



The Room to Read Children's Literature Awards

Catalogue 2023-2025



About the Room to Read Children's Literature Awards

Room to Read India instituted the Children's Literature Awards (CLA) in 2023 to strengthen the ecosystem for local-language children's literature and to recognize the creators and publishers contributing to this field. Over the past three years, the Awards have firmly established themselves as a platform that not only recognizes excellence in children's literature but also brings together key stakeholders across the ecosystem to collectively debate ideas to strengthen the reading culture in India.

The Awards include two broad categories that recognize both creative excellence and classroom/library relevance:

The Children's Book Creators' Awards (Young Authors and Young Illustrators)

These awards are given to creators who have contributed to original Hindi-language titles. These awards were specifically established to award creators who are 'young' (under 40 years of age), or new to the space (fewer than 5 published works in the category).

Teacher-Librarian's Choice Awards (Further language-specific categories)

The Teacher-Librarian's Choice Awards are a distinctive component of the CLA initiative, recognizing the critical role that educators and librarians play in mediating children's reading journeys and building reading cultures in schools.

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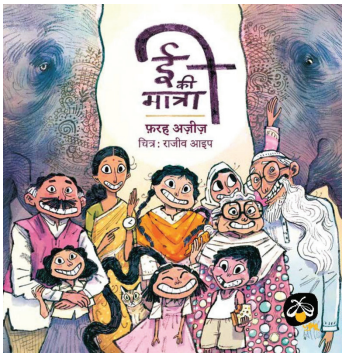


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Children's Book Creators' Awards: Winners



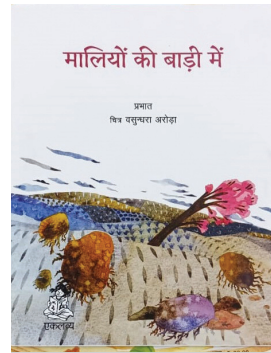
Young Author Award (3-8 years)



Ee Ki Maatra (Ektara)

Farah Aziz

Young Illustrator Award (3-8 years)



**Maaliyon ki Baadi
Mein (Eklavya)**

Vasundhara Arora

Children's Book of the Year Award (3-8 years)



SaReGaMaPakshi

Ektara

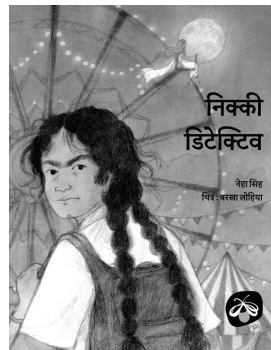
Young Author Award (8-12 years)



Algav (Muskaan)

Vandana Jhanjhoriya

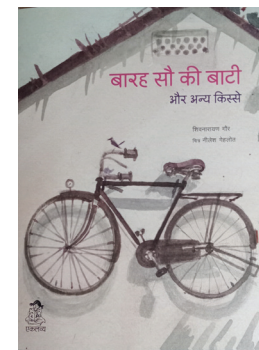
Young Illustrator Award (8-12 years)



Nikki Detective

Ektara

Children's Book of the Year Award (8-12 years)



Barah Sau ki Baati

Eklavya



Children's Book Creators' Awards: Runners-up

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Young Author Award (3-8 years)



Ee ki Maatra
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Young Illustrator Award (3-8 years)



**Akkad Bakkad Golam
Goli (Pratham)**
Pankaj Saikia

Children's Book of the Year Award (3-8 years)



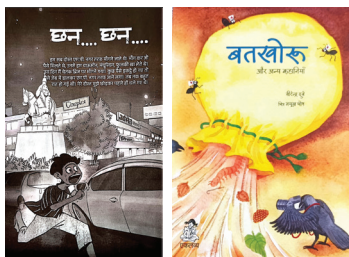
SaReGaMa Pakshi
Ektara

Young Author Award (8-12 years)



