

Children's Books by Kalpavriksh

Books on Environment, Wildlife, Communities, Conservation...



Kalpavriksh is a pioneering environmental NGO in India, established in 1979. It began with a student-led campaign to protect Delhi's Ridge forest—an early act of activism that set the tone for decades of diverse engagement. Over time, the organisation has cultivated a holistic, culturally rooted model of ecological action, combining awareness-building, grassroots campaigns, legal interventions, education, and policy advocacy.

Kalpavriksh embarked on its journey into children's literature in 2008 with *The Ghost of the Mountains*, a story based on real events for promoting the conservation of the snow leopard in the Himalayas. Building on this foundation, the organisation continued to bring out locale-specific stories to support educational programs in different regions of India.

Kalpavriksh now publishes books in English that focus on Indian conservation issues, lesser-known wildlife species, community-based environmental efforts and connecting with nature. The group has actively facilitated the translation of its books into multiple languages through collaborations with other publishers.



Pedru and the Big Boom 2021

This illustrated chapter book takes you through the struggles of one curious, adventurous boy and his village, against a powerful opponent.

Ages: 10-14 ISBN: 9788187945918

Longlist AutHer Award, JK Times of India 2021
Longlist WWF Greenlifest 2022
Parag Honour Book 2023



Chitty: A Dog & Her Forest Farm 2021

This is a memoir about Chitty, a dog living on a forest farm in the Western Ghats in India. It is based on a true story about a wise and loyal friend, with an extraordinary mind and soul.

Ages: 10-14 ISBN: 9788187945925

Mehli Gobhai Illustrator Award 2022
Parag Honour Book 2023
Best Illustrations, Top South Asian Children's Books, Tokabox, 2022

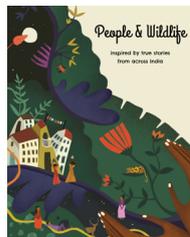


The Miracle on Sunderbaag Street 2020

Zara sits alone every evening in a dump yard until someone plants an idea in her mind and sets her off on a mission that changes her life!

Ages: 6-8 ISBN: 9788187945857

FICCI Special Jury Award 2022
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Parag Honour List 2021
Shortlist WWF Greenlifest 2021

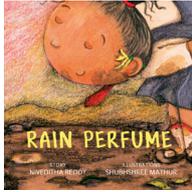


People & Wildlife 2018

Ten stories from across India about people who have special bonds with the nature and wildlife around them

Ages: 8-12 ISBN: 9788187945796

Parag Honour Book 2020



Rain Perfume 2025

Boondi is thrilled that her favourite smell is back in the air rain perfume! But poor Thatha is stuck at home, bedridden. It's his favourite smell too! Can Boondi come up with a plan to share her joy with Thatha?

Ages: 4-6 ISBN: 9788195697632



Falling in Love 2025

Have you ever been so enchanted, so filled with awe and wonder, that you fell in love with whatever stirred that feeling in you? In this book, the author revisits such moments from her life through poetic words straight from the heart.

Ages: 10-14 ISBN: 9788195697649

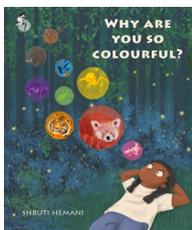


What Am I Good At? 2024

Baby Eagle is troubled by a big question: "What am I good at?" She asks all the animals she can find—an elephant, a sloth bear, a grey langur, a barking deer, and even an otter! Will she finally get an answer?

Ages: 4-6 ISBN: 9788195697663

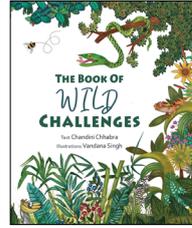
Longlist Jarul Book Award 2025
Shortlist VoW Book Awards 2025



Why Are You So Colourful? 2023

Why is a red munia red? Why does a bullfrog turn yellow? How does a painted stork get its pink colour? Why do some mushrooms glow in the dark? And why do most mammals come in different shades of brown? This magnificently illustrated book explores the hows and whys of colours in the natural world.

Ages: 8-10 ISBN: 9788195697625



The Book of Wild Challenges 2025

Can you smell like a bee or jump like a flea?

Get ready to pit your powers against the greatest champions of the animal kingdom! From recordbreaking jumps to mindblowing speeds, this playful book is packed with fun facts and challenges.

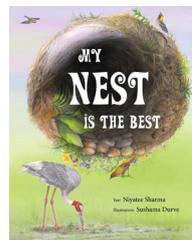
Ages: 6-8 ISBN: 9788195697687



Ila, My Wild Mongoose Friend 2024

A young college student volunteering at a wildlife rehab center forms an unexpected bond with Ila, a feisty Indian Grey Mongoose. Set in the lush outskirts of Bengaluru, this tale captures Ila's adventurous return to the wild and her friend's bittersweet journey in learning to let go.

