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- English
- 8.78 x 11.5 x 0.28 in | 450 gr
- 40 pages
- Saffron Press

Subject

JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes
/ Emotions & Feelings

Audience range

Grade (US) from 3 - 4

Distributor

UTP Distribution

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★ Kamal's Kes

By (author) Baljinder Kaur , Illustrated by Baljinder Kaur

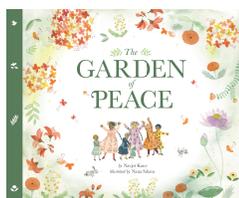
Aug 31, 2021 | Hardcover \$24.95 |

Kamal's Kes is a body-positive picture book, rooted in dismantling standards of beauty that harm the mental health of young persons. With such few representations of body hair in picture books, cultural conditioning sends the message of feeling ashamed of natural hair. This Own Voices story offers young girls an empowering choice when it comes to their developing body hair. Kamal will have to confront her deepest thoughts to reimagine what beautiful means to her.

Contributor Bio

Baljinder Kaur is an illustrator nestled in the midland of England. As a second-generation immigrant, she is fascinated by her community and keen to explore and celebrate stories from the Sikh Panjabi diaspora. After graduating in 2014 with a BA in Graphic Design and Illustration, Baljinder is currently studying at Cambridge School of Art for her Masters in Children's Book Illustration. Her work has been published by Mighty Khalsa, Penguin Random House and Saffron Press. She is represented by Wendi Gu at Greenburger.





The Garden of Peace

By (author) Navjot Kaur 🇨🇦, Illustrated by Nana Sakata

May 01, 2017 | Hardcover \$22.95 |

When five ugly and dried up seeds are found, Elders and little ones wonder if they will grow anything at all. Some throw the seeds aside, while others hold out hope. An allegory rooted in the social despair of a time not too contrary to our own. With a tyrant ruler and unfair social class system, discover how a nation-building event in Sikh history harvested citizens of change. This Own Voices narrative is a call to action for all who care about issues of social justice. Wondering how to become a citizen of change? At the back of the book, find five steps on how to grow your own garden of peace.

Contributor Bio

Navjot Kaur is the trailblazer behind Saffron Press - a socially conscious, small independent press, creating stories to inspire little citizens of change. She is a daughter of immigrants, sister to five siblings and cisgender Mum. Navjot has been advocating for greater equity and representation of the Sikh identity in children's literature for over a decade, through her books and professional facilitation sessions with school districts and undergraduate students. Throughout her years as a classroom teacher, Navjot strived to explore curriculum through an antibias antiracist lens, especially when amplifying issues of social justice with young persons. She continues that work, now as a publisher and author of three titles, with her first *A Lion's Mane* winning an Honor Books Award for Multicultural and International Awareness. Navjot resides with gratitude on the traditional territory of the Mississauga of Scugog Island First Nation, (Whitby, Ontario) with a mighty leader in Equity and their gentle warrior of change.



Reviews

Exquisitely designed with a complex and rich story, *THE GARDEN OF PEACE* is a beautiful tale of culture and agents of change. Based on events in Sikh history, this story teaches readers about human rights and the origin of traditions such as the Sikh turban in an allegorical style involving five seeds and the City of Happiness. It is a very complex story that definitely requires multiple reads and study of the author's note to truly begin to understand, but due to the sparseness of the text and gorgeous illustrations, it can still be shared with even the youngest of readers on a more superficial level. *THE GARDEN OF PEACE* will spark much discussion with children and students, and can be interpreted and applied to circumstances throughout our world beyond the historical basis of the story. As a school librarian, I highly recommend this #ownvoices story for purchase in school libraries and classrooms, especially upper elementary grades and middle/high school. Picture books such as this one serve as teaching tools for all ages, and stories like this one bring cultures and religions to new audiences in an

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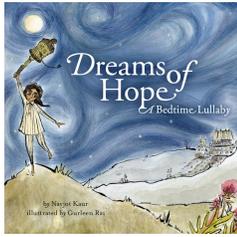
Audience range

