



# 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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# Children's Book Creators' Awards: Winners



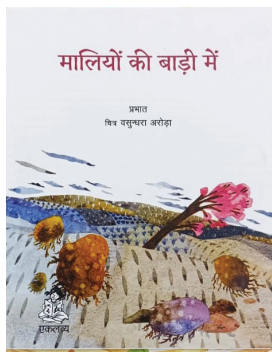
## Young Author Award (3-8 years)



**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

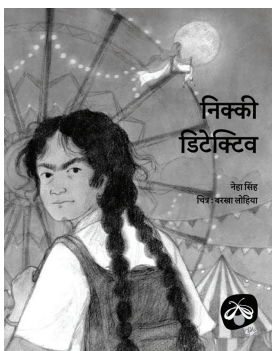
## Young Author Award (8-12 years)



**Algav (Muskaan)**

Vandana Jhanjhoriya

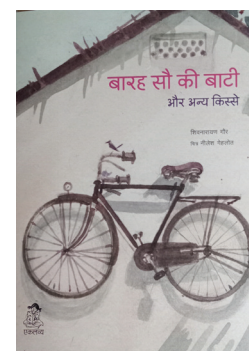
## Young Illustrator Award (8-12 years)



**Nikki Detective**

Ektara

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



**Barah Sau ki Baati**

Eklavya

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# Children's Book Creators' Awards: Runners-up



## Young Author Award (3-8 years)



**Ee ki Maatra**  
Ektara

## 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

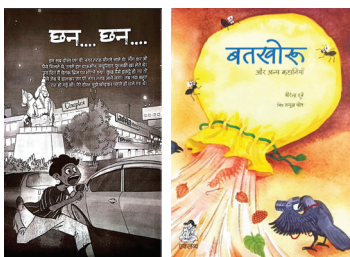
## Young Author Award (8-12 years)



**Udne Wala Phool (Unbound)**  
Upasana

**Barah Sau ki Baati (Eklavya)**  
Shiv Narayan Gour

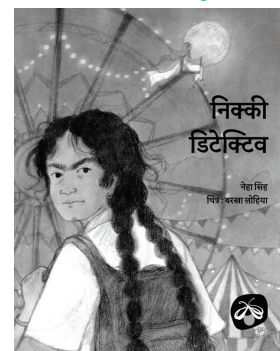
## Young Illustrator Award (8-12 years)



**ChanChan (Muskaan)**  
Gagan Holkar

**Batkhori (Eklavya)**  
Mayukh Ghosh

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



**Nikki Detective**  
Ektara

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# Teacher-Librarian's Choice Awards:

Hindi

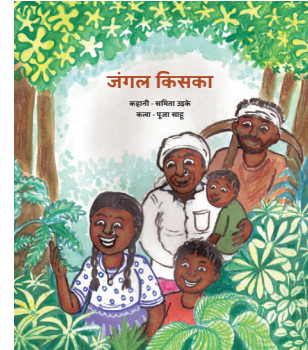
## Winners

3-8 years



Ped  
Katha

8-12 years



Jungle Kiska  
Muskaan

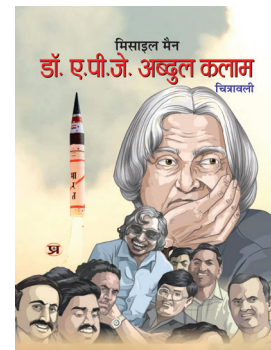
## Runners-Up

3-8 years



Betiyaan Bhi Chahein Azaadi  
Pratham Books

8-12 years



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Prabhat Prakashan

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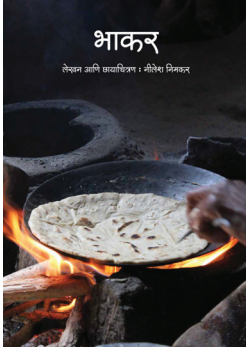
# Teacher-Librarian's Choice Awards:

Marathi



## Winners

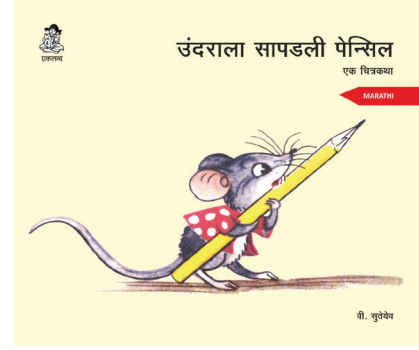
3-8 years



**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**

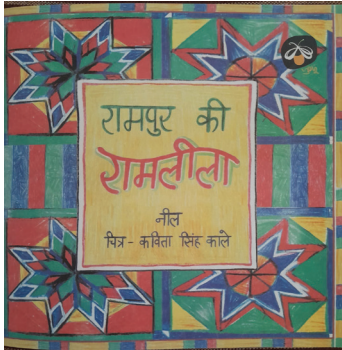
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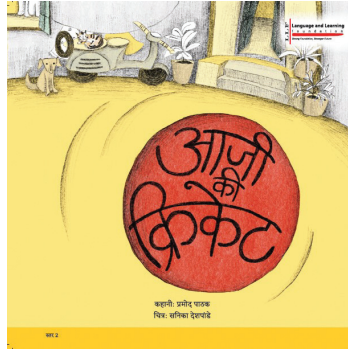
## Young Author Award (3-8 years)



### Rampur Ki Ramleela (Ektara)

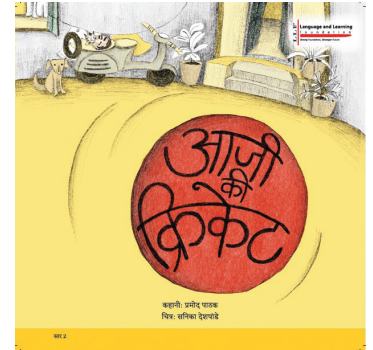
Neel

## 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)

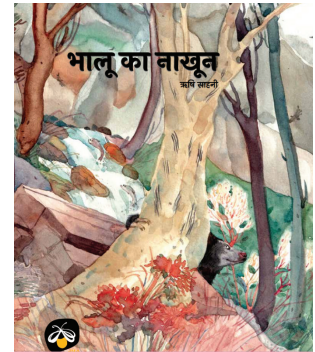
Rishi Sahany

## Young Illustrator Award (8-12 years)



### Goal! (Pratham) Alfiya Hasan and Pyro

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

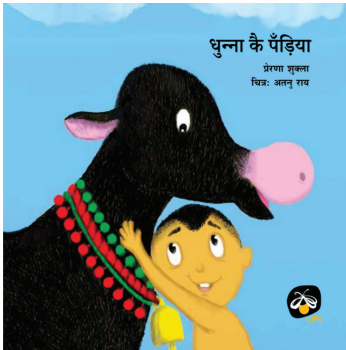


### Bhaloo ka Nakhoon Ektara

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# Children's Book Creators' Awards: Runners-up

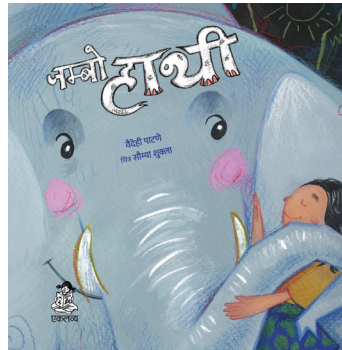
## Young Author Award (3-8 years)



### Dhunna Kay Padiya (Ektara)

Prerna Shukla

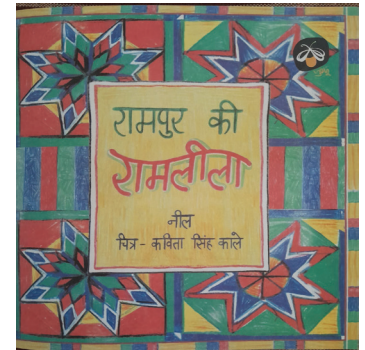
## Young Illustrator Award (3-8 years)



### 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

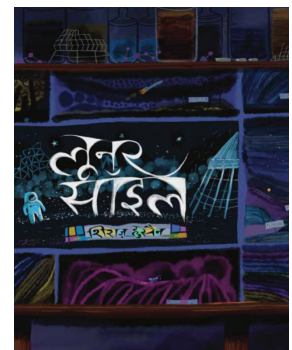
## Young Illustrator Award (8-12 years)



