

*Curriculum Vitae*  
**Sowmya Rajendran**

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<i>Education</i>	MA Gender Studies, University of Sussex, UK (2007) Merit Degree 2007  BA English, Stella Maris College, Chennai (2006) Gold Medalist for the BA Degree Program 2006 Bhavna Krishnamoorti Award for Academic Excellence 2006
<i>Major awards</i>	Bal Sahitya Puraskar (Sahitya Akademi)  Honorable Mention (The Hindu Young World Goodbooks Award)  Crossword Book Award (shortlist)  Neev Literature Book Award (shortlist)
<i>Languages known</i>	English (Writing, reading, speaking) Tamil (Writing, reading, speaking) Malayalam (Speaking) Hindi (Speaking – basic)
<i>Website</i>	<a href="http://www.sowmyarajendran.com">www.sowmyarajendran.com</a>  <a href="#">Two Hands Only   Sowmya Rajendran   Substack</a>
<i>Professional Positions</i>	<b>Freelance Journalist</b> , <a href="#">Film Companion</a> , 2022 – present <a href="#">Moneycontrol</a> , 2022 – present <a href="#">The News Minute</a> , 2022 – present <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Film reviews</li><li>• Interviews</li><li>• Entertainment features</li></ul> <b>Features Editor</b> , The News Minute, 2016-2022

- Film reviews
- Articles on gender and culture
- Responsible for features team meeting goals
- Editorial inputs and content strategizing

**Freelance Writer**, XSeed program in schools

- Write child-friendly educational content for XSeed textbooks for various subjects

**Editor**, Goodbooks Trust, 2011- 2016

- Coordinating reviews of children's books
- Coordinating with publishers
- Content strategizing

**Associate Editor**, Chandamama India Ltd., 2008-2010

- Responsible for English edition of the magazine
- Content strategizing
- Ensuring editorial standards are met
- Writing children's stories

**Project Associate**, New Concept Information Systems Ltd., 2008

- Traveling and documenting development projects across Tamil Nadu
- Creating content for development projects

**Training Associate**, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, 2007-2008

- Responsible for gender cell
- Creating content for development projects

*Books [authored](#) across age groups (3+ to adults)*

Aana and Chena, Tulika

The Snow King's Daughter, Tulika

Power Cut, Tulika

School is Cool, Tulika

Wings to Fly, Tulika

The Boy Who Asked Why, Tulika

Mayil Will Not Be Quiet, Tulika

Mostly Madly Mayil, Tulika

This is Me, Mayil, Tulika

Being Boys (Anthology), Tulika

The Pleasant Rakshasa, Tulika

Water Stories from around the World (Anthology), Tulika

Monday to Sunday, Tulika

Girls to the Rescue, Tulika

Big Hero, Size Zero: Gender Talk, Tulika

The Dog Who Wanted More, Penguin

The Ghost Who Wasn't There, Penguin

Ashwathy and the Boot of God, Penguin

Nirmala and Normala, Penguin

The Incredible History of India's Geography (Adaptation), Penguin

The Lesson, Harpercollins India

Ammu's Puppy, Pratham

Mouse in the House, Pratham

The Weightlifting Princess, Pratham

Kalpana's Cycle, Pratham

Suddenly Cow, Ms Moochie Books

Myths and Legends from Around the World, Rupa