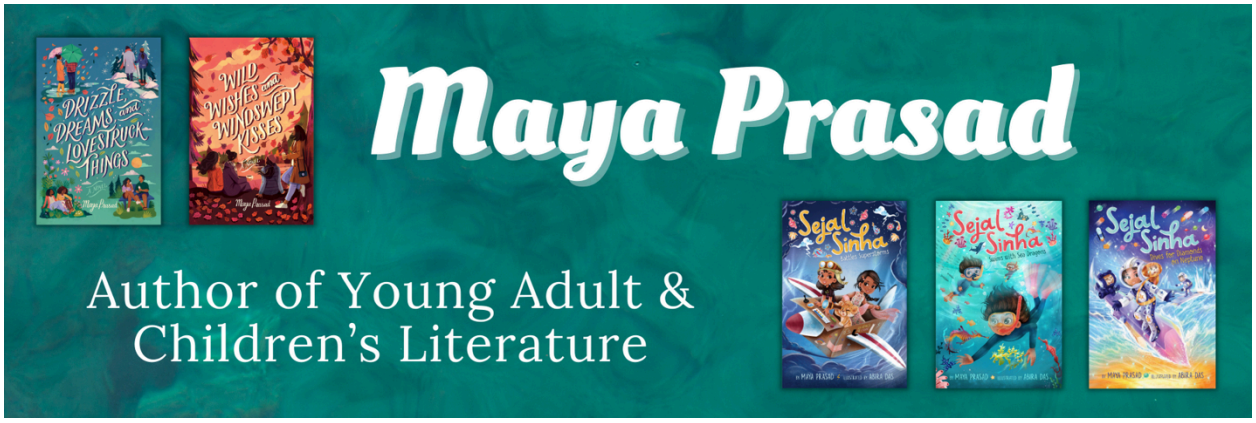


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About the Author



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Young Adult Novels

Drizzle, Dreams, and Lovestruck Things (Singh Sisters #1)



Description

Four seasons, four sisters, and four swoon-worthy love stories come together in this multi-POV YA rom-com set on an island off the coast of the Pacific Northwest.

The Singh sisters grew up helping their father navigate the bustle of the Songbird Inn. Nestled on dreamy and drizzly Orcas Island in the Pacific Northwest, the inn's always been warm and cozy and filled with interesting guests—the perfect home. But things are about to heat up now that the Songbird has been named the Most Romantic Inn in America.

Nidhi has everything planned out—until a storm brings a wayward tree crashing into her life one autumn . . . and along with it, an intriguing construction worker and a yearning for her motherland. Suddenly, she's questioning everything she thought she wanted.

Avani can't sit still. If she does, her grief for Pop, their dad's late husband, will overwhelm her. So she keeps moving as much as she can, planning an elaborate Winter Ball in Pop's memory. Until a blizzard traps her in a barn with the boy she accidentally stood up and has been actively avoiding ever since.

Sirisha loves seeing the world through her camera, but her shyness prevents her from stepping out from behind the lens. Talking to girls is such a struggle! When a pretty actress comes to the Songbird with her theater troupe, spring has sprung for Sirisha—if only she can find the words.

Rani is a hopeless romantic through and through. After gently nudging her sisters to open their hearts, she is convinced it's finally her turn to find love. When two potential suitors float in on a summer breeze, Rani is swept up in grandeur to match her wildest Bollywood dreams. But which boy is the one she's meant to be with?

Ultimately, the magic of the Songbird Inn leads the tight-knit Singh sisters to new passions and breathtaking kisses—and to unearth the truest versions of themselves.

Perfect for fans of Jenny Han's *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*, this sparkling YA rom-com celebrates sisterhood, family, and the love all around us.

