



India

Digital Resources and Children's Books

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Kid-Friendly Videos:

Tour of India (5th-9th) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpMHvvDM9yU>

Symbols of India (K-5th): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhAeQyLJaRU>

Taj Mahal (6th-12th): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1GShoW1Ez4>

The Mahatma Gandhi and the Salt March (4th-12th):
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1_Dm1ZjRAM

Indian Caste System: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HyCQDIwHIXY>

How to wrap a Sari: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1XbPDqF0GQ>

Drawing Henna Designs (K-12th): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOKXObNindk>

Indian Block Printing How to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7k7bFefnKKE>

Classical Dances of India: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0gamtoWxnE>

Endangered Animals of India (K-5th): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VokqA4cuwtc>

Yoga for Kids: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJzj_b7G7i8

Websites:

Regions of India: <http://learningindia.in/indias-by-region/>

India- Geography and History: <https://www.thoughtco.com/geography-and-history-of-india-1435046>

Kids National Geographic: <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/india/>

Country Facts-India: <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/countries/india.html>

Facts About India: <http://childrenunited.btck.co.uk/Childrenssection/FactsaboutIndia>

Factmonster-India: <http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0930067.html>

Hinduism in India: <https://www.history.com/topics/religion/hinduism>

10 Best Indian Dishes: <https://food.ndtv.com/lists/10-best-indian-recipes-701750>

History of Indian Meditation: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_meditation

Lesson Plans:

India Learning Resources: <http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/india>

The Story of India: <http://www.pbs.org/thestoryofindia/teachers/lessons/>

Teaching Resources: <http://besthistorysites.net/ancient-biblical-history/india/>

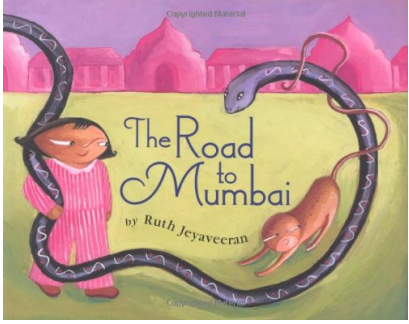
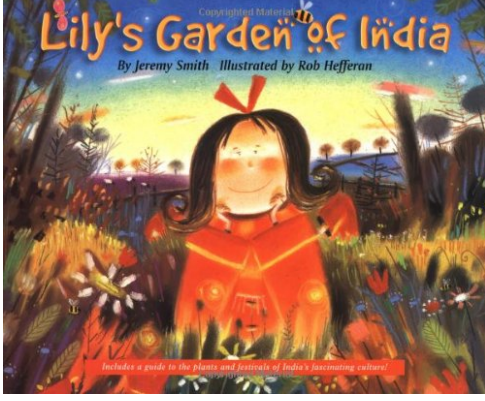
India Past & Present: <https://countries.mrdonn.org/india.html>

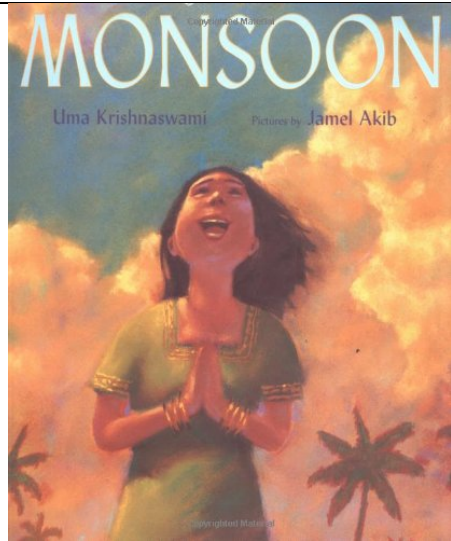
Gandhi Teacher Resources: [https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/gandhi/all?msclkid=b397cff69dae1c3a1010916e40d22964&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=DSA%20\(WS\)&utm_term=lessonplanet&utm_content=All%20Webpages](https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/gandhi/all?msclkid=b397cff69dae1c3a1010916e40d22964&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=DSA%20(WS)&utm_term=lessonplanet&utm_content=All%20Webpages)

