





India

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The following list is a sampling of the books we have on this subject. Children's, teen, and adult books are included here. Students and their parents should choose the books that are most appropriate for them.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Thirst

by Varsha Bajaj

J F BAJAJ

A heroic girl in Mumbai fights for her belief that water should be for everyone. 179 pages

Tamarind and the Star of Ishta

by Jasbinder Bilan

J F BILAN

When her father remarries, Tamarind is sent to India to stay with her birth-mother's family, whom she has never met, in their atmospheric ancestral home – a huge mansion in the Himalaya Mountains. Her arrival in India brings culture shock, secrets, and unanswered questions. 241 pages

Aru Shah and the End of Time

by Roshani Chokshi

J F CHOKSHI

Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon. 355 pages

Strong as Fire, Fierce as Flame

by Supriya Kelkar

J F KELKAR

In 1857 India, 12-year-old Meera escapes a life she has no say in – and certain death on her husband's funeral pyre – only to end up a servant to a British general in the East India Company. As a rebellion against the colonizer's spreads, she must choose between safety and standing up for herself and her people. 314 pages

Burying the Moon

by Andrée Poulin

J F POULIN

In a village in India with no toilets, Latika has to do her business in a field under the cover of darkness. After her grandmother is stung by a scorpion and her sister is forced to leave school because she has reached puberty, Latika seizes a chance to change their situation. 119 pages

Omar Rising

by Aisha Saeed

J F SAEED

Omar, the son of a servant, must contend with being treated like a second-class citizen when he gets a scholarship to an elite boarding school. Can Omar do something to change the system? 216 pages

Born Behind Bars

by Padma Venkatraman

J F VENKATRA

In Chennai, India, after spending his whole life in jail with his mother, who is serving time for a crime she did not commit, nine-year-old Kabir is suddenly released and has to figure out how to survive on his own in the outside world. 265 pages

Pashmina

by Nidhi Chanani

J COMICS CHANANI

For Pri, her mother's homeland only exists in her imagination, until she finds a mysterious pashmina in a forgotten suitcase. When she wraps herself in it, she is transported to a place more vivid and colorful than any guidebook or film. But is this the real India? And what is that shadow lurking in the background? 161 pages

The Elephant Doctor of India

by Janie Chodosh

J INFO 636.967 CHO

Follows Dr. Kushal Konwar Sarma, India's beloved elephant doctor, who takes care of the elephants living in the Udalgari District of Assam, India. 166 pages

Travel to India

by Doeden, Matt

J INFO 954 DOE

Discover what it's like to live in modern India, plus learn about the country's history, geography, culture, and more. 32 pages

The Swan Car of Nabha & Other Unusual Stories from History

by Mini Menon

J INFO 954 SWA

Quirky but true histories from eccentric maharajas and nawabs, to the Nizam who hid a priceless diamond in a shoe, to the Maharaja of Nabha with his bizarre Swan Car, to the Nawab of Junagadh whose dog Roshanara was married in brocades and pearls with over 700 guests in attendance, and many more. 200 pages

The Taj Mahal

by Sara Green

J INFO 954.025 GRE

Tells the engaging story of one of India's most famous places, the Taj Mahal, through both pictures and narrative text. 32 pages

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

↓ ↻ The Loophole

by Naz Kutub

YA F KUTUB

Seventeen-year-old Sy is a timid, queer, Indian-Muslim boy. When his boyfriend Farouk leaves him to try and fix the world, he's too afraid to take the plunge to go with him. All Sy wants is another chance, and when a mysterious girl offers him three wishes in exchange for help, it may come true. 326 pages

↻ Night of the Raven, Dawn of the Dove

by Rati Mehrotra

YA F MEHROTRA

Set in an alternate medieval India infested with monsters, this book follows a young guardswoman who struggles with her role as a pawn in the deadly games between two kingdoms. 338 pages

↓ ↻ My Sister's Big Fat Indian Wedding

by Sajni Patel

YA F PATEL

Zurika is a naturally gifted violinist with a love for hip-hop, but her big Indian family's expectations don't include those things. After being rejected by Juilliard, her last hope is a contest. The only problem? The coveted competition is during Zuri's sister's extravagant wedding week. What could go wrong? 368 pages

↻ The Ivory Key

by Akshaya Raman

YA F RAMAN

A lush and exciting Indian-inspired fantasy set in the fictional kingdom of Ashoka, where magic is the key resource. Three siblings must search for the key of legends that will lead the way to save them all. 375 pages

