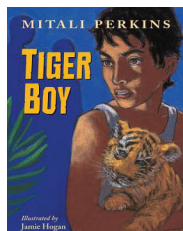


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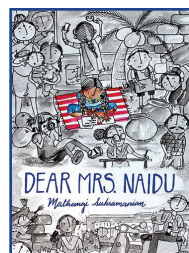
2016 Award Winners



Tiger Boy

by Mitali Perkins; illustrated by Jamie Hogan (Charlesbridge, 2015).

A gripping and heartfelt tale of a young boy's love for, and sense of responsibility towards, his island home in the Sunderbands of West Bengal and the wildlife that shares it with him. Universal concerns of conservation, equal education, and economic inequality are seamlessly intertwined with the narrative of Neel's daily life and his adventure with a tiger cub. (Grades 3-6).

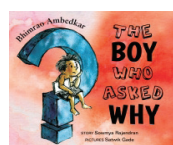


Dear Mrs. Naidu

by Mathangi Subramanian (Young Zubaan, 2015).

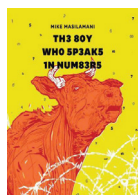
When twelve-year-old Sarojini is forced to begin the school year without her best friend, Amir, who begins attending a higher class school outside of their neighborhood, she becomes wholly conflicted about her own social standing. Fortuitously, Sarojini's spirited new teacher assigns her to write letters to someone she would like to know, and as Sarojini channels her thoughts as correspondence with her deceased, freedom-fighter namesake, Sarojini Naidu, she awakens her own sense of activism, communal relationships, familial bonds, and confirmed friendships, both old and new. (Grades 6 and up)

2016 Honor Books



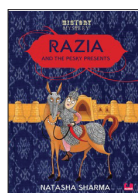
Bhimrao Ambedkar: The Boy Who Asked Why

by Sowmya Rajendran;
illustrated by Satwik Gade
(Tulika Publishers, 2015)



The Boy Who Speaks in Numbers

by Mike Masilami;
illustrated by Matthew Frame
(Tara Books, 2015)



Razia and the Pesky Presents

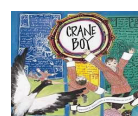
by Natasha Sharma;
illustrated by Priya Kuriyan
(Duckbill Books, 2015)

2016 Highly Commended Books



A Tale of Highly Unusual Magic

by Lisa Papademetriou
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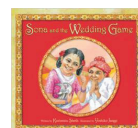
Crane Boy

by Diana Cohn; illustrated by Youme
(Cinco Puntos Press, 2015)



My Friend is Hindu

by Khadija Ejaz
(Purple Toad Publishing, 2015)



Sona and the Wedding Game

by Kashmiri Sheth;
illustrated by Yoshiko Jaeggi
(Peachtree Publishers, 2015)

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