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Announcing Muse India Young Writer Awards 2024

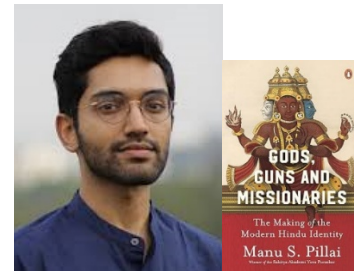
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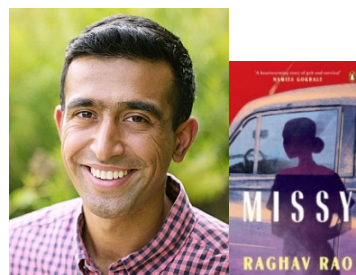


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Non-Fiction
“Indian Millennials”

Muse India is delighted to announce the results of the ‘Muse India Young Writer Awards 2024’, which drew enthusiastic participation from leading publishers, writers, and poets. Most of the over 60 submissions received were of exceptional quality, making the judges’ work challenging. The creativity and talent on display augurs well for Indian literature. *Muse India* profusely thanks all the publishers and authors for their participation.

The Winners

POETRY:

The **Ambika Ananth Award for Poetry** goes to Ramesh Karthik Nayak for “*Chakmak*” (Red River, 2023) for ‘the large pictures that emerge from the lines so beautifully, thoughtfully and poetically crafted by the creative thinker, life-artist and poet, rolled into one.’

The Runner-up in Poetry is **Sritama Sen** for her debut poetry collection, “*There Used to be a Lake Here Once*” (Writers Workshop, 2024), ‘at once exceptional, impactful and rich in poetry’.

FICTION:

The **GSP Rao Award for Fiction** is given to **Monica Singh** for “*Pronounced Guilty*” (Readomania, 2024) for ‘its ability to be both a compelling work of fiction and a stark social commentary on the Indian judicial system.’

The Runner-up in this category is **Raghav Rao** for his debut novel, “*Missy*” (Penguin Random House, 2024), ‘a gripping tale of a wronged maid who escapes to America and builds a successful life there, till, forty years later, her past catches up with her.’

NON-FICTION:

The **GSP Rao Award for Non-Fiction** goes to Manu S Pillai for “*Gods, Guns and Missionaries: The Making of the Modern Hindu Identity*” (Penguin Random House, 2024), ‘an extensively researched, carefully documented, and engagingly presented analysis of modern Hinduism’s identity formation.’

The Runner-up for Non-Fiction is **A M Gautam** for his “*Indian Millennials*” (Aleph, 2024), ‘an entertaining study of the much-misunderstood millennials—their aspirations, attitudes, confusions, and contributions.’

THE JURY

The panel of judges comprised senior writers and scholars, besides the editors of *Muse India*, from across the country.

MUSE INDIA AWARDS

The Muse India Literary Awards were established in 2011 and are given for translations from regional literatures, and to young writers in alternate years. Among the past winners are Ranjit Hoskote, Arunava Sinha, Priya Sarukkai-Chhabria, Rakshinda Jalil and Madhu Sriwastav for translations and Anindita Sengupta, Meghna Pant and Karan Mahajan (Young Writers), among several others.



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