

Dear Competitor

We are happy to announce the results of the Competition for Writers of Children's Books 2019 (English & Hindi). Enclosed please find the complete list of awardees. We sincerely apologize for the delay in the announcement of results which happened on account of the pandemic and the extraordinary circumstances arising out of it. We thank you all for your overwhelming response and sincerely appreciate your patience.

Heartiest Congratulations to all Prizewinners!

We regret that, in both English and Hindi, a few prizes in certain categories could not be awarded as the content was either not exhaustive / well assimilated or the requisite criteria had not been fulfilled. The selection of entries in Realistic Fiction and Kid Friendly Non Fiction especially suffered on this account. No First Prize could be awarded in both categories.

Two new categories were introduced this year:

1. Kid-Friendly Non Fiction
2. Social-Emotional Learning

The idea was to net in newer, original content that would provide child readers with fresher perspectives and life skills to address the challenges in their life; stories that would help them understand emotions in themselves and in others and promote socio-emotional skills to help overcome their fears and challenges. The content was meant for children between 3-5, 5-8, and 9-13 years. Being important formative years the content had to be such that it not only matched their awareness, but motivated them to ask or seek answers. However, though the volume of entries received was huge in this category, a large number failed to impress because of the lack of thoughtful processing of content as well as the choice of material for the age group intended. A few authors did put in a lot of effort in their research and came up with original ideas. We are indeed thankful to them. The number may be small but we are glad a beginning has been made.

In the Read Aloud /Picture Book category, however, the response was better than in the previous years, hence the jury proposed two Second Prizes instead of one! Also, 10 Additional Prizes were awarded in the Short Stories category.

We have digressed from the norm and shared with you the jury's observations because we know our esteemed writers are more than capable of delivering what is required. We do look forward to associating with you again.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Navin Menon

Editor Publications

# Results Of The Competition For Writers Of Children's Book 2019

<b>Category-I</b>	<b>Realistic Fiction (above 12 years) Words-25-30,000</b>	
	<b>So Shall You Reap</b> Karthika Dass (Karthika Lakshmi.M) Chennai, Tamil Nadu	<b>Second Prize</b> Rs. 20,000
<b>Category-II</b>	<b>Kid-Friendly Non-fiction (A: 7-10 years) Words-5000</b>	
	1. <b>Letters From Mom</b> Nandini Nayar Hyderabad, Telangana	<b>First Prize</b> Rs. 9,000
	2. <b>Strange Trees</b> Katie Bagli Mumbai, Maharashtra	<b>Second Prize</b> Rs. 8,000
	<b>Additional Prizes</b>	
	1. <b>Oh, The Places You'd Go If You Were A Plastic Bag!</b> Nandini Nayar Hyderabad, Telangana	Rs. 6,500
<b>Category-II</b>	<b>Kid-Friendly Non-fiction (B: 11-13 years) Words-10,000</b>	
	<b>May Fireflies Light Your Path</b> Benita Sen Noida, Uttar Pradesh	<b>Second Prize</b> Rs. 9,000
<b>Category-III</b>	<b>Short Stories (9-12 years) Words-3000</b>	
	1. <b>A Night In The Caves</b> Neera Jain New Delhi	Rs. 5,500
	2. <b>The Ghost who Played Tennis</b> Santhini Govindan Mumbai, Maharashtra	Rs. 5,500

3. **A Floating Pharoah** Rs. 5,500  
Santhini Govindan  
Mumbai, Maharashtra
4. **Number Nine** Rs. 5,500  
Benita Sen  
Noida, Uttar Pradesh
5. **Passang** Rs. 5,500  
Benita Sen  
Noida, Uttar Pradesh
6. **Bini Pishi** Rs. 5,500  
Benita Sen  
Noida, Uttar Pradesh
7. **Before And After** Rs. 5,500  
Nandini Nayar  
Hyderabad, Telangana
8. **The Frog Prince** Rs. 5,500  
Parineeta Singh  
Delhi
9. **Orko's Neighbour** Rs. 5,500  
Shyamala Shanmugasundaram (Shyamala.S)  
Chennai, Tamil Nadu
10. **The Deep Depression** Rs. 5,500  
Dipavali Debroy  
Gurgaon, Haryana
11. **The Wingless Flight** Rs. 5,500  
Amitabh Shanker Roy Choudhury  
Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
12. **A Horse Of A Different Colour** Rs. 5,500  
Kala Sambasivan  
Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

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| 13. | <b>Angel Of Mercy</b><br>Eva Bell<br>Bangalore                          | Rs. 5,500 |
| 14. | <b>A Summer With A Difference</b><br>Ramendra Kumar<br>Rourkela, Odisha | Rs. 5,500 |
| 15. | <b>Eena, Meena, Deeka</b><br>Ramendra Kumar<br>Rourkela, Odisha         | Rs. 5,500 |
| 16. | <b>Dream Of The Deep</b><br>Indira Ananthakrishnan<br>Chennai           | Rs. 5,500 |
| 17. | <b>Three On A Track</b><br>Ranjita Biswas<br>Kolkata, West Bengal       | Rs. 5,500 |
| 18. | <b>The Unexpected Guest</b><br>Shruthi Rao<br>Bangalore, Karnataka      | Rs. 5,500 |
| 19. | <b>The Rival Kings</b><br>Swapna Dutta<br>Bangalore, Karnataka          | Rs. 5,500 |
| 20. | <b>Love For Weaving</b><br>Vijaylakshmi Nagraj<br>Bangalore, Karnataka  | Rs. 5,500 |

### **Additional Prizes**

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| 1. | <b>Tag Along</b><br>Kavitha Punniyamurthi<br>Chennai, Tamil Nadu            | Rs. 5,500 |
| 2. | <b>The Queen Spelling Bee</b><br>Renuka Vishwanathan<br>Mumbai, Maharashtra | Rs. 5,500 |