### 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

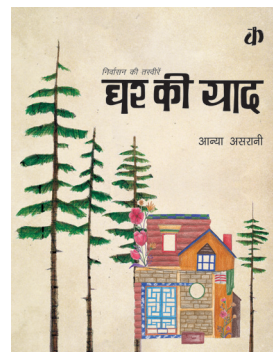
## Winners

3-8 years



Teen Dost  
Eklavya

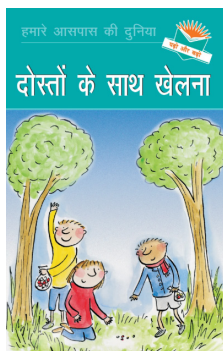
8-12 years



Ghar Ki Yaad  
Katha

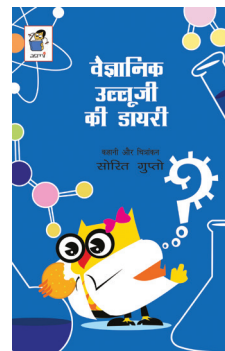
## Runners-Up

3-8 years



Doston ke Saath Khelna  
Pegasus

8-12 years



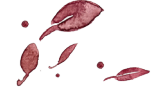
Vaigyanik Ullu ji ki Diary  
Asmi Books

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# Teacher-Librarian's Choice Awards:

Telugu



## Winners

3-8 years



**Haritha Vanam Snehithulu**  
NBT, India

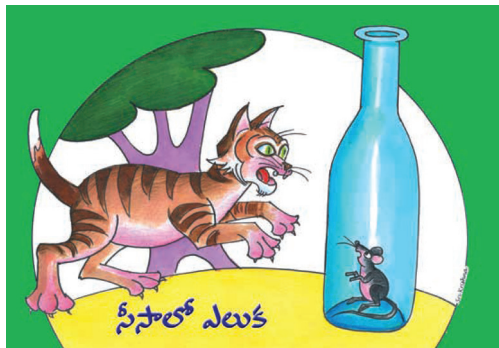
8-12 years



**Vivuvyna Sayam**  
Vijayavani Printers

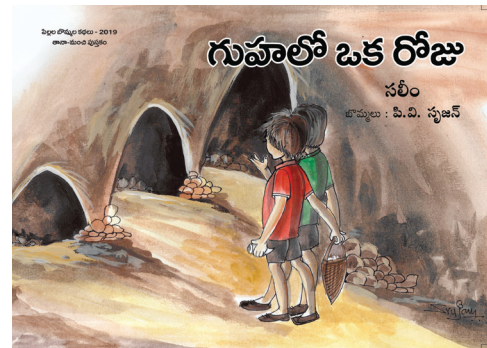
## Runners-Up

3-8 years



**Seesalo Eluka**  
Vijayavani Printers

8-12 years



**Guhalo Oka Roju**  
Manchi Pustakam

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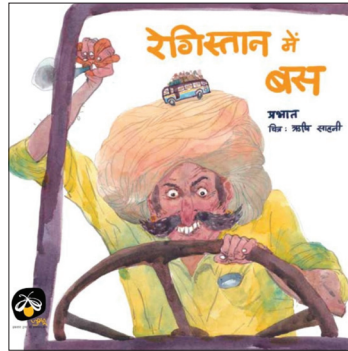
## Young Author Award (3-8 years)



### Bhagwan Ki Chinti (Tulika)

Khyati Anand-Puthran

## Young Illustrator Award (3-8 years)



### Registaan Mein Bus (Ektara)

Rishi Sahany

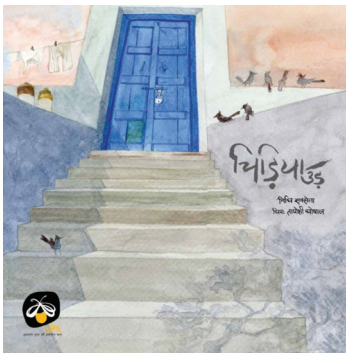
## Children's Book of the Year Award (3-8 years)



