Behind the Lie
Mini Shrinivasan
Published in 2018
Publisher: Pratham Books
An electricity cable snarls in a young girl's hair, and she wanders off, alone and frightened. As she navigates her home and the community she belongs to, a young girl tries to understand the flash of violence that had caused her parents to split up. This story of a young girl's struggle to find her place is filled with hope and moments of joy and clarity.

Gopu and Golu
Rajiv Eipe
Published in 2018
Publisher: Tulika
Gopu, a wrestler, is the star of Shailaja Jain Chougule's story. He is the best wrestler in his class and is known as Tubby, a name that he would like to shed. The story about his unwavering desire to go to the national wrestling championship is sure to resonate with readers of all ages.

Nani has many little owlets
Deepa Balsavar
Illustrator: Srishti Jain
Published in 2018
Publisher: Pratham Books
Nani has an egg, and the baby owlet she is expecting is a surprise. The baby owlet is different from the others and she is worried that the owlets won’t accept it.

Experiments with Extraordinary
Kavita Singh
Illustrator: Deepa Balsavar
Published in 2018
Publisher: Pratham Books
The book is about a boy, his bat, and a cricket ball. It’s an adventure story of a boy who is passionate about cricket.

Kale
Mamta Nainy
Illustrator: Richa Jha
Published in 2019
Publisher: Parag
This book is told through the eyes of a young girl, Tine. She is a determined child, and this story is about her achievements, her accomplishments, and her determination.

Owlet Not Out
Priya Kuriyan
Illustrator: Canato Jimo
Published in 2019
Publisher: HarperCollins
The Runaway Owlet
Richa Jha
Published in 2019
Publisher: Pratham Books

Well rounded and the Mongoose characters are visually appealing, with the light touch make this book a sure hit for young readers. This book is filled with good illustrations, the author has captured the very essence of this delightful story. This is a perfect read for anyone who reads it; your heart will be filled with joy.

A Quest in the Forest
Sanjay Sondhi
Illustrator: Sushma Durve
Published in 2018
Publisher: Parag
This is the story of a forest animal who grows up in a human household. The story highlights the issues surrounding animal welfare and environmental conservation.

The Runaway Ghost Story
Habib Ali
Published in 2019
Publisher: Pratham Books
This is the story of a young girl, her pet bat, and her adventures in the run away. A must-read for anyone who loves to explore.

Lila’s loose Tooth
Mamta Nainy
Illustrator: Srishti Jain
Published in 2018
Publisher: Pratham Books
Lila is facing a dilemma related to her teeth. It’s a heart-felt dilemma. The author has captured the essence of the situation perfectly. A perfect read for any child who’s facing a similar situation.

Nainy's little Lila and her Ottawa
Mamta Nainy
Illustrator: Srishti Jain
Published in 2018
Publisher: Pratham Books
This is a story about a girl, Lila, and her pet owlet, Ottawa. The book captures the liveliness and innocence of children and their pets.

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## Young Reader

### FICTION
- **Called Bhura**
  - Author: Neeraj Vogholikar
  - Illustrator: Arthy Muthanna
  - Published in 2018

- **One of the Most Famous Legends**
  - Author: Jagannathan, Harish
  - Illustrators: Bharati Jagannathan and Surendranath Dhawan
  - Published in 2019

- **The Wind on the Haunted Hill**
  - Author: Various Authors
  - Publisher: Tara Books
  - Illustrated by Matthew Frame
  - Published in 2018

- **The Haunted Hill**
  - Author: Various Authors
  - Publisher: Tara Books
  - Illustrated by Matthew Frame
  - Published in 2018

- **A Dozen and a Half Stories**
  - Author: Mini Shrinivasan
  - Illustrator: Mistunee
  - Publisher: Duckbill Books
  - Published in 2018

### NON FICTION
- **A Week Along the Ganges**
  - Author: Mini Shrinivasan
  - Illustrator: Jaggi Narayan Singh
  - Publisher: Eklavya
  - Published in 2018

- **In The Footsteps Of Jahan**
  - Author: Jagannathan, Harish
  - Illustrator: Harish Jagannathan and Surendranath Dhawan
  - Publisher: Eklavya
  - Published in 2018

- **Past & Presents**
  - Author: Various Authors
  - Publisher: Tara Books
  - Illustrated by Matthew Frame
  - Published in 2018

## Young Adult

### FICTION
- **Strange Worlds!**
  - Author: Venita Coelho and Ishita Balaji
  - Publisher: Talking Cub
  - Illustrators: Jagannathan, Harish and Surendranath Dhawan
  - Published in 2019

- **Karma Fights The Storm**
  - Author: Sandhya Rao
  - Illustrator: Jagannathan, Harish
  - Publisher: Duckbill Books
  - Published in 2020

### NON FICTION
- **Through The Lens Of New Delhi**
  - Author: Various Authors
  - Publisher: Young Adult
  - Illustrated by Various Illustrators
  - Published in 2019

### JURY SPEAKS
- **What The Jury Has To Say**
  - The jury looks for stories that blend fiction and nonfiction. A story must not only be an engaging read but also impart knowledge. The jury also looks at the overall presentation - the illustrations, the format and the design. The book should not only be about reading, but also about the reading experience. The jury appreciated Sandhya Rao’s book for its engaging story and the way it subtly integrated facts.

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