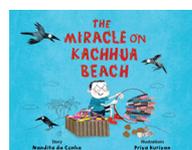
Ages: 8-10 ISBN: 9788195697670



My Nest is the Best 2024

Stitching, weaving, digging, stealing... Did you know that birds have countless fascinating skills that they use to build their nests? Learn all about them in this delightful book on nests!

Ages: 6-10 ISBN: 9788195697664



The Miracle on Kachhua Beach 2023

Ori can't bear his nickname "Oddball Ori". But one day, a strange sequence of events leads him to a garbage dump. An "oddball" idea strikes him, one that will change his life forever!

Ages: 6-8 ISBN: 9788195697601

Shortlist Atta Galatta Bangalore Litfest Award 2023
Longlist Greenlitfest Award 2024
Longlist Binod Kanoria Award 2024
Longlist Jarul Book Award 2025



The Spring of Life 2023

This book explores the life of Moirangthem Loiya Ngamba and the forest in Manipur he has dedicated his life to. It brings alive the struggles, the sorrows and the joys of Loiya's life at Punshilok, and offers inspiration to us all.

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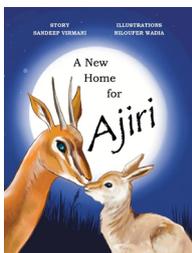


The Monster Who Could Not Climb a Tree 2022

Avi has a secret, a terrible one. He has to face a monster that no one knows about. Who is this monster that troubles Avi? How does he fight it?

Ages: 8-10 ISBN: 9788187945956

Shortlist Binod Kanoria Award 2022
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Shortlist Neev Award 2023
Shortlist VoW Book Award 2023



A New Home for Ajiri 2021

Ajiri is a Chinkara calf in Kachchh, who forms an unusual friendship with a young boy, a pastoralist girl and lots of camels!

Ages: 8-10 ISBN: 9788187945901



Saahi's Quest 2020

Saahi, a Wandering Glider dragonfly, takes off on a quest to look for more of her kind and meets many tiny creatures along the way.

Ages: 8-10 ISBN: 9788187945871

WWF Greenlitfest Honour Book 2021

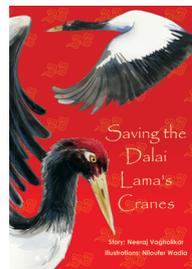


Travelling Seeds 2020

Flyer, floater, trickster, hitchhiker! Explore the different ways seeds travel to keep their species alive!

Ages: 8-10 ISBN: 9788187945864

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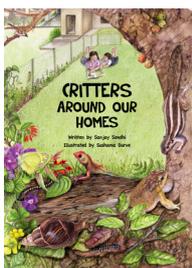


Saving the Dalai Lama's Cranes 2018

A young monk and his friends in Arunachal Pradesh save the home of their beloved blacknecked crane.

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Parag Honour Book 2020

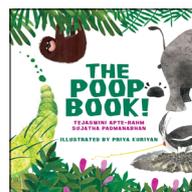


Critters Around Our Homes 2018

This book provides a peek into the lives of some creatures that we see in and around our homes.

Ages: 8-10 ISBN: 9788187945802

Parag Honour Book 2020



The Poop Book! 2018

How do animals poop? What do they do with their poop? This is a book on funfacts about poop.

Ages: 4-8 ISBN: 9788187945789

Shortlist Jarul Book Award 2122
Parag Honour Book 2020

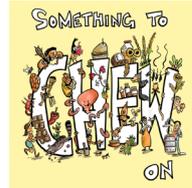


Po Tricks His Foe 2018

Copublisher: Eklavya

Po, a little pangolin, sets out late one evening to look for food, only to run into some trouble.

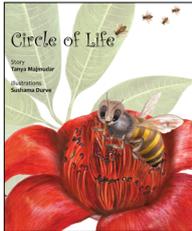
Ages: 6-8 ISBN: 9789385236525



Something to Chew On 2016

A book about the food of India, its histories, stories, customs and connections

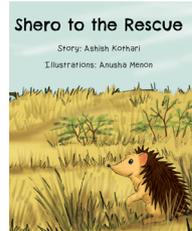
Ages: 10-14 ISBN: 9788187945826



Circle of Life 2015

Fara is a young bee with a dream. Journey with her and members of her hive as they grow up in the beautiful, lush green forests of India.

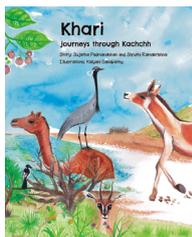
Ages: 10-14 ISBN: 9788187945833



Shero to the Rescue 2015

Shero, a little hedgehog, rallies support from animals living in Kachchh, to save their land from a new threat.

Ages: 8-10 ISBN: 9788187945642



Khari Journeys through Kachchh 2015

Khari, a demoiselle crane on her first visit to Kachchh, journeys through the beautiful and diverse land, meeting many animals along the way.

Ages: 8-10 ISBN: 9788187945659



The Ghost of the Mountains 2008

Copublisher: SLC India Trust

The residents of Ang find a strange visitor one morning, and want to kill it. A young lad feels differently.

Ages: 8-12 ISBN: 9788187945086

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