↻ The Dream Runners

by Shveta Thakrar

YA F THAKRAR

Seven years ago, Tanvi and Venkat were spirited away to the subterranean realm of Nagalok, a world influenced by Hindu mythology, where they are in charge of harvesting human dreams for entertainment of the high court. Now seventeen, Tanvi suddenly begins to remember the mortal life she left behind. 431 pages

Star Daughter

by Shveta Thakrar

YA F THAKRAR

The daughter of a star and a mortal, Sheetal is used to keeping secrets. But when an accidental flare of her starfire puts her human father in the hospital, Sheetal needs a full star's help to heal him. Sheetal's quest to save her father will take her to a celestial court of shining wonders and dark shadows, where she risks never returning to Earth at all. 435 pages

Homeless Bird

by Gloria Whelan

YA F WHELAN

When 13-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she soon finds herself alone in the world. It is up to Koly to decide whether she'll accept the destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it and make a fulfilling life of her own. 186 pages

Taj Mahal

by Rik Hoskin

YA COMICS HOSKIN

This is the love story of Shah Jahan and Mumtaz Mahal, how they met and fell in love, and how Shah Jahan was to lose her as she died while giving birth. This is also the story of how the Taj Mahal was built, and how the great Mughal emperor spent his last days imprisoned, pining for his beloved Mumtaz, as he gazed over the river for a view of the magnificent edifice, a monumental reminder of his love and loss. 109 pages

The Jungle Book

by Crystal S. Chan

YA COMICS MANGA CL KIPLING

Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book, in graphic novel format, presents the adventures of Mowgli, a young boy raised by the animals in an Indian jungle. 321 pages

ADULT FICTION

Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line

by Deepa Anappara

F ANAPPARA

Based on a true story—nine-year-old Jai and his friends Pari and Faiz decide to use their crime-solving skills picked up from watching too much TV to investigate a classmate's disappearance. The trio confront terrified parents, an indifferent police force, and their fears of soul-snatching djinns. 347 pages

Small Days and Nights

by Tishani Doshi

F DOSHI

Escaping her failing marriage, Grace returns to India to cremate her mother and receives an unexpected inheritance: a property on the beach of Madras. She also meets Lucia, a sister with Down Syndrome she never knew she had. 261 pages

Mother Land

by Leah Franqui

F FRANQUI

An independent New York foodie accompanies her husband to his home in Mumbai, where her ex-pat sense of adventure is tested by the unexpected divorce of her headstrong mother-in-law. 372 pages

The Unlikely Adventures of the Shergill Sisters

by Balli Kaur Jaswal

F JASWAL

Making an obligatory pilgrimage to the Golden Temple in Amritsar to carry out their mother's final rites, three estranged British-Punjabi sisters make unexpected discoveries about why their mother was forced to leave India. 312 pages

Age of Vice

by Deepti Kapoor

F KAPOOR


Set in contemporary New Dehli, this is an epic, action-packed story propelled by seductive wealth, startling corruption, and bloodthirsty violence. 548 pages

  **The Bandit Queens**

by Parini Shroff

F SHROFF

In her small, Indian village, Geeta has become accustomed to living a solitary life; her husband disappeared five years ago, and it's hard to make friends when the whole village believes you're a witch who killed him. Her reputation becomes a double-edged sword, however, when other women want to become widows. 342 pages

 **Murder in Old Bombay**

by Nev March

MYSTERY MARCH

Based on real events, in 1892 Bombay, Captain Jim Agnihotri is hired by the Framji family to investigate the crime of the century: Two women fell from a university clock tower in broad daylight. Jim's investigation disturbs the shadows that follow the Framji family and triggers an ominous chain of events. 389 pages

 **The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches**

by Sangu Mandanna

SCI-FI MANDANNA

Mika Moon is one of the few witches where she lives, and has to hide her magic and keep away from other witches so their powers don't mingle. When she is unexpectedly invited to a remote island to teach three young witches how to control their magic, it doesn't go as planned. 318 pages

The Oleander Sword

by Tasha Suri

SCI-FI SURI

Inspired by Indian history, this fantasy novel follows a captive princess and maid servant becoming unlikely allies to save their empire. Malini and Priya's souls remain as entwined as their destinies, and saving their kingdom from those who would rather see it burn will come at a terrible price. 500 pages

