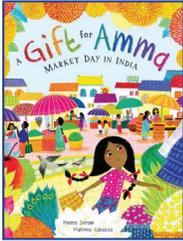


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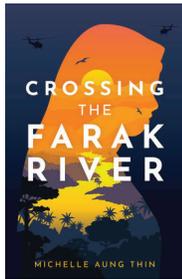
### Award Winners



#### ***A Gift for Amma: Market Day in India***

by Meera Sriram (Barefoot Books, Inc., 2020)

An enchanting, cultural journey of vibrant delights awaits a young girl as she weaves through the market in India dodging pigeons, buffalo and speedy rickshaws while nestled in the heart of fragrant spices, flowery perfumes, shimmering feathers and tasty morsels. But which colorful treasure will be perfect for her Amma? (Grades PreK-3)



#### ***Crossing the Farak River***

by Michelle Aung Thin (Annick Press, 2020)

Set in Myanmar, this story is about Hasina and her family who belong to the Rohingya community and the threat they face from Sit Tat. During an attack, Hasina escapes into the forest, returning to find the village destroyed and her family missing. The rest of the story highlights her struggles to locate the family members. (Grades 6 and above)

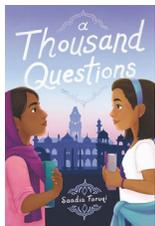
### Honor Books



#### ***Ritu Weds Chandni***

by Ameya Narvankar  
(Yali Books, 2020)

Ayesha will not let anything stand in the way of her Ritu didi getting married to her beloved Chandni. Narvankar's story, set in present-day India, invites young readers to join in a wedding celebration of two young women who are supported by their family and friends despite the prejudices of the community. (Grades K-3)

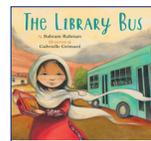


#### ***A Thousand Questions***

by Saadia Faruqi  
(Quill Tree Books, 2020)

Mimi is spending the summer in Karachi and learns about the city and the culture through the eyes of Sakina, who works at Mimi's grandparents' house. Sakina wants to attend a school and needs to improve her English, and helps Mimi find her dad. A heartfelt and delightful book about two girls from different worlds, of friendships and families. (Grades 3-6)

### Highly Commended Books



#### ***The Library Bus***

by Bahram Rahman, illustrated  
by Gabrielle Grimard  
(Pajama Press, 2020)



#### ***American as Paneer Pie***

by Supriya Kelkar  
(Alladin, 2020)



#### ***A Maiden's Prayer: A Family Story Set in 1970s Sri Lanka***

by Srianthi Perera  
(Evocative Journeys, 2020)



#### ***A Place at the Table***

by Saadia Faruqi and Laura Shovan  
(Clarion/HMH, 2020)