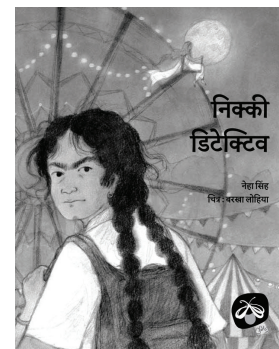
Udne Wala Phool (Unbound)
Upasana
Barah Sau ki Baati (Eklavya)
Shiv Narayan Gour

Young Illustrator Award (8-12 years)



ChanChan (Muskaan)
Gagan Holkar
Batkhori (Eklavya)
Mayukh Ghosh

Children's Book of the Year Award (8-12 years)



Nikki Detective
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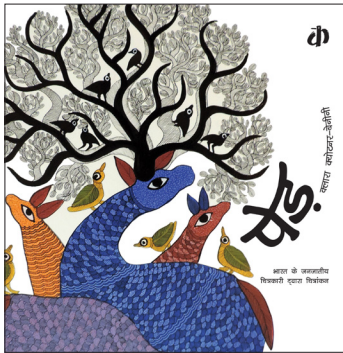
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Teacher-Librarian's Choice Awards:

Hindi

Winners

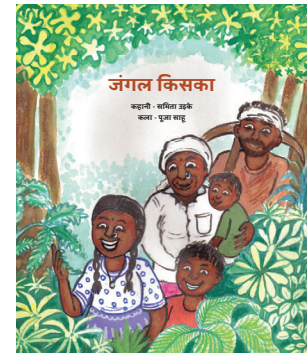
3-8 years



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Katha

8-12 years



Jungle Kiska

Muskaan

Runners-Up

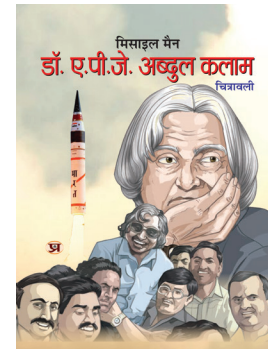
3-8 years



Betiyaan Bhi Chahein Azaadi

Pratham Books

8-12 years



Missile Man Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Chitaravali

Prabhat Prakashan



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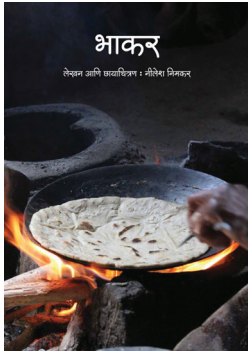
Marathi

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Winners

3-8 years



Bhakar

Quality Education Support Trust (QUEST)

8-12 years



Undarala Sapadali Pencil

Eklavya

Runners-Up

3-8 years



Aai Gadbadene Ghetali Sutti

Center for Learning Resources (CLR)

8-12 years



Akashicha Chandra Harvala Kutha

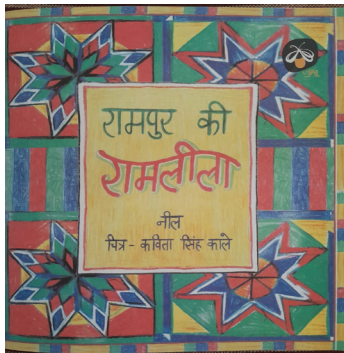
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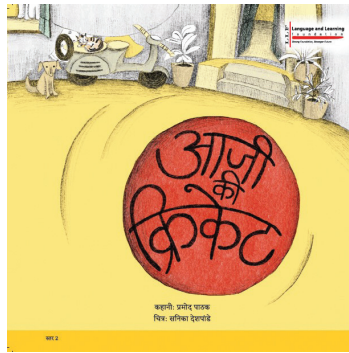
Young Author Award (3-8 years)



Rampur Ki Ramleela (Ektara)

Neel

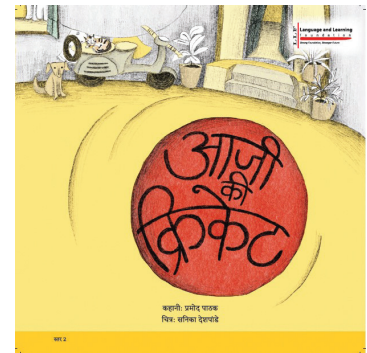
Young Illustrator Award (3-8 years)



