

## Results of the Competition for Writers of Children's Books 2023 (English)

Category-I	Realistic Fiction (above 12 Years) Words 25-30,000	Prize	Amount
	<b>All Strangers In The Family</b> By Cheryl Rao — Secunderabad, Telangana	First Prize	Rs. 25,000
	<b>My Didi The 'Stranger'</b> By Vaneeta Vaid — Gurgaon, Haryana	Second Prize	Rs. 20,000
Category-II (A)	Kid-Friendly Non-Fiction (A: 7-10 years) Words-5000	Prize	Amount
	<b>Saving India's Ponds</b> By Benita Sen — Noida, Uttar Pradesh	First Prize	Rs. 9,000
	<b>No Second Prize (Rs. 8000) Awarded</b>		
	<b>Climate Change</b> By Sarita Brara — Dwarka, New Delhi	Shortlisted for Publication	Rs. 6000
Category-II (B)	Kid-Friendly Non-Fiction (B: 11-13 years) Words-10,000	Prize	Amount
	<b>No First Prize (Rs. 10,000) Awarded</b>		
	<b>The Little Great White Shark</b> By Katie Bagli — Dadar Parsi Colony, Maharashtra	Second Prize	Rs. 9,000
Category-III	Gutsy Girls and Plucky Boys (above 12 years) Words-3000	Prizes awarded	Rs. 5,500 each
	<b>1 Karma Yogi Capt Navin Gulia</b> By Benita Sen — Noida, Uttar Pradesh	Prize	
	<b>2 A Young Innovator - Tanish Sethi</b> By Dr. Bijal Maroo — Mumbai, Maharashtra	"	
	<b>3 Parbati Giri: The Firebrand Freedom Fighter, Activist and Reformer</b> By Ramendra Kumar — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
	<b>4 The Designer Who Dared To Dream</b> By Ramendra Kumar — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
Category-IV	Short Stories (9-12 years) Words-2,000	Prizes awarded	Rs. 5,000 each
	<b>1 Sita Tai's Magic</b> By Madhulika Agarwal — Swasthya Vihar, Delhi	Prize	
	<b>2 The Tailor's Tale</b> By Swapna Dutta — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
	<b>3 Visiting Peri-Amma</b> By Swapna Dutta — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
	<b>4 Lollipop</b> By Ramendra Kumar — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
	<b>5 The Hug</b> By Ramendra Kumar — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
	<b>6 The Umbrella</b> By Benita Sen — Noida, Uttar Pradesh	"	
	<b>7 Mumbai Floods 26th July 2005: A Story of Resilience</b> By Dr. Bijal Maroo — Mumbai, Maharashtra	"	
	<b>8 Vote For Papaya</b> By Shyamala Shanmuga Sundaram — Chennai, Tamil Nadu	"	
	<b>9 Vyom's Bet</b> By Shyamala Shanmuga Sundaram — Chennai, Tamil Nadu	"	

