



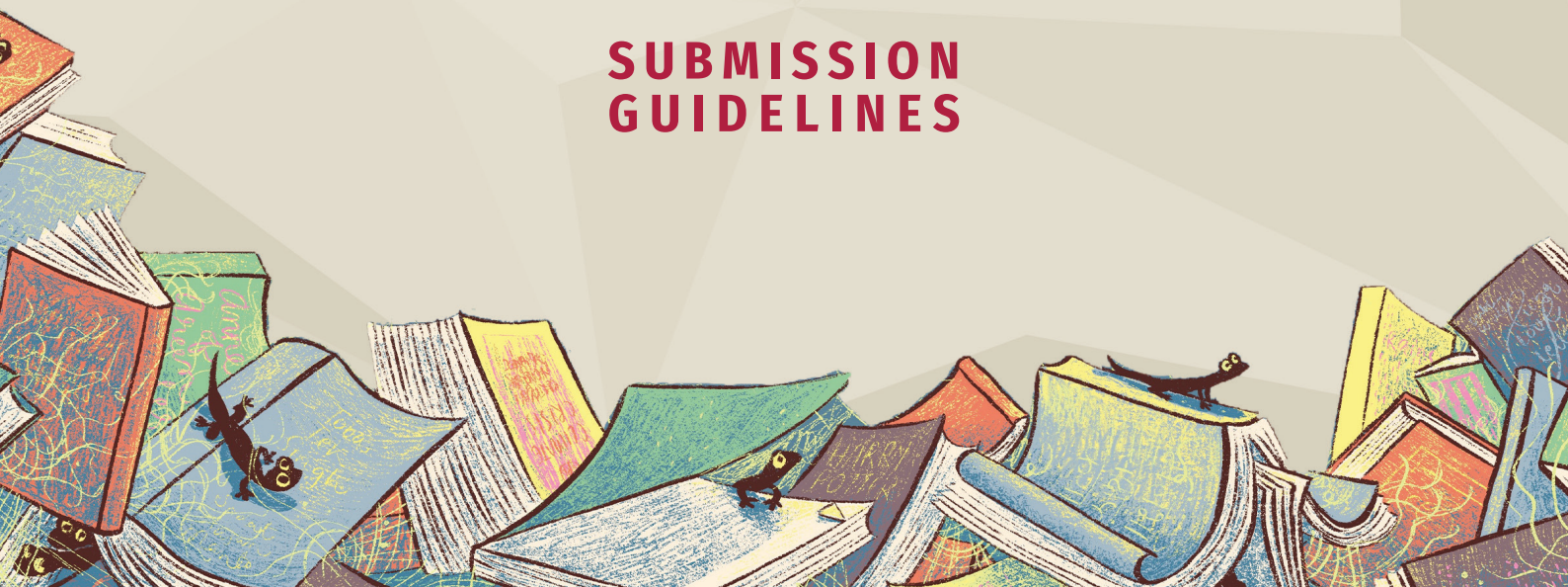
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CHILDREN'S LITERATURE AWARDS 2023

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Room to Read India is rolling out the first edition of the **Room to Read Children's Literature Awards**. This year's edition is supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Room to Read Children's Literature Awards aim to honour the talent and initiative of **the creators of children's picture books**—authors, illustrators and publishers—who create diverse and quality literature that delivers the joy of reading to the children in India. Additionally, we draw the attention of market enablers such as teachers, librarians, parents, and relevant authorities towards the importance of good children's literature.

The nominations are invited in **four categories** for children's picture books published **originally in Hindi** language during **April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023**. Books that were published before or after the prescribed time period will **NOT** be considered.

NOTE: The entries are accepted ONLY for the picture books that are originally published in the Hindi language in India. Any entries made for translated or adapted works will be rejected. However, retellings that have been re-imagined or retold to suit the contemporary context and sensibility will be considered.

A picture book is defined as a book intended for reading aloud, that is high in visual appeal with a unified story, theme, or concept developed equally in text and illustrations.

NOMINATION CATEGORIES

Nominators are allowed to submit up to 5 nominations in a category listed below:

(For more than one entry in a category, a separate form needs to be filled. For instance, to nominate both the author as well as the illustrator for a book, two separate entries will be required. Similarly, in order to submit nominations for more than one authors or illustrators, separate entries for each will be required.)

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| 1. RtR Young Picture Book Author Award | (3-8 years) |
| 2. RtR Young Picture Book Author Award | (8-12 years) |
| 3. RtR Young Picture Book Illustrator Award | (3-8 years) |
| 4. RtR Young Picture Book Illustrator Award | (8-12 years) |

SELECTION OF ELIGIBLE NOMINATIONS

A jury panel comprising experienced industry professionals and academics will evaluate each submitted nomination. Their evaluations will be purely based on the information provided through the nomination form and the work submitted for respective award consideration. Applicants are advised to provide precise and accurate information in the nomination form.

