

# NLF Reading Challenge 2023



## TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

- Grades 4-6
- 3 Months
- 30 Books
- Unlimited Fun

STARTS JULY 8, 2023

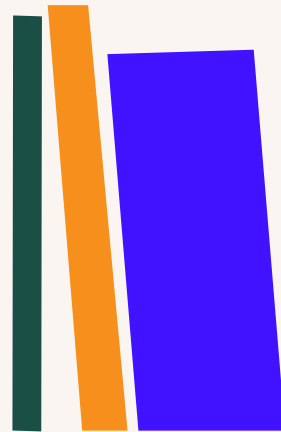
Registrations open from June 22, 2023 to July 14, 2023.

ONLINE READING CHALLENGE



# 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.

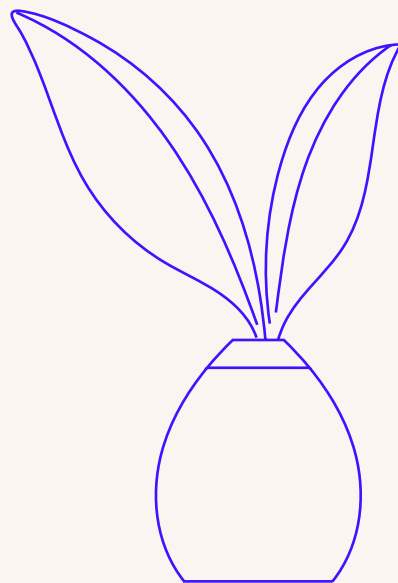


## Who is it for?

- 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 in July, 2023 to help the participants navigate their reading.



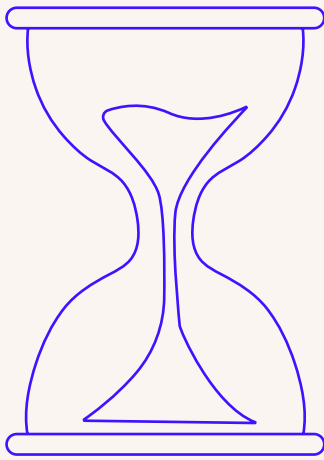
# How does the non-Competitive Track work?

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](mailto: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](mailto:literaturefestival@neevschools.com).

# How are the winners chosen?

The teams on the competitive track will participate in a virtual preliminary round which will be held between September 1 and September 5. Questions will be based on the author interaction sessions, and the books the participants were expected to read in 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 on October 8, 2023 during the Neev Literature Festival.

The best three teams 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.

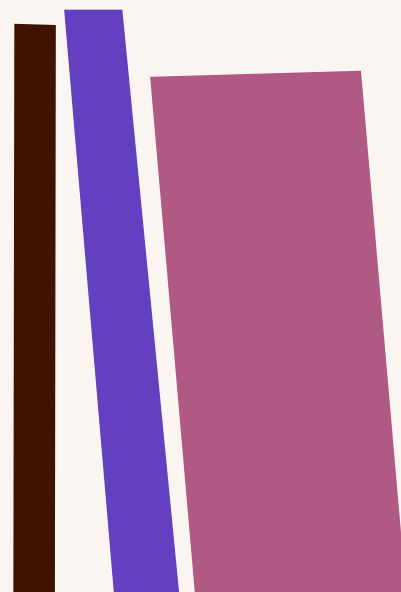
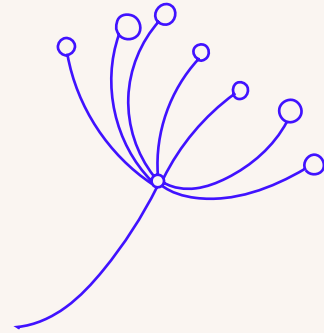
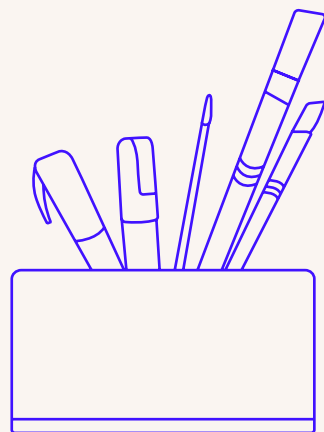
After forming a team and finding a Reading Guide, the Reading Group can register for the Reading Challenge by filling the registration form. Any one member of the Group or the Group's Reading Guide can register on behalf of the whole team. Members of the same team need not register for the Reading Challenge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

- The Storyteller Book Store, Kolkata
- Kids2Day Book Sales Agency, Bangalore
- KoolSkool Book Store, Gurugram



# 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.

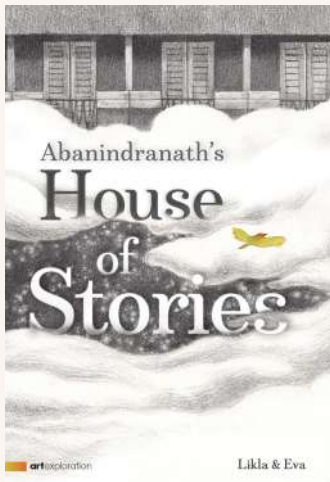
The Neev Literature Festival will bear the related costs.



