



## NEEV BOOK AWARD 2018 CITATION PICTURE BOOKS

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**The Neev Book Award 2018, for the category of picture books, is given to "I Will Save My Land", written by Rinchin and illustrated by Sagar Kolwankar, published by Tulika in 2017.**

This thoughtful book raises many interesting themes including gender equality, land rights, and the costs of urbanisation. The author and illustrator together present a complex theme to young children in an accessible manner. Together, they have crafted a strong protagonist with an authentic voice, an evocative setting, and a compelling narrative.

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## NEEV BOOK AWARD 2018 CITATION JUNIOR READER

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**The Neev Book Award 2018, for the category of junior readers, is given to "Tiger Boy", written by Mitali Perkins and published by Duckbill in 2015.**

This book explores important themes of environmental sustainability, animal conservation, poverty and power. The writing, the voice, and the characters all work together to create a vivid narrative. The book encourages readers to make deep and empathetic connections to a faraway world where man and animals must coexist.

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**The Neev Book Award, for the category of young adult books, is given to "Queen of Ice", written by Devika Rangachari, published by Duckbill in 2014.**

This engaging book of historical fiction is about a queen who ruled Kashmir in the 10th Century CE. It raises awareness of an important period in history and provokes questions on gender stereotypes. This remarkable book introduces a female protagonist who is both vulnerable and brutal while paradoxically, loved and feared.

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