Folktales and Mythology

The Broken Tusk: Stories of the Hindu God Ganesha
by Uma Krishnaswami (India) J 294.521K

The Gifts of Wali Dad: A Tale of India and Pakistan
by Aaron Shepard (India and Pakistan) E 398.2S

How Ganesh Got His Elephant Head
by Harish Johari and Vatsala Sperling (India) J 294.521J

The Old Woman and the Eagle
by Indries Shah (Afghanistan) E 398.2S

One Grain of Rice: A Mathematical Folktale
by Demi (India) J 398.2D

Shower of Gold: Girls and Women in the Stories of India
by Uma Krishnaswami (India) J 891.1K

South Asian Life and Culture (teens)

My Forbidden Face: Growing Up Under the Taliban: A Young Woman’s Story
by Latifa (Afghanistan) YA 305.4209581 L356M

Teens in India by Lori Shores (India) J 305.235S

Teen Fiction

Ask Me No Questions
by Marina Tamar Budhos (Bangladesh/U.S.A.)

Beneath My Mother’s Feet
by Amjed Qamar (Pakistan)

Born Confused
by Tanuja Desai Hidier (Indian-American)

The Breadwinner and Parvana’s Journey
by Deborah Ellis (Afghanistan)

Climbing the Stairs
by Padma Venkatraman (India)

First Daughter: Extreme American Makeover
by Mitali Perkins (Pakistani-American)

The House of Djinn (sequel to Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind and Haveli)
by Suzanne Fisher Staples (Pakistan)

Keeping Corner by Kashmira Sheth (India)

Monsoon Summer by Mitali Perkins (India/U.S.A.)

Under the Persimmon Tree by Suzanne Fisher Staples (Afghanistan/Pakistan)

Internet Resources

For information about Kahani: A South Asian Literary Magazine for Children:
www.kahani.com

South Asian and the South Asian Diaspora in Children’s Literature: An Annotated Bibliography can be found at:
www.poojamakhijani.com

A nonprofit organization and source for books and movies from India:
www.indiaforeveryone.com
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**Picture Books (EPIC)**

- *Baya, Baya, Lulla-ya-a* by Megan McDonald (India)
- *Elephant Dance: Memories of India* by Theresa Heine (India)
- *I, Doko: The Tale of a Basket* by Ed Young (Nepal)
- *Mama’s Saris* by Pooja Makhijani (Indian-American)
- *My Mother’s Sari* by Sandhya Rao (India)

**Chapter Books (IFIC)**

- *Blue Jasmine* by Kashmira Sheth (India)
- *The Conch Bearer* by Chitra Divakaruni (India)
- *Iqbal: A Novel* by Francesco D’Adamo (Pakistan)
- *Looking for Bapu* by Anjali Banerjee (India)

**Juvenile Beginner Books (BEG)**

- *A Basket of Bangles* by Ginger Howard (Bangladesh)
- *The Birdman* by Veronika Mertenova Charles (India)
- *Chachaji’s Cup* by Uma Krishnaswami (India)
- *Four Feet, Two Sandals* by Karen Lynn Williams (Pakistan)
- *Nadia’s Hands* by Karen English (Pakistani-American)

**South Asian Life and Culture (children)**

- *Rickshaw Girl* by Mitali Perkins (Bangladesh)
- *Younguncle Comes to Town* by Vandana Singh (India)
- *Going to School in India* by Lia Heydlauff (India) J 954H
- *Hindu Festivals Throughout the Year* by Anita Ganeri (India) E 294.536G
- *The Man-Eating Tigers of Sundarbans* by Sy Montgomery (Bangladesh and India) J 599.756M
- *Sikh Stories* by Anita Ganeri (India) J 294.68 G
- *Twist: Yoga Poems* by Janet Wong (India) E 821W