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| 3.  | <b>Vinny.Ctrl.Alt. Delete</b><br>Shyamala Shanmugasundaram (Shyamala.S)<br>Chennai, Tamil Nadu | Rs. 5,500 |
| 4.  | <b>My Adventure At Sea</b><br>Eva Bell<br>Bangalore, Karnataka                                 | Rs. 5,500 |
| 5.  | <b>The Jungle Is Calling</b><br>Vandana Kumari Jena<br>New Delhi                               | Rs. 5,500 |
| 6.  | <b>Top Alert</b><br>Yashpal Singh<br>Faridabad, Haryana  | Rs. 5,500 |
| 7.  | <b>The Siblings</b><br>Sarita Brara<br>New Delhi   | Rs. 5,500 |
| 8.  | <b>How The Stories Were Saved</b><br>Ramendra Kumar<br>Rourkela, Odisha                        | Rs. 5,500 |
| 9.  | <b>Terrorist Daada</b><br>Shyamala Shanmugasundaram (Shyamala.S)<br>Chennai, Tamil Nadu        | Rs. 5,500 |
| 10. | <b>Breakfast At The Waffle Place</b><br>Meera Rajagopalan<br>Chennai, Tamil Nadu               | Rs. 5,500 |

**Category-IV Get Ready For A Magical Time (9-12 years)**  
**Words-5000**

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| 1. | <b>Stay Out Of The Basement</b><br>Cheryl Rao<br>Secunderabad, Telangana                        | <b>First Prize</b><br>Rs. 9,000  |
| 2. | <b>The Donkey, The Ghouls and The Magic Shawl</b><br>Renuka Vishwanathan<br>Mumbai, Maharashtra | <b>Second Prize</b><br>Rs. 6,500 |

## **Additional Prizes**

1. **One Magical Summer** Rs. 5,500  
Nandini Nayar  
Hyderabad, Telangana
2. **Space On The Sofa** Rs. 5,500  
Cheryl Rao  
Secunderabad, Telangana

### **Category-V Read-aloud Books/Picture Books (5-8 years) Words-500-600**

1. **Dress Him Up!** **First Prize**  
Benita Sen Rs. 9,000  
Noida, Uttar Pradesh
2. **Kiki And Piklu Play Hide And Seek** **Second Prize**  
Kavitha Punniyamurthi Rs. 7,500  
Chennai, Tamil Nadu
3. **King Moochavar's Moustaches** **Second Prize**  
Soumya Torvi Rs. 7,500  
Bangalore, Karnataka

## **Additional Prizes**

1. **Two Of A Kind** Rs. 6,000  
Mamta Nainy  
Delhi
2. **The Shark That Couldn't Bite** Rs. 6,000  
Cheryl Rao  
Secunderabad, Telangana
3. **The Whistling Duck Who Wouldn't Jump** Rs. 6,000  
Katie Bagli  
Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Category-VI Social-Emotional Learning (A: 3-5years)  
Words-200-300**

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| 1. <b>Will Meenu Cry?</b><br>Amritha Dinesh<br>Chennai, Tamil Nadu | <b>First Prize</b><br>Rs. 7,000  |
| 2. <b>Saving Little Ant</b><br>Shruthi Rao<br>Bangalore, Karnataka | <b>Second Prize</b><br>Rs. 5,500 |

**Additional Prizes**

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| 1. <b>Chotu, Seen, Unseen</b><br>Nandini Nayar<br>Hyderabad, Telangana       | Rs. 5,000 |
| 2. <b>Whose Cot Is This</b><br>Benita Sen<br>Noida, Uttar Pradesh            | Rs. 5,000 |
| 3. <b>The Boy Who Was Different</b><br>Cheryl Rao<br>Secunderabad, Telangana | Rs. 5,000 |

**Category-VI Social-Emotional Learning (B: 5-8years)  
Words-500-600**

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| 1. <b>Prince Zafar's Very Important Notebook</b><br>Nandini Nayar<br>Hyderabad, Telangana | <b>First Prize</b><br>Rs. 9,000  |
| 2. <b>Two Is A Family Too</b><br>Mamta Nainy<br>Delhi                                     | <b>Second Prize</b><br>Rs. 7,500 |

**Additional Prizes**

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| 1. <b>It's Okay To Cry</b><br>Nandini Nayar<br>Hyderabad, Telangana | Rs. 6,000 |
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| 2. <b>A Friend Like That</b><br>Poorva Agarwal<br>Zirakhpur<br>Punjab          | Rs. 6,000 |
| 3. <b>The Tank Of Memories</b><br>Kavitha Punniyamurthi<br>Chennai, Tamil Nadu | Rs. 6,000 |

**Category-VII Concept Books (3-5 years) Words-250**

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| 1. <b>Vini's Garden</b><br>Kavitha Punniyamurthi<br>Chennai, Tamil Nadu          | <b>First Prize</b><br>Rs. 9,000  |
| 2. <b>Will Busy Bee Nee Find Her Home?</b><br>Benita Sen<br>Noida, Uttar Pradesh | <b>Second Prize</b><br>Rs. 7,500 |

**Additional Prizes**

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| 1. <b>The Red Bus</b><br>Harjeet Ahluwalia<br>Noida, Uttar Pradesh      | Rs. 5,000 |
| 2. <b>The Word Bird</b><br>Benita Sen<br>Noida, Uttar Pradesh           | Rs. 5,000 |
| 3. <b>How Long Is One Minute</b><br>Poorva Agarwal<br>Zirakhpur, Punjab | Rs. 5,000 |