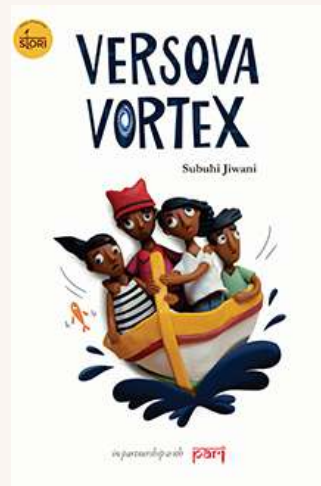


# Reading List

## 1. Easy to read



*Abanindranth's House of Stories*  
by **Likla Lal**



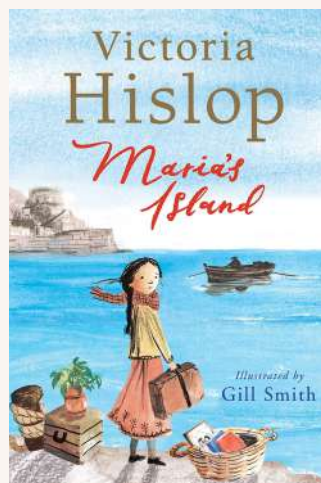
*Versova Vortex*  
by **Subuhi Jiwani**



*Sisters at New Dawn*  
by **Varsha Seshan**



*Look Ma, No Hands!*  
by **Vikram Agnihotri**

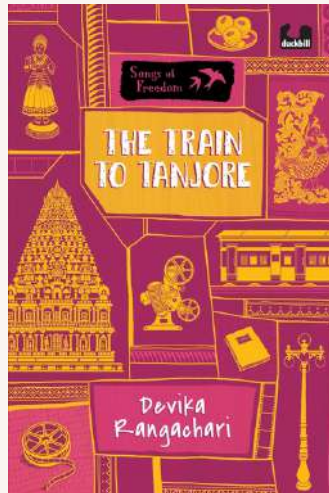


*Maria's Island*  
by **Victoria Hislop**

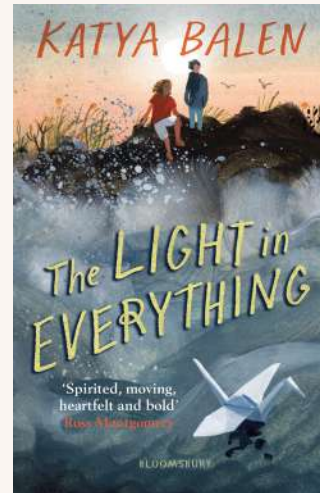
## 2. Just the right level



*Asha and the Spirit Bird*  
by **Jasbinder Bilan**



*The Train to Tanjore*  
by **Devika Rangachari**



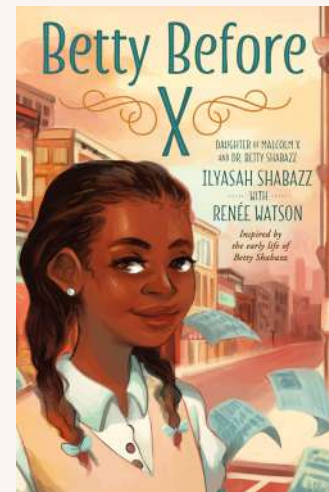
*The Light in Everything*  
by **Katya Balen**



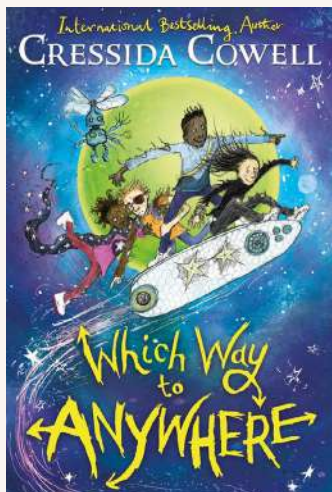
*Pax, Journey Home*  
by **Sara Pennypacker**



