

SOUTH ASIAN BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

South Asia is a subregion of Asia, usually taken as comprising the modern countries of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The concept of "South Asia" is useful when referring to the countries of the region as a group.

Children's Books

Favorites:

Chachaji's Cup by Uma Krishnaswami

2003, Children's Book Press, USA

Find a complete list of Uma's books at: <http://www.umakrishnaswami.com/>

The Dalai Lama: A Biography of the Tibetan Spiritual and Political Leader by Demi

1998, Henry Holt, USA

Gandhi by Demi

2001, Margaret McElderry Books, USA

Lights for Gita by Rachna Gilmore

1995, Second Storey Press, Canada

Find a complete list of Rachna's books at: <http://www.rachnagilmore.ca/>

The Mountains of Tibet by Mordicai Gerstein

1987, HarperCollins, USA

The Roses in my Carpets by Rukshana Khan

Find a complete list of Rukshana's books at: <http://www.rukhsanakhan.com/index.htm>

The Sunita Experiment by Mitali Perkins

1993, HarperCollins

For a complete list of books by Mitali go to: <http://www.mitaliperkins.com/index.htm>

Recommended:

Aani and the Tree Hugers by Jeanine Atkins

1995, Lee and Low Books, USA

Anni's India Diary by Anni Axworthy

1992, Whispering Coyote Press, USA

Daughter of the Mountains by Louise Rankin

1993, Puffin Books, USA

The Golden Goose King by Judith Ernst

1995, Parvardigar Press, USA

Haroun and the Sea of Stories by Salman Rushdie

1992, Viking, USA

In the Street of the Temple Cloth Printers by Dorothy Field

1996, Pacific Educational Press, Canada. Non-fiction

The Little Lama of Tibet by Louis Raimondo
1995, Scholastic Inc., USA

The Ocean of Story: Fairy Tales from India by Caroline Ness
1996, Linnet Books/Shoe String Press, USA

Prince Siddhartha by J. Landaw and J. Brooke
1984, Wisdom Publications, U.K.

The Rajah's Rice: A Mathematical Folktale from India by David Barry
1994, WH Freeman, USA

Seasons of Splendor by Madhur Jaffrey
1985, Atheneum, USA

Young Adult Literature

Blue Jasmine by Kashmiri Sheth (author lives in Madison)
2004, Hyperion Books for Children, USA
For a complete list of books by the author, go to: <http://kashmirasheth.typepad.com/>

Bindi Babes by Narinder Dhama
2004, Delacorte Press, USA

Born Confused by Tanuja Desai Hidier
2002, Scholastic Press, USA

Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis**
2001, Douglas & McIntyre, USA
Followed by, **Parvana's Journey** and **Mud City**

**Wonderful Online Curriculum: <http://www.literacynet.org/cortez/>
<http://www.hawaii.edu/hga/GeoMatters/hstapresent/Breadwinner/Breadwinner.htm>

Come Back to Afghanistan: A California Teenager's Story by Said Hyder Akbar and Susan Burton
2005, Bloomsbury: Distributed to the trade by Holtzbrinck Publishers, USA

Maya Running by Anjali Banerjee
2005, Wendy Lamb Books, USA

Naming Maya by Uma Krishnaswami
2004, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, USA

Neela: Victory Song by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
2002, Pleasant Co., Series: Girls of Many Lands, USA

The not-so-star spangled life of Sunita Sen: A Novel by Mitali Perkins
2005, Little, Brown, USA

Shabanu Daughter of the Wind by Suzanne Fisher Staples
1989, Knopf: Distributed by Random House, USA

Under the Persimmon Tree by Suzanne Fisher Staples

2005, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2005

For a complete list of books by Suzanne go to: <http://www.suzannefisherstaples.com/>

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Children's and YA Literature from Indian Publishers

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Tara Publishing: http://www.tarabooks.com/aboutus_vision.asp

A few favorites are:

- **Babu the Waiter** by Sirish Rao
- **Excuse Me, Is this India?** by Anushka Ravishankar
- **To Market! To Market!** by Anushka Ravishankar
- **One, Two, Tree!** by Anushka Ravishankar/ Sirish Rao
- **Wish You Were Here** by Anushkar Ravishankar

Tulika Publishers: <http://www.tulikabooks.com/>

A few favorite are:

- **Aiappan and the Magic Horse**, by P Rajagopal, Hanne M de Bruin, Evelien Pullens
- **A Face in the Water**, by Libby Hathorn art Uma Krishnaswamy
- **Mazzoo, Mazzoo**, by Sandhya Rao art Srividya Natarajan
- **My Friend, the Sea**, by Sandhya Rao**
- **This is a wonderful story about the life of fishermen who were affected by the Tsunami in southern India
- **The Why-Why Girl**, by Mahasweta Devi art Kanyika Kini