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Release Date: Oct 18, 2022
Length: 464 Pages
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ISBN: 1368075800
Age Range: 12-18

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Trade Reviews and Blurbs

"By turns featherlight, deeply emotional and unabashedly romantic." —Shelf Awareness, starred review

"A joyous celebration of family and first love." —Rachel Lynn Solomon, *New York Times* bestselling author of *See You Yesterday*

"Prasad never sacrifices authenticity for romance as she captures how broadly love can be defined and experienced." —BookPage

"[A] jam-packed rom-com in which the sisters' heartfelt relationship and earnest support of one another sparkles brightest." —Publishers Weekly

"Full of lavender-scented dreams...a romantic, Bollywood-like story." —Kirkus

"Four sisters who are all on the same team, who love each other, and who want each other to succeed in finding their truths and happiness...touching and warm, a perfect cozy read." —Booklist

"A charming new take on tradition, the search for love in all its flavors, and self-discovery." —Shveta Thakrar, author of the Andre Norton Nebula Award finalist *Star Daughter*

"A gorgeously written novel about leading with our wild hearts." —Anuradha D. Rajurkar, author of *American Betiya*, a 2022 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults title

"Prasad's prose leaps off the page...read this book whatever the weather." —Sarena and Sasha Nanua, co-authors of *Sisters of the Snake* and *Daughters of the Dawn*

Honors and Awards

Children's Book Council Young Adult Favorite of 2023
Children's Book Council Librarian Favorite of 2023

Interviews & Media Coverage

5/17/23 - Children's Book Council
Drizzle, Dreams, and Lovestruck Things selected as a Children's Book Council Librarian Favorite of 2023

4/17/23 - Children's Book Council
Drizzle, Dreams, and Lovestruck Things selected as a Children's Book Council Young Adult Favorite of 2023

1/6/23 - Seattle Gay News
"Maya Prasad finds love all year long in her debut novel" - SGN winter book club pick

12/16/22 - Shelf Awareness
Starred Review for Drizzle, Dreams, and Lovestruck Things

11/18/22 - United by Pop
"Maya Prasad On Sisterhood, Taylor Swift And Her YA Debut, Drizzle, Dreams And Lovestruck Things"

11/17/22 - School Library Journal
"Countering Harmful Media Narratives with Young Adult Literature"

10/18/22 – BookPage
"One book, four charming love stories" - Interview

10/17/22 - The Nerd Daily
"Q&A: Maya Prasad, Author of 'Drizzle, Dreams, and Lovestruck Things'"

10/12/22 - School Library Journal - Teen Librarian Toolbox
"Joyful Representation in the Age of Book Bans" guest post by Maya Prasad

10/10/22 - Miss Print
"Author Interview: Maya Prasad on Drizzle, Dreams, and Lovestruck Things"

10/7/22 - KidLit 411
"Author Spotlight: Maya Prasad"

10/6/22 - The Horn Book
"Publishers' Preview: Fall 2022: Five Questions for Maya Prasad"

9/1/22 - Publishers Weekly
Review: Drizzle, Dreams, and Lovestruck Things

6/27/22 - American Libraries Magazine
"Uplifting Underrepresented Readers: Authors discuss the importance of shining a light on insider narratives"

6/23/22 - BuzzFeed
"15 Young Adult Books That Highlight Culture Through Food"

5/10/22 - Publishers Lunch
Buzz Books 2022: Great Reads for Fall/Winter (download to read an excerpt of Drizzle, Dreams, and Lovestruck Things)

Wild Wishes and Windswept Kisses (Singh Sisters #2)



Description

On one wild, windy day in November, the Singh sisters Nidhi, Avani, Sirisha, and Rani are about to find out in this follow-up to *Drizzle, Dreams, and Lovestruck Things,* a 2023 Children's Book Council Young Adult and Librarian Favorite.

After spending months studying abroad in India, Nidhi's headed back to the Songbird Inn, eager to dish with her sisters over hot cocoa. But when her flight gets diverted because of a major windstorm, she's stranded. However, she's not the only one—a certain dreamy street artist is also scrambling for transport. They'd lost touch, but could this be a second chance?

Things have been rocky between Avani and Fernando, but they're hoping to find their rhythm in a dance workshop. Until a power outage traps them in close quarters. Not again! This time it's with the world's most annoyingly perfect other couple. Barf.

After a breakup leaves her feeling lost, Sirisha enters the Jade Club and dons a whole new persona at a Prohibition-themed murder-mystery party. When a gorgeous femme fatale starts flirting, can Sirisha uncover what's real and what's just a game?