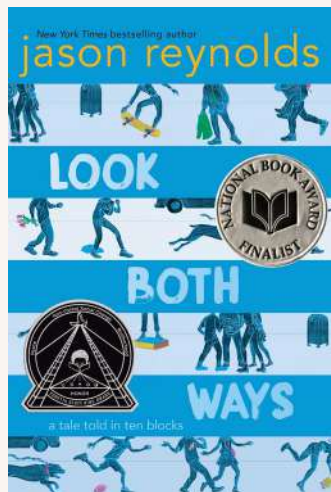
*Checked*  
by **Cynthia Kadohata**



*Betty Before X*  
by **Ilyasah Shabazz, Renee Watson**



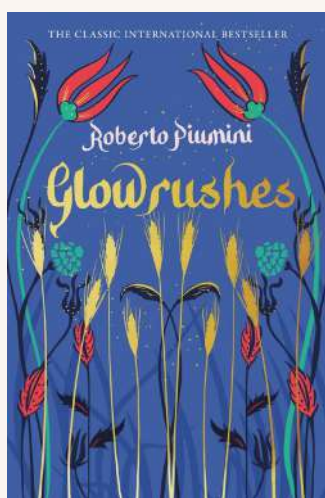
*Which Way to Anywhere*  
by **Cressida Cowell**



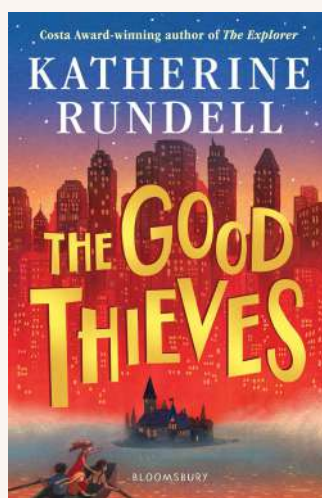
*Look Both Ways: A Tale Told In Ten Blocks*  
by **Jason Reynolds**



*Leila and the Blue Fox*  
by **Kiran Millwood Hargrave**



*Glowruses*  
by **Roberto Piumini**



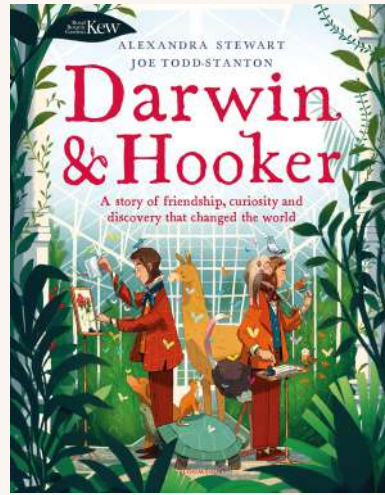
*The Good Thieves*  
by **Katherine Rundell**



*New From Here*  
by **Kelly Yang**



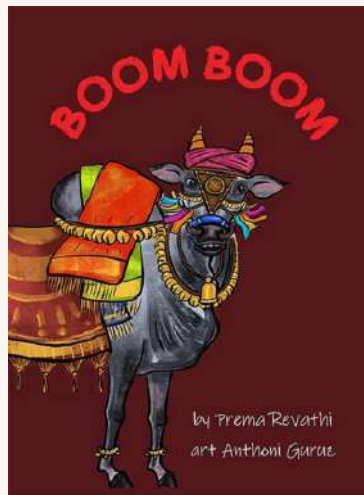
*Ticket to India*  
by **N.H.Senzai**



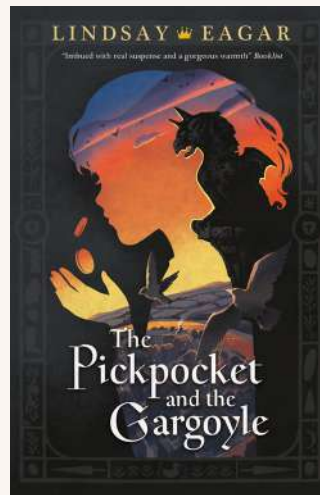
*Kew: Darwin and Hooker*  
by **Alexandra Stewart,**  
**Joe Todd-Stanton**



*Paper Boat, Paper Bird*  
by **David Almond**



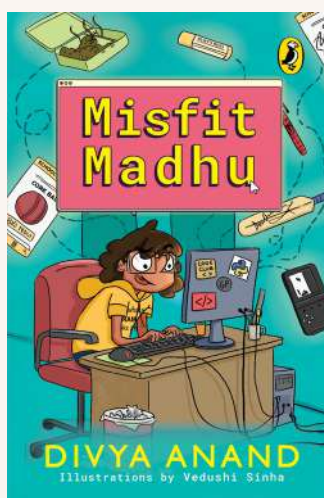
*Boom Boom*  
by **Prema Revathi**



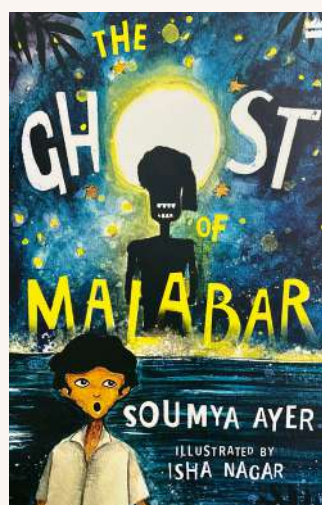
*The Pickpocket and the Gargoyle*  
by **Lindsay Eagar**