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- English
- 8.75 x 8.75 x 0.3 in | 290 gr
- 32 pages
- Saffron Press

Subject

JUVENILE FICTION / Family / Parents

Audience range

Grade (US) from P - K

Distributor

UTP Distribution

Carton quantity: 40

Dreams of Hope*A Bedtime Lullaby*

By (author) Navjot Kaur 🇨🇦, Illustrated by Gurleen Rai 🇨🇦

Jun 01, 2011 | Hardcover \$18.95 |

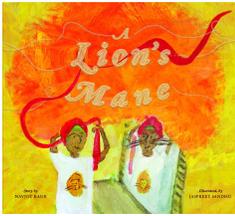
With a quiet compassion for the natural world, a father and daughter explore the meaning of beauty. Land bound sundeeds turn into highflying butterflies, and gentle, but endangered Chiru snuggle into their warm shahtooshi. As the father lays his Little One to bed, she is filled with a renewed sense of love and respect for the Earth and all living things, including herself. A timeless addition, this soothing lullaby will inspire many dreams of hope for little ones. Consider as a gift for new beginnings.

Contributor Bio

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**Reviews**

A beautiful bedtime story told from a father to a daughter and celebrating Sikh culture. Notable is the fact that this is one of the very few picture books I have seen with a father wearing a turban - a wonderful and necessary thing for all children to see in their literature. There is a glossary for the Punjabi words used in the book included in the back matter, as well as a space for families to write their own dreams of hope if the book is purchased as a keepsake. Highly recommended for library collections serving ages 4-8. - Kate Olson, Goodreads/mindful librarian Dreams of Hope A Bedtime Lullaby by Navot Kaur is an amazing bedtime story that introduces new vocabulary and a great way to teach glossary skills to young readers. The new vocabulary words are originally highlighted in a unique way to prompt quick glossary look up. There is also a Dreams of Hope letter page to personalize the book and make it just for your little one. And the map at the end of the book is beautiful. - Goodreads/StacieBoren



A Lion's Mane

By (author) Navjot Kaur 🇨🇦, Illustrated by Jaspreet Sandhu 🇨🇦

Sep 01, 2019 | Hardcover \$23.95 |

Central to this story is a young Sikh boy, who explores what it means to be "different just like you". The first page turn encourages deeper conversations about identity and belonging with the question: "Do you know who I am?" Join this little human's quest of self-discovery through the metaphor of a lion's mane. The narrative's rhythm flows alongside the red fabric of a dastar (turban worn by members of the Sikh community), strengthening the character's identity with each new word stitched into the dastar. "When we learn something new, it makes each of us stronger." Skipping Stones Honor Book Award Winner for Multicultural and International Awareness.

Contributor Bio

Jaspreet Sandhu is VP of Development at Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall, with past experience as Senior Director of Marketing at TIFF. Jaspreet also runs her illustration practice Back to Punjab in partnership with her husband, and illustrated the award-winning children's book *A Lion's Mane*. Her extensive volunteer experience highlights her passion for building communities for high-impact not-for-profits.

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Reviews

Several years ago, a little boy entered a second-grade class. He was a real leader in his class, with a great sense of humor and full of curiosity. His classmates flocked to the "new boy", even though he was very different, because he wore a "lion's mane". He visited the library every day, and although he was a great reader, I always felt at a loss, because I wasn't able to offer him a book that was a mirror. Although, he happily read any middle grade book he could find, he wasn't seeing himself. These are the books I wish I had had. *A Lion's Mane* would have been a wonderful read aloud to help his new classmates learn more about his culture and background. I can just imagine the classroom discussion that would have erupted! The kids would have had so many questions and he would have loved answering them! I especially appreciated the glossary and pronunciation guide at the end of the book. - Susan, Goodreads/Red Canoe Reader ---A rich picture book that travels the world to show the connections between the main character's "lion's mane" to others as it connects their flowing, red dastar

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