

Kavita A. Jindal is an award-winning novelist, poet and essayist. Her novel ***Manual For A Decent Life*** won the Brighthorse Prize and the Eastern Eye Award for Literature and was shortlisted for the recent Tagore Prize. Her poetry collections include ***Patina*** and ***Raincheck Renewed***. Reviewers have said of her writing: “witty and wry, with a steely heart” and of the novel: “the book’s boldness, beauty and courage are utterly seductive.”

Her work has appeared in anthologies and literary journals worldwide and been broadcast on BBC Radio 4, Zee TV UK, and European radio stations. Selected poems have been translated into Arabic, German, Spanish, Italian, Romanian, Ukrainian and Punjabi. Her poem *Kabariwala* is included in ***100 Great Indian Poems*** published by Bloomsbury in 2018. Her poem *Act of Faith* is included in the anthology ‘Unseen’ which is in the UK GCSE and A Levels syllabus.

She previously served as Senior Editor at Asia Literary Review. She is also the co-founder of a collective for British Asian writers, ‘*The Whole Kahani*’. She has steered the collective to publishing three anthologies. Their latest book of short stories is ***Tongues and Bellies***.

Kavita has participated in literary festivals in the UK, US, Europe, India, and Southeast Asia. She enjoys collaborating with musicians and artists across a range of projects, some of which can be seen on her website www.kavitajindal.com.