U of P South Asia Center:

<https://www.southasiacenter.upenn.edu/resources/outreach/k12/lesson-plans>

Children's Books:

	<p>Title: The Road To Mumbai Author: Ruth Jeyaveeran Age Range: 4 - 8 years Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3 Hardcover: 32 pages Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers (August 30, 2004) Language: English ISBN-10: 0618434194 Summary: Along the road to Mumbai, Shoba and her monkey, Fuzzy Patel, make many new friends—mysterious monks, a curious camel, and a snake with a sensitive stomach, just to name a few. Shoba and Fuzzy are on their way to a top-secret monkey wedding. But you shouldn't expect an invitation. According to Fuzzy, it will be the most boring wedding in the history of the universe. But magical things can happen on the road to Mumbai—and when trouble threatens to ruin the big event, unexpected friends come to the rescue.</p>
	<p>Title: Lily's Garden of India Author: Jeremy Smith Age Range: 3 - 8 years Hardcover: 32 pages Publisher: Brighter Child (April 15, 2003) Language: English ISBN-10: 1577684915 Summary: Lily's mother makes everything an adventure, including her magical garden full of exotic and beautiful plants from all over the world. When Lily visits the Indian section of the garden, she discovers her own adventure. Through the power of imagination, the plants come alive and Lily finds herself in India. There she sees how the plants are used</p>



Title: Monsoon

Author: Uma Krishnaswami

Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

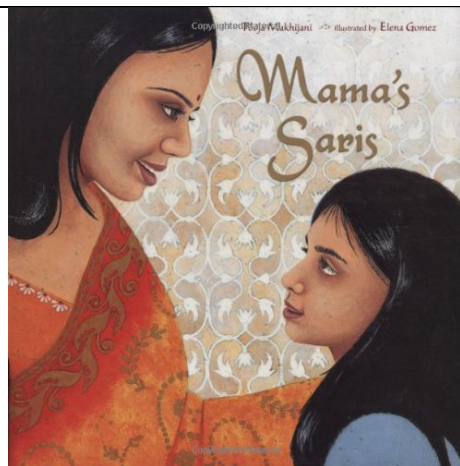
Hardcover: 32 pages

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR); First Edition edition (October 6, 2003)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0374350159

Summary: Children play, birds call, and grownups go about their business during the hot days of summer in northern India. But in the bustle of street and marketplace, everyone is watching, waiting for those magical clouds to bring their gift of rain to the land. Through the observations of one young girl, the scents and sounds, the dazzling colors, and the breathless anticipation of a parched cityscape are vividly evoked during the final days before the welcome arrival of the monsoon.



Title: Mama's Saris

Author: Pooja Makhijani

Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

Lexile Measure: 820L ([What's this?](#))