	<b>10</b>	<b>The Watchmaker</b> By Dr. Ira Saxena — Noida, Uttar Pradesh	<b>Prize</b>	
	<b>11</b>	<b>A Lonely Bot</b> By Ritu Jain — Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh	"	
	<b>12</b>	<b>Grandpa's Magic</b> By Poonam Kirpal — Gurgaon, Haryana	"	
	<b>13</b>	<b>Call Me Bhaiya!</b> By Deepa Agarwal — Preet Vihar, Delhi	"	
	<b>14</b>	<b>The Magical Rangoli</b> By Rachna Chhabria — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
	<b>15</b>	<b>An Unusual Friendship</b> By Prachi Deva — Noida Extension, Uttar Pradesh	"	
	<b>16</b>	<b>The Little Gardener Finds Hope</b> By Eva Bell — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
	<b>17</b>	<b>The Magic Diary</b> By Parineeta Singh — Patpar Ganj, Delhi	"	
	<b>18</b>	<b>Anand's Friend</b> By Varsha Seshan — Pune, Maharashtra	"	
	<b>19</b>	<b>Harimati And Janglu</b> By Rajesh Bose — Kolkata, West Bengal	"	
	<b>20</b>	<b>A Modern Fable</b> By Madhumita Gupta — Alwar, Rajasthan	"	
<b>Category-V</b>		<b>Stories with a Surprise Ending (9-12 years) Words-2,000</b>	<b>Prizes awarded</b>	<b>Rs. 5,000 each</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>Shooting A Tiger</b> By Nandini Nayar — Telangana, Hyderabad	<b>Prize</b>	
	<b>2</b>	<b>Professor Bonku's Invention</b> By Dipavali Debroy — Gurgaon, Haryana	"	
	<b>3</b>	<b>A Father Called Papa</b> By Ramendra Kumar — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
	<b>4</b>	<b>The Wait</b> By Reeta S. Mani — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
	<b>5</b>	<b>A Lockdown Adventure</b> By Rajee Raman — Chennai, Tamil Nadu	"	
	<b>6</b>	<b>Akku's Wishes</b> By Vanisree Srivastava — Rohini, New Delhi	"	
	<b>7</b>	<b>Baahu In The Wild</b> By Niveditha Hanumantha Reddy — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
<b>Category-VI</b>		<b>Get Ready for a Magical Time (9-12 Years) Words-5,000</b>	<b>Prizes awarded</b>	<b>Amount</b>
		<b>Out of Place</b> By Cheryl Rao — Secunderabad, Telangana	<b>First Prize</b>	<b>Rs. 9,000</b>
		<b>The Heart of the Forest</b> By Pragya Pai — Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi	<b>Second Prize</b>	<b>Rs. 6,500</b>
		<b><u>On Jury's Recommendation the following was awarded an Additional Prize</u></b>		
		<b>My Sister Is Missing!</b> By Cheryl Rao — Secunderabad, Telangana	<b>Additional Prize</b>	<b>Rs. 5000</b>
<b>Category-VII</b>		<b>Healthy Habits (9-12 Years) Words-1,000</b>	<b>Prizes awarded</b>	<b>Rs. 3,000 each</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>Monkey Business</b> By Niveditha Hanumantha Reddy — Bengaluru, Karnataka	<b>Prize</b>	
	<b>2</b>	<b>Grandma Is A Fitness Freak</b> By Cheryl Rao — Secunderabad, Telangana	"	
	<b>3</b>	<b>The Magic of Mamidigaon</b> By Shyamala Shanmuga Sundaram — Chennai, Tamil Nadu	"	

	<b>4</b>	<b>You Lose What You Don't Use</b> By Dr. Bijal Maroo — Mumbai, Maharashtra	<b>Prize</b>	
	<b>5</b>	<b>The Real World</b> By Ramendra Kumar — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
	<b>6</b>	<b>The Cycling Club</b> By Ramendra Kumar — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
	<b>7</b>	<b>Pretty Anyway</b> By Meir Khaperwal — Gurugram, Haryana	"	
<b>Category-VIII</b>		<b>Read-Aloud Books/Picture Books (5-8 Years) Words-500-600</b>	<b>Prizes awarded</b>	<b>Amount</b>
		<b>The Story That Ran Away</b> By Cheryl Rao — Secunderabad, Telangana	<b>First Prize</b>	<b>Rs. 9,000</b>
		<b>Two Second Prizes awarded</b>		
	<b>1</b>	<b>The Pickle Guard</b> By Rachna Chhabria — Bengaluru, Karnataka	<b>Second Prize</b>	<b>Rs. 7,500</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>Bhanu's Ball</b> By Nandini Nayar — Hyderabad, Telangana	<b>Second Prize</b>	<b>Rs. 7,500</b>
		<b>On Jury's Recommendation the following were awarded Additional Prizes</b>	<b>Additional Prize</b>	<b>Rs. 6000 each</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>Flowers For The Princess</b> By Nabanita Deshmukh — Pondicherry	"	
	<b>2</b>	<b>Chitti Grows Up Quick</b> By Niveditha Hanumantha Reddy — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
	<b>3</b>	<b>How The Indradhanush Got Its Name</b> By Dr. Bijal Maroo — Mumbai, Maharashtra	"	
	<b>4</b>	<b>My Real Sister</b> By Deepa Agarwal — Preet Vihar, Delhi	"	
	<b>5</b>	<b>The Tired Tree</b> By Cheryl Rao — Secunderabad, Telangana	"	
	<b>6</b>	<b>Hobbies In Our House</b> By Cheryl Rao — Secunderabad, Telangana	"	
	<b>7</b>	<b>Memories</b> By Ritu Jain — Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh	"	
	<b>8</b>	<b>Leela's Shawl</b> By Rajee Raman — Chennai, Tamil Nadu	"	
	<b>9</b>	<b>Amma, I Am Going To Become An Auto-Driver!</b> By A.B. Sree Vijayanthi — Chennai, Tamil Nadu	"	
	<b>10</b>	<b>Coo Coos Again</b> By Benita Sen — Noida, Uttar Pradesh	"	
<b>Category-IX (A)</b>		<b>Empathy, Compassion, Kindness and Inclusion (Social-Emotional Learning) (3-5 Years) Words-200-300</b>	<b>Prize</b>	<b>Amount</b>
		<b>A Sad-Happy School Day</b> By Archana Mohan — Bengaluru, Karnataka	<b>First Prize</b>	<b>Rs. 7,000</b>
		<b>Chitra's Baby Brother</b> By Nandini Nayar — Hyderabad, Telangana	<b>Second Prize</b>	<b>Rs. 5,500</b>
		<b>On Jury's Recommendation the following were awarded Additional Prizes</b>	<b>Additional Prize</b>	<b>Rs. 4,000 each</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>Hugsy</b> By Meir Khaperwal — Gurugram, Haryana	"	
	<b>2</b>	<b>It's All Grandma's Fault!</b> By C V Subhashri — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	

