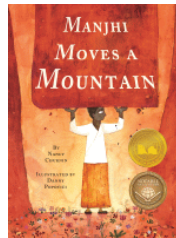


South Asian Read Alouds

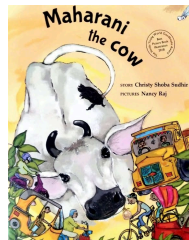


India



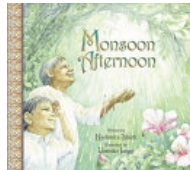
Dashrath Manjhi used a hammer and chisel, grit, determination, and twenty years to carve a path through the mountain separating his poor village from the nearby village with schools, markets, and a hospital.

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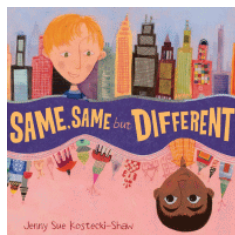
Lined up on a street are noisy motorbikes, honking cars, crowded buses, impatient autos... In their midst sits Maharani!

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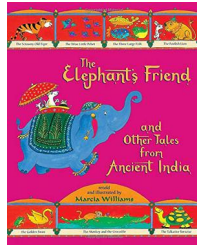
A young boy and his grandfather find much they can do together on a rainy day during monsoon season in India.

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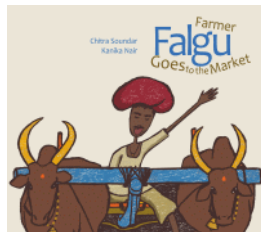
Elliot lives in America, and Kailash lives in India. They are pen pals. By exchanging letters and pictures, they learn that they both love to climb trees, have pets, and go to school. Their worlds might look different, but they are actually similar. Same, same. But different!

<https://youtu.be/emSVHtra3Po>



This is the reading of the first folktale in this book, an unlikely story of close friendship that develops between a royal elephant and a stray dog.

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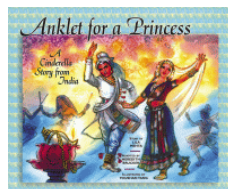
Farmer Falgu takes his produce to the market, but along the way, a series of incidents cause all his eggs to crack. When he reaches the market, he decides that instead of trying to sell his produce, which is nearly ruined, he will use the cracked eggs and sell omelets instead.

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A little boy named Gopu travels farther through the streets of Calcutta than he's ever done before just so he can bring his sick father some *machher jhol* (Fish Curry).

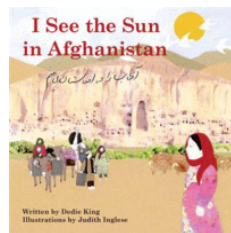
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Cinduri, hungry and ragged, is befriended by Godfather Snake, who feeds her delicacies and dresses her in gold cloth and anklets with bells and diamonds, to meet the prince

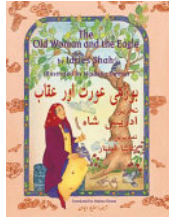
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Afghanistan



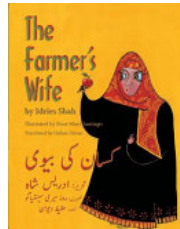
After waking, Habiba and her sister go out to fetch water. Following a breakfast, she tags along with her brother and father as they bring the sheep to pasture. She goes to school outside with other girls; the boys attend school later in the day. Her family is preparing for cousins and an aunt and uncle to move in with them and Habiba wonders how everyone will fit into their small home.

<https://youtu.be/5F0e-SR6rDE>



In this amusing story, an old woman encounters an eagle for the first time. Perplexed by its unfamiliar appearance, she decides to change it to suit her own ideas of what a bird should look like.

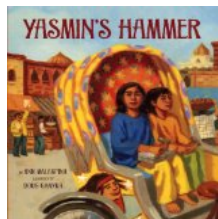
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This is a cumulative tale of a woman's efforts to retrieve an apple from a hole in the ground. But then out of nowhere, a surprise event changes the direction of the tale in a most amusing way.

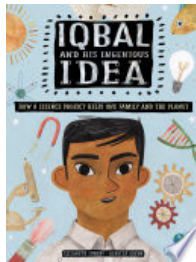
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Bangladesh



In Dhaka, Bangladesh, as two girls work hard all day to help support their family by chipping bricks into small pieces, older sister Yasmin seeks a way to attend school and learn to read so that she can have a better life one day.