NONFICTION

The Illustrated Ramayana

by Tarinee Awasthi

294.5211 AWA

The tale of Rama, the exiled prince of Ayodhya who battles the evil Ravana, the king of Lanka, and rescues his abducted wife, Sita. It is a tale of love, friendship, loyalty, devotion, righteousness, and deliverance. Ramayana and Rama, whose journey is told in the epic, are embedded in India's cultural consciousness. 392 pages

No Beast so Fierce

by Dane Huckelbridge

599.756 HUC

The gripping, true account of the Champawat Tiger, which terrified northern India and Nepal from 1900 to 1907 killing at least 436 people, and of Jim Corbett, the legendary hunter who pursued it. 280 pages

 **Sisters of Mokama**

by Jyoti Thottam

610.82 THO

Tells the story of the author's mother, who left home at just 15 years old and traveled to Bihar in order to train to be a nurse. The hospital she studied at was run almost entirely by women, who insisted on giving the highest possible standard of care to everyone who walked through its doors, regardless of caste or religion. 356 pages

The Hunt for Mount Everest

by Craig Storti

796.522 STO

This book tells the story of the 71-year quest to find the world's tallest mountain. Encountering spies, war, political intrigues, and hundreds of mules, camels, yaks, and two zebrules, two English climbers finally set foot on Mount Everest in June of 1921. 301 pages

Himalaya Bound

by Michael Benanav

915.496 BEN

Welcomed into a family of nomadic water buffalo herders in India, Benanav joins them on their annual spring migration into the Himalayas. This adventure explores the relationship between humankind and wild lands, and the effect of environmental conservation on those whose lives are intertwined with the natural world. 230 pages

Army of Empire

by George Morton-Jack

940.4125 MOR

A history of the Indian Expeditionary Forces in World War I. Often overlooked, the Indian soldiers who served the British Empire played a crucial role but received mixed reactions from allies and enemies alike. In their service they found new hopes of racial equality and freedom from colonization. 582 pages

Growing Up in India

by Andrea Nakaya

YA 954 NAK

India has the largest number of young people between the ages of 10 and 24 in the world; a total of 356 million. This overview of the country focuses on how India's youth experience home and family, education and work, social life, and more. 80 pages

Midnight's Borders

by Suchitra Vijayan

954 VIJ

Sharing borders with six countries and spanning a geography that extends from Pakistan to Myanmar, India is the world's largest democracy and second most populous country. Suchitra Vijayan shares what she learned about India in the seven years she spent traveling the 9,000-mile land border. 315 pages

Courting India

by Nandini Das

954.0256 DAS

Thomas Roe arrived in India in 1616 as King James I's first ambassador to the Mughal Empire. The English's understanding of South Asian and Indian trade was sketchy at best. This book is the fascinating history of Roe's four years in India and the roots of Britain's insidious imperial seeds that were just being sown. 440 pages

Rebels Against the Raj

by Ramachandra Guha

954.03 GUH

An incredible story of seven people who chose to struggle for a country other than their own: foreigners to India who across the late 19th and 20th centuries arrived to join the freedom movement fighting for independence from British colonial rule. 476 pages

On the Ganges

by George Black

954.1 BLA

An extraordinary tour of the Ganges that explores its major regions as well as the eclectic populations that worship the river, pollute it, or visit it from all over the world. 318 pages

Himalaya: A Human History

by Ed Douglas

954.96 DOU

This book is for readers interested in a detailed, wide-ranging overview of the history and people of the Himalayas in relation to outside influences, particularly the invasive and oversized role played by the East India Company and Britain. 581 pages

The Epic City

by Kushanava Choudhury

BIO CHOUDHUR

After immigrating to the United States when he was 12, the author describes why he moved back to Calcutta to work for the city's leading English newspaper and paints a vivid everyday picture of a city past its prime and unchanged by time. 238 pages

Ants Among Elephants

by Sujatha Gidla

BIO GIDLA

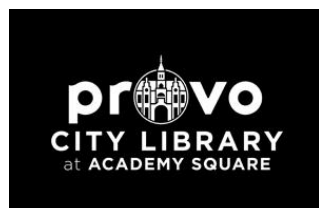
A woman, born as an "untouchable" into the Indian caste system, describes how she was educated by Canadian missionaries in the 1930s, and what it was like growing up in a world full of poverty and injustice but also full of incredible possibility. 306 pages

Gandhi: A Manga Biography

by Kazuki Ebine

GRAPHIC NOVELS BIO GANDHI

Describes the life of Mahatma Gandhi, who became one of the most revered figures of the modern era through his quiet powerful leadership and influential use of nonviolent resistance in India's struggle against the British Raj. 192 pages



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