The following list is a sampling of the books we have on this subject. Children’s, teen, and adult books are included here. Students and their parents should choose the books that are most appropriate for them.

CHILDREN’S BOOKS

Abby Spencer Goes to Bollywood
by Varsha Bajaj

Astonished to learn that the father she never knew is actually Bollywood's biggest celebrity, Abby travels to Mumbai to meet her father and struggles with cultural differences, the challenges of her identity, and her changing sense of self. 249 pages

Jasmin Skies
by Sita Brahmachari

Fourteen-year-old Mira Levenson travels from London to Kolkata to meet her aunt and her cousin and to find out why the families haven't spoken in years. 330 pages

The Savage Fortress
by Sarwat Chadda

When British schoolboy Ash Mistry goes to India for a vacation, he quickly falls into a world of rakshasas, or demons, overseen by the evil Lord Alexander Savage. 292 pages

The City of Death
by Sarwat Chadda

British schoolboy Ash Mistry, the reincarnation of the great Indian hero Ashoka and an agent of the goddess of death, faces the evil Lord Savage again after the villain sends his minions to capture Gemma, Ash's unrequited crush. 329 pages

Aru Shah and the End of Time
by Roshani Chokshi

Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon. 355 pages

What Elephants Know
by Eric Dinerstein

In the threatened jungle of the Borderlands between Nepal and India during the 1970s, an orphaned boy discovers his fate as a great elephant driver. 273 pages

The Night Diary
by Veera Hiranandani

Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary. 272 pages
Ahimsa
by Supriya Kelkar
When her mother is jailed for being one of Gandhi’s freedom fighters, ten-year-old Anjali overcomes her own prejudices and continues her mother’s social reform work, befriending Untouchable children and working to integrate her school. 307 pages

The Jungle Book
by Rudyard Kipling
Presents the adventures of Mowgli, a boy reared by a pack of wolves, and the wild animals of the jungle. Also includes other short stories set in India. 216 pages

The Sultan’s Tigers
by Josh Lacey
Tom, who comes from a long line of criminals, travels with his roguish uncle to India to find a family treasure--an antique jewel-encrusted tiger stolen from the sultan’s throne hundreds of years ago. 298 pages

Mission Mumbai
by Mahtab Narsimhan
Dylan, an aspiring photographer, is spending a month in Mumbai with his friend Rohit Lal and his family, but knowing nothing of Indian culture, he cannot seem to do anything right (do not hit cows!)--and the situation is made worse by the tensions within the Lal family over whether Rohit should be raised in India, which Mr. Lal’s wealthy sister is pushing for. 261 pages

Pashmina
by Nidhi Chanani
For Pri, her mother's homeland can only exist in her imagination. That is, until she find a mysterious pashmina tucked away in a forgotten suitcase. When she wraps herself in it, she is transported to a place more vivid and colorful than any guidebook or Bollywood film. But is this the real India? And what is that shadow lurking in the background? 161 pages

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

Love, Hate, and Other Filters
by Samira Ahmed
Maya Aziz, seventeen, is caught between her India-born parents world of college and marrying a suitable Muslim boy and her dream world of film school and dating her classmate, Phil, when a terrorist attack changes her life forever. 281 pages

5 to 1
by Holly Bodger
In a dystopian future where gender selection has led to boys outnumbering girls 5 to 1 marriage is based on a series of tests. It’s Sudasa’s turn to pick a husband through this “fair” method, but she’s not sure she wants to be a part of it. 246 pages

A Moment Comes
by Jennifer Bradbury
As the partition of India nears in 1947 bringing violence even to Jalandhar, Tariq, a Muslim, finds himself caught between his forbidden interest in Anupreet, a Sikh girl, and Margaret, a British girl whose affection for him might help with his dream of studying at Oxford. 278 pages

Tiger’s Curse
by Colleen Houck
Seventeen-year-old Oregon teenager Kelsey forms a bond with a circus tiger who’s actually one of two brothers, Indian princes Ren and Kishan, who were cursed to live as tigers for eternity, and she travels with him to India where the tiger’s curse may be broken once and for all. 402 pages
The Library of Fates
by Aditi Khorana
YA F KHORANA
A coming-of-age fantasy inspired by Indian folklore follows the efforts of a princess to sacrifice herself in marriage to a conquering emperor in order to protect her people. 314 pages