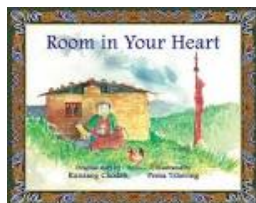
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During monsoon season in Bangladesh, Iqbal notices cooking smoke making his mother sick, and so with his sister's help, he wins a sustainability science fair with a solar cooker, creating benefits for his Muslim family and the environment.

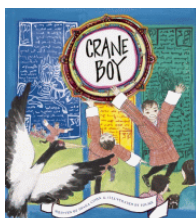
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Myanmar/Bhuta



Is there room for me?' a wandering monk asks the old lady who lives on the hill. The question is repeated again and again as more and more visitors arrive. The kind lady welcomes them in one by one. But how will they all fit in her tiny little house?

<https://youtu.be/je1DKnWdsUE>



Kinga and his classmates create a crane dance to perform at the Crane Festival in Bhutan in hopes of encouraging their friends and family to help save the endangered black-necked cranes that winter in their country.

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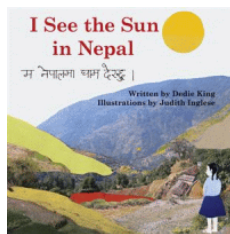
Sri Lanka



Malini, a young girl in Sri Lanka, is anxious about the responsibility of helping with the monsoon-season rice planting for the first time. When a flash flood leaves her stranded alone with the ox cart full of rice seedlings, will she summon the courage to calm the ox and save her town's rice crop?

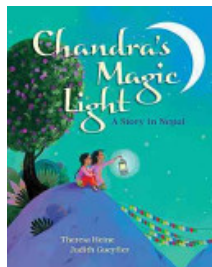
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Nepal



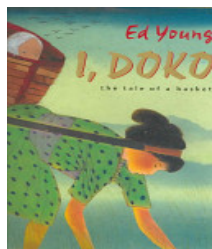
Depicts one day from dawn until night in one child's life in the small village of Bandipur, Nepal.

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Chandra and her sister Deena see a demonstration of a "magic light," a solar-powered lantern, at a market near their home in Nepal and are determined to buy one, knowing it will help their little brother's cough to stop using kerosene lamps

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A Nepalese basket tells the story of its use through three generations of a family.

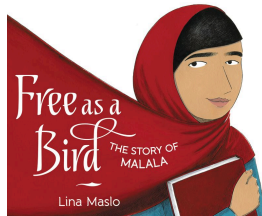
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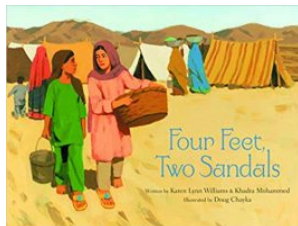
During a Hindu festival in Kathmandu, Nepal, brothers Alu and Bhalu search for a dog they can honor with food and gratitude. Includes glossary of Nepali words and suggested activities.

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Pakistan

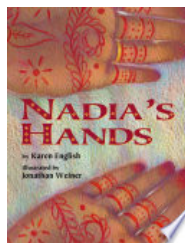


When Malala Yousafzai was born, people shook their heads because girls were considered bad luck. But her father looked into her eyes and knew she could do anything. In Pakistan, people said girls should not be educated. But Malala and her father were not afraid. She secretly went to school and spoke up for education in her country. And even though an enemy tried to silence her powerful voice, she would not keep quiet. Malala traveled around the world to speak to girls and boys, to teachers, reporters, presidents, and queens -- to anyone who would listen -- and advocated for the right to education and equality of opportunity for every person. She would shout so that those without a voice could be heard. So everyone could be as free as a bird. <https://youtu.be/KGul7-oo41o>



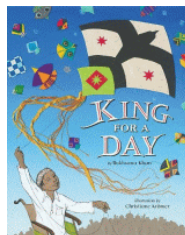
Two young Afghani girls living in a refugee camp in Pakistan share a precious pair of sandals brought by relief workers. Includes author's note about refugees.

<https://youtu.be/M6dF5TDr8Sw>



A Pakistani-American girl takes part in her aunt's traditional Pakistani wedding

https://youtu.be/g_4i5hs_arM



Basant is here, with feasts and parties to celebrate the arrival of spring. But what Malik is looking forward to most is doing battle from his rooftop with Falcon, the special kite he has built for speed. Today is Malik's chance to be the best kite fighter, the king of Basant.

<https://youtu.be/5iaA03GsHys>