISBN:** 978-1939547439

**Synopsis:** How can a family survive when the internet goes down? Clearly the parents have no solution. Luckily, their daughter knows exactly what to do!



**Title:** Always Anjali

**Author:** Sheetal Sheth

**Illustrator:** Jessica Blank

**Publisher:** Bharat Babies

**Publication Date:** May, 2018

**Category-Genre:** Picture Book

**Synopsis:** When Anjali and her friends want to get matching personalized license plates, she can’t find her name. To make matters worse, she gets bullied for her ‘different’ name, and is so upset she demands to change it. When her parents refuse, and she is forced to take matters into her own hands, she winds up learning to celebrate who she is and carry her name with pride and power. A timeless story about appreciating what makes us special.