Karma
by Cathy Ostlere
YA F OSTLERE
In 1984, following her mother's suicide, 15-year-old Maya and her Sikh father travel to New Delhi from Canada to place her mother's ashes in their final resting place. On the night of their arrival, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is assassinated, Maya and her father are separated when the city erupts in chaos, and Maya must rely on Sandeep, a boy she has just met, for survival. 517 pages

You Bring the Distant Near
by Mitali Perkins
YA F PERKINS
From 1965 through the present, an Indian American family adjusts to life in New York City, alternately fending off and welcoming challenges to their own traditions. 303 pages

Poison's Kiss
by Breeana Shields
YA F SHIELDS
In an alternate world based on the mythology of India, a girl trained since birth as a "poison maiden" in the Raja's service is ordered to kill a boy she loves, and begins to question who she's working for. 295 pages

Shiva's Fire
by Suzanne Fisher Staples
YA F STAPLES
In India, a talented dancer sacrifices friends and family for her art. 275 pages

Toads and Diamonds
by Heather Tomlinson
YA F TOMLINSON
A retelling of the Perrault fairy tale set in pre-colonial India, in which two stepsisters receive gifts from a goddess and each walks her own path to find her gift's purpose, discovering romance along the way. 278 pages

A Time to Dance
by Padma Venkatraman
YA F VENKATRA
In India, a girl who excels at Bharatanatyam dance refuses to give up after losing a leg in an accident. 307 pages

Homeless Bird
by Gloria Whelan
YA F WHELAN
When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it. 186 pages

The Jungle Book
by Crystal Silvermoon
YA COMICS SILVERMOON
In graphic novel format, presents the adventures of Mowgli, a young boy raised by the animals in an Indian jungle. 321 pages

ADULT BOOKS

The Unlikely Adventures of the Shergill Sisters
by Balli Kaur Jaswal
F JASWAL
Making an obligatory pilgrimage to the Golden Temple in Amritsar to carry out their mother's final rites, three estranged British-Punjabi sisters make unexpected discoveries about why their mother was forced to leave India. 312 pages

Bindi
by Paul Matthew Maisano
F MAISANO
A richly imagined debut set against the backdrop of southern India, London, and Hollywood that tells the story of a young boy in India, suddenly orphaned, and the adults around him, each of whom is also looking for a home in the world. 325 pages
Rebel Queen
by Michelle Moran
Queen Lakshmi does not plan on surrendering when the British army arrives in her country. Instead, she raises two armies of her own. 354 pages

A State of Freedom
by Neel Mukherjee
Five characters in very different circumstances, from a domestic cook in Mumbai to a vagrant and his dancing bear, find the meanings of dislocation and the desire to get more out of life. 278 pages

One Part Woman
by Perumāḷmurukan
The story of a South Indian couple who cannot conceive, and the extraordinary lengths they go to please their family and try to have a baby. 245 pages

All the Lives We Never Lived
by Anuradha Roy
A novel set from World War II India through the present day and following a son’s quest to uncover the story of his freedom-craving, rebellious artist mother. 272 pages

The Ministry of Utmost Happiness
by Arundhati Roy
A love story experienced by diverse protagonists, including a grieving father who writes a letter profiling the people who came to his 5-year-old daughter's funeral and two longtime friends at a guest house who sleep wrapped around each other like newlyweds. 449 pages

Slumdog Millionaire
by Vikas Swarup
In a jail cell in Mumbai, India, Ram Mohammad Thomas is being held after correctly answering all twelve questions on India’s biggest quiz show, “Who Will Win a Billion?” The authorities find it hard to believe that a poor orphan who has never read a newspaper or gone to school could win such a contest. Through a series of exhilarating tales, Ram explains to his lawyer how episodes in his life gave him the answers. 318 pages

We That Are Young
by Preti Taneja
A modern-day King Lear, set in contemporary India, traces the power struggles of a turbulent family that becomes painfully subject to the anti-corruption riots of 2011 and 2012, a father's advancing dementia and an unwanted arranged marriage. 479 pages