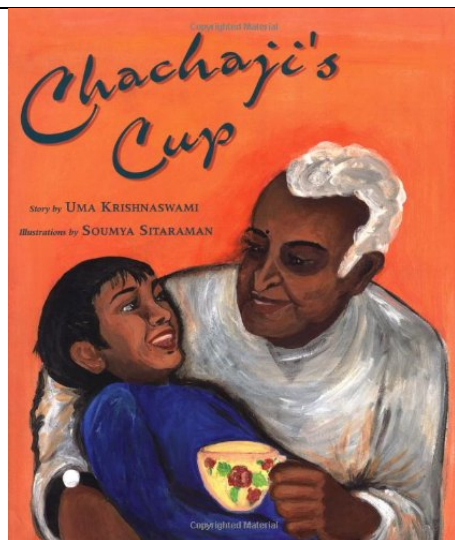
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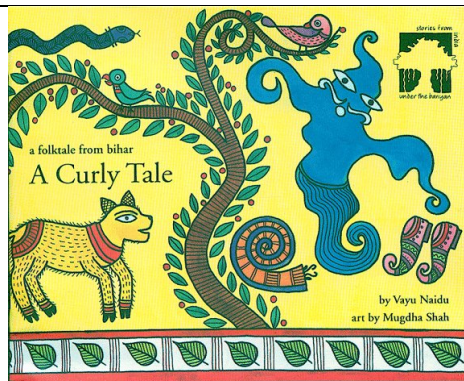
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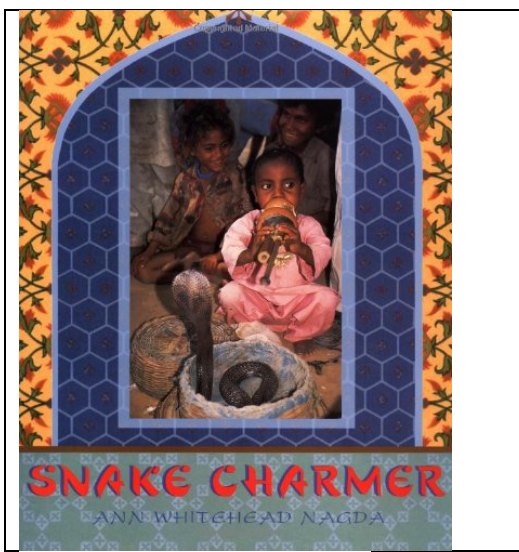
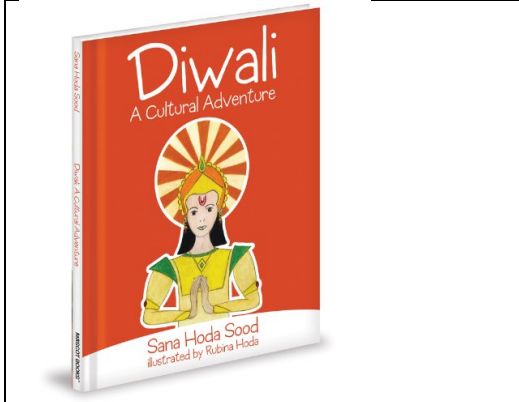
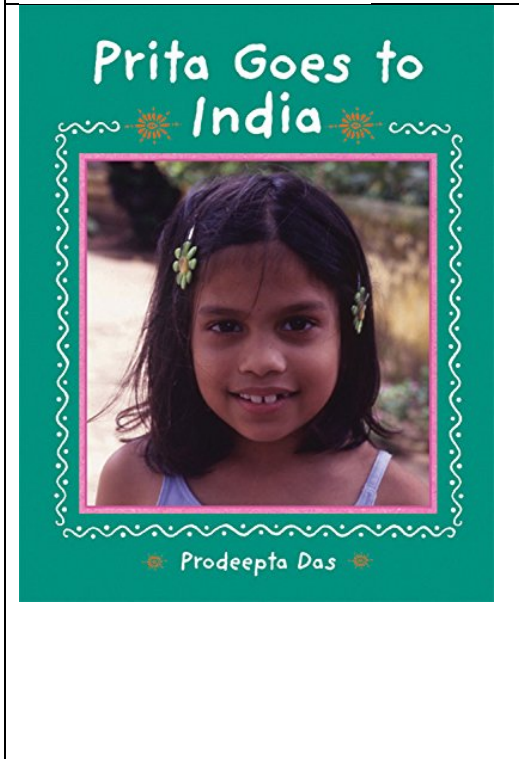
Summary: When a young girl eyes her mother's suitcase full of gorgeous silk, cotton and embroidered saris, she decides that she, too, should wear one, even though she is too young for such clothing. When the mother finally realizes how important it is for her little girl to feel like a big girl on her seventh birthday, she dresses up her daughter in the folds of a blue sari. Feeling grown-up and very pretty, the daughter is thrilled to look just like her mother, even if only for a day.