Aaji Ki Cricket (LLF)

Sanika Deshpande

Children's Book of the Year Award (3-8 years)



Aaji Ki Cricket

LLF

Young Author Award (8-12 years)



Bhaloo ka Nakhoon (Ektara)

Rishi Sahany

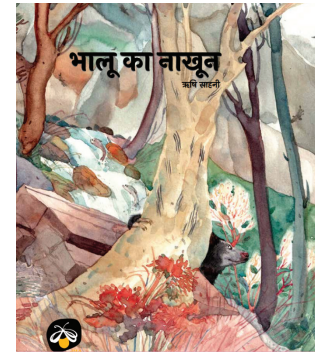
Young Illustrator Award (8-12 years)



Goal! (Pratham)

Alfiya Hasan and Pyro

Children's Book of the Year Award (8-12 years)



Bhaloo ka Nakhoon

Ektara

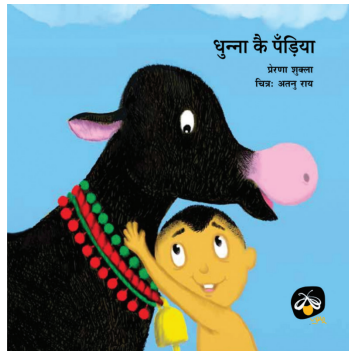


Children's Book Creators' Awards: Runners-up



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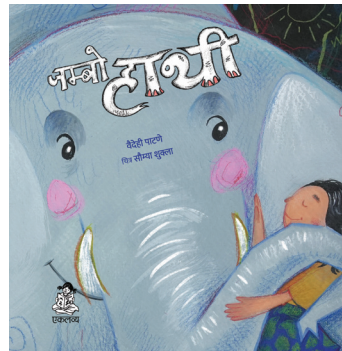
Young Author Award (3-8 years)



Dhunna Kay Padiya (Ektara)

Prerna Shukla

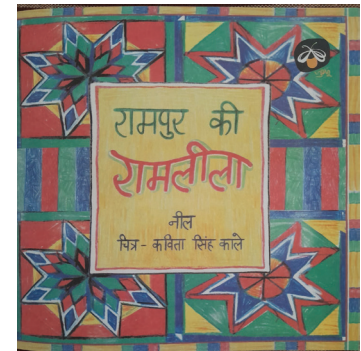
Young Illustrator Award (3-8 years)



Jumbo Hathi (Eklavya)

Saumya Shukla

Children's Book of the Year Award (3-8 years)



Rampur Ki Ramleela

Ektara

Young Author Award (8-12 years)



Lunar Soil (Ektara)

Shiraz Hussain

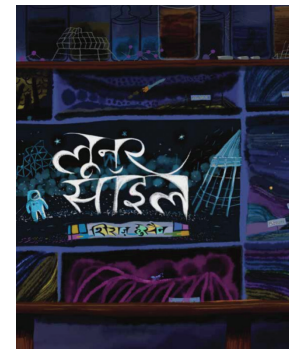
Young Illustrator Award (8-12 years)



Jirhul (Ektara)

Kanupriya Kulshreshtha

Children's Book of the Year Award (8-12 years)



Lunar Soil

Ektara

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Teacher-Librarian's Choice Awards:

