

## A Hena Khan Reading Challenge

Hena Khan has a forthcoming novel entitled, "The Door Is Open: Stories of Celebration and Community by 11 Desi Voices" featuring stories from a wide variety of South Asian American authors. All of the stories are interconnected and take place in a South Asian Community Center. Hena loved putting this book together and wants us to go even deeper by reading a suggested novel by each of the contributors to the book. Enjoy these wonderful stories, ranging from picture books to middle grade novels, that show the diversity and common threads of South Asian culture.

Mark them off as you read!

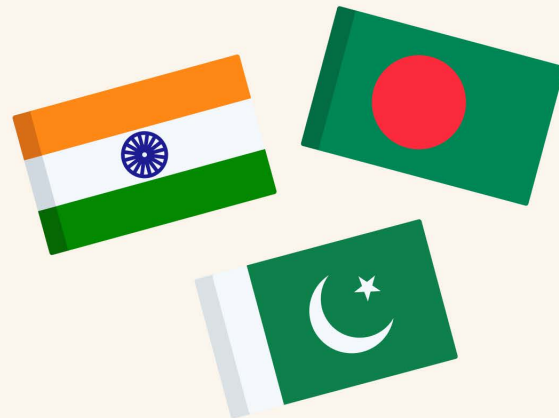


## Book Recommendations

- "Hope in the Valley" by Mitali Perkins
- "Red, White, and Whole" by Rajani LaRocca
- "The Best At It" by Maulik Pancholy
- "Miloo's Mind" by Reem Faruqi
- "Bilal Cooks Daal" by Aisha Saeed
- "Fauja Singh Keeps Going" by Simran Jeet Singh
- "Ticket to India" by N.H. Senzai
- "The Night Diary" by Veera Hiranandani
- "Brown is Beautiful" by Supriya Kelkar
- "The Serpent's Secret" by Sanyantani DasGupta
- "Zara's Rules for Record-Breaking Fun" by Hena Khan



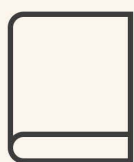
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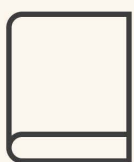
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### Reading Log

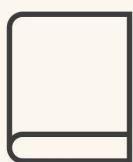
Color in a book for every 30 minutes that you read.



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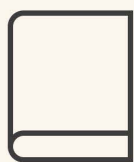
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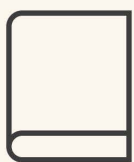
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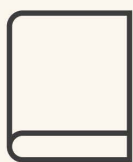
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Hena Khan was a guest on the Beanstack podcast, The Reading Culture, where she shared about this challenge and about her journey to becoming a writer.

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