The Kashmir Shawl
by Rosie Thomas
Follows the World War II experiences of newlywed Nerys Watkins, who upon following her husband to a missionary posting in the exotic lakeside city of Srinagar is swept up in a dangerous liaison that completely changes her life, a transformation that is explored by her descendant generations later. 468 pages

The Strangler Vine
by Miranda Carter
While tracking down a missing writer who has exposed the true nature of Calcutta society in 1837 India, a young soldier with few prospects, a secret political agent and a master of disguise are drawn into the mysterious Thuggee cult and its even more ominous suppression. 369 pages

The Widows of Malabar Hill
by Sujata Massey
Bombay's first female lawyer, Oxford graduate Perveen Mistry, investigates a suspicious will on behalf of three Muslim widows living in strict purdah seclusion who become subject to a murderous guardian's schemes for their inheritances. 385 pages
A Rising Man
by Abir Mukherjee
MYSTERY MUKHERJE
Calcutta, 1919. Captain Sam Wyndham, former Scotland Yard detective, has been recruited to head up a new post in the police force. The body of a senior official has been found in a filthy sewer, and a note left in his mouth warns the British to quit India, or else. 386 pages

Tina’s Mouth
by Keshni Kashyap
GRAPHIC NOVELS KASHYAP
Tina Malhotra, a sophomore at the Yarborough Academy in Southern California, creates an existential diary for an honors English assignment in which she tries to determine who she is and where she fits in. 242 pages

NONFICTION

The End of Karma
by Somini Sengupta
305.242 SEN
A penetrating, personal look at contemporary India—a snapshot of the world’s largest democracy at a moment of transition. 256 pages

Rogue Elephant
by Simon Denyer
320.954 DEN
A cultural portrait of today's India that evaluates the role of political corruption, economic inequality, and civil rights violations in the economic promise of five years ago. 440 pages

Farthest Field
by Raghu Karnad
940.5412 KAR
Journalist and debut author Karnad explores India's complicated position in the war by sketching out the contributions of his grandfather and two of his great uncles, who all died while serving in the Indian Army. 300 pages

Incarnations: A History of India in Fifty Lives
by Sunil Khilnani
954.0099 KHI
The author of The Idea of Indian presents an entertaining and provocative account of India’s past via a series of portraits of emperors, warriors, philosophers, film stars and corporate titans -- some famous, some unjustly forgotten, but all important in the country’s rich history. 449 pages

The Chaos of Empire
by Jon E. Wilson
954.03 WIL
Through the stories of administrators, soldiers and subjects, describes how the East India Company went from a trading company to a quasi-imperial government with over a quarter of a million troops, whose high tax on tea helped spark the American Revolution. 564 pages

Midnight’s Furies
by Nisid Hajari
954.042 HAJ
Describes how a cycle of rioting and violence leading up to the partition of India and birth of Pakistan resulted in brutal and widespread ethnic cleansing on both sides of the border. 328 pages

On the Ganges
by George Black
954.1 BLA
An extraordinary tour of the Ganges that explores its major regions as well as the eclectic populations that worship the river, pollute it, or visit it from all world regions. 318 pages

The Epic City
by Kushanava Choudhury
BIO CHOUDHUR
After immigrating to the United States when he was 12, the author describes why he moved back to Calcutta to work for the city’s leading English newspaper and paints a vivid everyday picture of a city past its prime and unchanged by time. 238 pages

Gandhi Before India
by Ramachandra Guha
BIO GANDHI
A first volume of a series detailing the life and work of the influential political advocate draws on private papers and other untapped sources to cover his birth in 1869 through his upbringing in Gujarat, discussing his London education and decades as a lawyer in South Africa. 672 pages
Ants Among Elephants
by Sujatha Gidla

A woman, born as an “untouchable” into the Indian caste system, describes how she was educated by Canadian missionaries in the 1930s and what it was like growing up in a world full of poverty and injustice but also full of incredible possibility. 306 pages

Gandhi: A Manga Biography
by Kazuki Ebine

Describes the life of Gandhi and how his nonviolent resistance to the British Raj influenced India. 192 pages