

NLF Reading Challenge 2024



● **ONLINE READING CHALLENGE**

● **STARTS JUNE 20, 2024**

● **GRADES 4-6**

● **3 MONTHS**

● **30 BOOKS**

● **REGISTRATIONS OPEN FROM MAY 9, 2024 TO JUNE 9, 2024**

Embark on a literary journey alongside 3000+ young readers from around the globe, competing as you go.



NLF Reading Challenge Terms Document

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What is the NLF Reading Challenge?

The NLF Reading Challenge is designed to get children to read more, reflect on and discuss their reading, interact with authors, and connect with other readers like themselves.

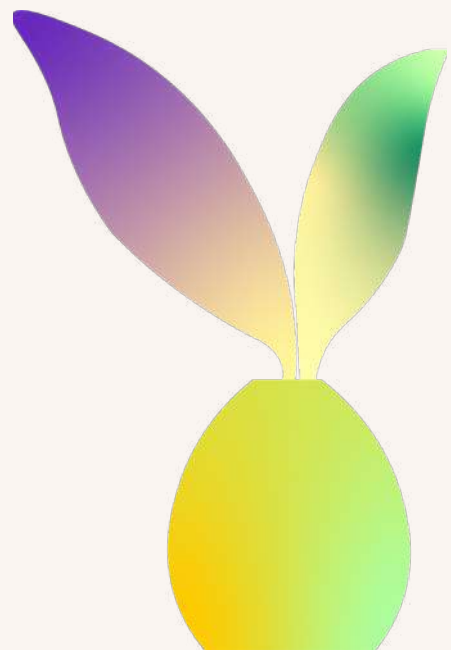


Who is it for?

- Children from Grades 4-6 who love to read.
- Parents, librarians, teachers, siblings or other adults who wish to nominate young readers.

How does it work?

- There are 2 Tracks for the Challenge: the Competitive and the Non-Competitive Track.
- A Reading Schedule is shared at the start of the Challenge to help the participants navigate their reading.



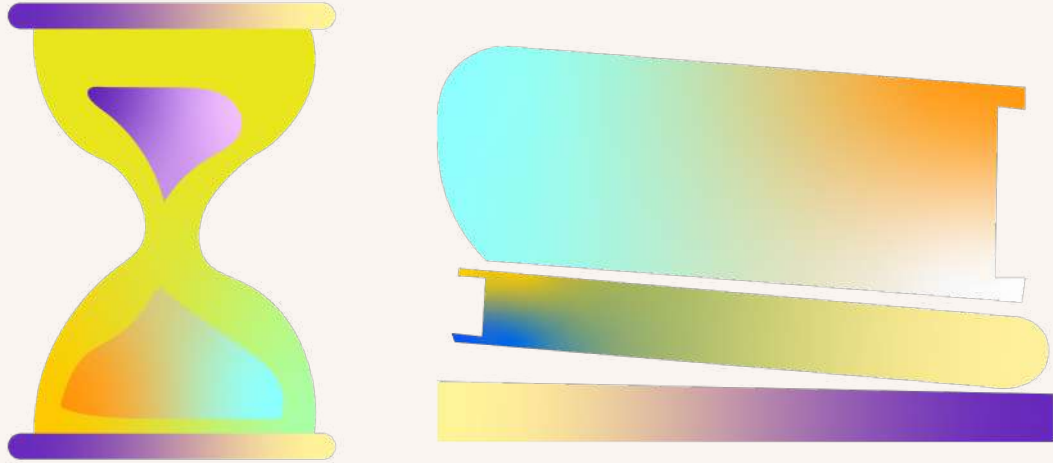
How does the non-Competitive Track work?

Readers who wish to pursue the Non-Competitive Track may read any or all of the books on the reading list, and will get the chance to interact with acclaimed global and Indian authors during the author interaction sessions we host on Zoom. They soak in the reading experience!

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For updates, you could subscribe to our mailing list by writing to us at literaturefestival@neevschools.com





How does the Competitive Track work?