Rani is channeling all she's learned about love into a new endeavor—creating a short film for a One Day Shoot-Out competition. But when her cast revolts from their (only slightly) dictatorial director, Rani might have to grit her teeth and team up with her biggest rival.

Relationships fall apart and come together. But through it all, there's one thing the Singhs can count on: their family will always be there for each other.

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Trade Reviews and Blurbs

"One thrilling, disastrous, romantic day . . . Come for the cozy Pacific Northwest vibes and the gorgeous prose, stay for the most important love story of all—the one between these four remarkable sisters."
—Jake Maia Arlow, Stonewall Honor winner and author of *How to Excavate a Heart*

"With expressive prose that ignites the senses, Prasad whips up the perfect whirlwind of romance, heartbreak, and healing. The end result is a warm, lovingly crafted tale that proves sometimes the best way to weather a storm is through the unshakable bonds of family—and sisterhood."
—Brian D. Kennedy, author of *A Little Bit Country*

"Heartfelt and charming! Prasad's lyrical prose breathes life and joy into the stories of the Singh sisters as they fall in and out of love, while always staying true to themselves and each other. This swoony slice-of-life romance melted my heart."
—Leslie Vedder, bestselling author of *The Bone Spindle* trilogy

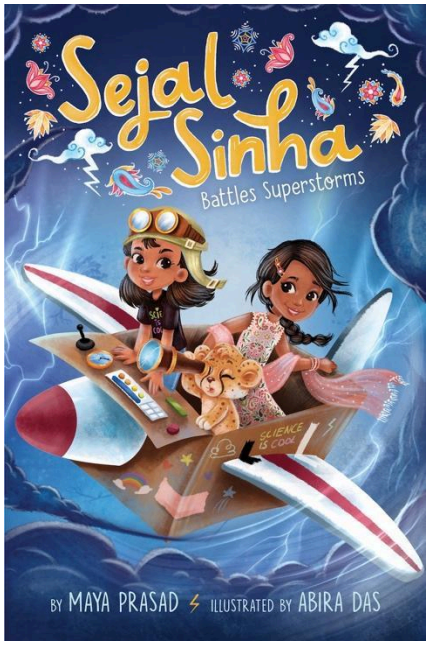
"The Singh sisters are our modern-day Little Women . . . an utterly charming series to curl up with over a long weekend."
—Susan Azim Boyer, author of *Jasmine Zumideh Needs a Win* and *The Search for Us"*

*"*Warm, poignant relationships . . . As a windstorm picks up, so does the story's pace, as it traces the ebb and flow of the ties among the members of the charming ensemble cast."
—Kirkus

"A magical day of adventures, obstacles, and, of course, romance."
—School Library Journal

Chapter Books (for ages 6-9)

Sejal Sinha Battles Superstorms (Sejal Sinha #1)



Description

***The Magic School Bus* meets *Over the Moon* in this first book in a new chapter book series about a young Indian American girl who loves science and has a big imagination!**

Sejal Sinha is looking forward to celebrating Diwali with her family. But when a hurricane appears, Sejal and her cousin Mira learn that the house is in danger from the imminent storm. With the help of Sejal's favorite stuffed animal, Professor Cheetah, the two girls use Cardboard Box Magic to build their own Hurricane Hunter and fly into the eye of the hurricane!

They learn about a project from the 1960s called Project Stormfury, where a team actually tried to stop hurricanes. Can Sejal and Mira do what the previous Stormfury team couldn't and battle the superstorm?

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Grades: 1 - 4
Ages: 6 – 9

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Trade Reviews and Blurbs

"Sejal's delightfully curious and determined first-person narration charts the course of this special mission as the crew flies into the eye of the storm and learns about the forces of nature along the way...the future looks sunny for this fun and informative STEM chapter-book series opener." – Booklist

"An absorbing read that balances lessons about friendship and science." – Kirkus Reviews

Honors and Awards

- NECBA Windows & Mirrors List - 2023
- Owl Awards Shortlist - 2023
- Amazon Editor's Pick / Best Books for Ages 6-8
- Denver Public Library Staff Pick
- Mid Continent Library Best Books of 2023
- Indigo Staff Pick

