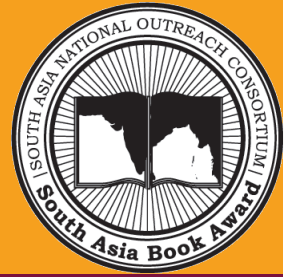


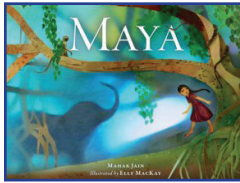
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# South Asia Book Award



## 2017 South Asia Book Award for Children's and Young Adult Literature

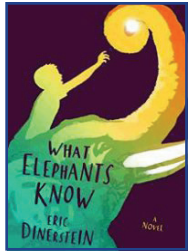
### 2017 Award Winners



#### **Maya**

by Mahak Jain; illustrated by Elly MacKay (Owlkids Books, 2016)

The loss of her father and a blackout in her Indian city combine to distress Maya. Her mother's bedtime tale of a legendary banyan tree kindles the child's imagination, bringing her comfort and soothing memories of her father. Alluring illustrations of the lush dream landscape and animals Maya visualizes will engage readers.



#### **What Elephants Know**

by Eric Dinerstein (Disney-Hyperion, 2016)

In the Nepalese Borderlands, twelve-year-old orphan Nandu realizes his destiny as a "mahout" (elephant driver). Through a vivid jungle setting and Nandu's first-person narration, this story reveals the rich diversity of the natural world and the connection between humans and animals.

### 2017 Honor Books

#### ***Book Uncle and Me***

by Uma Krishnaswami; illustrated by Julianna Swaney  
(Groundwood Books, 2016)

#### ***A Long Pitch Home***

by Natalie Dias Lorenzi  
(Charlesbridge, 2016)

### 2017 Highly Commended Books

#### ***The Boy and the Bindi***

by Vivek Shraya; illustrated by Rajni Perera  
(Arsenal Pulp Press, 2016)

#### ***When Bholu Came Back***

by Kavitha Punniyamurthi; illustrated by Niloufer Wadia  
(Tulika Press, 2016)

#### ***One Half from the East***

by Nadia Hashimi  
(HarperCollins, 2016)

#### ***Rani Patel in Full Effect***

by Sonia Patel  
(Cinco Puntos Press, 2016)

2017 South Asia Book Award Ceremony  
will be held in conjunction with the  
2017 Michigan Library Association  
Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 2017  
3:15-5:30 pm

Lansing Center  
Room 201  
333 E. Michigan Ave.  
Lansing, MI 48933

*SABA books will be available for  
purchase. Jain, MacKay and Dinerstein  
will be available to sign books.*

Non-MLA members who wish to attend, please contact Kevin King ([kevink@kpl.gov](mailto:kevink@kpl.gov)) by October 9<sup>th</sup>.