- You are required to participate in groups of 3 members, mentored by a Reading Guide.
- School Librarians, Coordinators, or Interested Adults (Parents, Reading Guides) will pick students to form teams to enroll in the Competitive Track.
- Each team in the Competitive Track is expected to read 2 to 3 books every week. E.g. if there are a total of 3 books to read in a week, each team member can read 1 book that week.
- These students also maintain a Reading Log that is updated regularly. The Reading Guide will be responsible for ensuring that the teams keep up with the Reading Schedule.
- All updates related to the Reading Challenge are posted on our social media pages as well. We're on Facebook and Instagram @neevliteraturefestival; on Twitter @neevlitfest; and Youtube.
- You could subscribe to our mailing list by writing to us at literaturefestival@neevschools.com.

How are the winners chosen?

The teams on the competitive track will participate in one or more quizzes which will be held virtually in the last week of August and the first two weeks of September. Questions will be based on the author interaction sessions, and the books the participants were expected to read in June, July and August as per the Reading Schedule.

The best teams will qualify for the in-person Grand Finale Quiz which will be held in Bengaluru, India in the last week of September during the Neev Literature Festival.

The three best teams will win Gold, Silver, and Bronze engraved trophies; certificates of achievement, and a great set of books!



I am an individual, how can I participate?

You can participate in the Non-Competitive Track as an individual. However, if you're looking to participate in the Competitive Track, bring 2 friends along and get an adult to be your Reading Guide.

Who can be a Reading Guide?

A parent/guardian, teacher/librarian, or even an elder sibling can be your Reading Guide.

I am a parent/teacher/librarian/interested adult, how can I get my students to participate?

If you're looking at having your children participate in the Non-Competitive Track, watch out for the updates we will be sharing through email and social media. We're on Facebook and Instagram @neevliteraturefestival; on Twitter @neevlitfest; and Youtube.

If you're looking at having them participate in the Competitive Track, then you'll have to bring in 2 more participants from Grades 4-6, and be their Reading Guide or find

another adult who can supervise the team's reading.

After forming a team and finding a Reading Guide, the Reading Group can register for the Reading Challenge by filling the registration form. Any one member of the Group or the Group's Reading Guide can register on behalf of the whole team. Members of the same team need not register for the Reading Challenge separately.

What if I can't find some books that are a part of the challenge?

While we have curated the list keeping in mind the availability and access of books across major bookstores and online platforms, we'll understand in case you can't find a particular book. In that case, please write to us at literaturefestival@neevschools.com for us to share next steps.

Participants could reach out to the following retailers, if convenient, which have signed on to be book sales partners for the Reading Challenge this year, in case they're having trouble buying a book:

Bookstore Partners

- Kahani Tree, Mumbai
- The Storyteller Bookstore, Kolkata
- KoolSkool, Guragon
- OneUp Library and Bookstore, New Delhi
- Lightroom Bookstore, Bangalore
- Kids2Day International, Bangalore

Participants may also reach out to the following libraries who have signed on to be official library partners of the NLF Reading Challenge to borrow and read the books on the reading list.

Library Partners

- Cosy Nook Library, Bangalore
- OneUp Library, New Delhi
- Kahaani Box, Bangalore



Will I get a participation certificate if I'm not a winner in the Grand Finale Quiz?

Students who qualify for the Grand Finale Quiz will be given certificates.

They will also attend the Neev Literature Festival, where they will be able to meet celebrated authors and illustrators, purchase

books from a curated Marketplace, get their books signed, and attend sessions and workshops conducted by industry experts.

The Neev Literature Festival will bear the related costs.