Interviews and Media Coverage

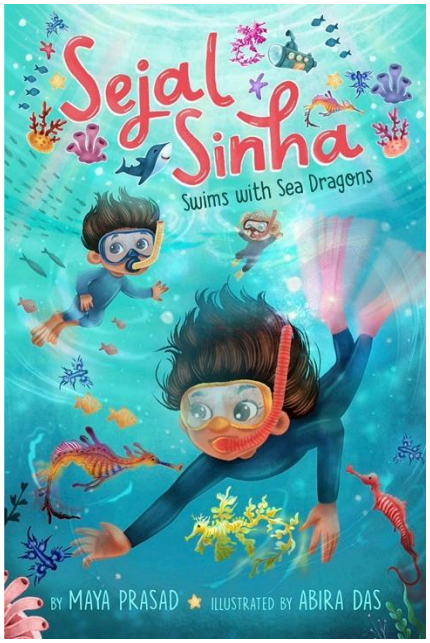
12/6/23 - OWL Awards
Sejal Sinha Battles Superstorms selected for OWL Awards Shortlist

11/1/23 - NECBA Windows & Mirrors List
Sejal Sinha Battles Superstorms selected for NECBA Windows & Mirrors List

6/16/23 - Amazon Editorial
Sejal Sinha Battles Superstorms selected for Amazon's Best Children's Books of 2023 So Far

5/2/23 - Simon Kids YouTube Channel
Sejal Sinha Battles Superstorms read aloud with Maya Prasad

Sejal Sinha Swims with Sea Dragons (Sejal Sinha #2)



Description

This second book in the chapter book series about a young Indian American girl who loves science and has a big imagination introduces readers to an incredible sea creature—perfect for fans of *The Magic School Bus* and *Over the Moon*!

Sejal and her brother, Abu, are excited to visit their aunt, who is a marine biologist. During a fun trip to the beach, Abu discovers a small, blue creature washed up on shore. It's a blue dragon! Despite its name, it doesn't breathe fire—but it is fearless, preying on much bigger animals.

Sejal is ready to see the blue dragon in action. With a submarine powered by Imagination Fuel, she plunges into an underseas adventure. She hopes she can learn more about how the small but mighty blue dragon might help her as she deals with her own battle with a class bully.

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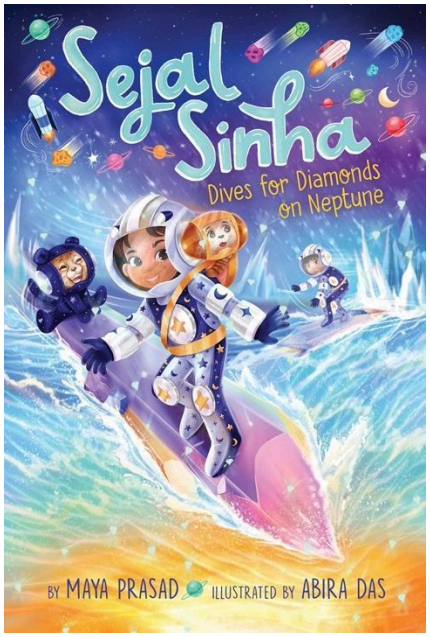
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Trade Reviews and Blurbs

"An adventurous story filled with friendship issues and fascinating true facts . . . Budding scientists looking for a chapter book series that has both developed and interesting characters, and great STEM components, will enjoy Sejal and her adventures."
—School Library Journal

Sejal Sinha Dives for Diamonds on Neptune (Sejal Sinha #3)



Description

In the third book in the chapter book series about a young Indian American girl who loves science and has a big imagination, Sejal and the gang soar through outer space—perfect for fans of *The Magic School Bus* and *Over the Moon*!

Sejal's puppy eats the page in her notebook with her best ideas. Her little brother throws a tantrum over string cheese. Sometimes, Sejal wishes she could escape being a big sister. After an embarrassing snot incident, her older cousin Ash is ready to leave the planet, too.

Ash has been working on a very cool science project about a theory that it rains diamonds on Neptune. Treasure hunting on another planet sounds like the perfect out-of-this world adventure to Sejal! But getting to Neptune might be harder than she and Ash think, especially when they find a couple of stowaways in their spaceship…

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