Hindi

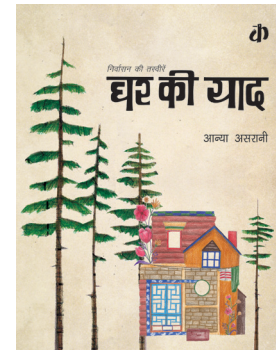
Winners

3-8 years



Teen Dost
Eklavya

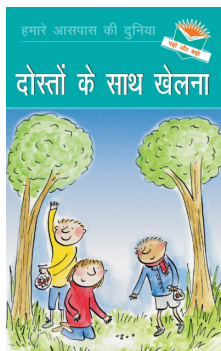
8-12 years



Ghar Ki Yaad
Katha

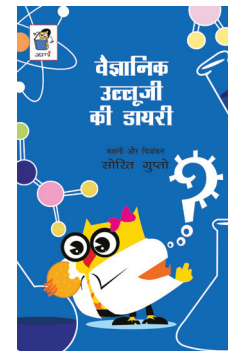
Runners-Up

3-8 years



Doston ke Saath Khelna
Pegasus

8-12 years



Vaigyanik Ullu ji ki Diary
Asmi Books

Teacher-Librarian's Choice Awards:

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Telugu

Winners

3-8 years



Haritha Vanam Snehithulu

NBT, India

8-12 years



Vivuvyna Sayam

Vijayavani Printers

Runners-Up

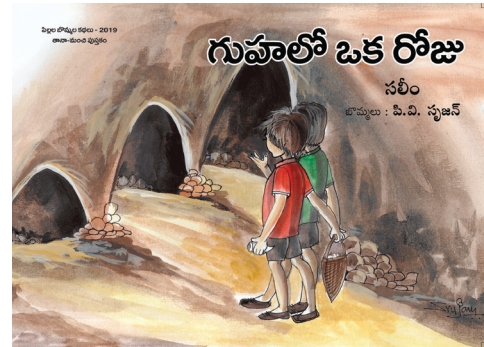
3-8 years



Seesalo Eluka

Vijayavani Printers

8-12 years



Guhalo Oka Roju

Manchi Pustakam

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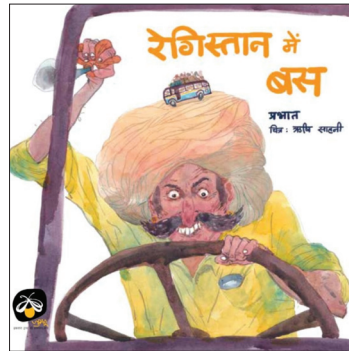
Young Author Award (3-8 years)



Bhagwan Ki Chinti (Tulika)

Khyati Anand-Puthran

Young Illustrator Award (3-8 years)



Registaan Mein Bus (Ektara)

Rishi Sahany

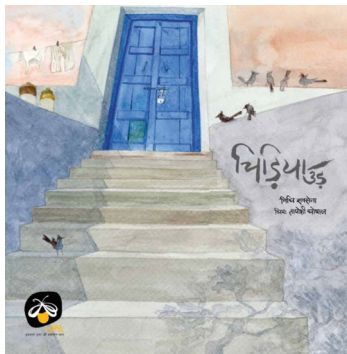
Children's Book of the Year Award (3-8 years)



Gappu Gola

Pratham

Young Author Award (8-12 years)



Chidiya Udd (Ektara)

Nidhi Saxena

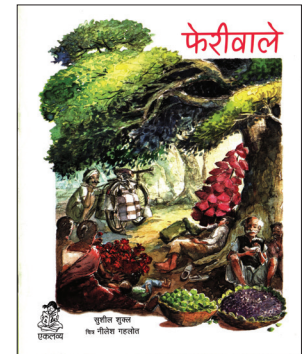
Young Illustrator Award (8-12 years)



Kuch Aata Na Jaata (Ektara)

Shivam Choudhary

Children's Book of the Year Award (8-12 years)



Feriwale

Eklavya



Children's Book Creators' Awards: Runners-up



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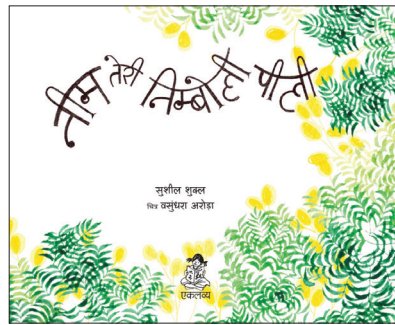
Young Author Award (3-8 years)



Muft ki Kulfi (Pratham)

