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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

Abby Spencer Goes to Bollywood

by Varsha Bajaj

J F BAJAJ

Astonished to learn that the father she never knew is actually Bollywood's biggest celebrity, Abby travels to Mumbai to meet her father and struggles with cultural differences, the challenges of her identity, and her changing sense of self. 249 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

What Elephants Know

by Eric Dinerstein

J F DINERSTE

In the threatened jungle of the Borderlands between Nepal and India during the 1970s, an orphaned boy discovers his fate as a great elephant driver. 273 pages

The Night Diary

by Veera Hiranandani

J F HIRANAND

Shy 12-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary. 264 pages

Ahimsa

by Supriya Kelkar

J F KELKAR

When her mother is jailed for being one of Gandhi's freedom fighters, 10-year-old Anjali overcomes her own prejudices and continues her mother's social reform work, befriendng Untouchable children and working to integrate her school. 307 pages

The Jungle Book

by Rudyard Kipling

J F KIPLING

Presents the adventures of Mowgli, a boy reared by a pack of wolves, and the wild animals of the jungle. Also includes other short stories set in India. 190 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

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 BOOKS



The Star-Touched Queen

by Roshani Chokshi

YA F CHOKSHI

Treated with scorn and fear in her father's kingdom because of a formidable horoscope, 16-year-old Maya commits herself to her education only to land in an arranged marriage that culminates in her sudden elevation to the throne, a situation that is threatened by dark secrets and Otherworldly magic. 342 pages



The Library of Fates

by Aditi Khorana

YA F KHORANA

Inspired by Indian folklore, when the kingdom of Shalingar is attacked by the vicious Emperor Sikander, a princess and an enslaved oracle set out to find a mystical library that may help them reverse their fates and save the kingdom. 314 pages



Forward Me Back to You

by Mitali Perkins

YA F PERKINS

A summer service trip to Kolkata, India, working with survivors of human trafficking, bonds two teens who joined the group for very different reasons. Katina hopes to teach martial arts, while Robin hopes to find information about his birth mother. In the process, they learn more about themselves and grow as people. 415 pages



Poison's Kiss

by Breeana Shields

YA F SHIELDS

In an alternate world based on the mythology of India, a girl trained since birth as a "poison maiden" in the Raja's service is ordered to kill a boy she loves, and begins to question who she's working for. 295 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

 **A Time to Dance**

by Padma Venkatraman

YA F VENKATRA

In this novel written in verse set in contemporary Chennai, India, a girl who excels at Bharatanatyam dance refuses to give up after losing a leg. 307 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: An Incredible Love Story

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 and Julien Choy

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 BOOKS

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

Bindi

by Paul Matthew Maisano

F MAISANO

A richly imagined tale set against the backdrop of southern India, London, and Hollywood that tells the story of a young boy in India, suddenly orphaned, and the adults around him, each of whom is also looking for a home in the world. 325 pages

Rebel Queen

by Michelle Moran

F MORAN

Queen Lakshmi does not plan on surrendering when the British army arrives in her country. Instead, she raises two armies, one male and one female. She rides into battle, determined to protect her country and her people, and refuses to back down to the formidable British Empire. 354 pages

 **All the Lives We Never Lived**

by Anuradha Roy

F ROY

A novel set from World War II India through the present day and following a son's quest to uncover the story of his freedom-craving, rebellious artist mother. 272 pages

The Strangler Vine

by Miranda Carter

MYSTERY CARTER

While tracking down a missing writer who has exposed the true nature of Calcutta society in 1837 India, a young soldier with few prospects, a secret political agent and a master of disguise are drawn into the mysterious Thuggee cult and its even more ominous suppression. 369 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 Widows of Malabar Hill**

by Sujata Massey

MYSTERY MASSEY

Bombay's first female lawyer, Oxford graduate Perveen Mistry, investigates a suspicious will on behalf of three Muslim widows living in strict purdah seclusion who become subject to a murderous guardian's schemes for their inheritances. 385 pages

NONFICTION

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

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

Farthest Field

by Raghu Karnad

940.5412 KAR

Karnad explores India's complicated position in the Second World War by sketching out the contributions of his grandfather and two of his great uncles, who all died while serving in the Indian Army. In doing so he reveals how the war transformed India, its army, and how the British empire would, barely two years after the end of the war, abandon it to the horrors of partition. 300 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

Incarnations: A History of India in Fifty Lives

by Sunil Khilnani

954.0099 KHI

*The author of *The Idea of Indian* presents an entertaining and provocative account of India's past via a series of portraits of emperors, warriors, philosophers, film stars and corporate titans—some famous, some unjustly forgotten, but all important in the country's rich history. 449 pages*

Midnight's Furies

by Nisid Hajari

954.042 HAJ

What was supposed to be an answer to the dreams of Muslims and Hindus who had been ruled by the British for centuries instead became a cycle of rioting and violence leading up to the partition of India and birth of Pakistan that resulted in brutal and widespread ethnic cleansing on both sides of the border. 328 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 world regions. 318 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

Gandhi Before India

by Ramachandra Guha

BIO GANDHI

A first volume of a series detailing the life and work of the influential political advocate draws on private papers and other untapped sources to cover his birth in 1869 through his upbringing in Gujarat, discussing his London education and decades as a lawyer in South Africa. 672 pages

Gandhi: The Years that Changed the World, 1914-1948

by Ramachandra Guha

BIO GANDHI

The concluding volume of the definitive biography of Gandhi relates his struggles to attain India's independence from England, improve relations between Hindus and Muslims, and develop India's economic self-reliance, all using methods of nonviolence. 1083 pages

Ants Among Elephants

by Sujatha Gidla

BIO GIDLA

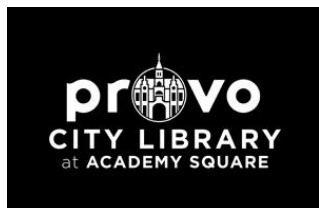
A woman, born as an "untouchable" into the Indian caste system, describes how she was educated by Canadian missionaries in the 1930s and what it was like growing up in a world full of poverty and injustice but also full of incredible possibility. 306 pages

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 quietly powerful leadership and influential use of nonviolent resistance in India's struggle against the British Raj. 192 pages



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