Category-IX (B)	Empathy, Compassion, Kindness and Inclusion (Social-Emotional Learning) (5-8 Years) Words-500-600	Prizes awarded	Amount
	<b>I Will Not Hold Her Hand</b>	First Prize	Rs. 9,000
	By Sangeeta Gupta — East Patel Nagar, New Delhi		
	<b>Daddy's Big Suitcase</b>	Second Prize	Rs. 7,500
	By Dr. Bijal Maroo — Mumbai, Maharashtra		
	<b>On Jury's Recommendation the following were awarded Additional Prizes</b>	Additional Prize	Rs. 6,000 each
1	<b>I Can Deal With With It!</b> By Vijaylakshmi Nagaraj — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
2	<b>What Meera Swallowed</b> By Nandini Nayar — Hyderabad, Telangana	"	
3	<b>A Specially Wired Brain</b> By Santhini Govindan — Mumbai, Maharashtra	"	
4	<b>How I Earned A Pet</b> By Lalita Bawa — Gurugram, Haryana	"	
5	<b>Gauri's Good Hair Day</b> By Cheryl Rao — Secunderabad, Telangana	"	
6	<b>A Gift For Grandma</b> By Cheryl Rao — Secunderabad, Telangana	"	
7	<b>The Bag Of Friendship</b> By Dr. Bijal Maroo — Mumbai, Maharashtra	"	
8	<b>Ajji In The Sky</b> By Niveditha Hanumantha Reddy — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
Category-X	Concept Books (3-5 Years) Words-250 max.	Prizes awarded	Amount
	<b>What Do I Wear To School</b>	First Prize	Rs. 7,000
	By Benita Sen — Noida, Uttar Pradesh		
	<b>It's Not An Angry Dragon</b>	Second Prize	Rs. 5,500
	By Cheryl Rao — Secunderabad, Telangana		
	<b>On Jury's Recommendation the following were awarded Additional Prizes</b>	Additional Prize	Rs. 4000 each
1	<b>Whose Skin?</b> By Benita Sen — Noida, Uttar Pradesh	"	
2	<b>Looking For Blue</b> By Benita Sen — Noida, Uttar Pradesh	"	
3	<b>What Am I Feeling?</b> By Dr. Bijal Maroo — Mumabi, Maharashtra	"	
Category-XI	Pet Tales (5-8 Years) Words-500-600	Prizes awarded	Amount
	<b>Sheet Mischief</b>	First Prize	Rs. 9,000
	By Nimi Kurian — Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu		
	<b>Jaldi Singh? Oh No!</b>	Second Prize	Rs. 7,500
	By Nandini Nayar — Hyderabad, Telangana		
	<b>On Jury's Recommendation the following were awarded Additional Prizes</b>	Additional Prize	Rs. 6,000 each
1	<b>A Tale of Two Tails</b> By C V Subhashri — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
2	<b>Pe(s)t</b> By Dipavali Debroy — Gurgaon, Haryana	"	
3	<b>Aman And Bingo</b> By Rachna Chhabria — Bengaluru, Karnataka	"	
4	<b>Pooch And The Pen</b> By Renuka Vishwanathan — Mumbai, Maharashtra	"	

Category-XII		<b>Tell The Truth (4-7 Years) Words-350</b>	<b>Prizes awarded</b>	<b>Amount</b>
		<b>The Lost Book</b>	<b>First Prize</b>	<b>Rs. 7,000</b>
		By Shyamala Shanmuga Sundaram — Chennai, Tamil Nadu		
		<b>Headlights On</b>	<b>Second Prize</b>	<b>Rs. 5,500</b>
		By Dipavali Debroy — Gurgaon, Haryana		
		<b><u>On Jury's Recommendation the following were awarded Additional Prizes</u></b>	<b>Additional Prize</b>	<b>Rs. 4000 each</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>The Doll With Polka Dots</b>	"	
		By Sarita Brara — Dwarka, New Delhi		
	<b>2</b>	<b>Lies Into Truth</b>	"	
		By Nandini Nayar — Hyderabad, Telangana		