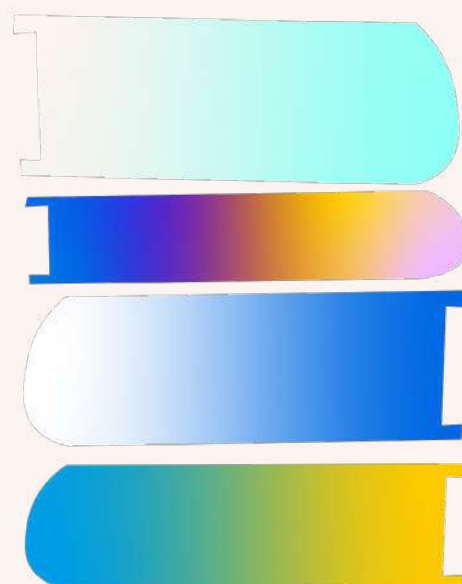
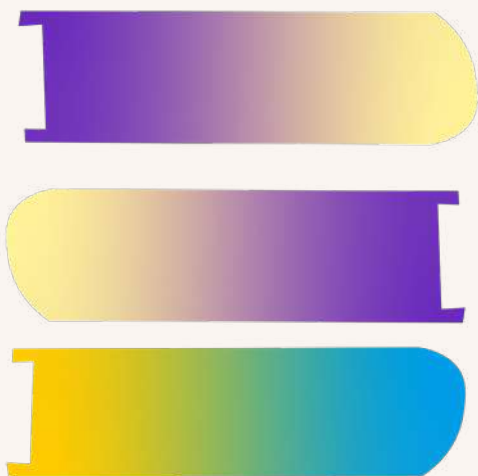


Curatorial Vision

The NLF Reading Challenge 2024 book list brings together the best of children's literature available in the Indian market, striving to push children's reading horizons, encouraging them to look beyond the bestsellers that dominate the market, while keeping in mind factors such as availability and affordability. They will read not just highly regarded books published in recent years, but also gems of children's literature such as *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster and less-known books by award-winning authors such as Lois Lowry's *Gossamer*. Stories set in geographically distant corners of India and the world such as Mizoram, Kerala, Jamaica, Wales, and France, a novel in verse,

and a non-fiction book on the evolution of language are on offer along with selections based on student interests - fantasy novels woven with African American folklore, Iranian folklore, and themes of climate change, hilarious and absurdist stories bound to leave readers in splits, and a heart warming story featuring a disillusioned Santa Claus by popular author Eoin Colfer, among others.

Participants will come across new genres, new themes, and new authors through this carefully curated reading list, and come to experience the joy of reading widely.



Reading List

1. Easy to read



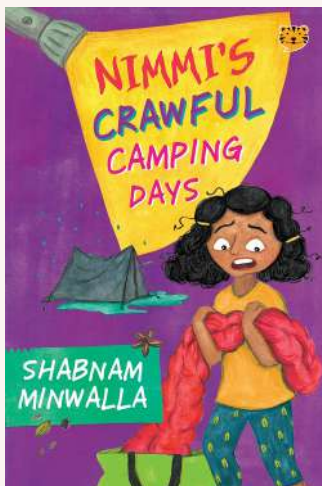
Oscar's Lion
by **Adam Baron**



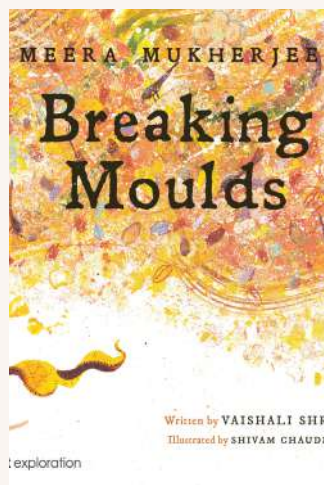
Juniper's Christmas
by **Eoin Colfer**



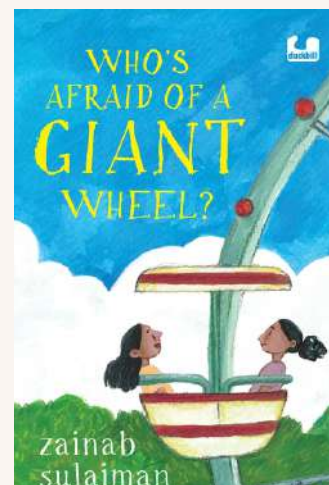
When Fairyland Lost Its Magic
by **Bijal Vachharajani**
and **Rajiv Eipe**