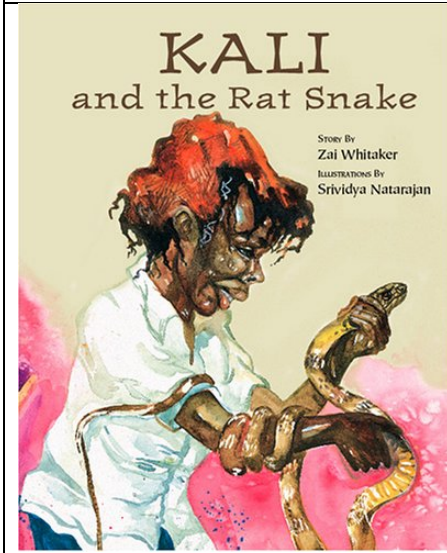
Title: Chachaji's Cup
Author: Uma Krishnaswami
Age Range: 6 and up
Grade Level: 1 and up
Hardcover: 32 pages
Publisher: CBP (March 2003)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 0892391782
Summary: Neel loves listening to Chachaji's many stories over steaming cups of tea. Chachaji's tales of great Hindu gods and demons and of his adventures in the Indian Army leave Neel openmouthed. But it is the tale of his great-uncle's favorite teacup that teaches Neel the most, for Chachaji's cup holds far more than sweet, spicy masala chai. When the precious cup and Chachaji's health both prove to be more fragile than they look, Neel knows what he must do. Uma Krishnaswami weaves a gentle tale of family love and the power of memory, which Soumya Sitaraman brings to vivid life in her richly hued paintings.



Title: A Curly Tale
Author: Vayu Naidu
Age Range: 7 and up
Grade Level: 2 and up
Series: Under the Banyan
Paperback
Publisher: Sky Music India Pvt Ltd; Pap/Cas edition (January 1999)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 8186838333
Summary: The stories are written by Dr. Vayu Naidu, internationally renowned storyteller and writer. She is the founder and artistic director of Brumhalata Intercultural Storytelling Company based in Birmingham, UK. A glossary of key ethnic words and a learning guide accompanies each title. The audio book is a joint production of Sky Music (India) and Tulika Books (India).

	<p>Title: Snake Charmer Author: Ann Whitehead Nagda Age Range: 5 - 8 years Series: Books for Young Readers Hardcover: 32 pages Publisher: Henry Holt and Co. (BYR); 1st edition (May 1, 2002) Language: English ISBN-10: 0805064990 Summary: Vishnu dreams of being a snake charmer like his father. He already knows how to handle cobras and he is learning to play the special flute. He longs to go to the city to charm snakes while the tourists watch. But his father thinks that education is more important, so Vishnu must stay home.</p>
	<p>Title: Diwali: A Cultural Adventure Author: Sana Sood Hardcover: 38 pages Publisher: Mascot Books (October 1, 2013) Language: English ISBN-10: 1620863960 ISBN-13: 978-1620863961 Summary: Description of the Celebration of Diwali</p>
	<p>Title: Prita Goes to India Author: Prodepta Das Age Range: 6 - 9 years Grade Level: 1 - 4 Series: Children Return to their Roots Hardcover: 40 pages Publisher: Frances Lincoln Children's Bks (December 19, 2006) Language: English ISBN-10: 184507128X Summary: Seven-year-old Prita has come India for the first time, with her parents and her elder sister, to visit their many relatives. She is fascinated by everything, from the Taj Mahal to the village shrines in Orissa, where her parents were born; from delicious green coconuts to market stalls filled with savoury snacks; but above all, by the way of life lived by her relatives. Some of it is like her life at home - but much of it is very different. This unique series of photographic information books, told in the first person, accompanies children who have grown up away from their family's homeland, and are now</p>

visiting it for the first time. The unfamiliar food, clothes, and customs of another country are seen from a fresh, exciting perspective. With stunning photographs and a bright, child-friendly design, this informative, fun series is highly relevant to today's world in which so many people have moved away from their original culture.



Title: Kali and The Rat Snake

Author: Zai Whitaker

Age Range: 6 and up

Grade Level: 1 and up

Hardcover: 32 pages

Publisher: Kane/Miller Book Pub (September 1, 2006)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1933605103

Summary: Kali's father is a snake catcher - the best in the village. Kali knows that is really something to be proud of, but at school he sometimes gets embarrassed. The other children seem to think there is something very strange about having a snake catcher for a father and eating things like fried termites for a snack. Plus, Kali is the teacher's pet. How will he ever make friends?