Twenty-Two Cents: Muhammad Yunus and the Village Bank
by Paula Yoo; illus. by Jamel Akib
(Lee & Low Books Inc., 2014)

Twenty-Two Cents smartly chronicles the life and inspiration behind Nobel Peace Prize winner, Muhammad Yunus, and the internationally transformative Grameen Bank’s micro-lending system. Coupled with rich illustrations that vibrantly capture the essence and depth of Yunus’ experiences, this poignant picture book easily lends itself to readers of all ages. Includes an afterword and author’s source notes.

Bombay Blues
by Tanuja Desai Hidier
(PUSH, an imprint of Scholastic Press, 2014)
The dense, chaotic, yet lyrical, pulse of daily life in Bombay collides with the dissonant, hip-hop sensibility of affluent, urban Indian youth in this story of Dimple, a young Indian-American woman’s journey of self-discovery.
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by Padma Venkatraman
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Chandra’s Magic Light: A Story in Nepal
by Theresa Heine;
illustrated by Judith Gueyfier
(Barefoot Books, 2014)

God Loves Hair
by Vivek Shraya;
illustrated by Juliana Neufeld
(Arsenal Pulp Press, 2014)

Secrets of the Sky Caves: Danger and Discovery on Nepal’s Mustang Cliffs
by Sandra K. Athans
(Millbrook Press, 2014)

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