*The Lost Whale*  
by **Hannah Gold**

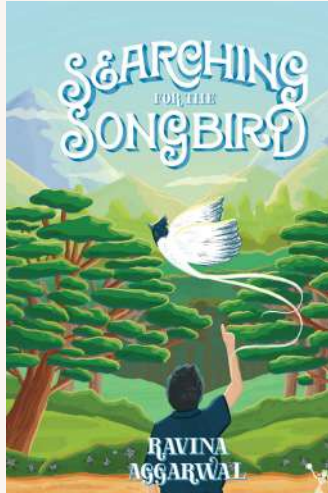


*Misfit Madhu*  
by **Divya Anand**

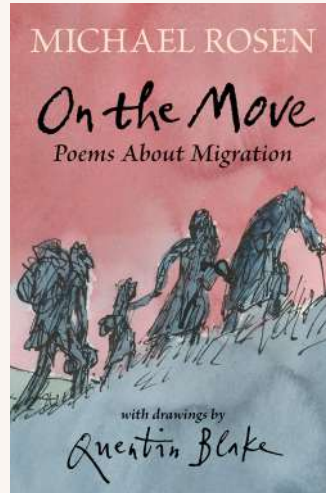


*The Ghost of Malabar*  
by **Soumya Ayer**

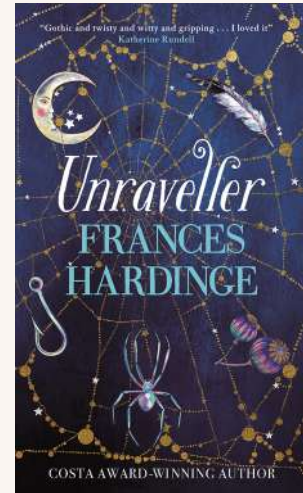
### 3. Challenging to read



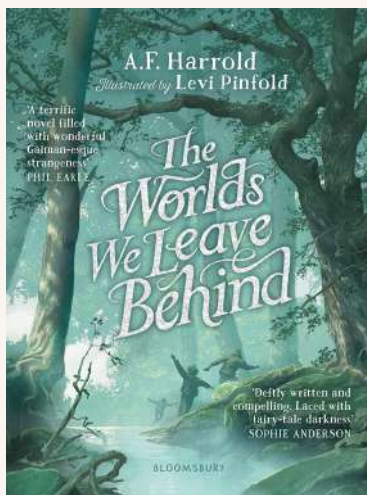
*Searching for the Songbird*  
by **Ravina Aggarwal**



*On the Move: Poems About Migration*  
by **Michael Rosen**



*Unraveller*  
by **Frances Hardinge**



*The Worlds We Leave Behind*  
by **A.F. Harrold**



*The Ogress and the Orphans*  
by **Kelly Barnhill**

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## Author Interactions



**A.F. Harrold**

on 14 July 2023  
5.30-6.00 pm



**Varsha Seshan**

on 18 July 2023  
5.30-6.00 pm



**Hannah Gold**

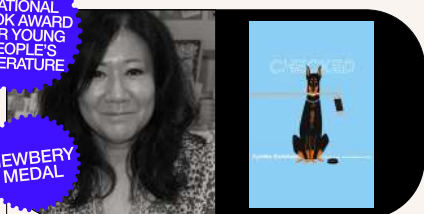
on 20 July 2023  
5.30-6.00 pm

THE BLUE  
PETER  
BOOK  
AWARD

WATER-  
STONES  
CHILDRENS  
BOOK PRIZE

NATIONAL  
BOOK AWARD  
FOR YOUNG  
PEOPLE'S  
LITERATURE

NEWBERY  
MEDAL



**Cynthia Kadohata**

on 22 July 2023  
10.00-10.30 am

COSTA  
BOOK OF  
THE YEAR



**Frances Hardinge**

on 25 July 2023  
5.30-6.00 pm

CARNEGIE  
MEDAL



**Katya Balen**

on 28 July 2023  
5.30-6.00 pm

SCBWI  
GOLDEN KITE  
AWARD FOR  
PICTURE  
BOOK TEXT



**Sara Pennypacker**

on 1 August 2023  
5.30-6.00 pm



**Ravina Aggarwal**

on 4 August 2023  
5.30-6.00 pm

NEEV BOOK  
AWARD



**Devika Rangachari**

on 18 August 2023  
5.30-6.00 pm

CORETTA  
SCOTT  
KING  
AUTHOR  
AWARD



**Renee Watson &  
Dr. Ilyasah Shabazz**

on 31 August 2023  
5.30-6.00 pm

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