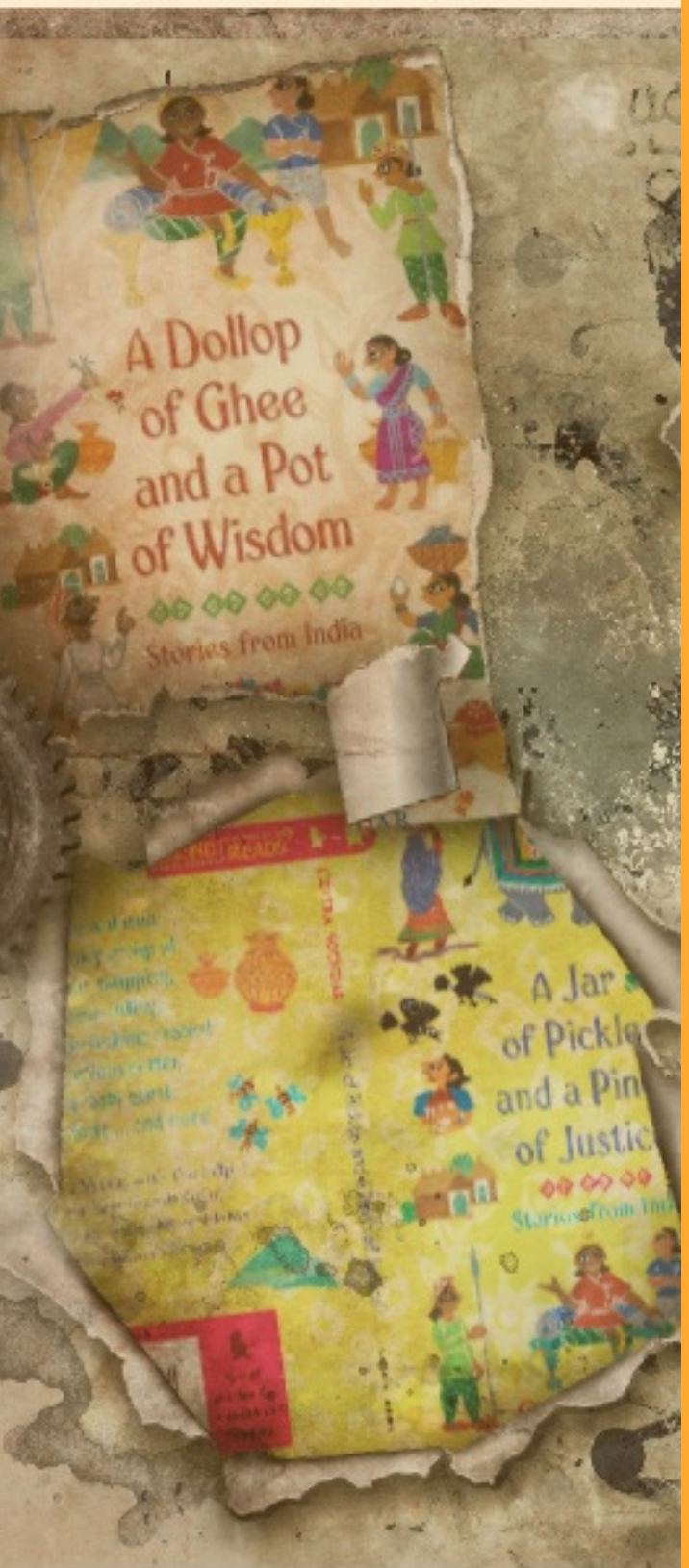

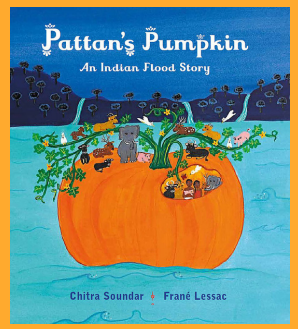

Chitra Soundar is an Indian-born British writer and storyteller, based in London and Bath. Chitra grew up on a wholesome diet of stories from Indian myths, epics and whatever books she could get her hands on.

Chitra has written over 20 books for children, published in India, US, Singapore, Pakistan, and the UK. She has written stories, poems and riddles for many children's magazines too.

Chitra is a vocal support of diversity in children's books and reading for pleasure amongst children, especially in Asian families.

Chitra is also a Patron of Reading.
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Logistics

Chitra is happy to sign books after classroom sessions are completed. It would be great if the school arranges for a bookshop to supply Chitra's books to the school.

However if you prefer Chitra to arrange the books, it is imperative that there is a firm order from the children and from the school.

Facilities

Chitra will bring her slideshows in a memory stick. It would be good to have a computer and projector that has Microsoft PowerPoint installed in the assembly hall. If you wish to arrange a "tech-free" assembly, that is absolutely fine too.

For Classroom workshops

Years Reception, 1 and 2 as it is storytelling, it would be good for them to sit on the mat facing Chitra.

For Years 3-6, in the classroom, it would be ideal for children to be in their regular groups at their tables. Each student should have access to a notebook or sheets of paper, pencils and colour pencils too.

Assembly type – workshops for multiple year-groups

To make this effective, each class would sit in a small groups of 5. I would encourage teachers joining in the activities. Most activities would involve writing and interactive discussions and it would be good if children have access to paper and pencils during the session.

Chitra usually visits Primary schools to work with children in Key stages 1,2,3.

A typical school visit will feature
An Assembly (at the start or end of the day)
A set of storytelling or creative writing workshops with specific year groups (max of 4 sessions of 45-60 min).

Workshop sizes can be adapted to suit venue & year group sizes

Years 1-2 *love to listen to stories from my books. Stories include songs, interactive participation and children making up various aspects of the story.*

I also work with them to create their own stories. Teachers are then encouraged to take it forward into writing and illustrating the stories after my visit.

For ***Years 3-6,*** *creative writing or storytelling workshops work great.*

Chitra will give them the tools to construct a story. Children are then encouraged to work in groups to create a story plan.

Teachers can then take this forward after the visit by allowing the groups to tell the story in front of the school assembly or produce a booklet of stories, written and illustrated by the children.

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Visit Options

Chitra is able to travel anywhere within the UK and around the world with sufficient notice to make travel arrangements.

School visits can be arranged to suit different needs.

Half-day or Just Library visits *- Two assembly sessions or One assembly and one workshop session. Ideally these visits are suitable for schools in London or Bath area where Chitra lives.*

Full Day visits *- These are more typical and are arranged as part of curriculum, special book projects, World Book Day events, India Day events etc. They will follow the format detailed on the left.*

Multiple Day visits *- These are ideal for schools that have 4-7 form entries. Each day can focus on a different key stage. Also ideal for schools not within a 2-hour train journey from London or Bath, or outside the UK. This model is also perfect when 2-3 schools in an area want to share the cost of an author visit.*

Depending on distance and type of request, Chitra will be able to quote a fee. Please get in touch via chitra@chitrasoundar.com to discuss your needs.

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"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install, a lovely bookshelf on the wall." ~ Roald Dahl