Manjhi quietly decided to dedicate his days to making life better and easier for his Indian community. Using only a hammer and a chisel, he made a significant impact that allowed his neighbors to more easily access water, medical care and better schools.

Outside In
by Jennifer Bradbury
(Atheneum Books, 2017)

Twelve-year old Ram survives on the streets of Chandigarh, India, winning games of gilli for money. After a game goes wrong, Ram darts deep into the forest, where he encounters a mysterious man, Nek, who creates art with scraps of metal and junk. Can Ram discover a way to keep Nek’s sculptures safe?

You Bring the Distant Near
by Mitali Perkins
(Farrar Straus Giroux Books, 2017)

Perkins scoops up readers, traveling across oceans and through time to meet Ranee, Tara, Sonia, Anna, and Chantal as they create new lives in London, New York City, and Ridgeford, New Jersey. Learn what all three generations gain from each other, all in their own voices!
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*Pashmina* by Nidhi Chanani (First Second, 2017)

*Ahimsa* by Supriya Kelkar (Tu Books, 2017)

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