Nimmi's Crawlful Camping Days
by **Shabnam Minwalla**

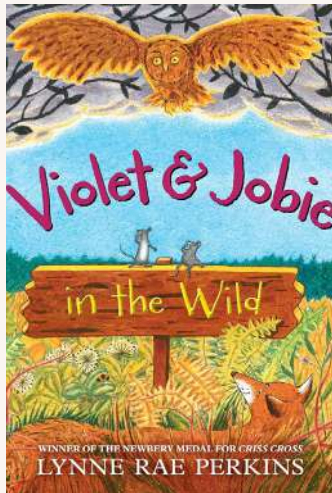


*Meera Mukherjee:
Breaking Moulds*
by **Vaishali Shroff,**
Shivam Choudhary

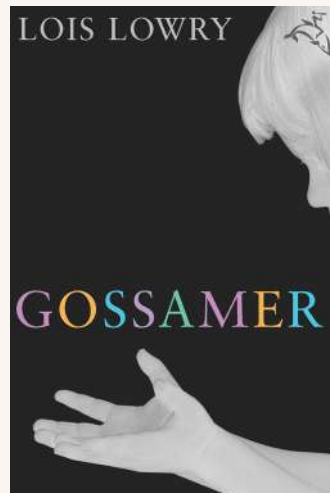


Who's Afraid of a Giant Wheel?
by **Zainab Sulaiman**

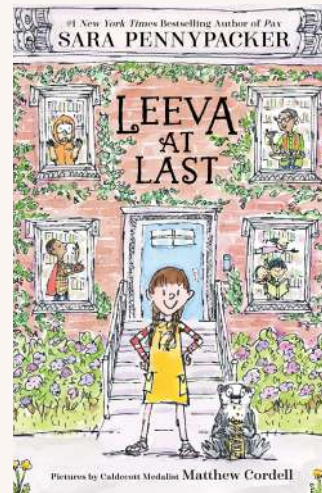
2. Just the right level



Violet and Jobie in the Wild
by **Lynne Rae Perkins**



Gossamer
by **Lois Lowry**



Leeva at Last
by **Sara Pennypacker**



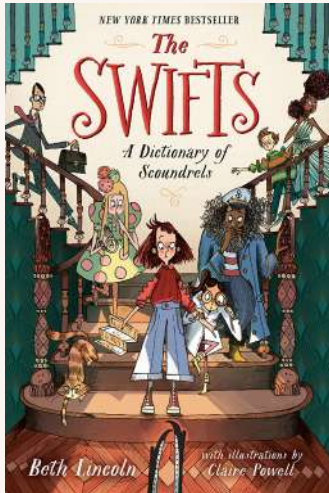
Starboard
by **Nicola Skinner**



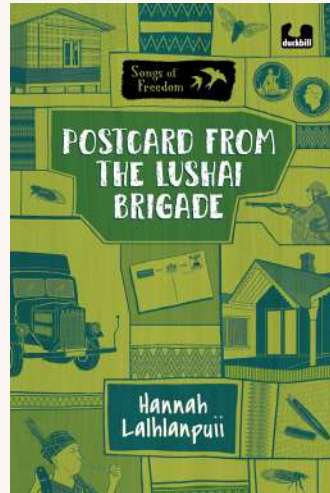
The Wild Robot Protects
(Wild Robot 3)
by **Peter Brown**