### Gappu Gola

Pratham

## Young Author Award (8-12 years)



### Chidiya Udd (Ektara)

Nidhi Saxena

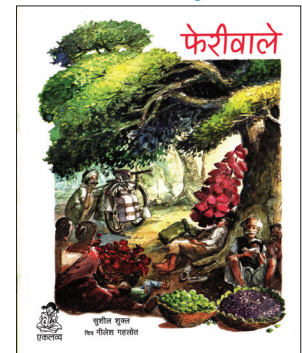
## Young Illustrator Award (8-12 years)



### Kuch Aata Na Jaata (Ektara)

Shivam Choudhary

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



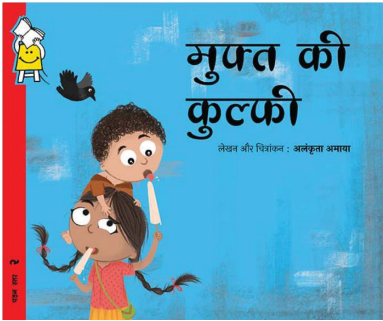
### Feriwale

Eklavya

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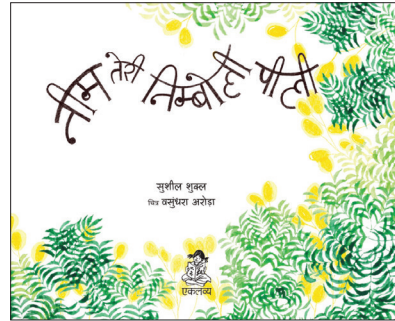
## Young Author Award (3-8 years)



### 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

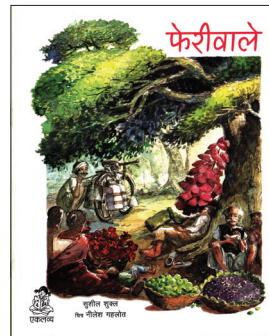
## Young Author Award (8-12 years)



### Naram Garam Dosti (Muskaan)

Neetu Yadav

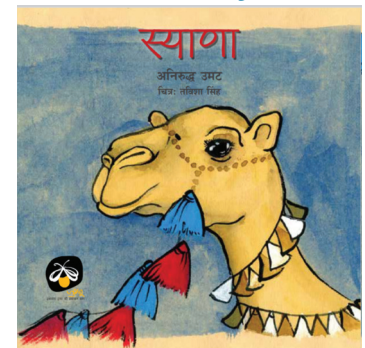
## Young Illustrator Award (8-12 years)



### Feriwale (Eklavya)

Nilesh Gehlot

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



### Sayana

Ektara

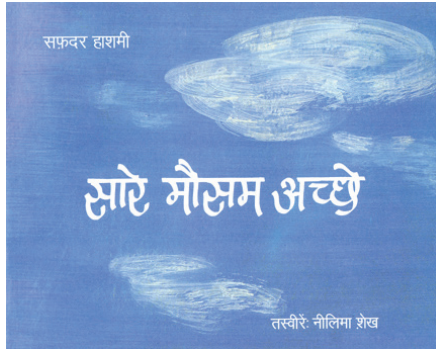
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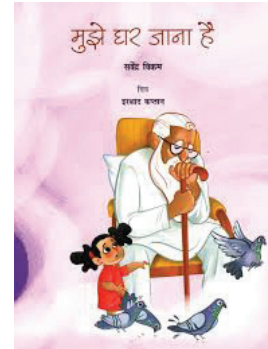
## Winners

3-8 years



Saare Mausam Acchey  
Sahmat

8-12 years



Mujhe Ghar Jana Hai  
NBT, India

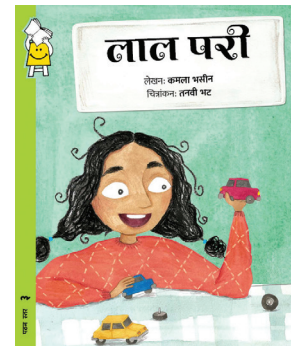
## Runners-Up

3-8 years



Nirali Dadi  
Pratham Books

8-12 years



Laal Pari  
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  
Suidha Mistry  
Deepa Surendra Balsavar  
Proiti Roy



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