The decision of the jury and Room to Read's awards committee, pertaining to the shortlist of nominees and awardees, will be final and binding. Room to Read is not obliged to share any details of the jury's evaluation with the applicants.

Only the submissions that meet all criteria for submission will be considered valid. In case, a submitted entry is found more suitable to an awards category other than the one applied for, then Room to Read's awards committee and the jury reserve the right to reassign the submission to the appropriate category(s).

WHO CAN SUBMIT A NOMINATION

- Indian publishers publishing children's picture books in Hindi language
- Individuals such as authors, illustrators, book critics, or any children's books enthusiasts

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

RtR Young Picture Book Author Award (3-8 years) and (8-12 years)

The following qualities of the nominee will determine the best author of the year:

- The submitted entry should be a children's picture book (as defined above).
- The submitted entry should be originally written in Hindi language and is published in India; any works of translation, adaptation or languages other than Hindi will NOT be eligible. However, retellings that have been re-imagined or retold to suit the contemporary context and sensibility will be considered.
- The author should not have more than three published works for children in the last seven years at the time of filing the nomination. Implying that NONE of their children's books should have been published before 2017.

Or, The nominated author or illustrator is aged 35 years or below at the time of submission of the nomination.

- The book being submitted for the nomination should have been published during **April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023**.
- The author's work should be on a theme, concept, or topic relevant to children of the age group applied for i.e., either 3-8 or 8-12. The story should be presented in an entertaining and engaging form.
- The submitted work should NOT be encouraging any kind of stereotype or discriminatory practice.
- There are no limitations with respect to the story, plot, setting and character(s) of the book except that it comprises the original work of the author.

- The content should display respect for children as individuals and of their understanding, abilities, and appreciations.
- The submission must be a self-contained entity and not dependent on media i.e., sound, film or computer program for its enjoyment.

RtR Young Picture Book Illustrator Award (3-8 years) and (8-12 years)

The following qualities of the nominee will determine the best illustrator of the year:

- The submitted entry should be a children's picture book (as defined above).
- The submitted entry should be originally written in Hindi language and is published in India; any works of translation, adaptation or languages other than Hindi will NOT be eligible. However, retellings that have been re-imagined or retold to suit the contemporary context and sensibility will be considered.
- The illustrator should not have more than three published works for children in the last seven years at the time of filing the nomination. Implying that NONE of their children's books should have been published before 2017.

Or, The nominated illustrator is aged 35 years or below at the time of submission of the nomination.

- The book being submitted for the nomination should have been published during **April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023.**
- Illustrations should be highly engaging and relevant to children of the age group applied for i.e., 3-8 or 8-12 years.
- Illustrations should be on a theme, concept, or topic that is relevant to children of the age group applied for i.e., either 3-8 or 8-12. It should be presented in an entertaining and engaging form.
- The illustrations should NOT be encouraging any kind of stereotype or discriminatory practice.
- The plot should be clearly depicted through sequentially arranged illustrations and memorable, unique characters.
- There are no limitations with respect to the character(s) and other illustrated elements of the book except that it should be an original work of the illustrator.
- The illustrations should display respect for children as individuals and of their understanding, abilities, and appreciations.
- The submission must be a self-contained entity and not dependent on media i.e., sound, film or computer program for its enjoyment.

RtR Picture Book of the Year Award (3-8 years) and (8-12 years)

Selection for this category of award will be done SOLELY from the entries received for the Young Author and Young Illustrator awards based on the Jury's discretion. All nominations received for the above categories will automatically qualify for this category too. **This award shall be awarded to the respective publisher.** The selection will be done by the jury after screening of all shortlisted nominations.

TO FILL THE NOMINATION FORM, YOU WILL NEED

- Complete and correct Title of the book, name of the Author, name of the Illustrator
- Publisher's name, publication date (dd/mm/yyyy), genre, page count, and correct ISBN of the book being nominated (publication must be originally in Hindi language during April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023)
- Number of works (children's books) published by the Author/Illustrator till date (not more than 3), and their short biography in not more than 300 words
- A short summary of the book and the reason why you chose to nominate it (in not more than 300 words)
- Attachments required (to be submitted only in jpeg or png format and not exceeding 2MB in size)
 - » Author/Illustrator's Photograph
 - » Book Cover
- Nominator's name, organization, e-mail address, and mobile/phone

TO COMPLETE YOUR NOMINATION*

You will need to send (through courier or registered post) 5 copies of the title you are nominating at the following address: **Room to Read India Trust, C 21, Block C, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi - 110016. +91-11-46664999.**

*Your nomination will only be considered on successful delivery of the physical copies of the nominated books to the above address **on or before August 15, 2023.**

For any queries or assistance required, please write to

RtR.Awards@roomtoread.org

NOTE: Room to Read reserves the right to retain all materials received as part of a nomination entry. No submissions will be returned to the applicants. Room to Read will ensure that these books are donated to libraries where children can access and read them.