While the Storm Rages
by **Phil Earle**



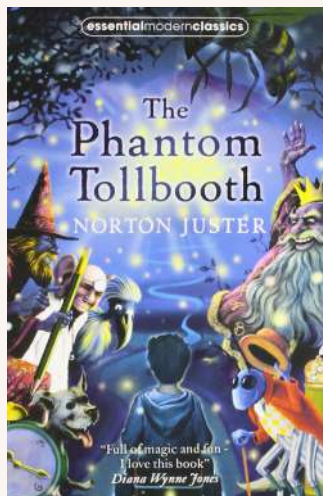
The Swifts
by **Beth Lincoln**



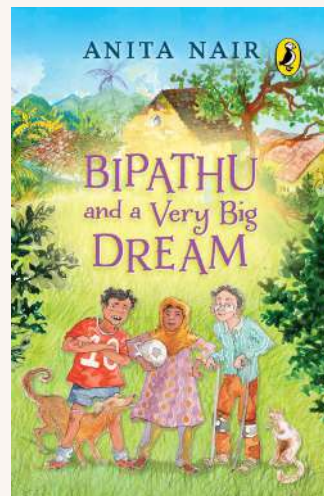
Postcard from the Lushai Brigade
by **Hannah Lalhanpuii**



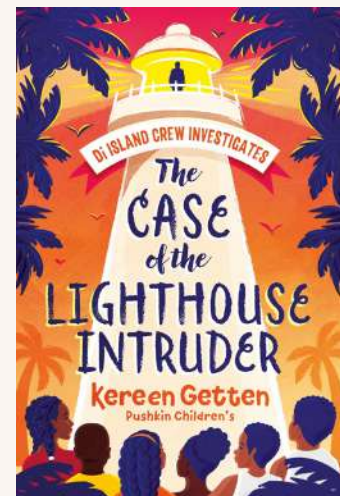
Maizy Chen's Last Chance
by **Lisa Yee**



The Phantom Tollbooth
by **Norton Juster**



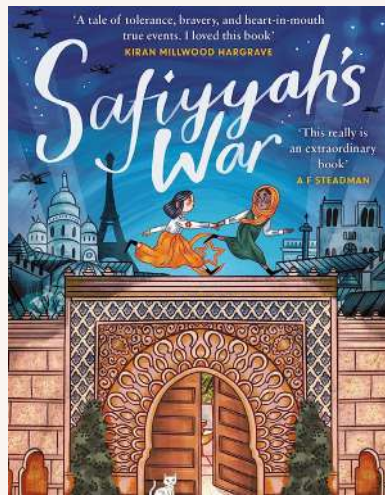
Bipathu And a Very Big Dream
by **Anita Nair**



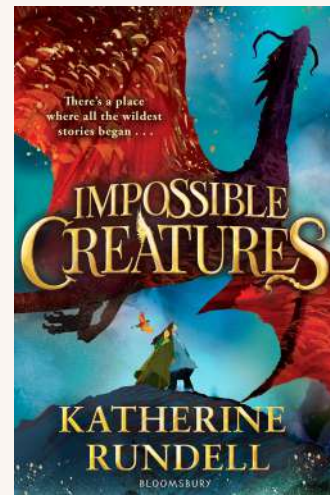
The Case of the Lighthouse Intruder: Di Island Crew Investigates
by **Kereen Getten**