Alankrita Amaya

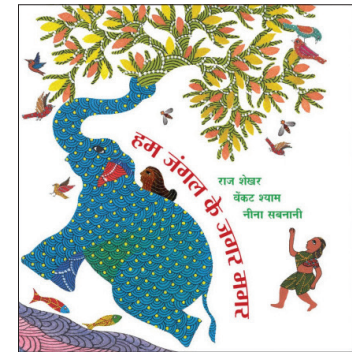
Young Illustrator Award (3-8 years)



Neem Teri Nimboli Peeli (Eklavya)

Vasundhara Arora

Children's Book of the Year Award (3-8 years)



Hum Jungle Ke Jagar Magar

Tulika

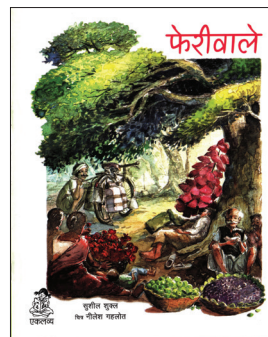
Young Author Award (8-12 years)



Naram Garam Dosti (Muskaan)

Neetu Yadav

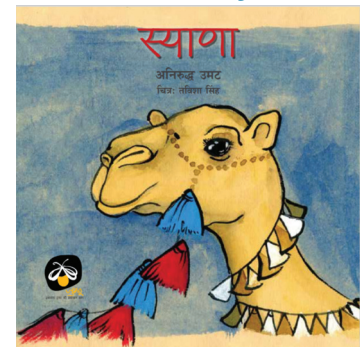
Young Illustrator Award (8-12 years)



Feriwale (Eklavya)

Nilesh Gehlot

Children's Book of the Year Award (8-12 years)



Sayana

Ektara

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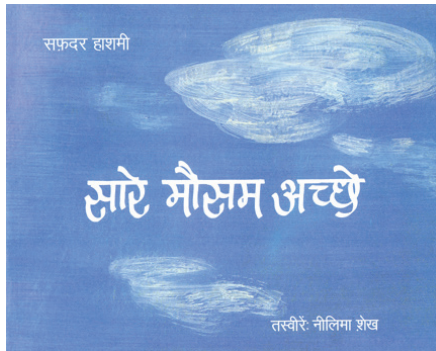


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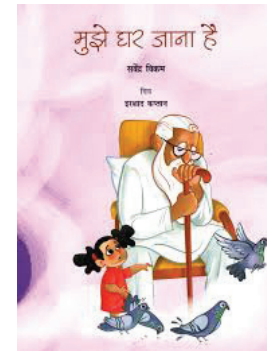
Winners

3-8 years



Saare Mausam Acchey
Sahmat

8-12 years



Mujhe Ghar Jana Hai
NBT, India

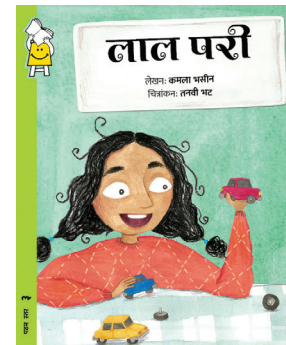
Runners-Up

3-8 years



Nirali Dadi
Pratham Books

8-12 years



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Pratham Books



Children's Literature Awards Jury List



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Author's Jury

Manisha Chaudhry
Lovleen Misra
Richa Jha
Anushka Ravishankar

Illustrator's Jury

Chandramohan Kulkarni
Manjari Chakravarti
Maithili Doshi
Ashok Rajagopalan



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Author's Jury

Arundhati Deosthale
Mukul Priyadarshini
Sonika Kaushik
Dr Sajid Khan

Illustrator's Jury

Indrapramit Roy
Vandana Bist
Nina Sabnani
Priya Kuriyan



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Author's Jury

Mukesh Nautiyal
Vishwambhar Vyas
Dr. Prachi Kalra
Dr. Pallav Nandwana

Illustrator's Jury

Taposhi Ghoshal
Suvidha Mistry
Deepa Surendra Balsavar
Proiti Roy



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