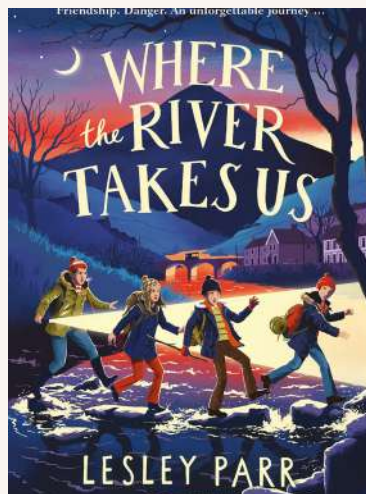
The Missing Barbegazi
by **H S Norup**



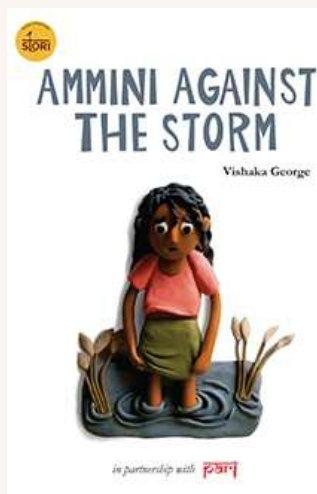
Safiyyah's War
by **Hiba Noor Khan**



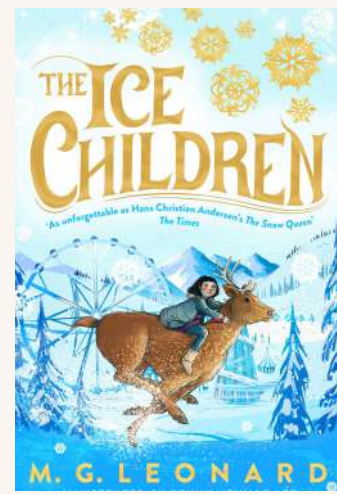
Impossible Creatures
by **Katherine Rundell**



Where The River Takes Us
by **Lesley Parr**

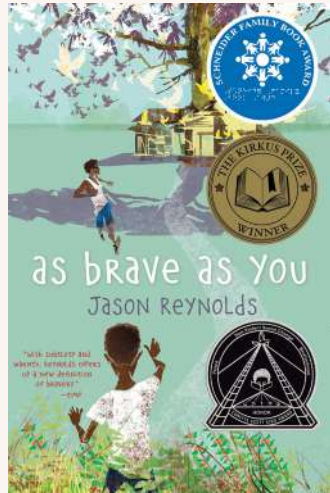


Ammini Against the Storm
by **Vishaka George**



The Ice Children
by **MG Leonard**

3. Challenging to read



As Brave As You
by **Jason Reynolds**



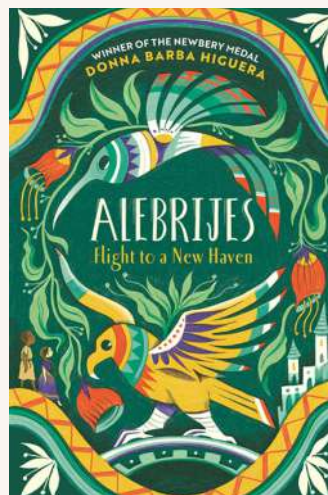
Once There Was
by **Kiyash Monsef**



Nic Blake and the Remarkables: The Manifestor Prophecy
by **Angie Thomas**



The Talking Book
by **Jane De Suza**



Alebrijes - Flight to a New Haven
by **Donna Barba Higuera**



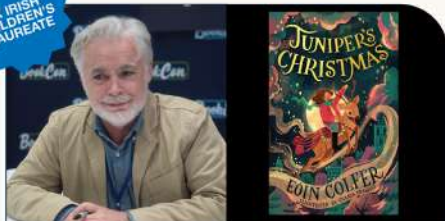
Mirror to Mirror
by **Rajani LaRocca**

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Author Interactions

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EX IRISH
CHILDREN'S
LAUREATE



Eoin Colfer

on 8th July, Monday
5.30-6.00 pm

NEWBERY
HONOR



Lisa Yee

on 13th July, Saturday
10.00-10.30 am

CENTRAL
SAHITYA
AKADEMI
AWARD



Anita Nair

on 18th July, Thursday
5.30-6.00 pm

BRANFORD
BOASE
AWARD



M.G. Leonard

on 22nd July, Monday
5.30-6.00 pm

NEWBERY
MEDAL



Lynne Rae Perkins

on 25th July, Thursday
5.30-6.00 pm

NEWBERY
HONOR



Rajani LaRocca

on 29 July, Monday
5.30-6.00 pm

CALDECOTT
HONOR



Peter Brown

on 1st August, Thursday
5.30-6.00 pm

BLUE
PETER
BOOK
AWARD



Katherine Rundell

on 6th August, Tuesday
TBA/TBD

HORN
BOOK
AWARD



Nicola Skinner

on 12th August, Monday
5.30-6.00 pm

NEWBERY
MEDAL



Donna Barba Higuera

on 17th August, Saturday
10.00-10.30 am

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BELPRE
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Registrations for
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