



Young Author Award Winner Announcement 2022– 2023

4th cycle of YAA

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Introduction

The Children's Literature Festival by ITA that is now rebranded as Pakistan learning festival has introduced the Young Author Award in 2019. It's a great platform for young Pakistani writers (10-18) to showcase their creativity. It received an overwhelming response nationwide, with 1136 stories submitted, reflecting diverse themes from societal issues to science fiction. The goal is to inspire kids to observe, think, imagine, and express themselves freely through writing, fostering critical thinking and creativity in the process.



English Category I (Age 10–13 years)



Ruqayyah
Muhaammad Salman

Position: 1st

Story: “Dark Creatures of Changa Manga”

Age: 10 years

Grade: 5th

School: Dawood Public School

Karachi, Sindh



English Category I (Age 10–13 years)



Sadia Tahir

Position: 2nd

Story: “A Shining Star”

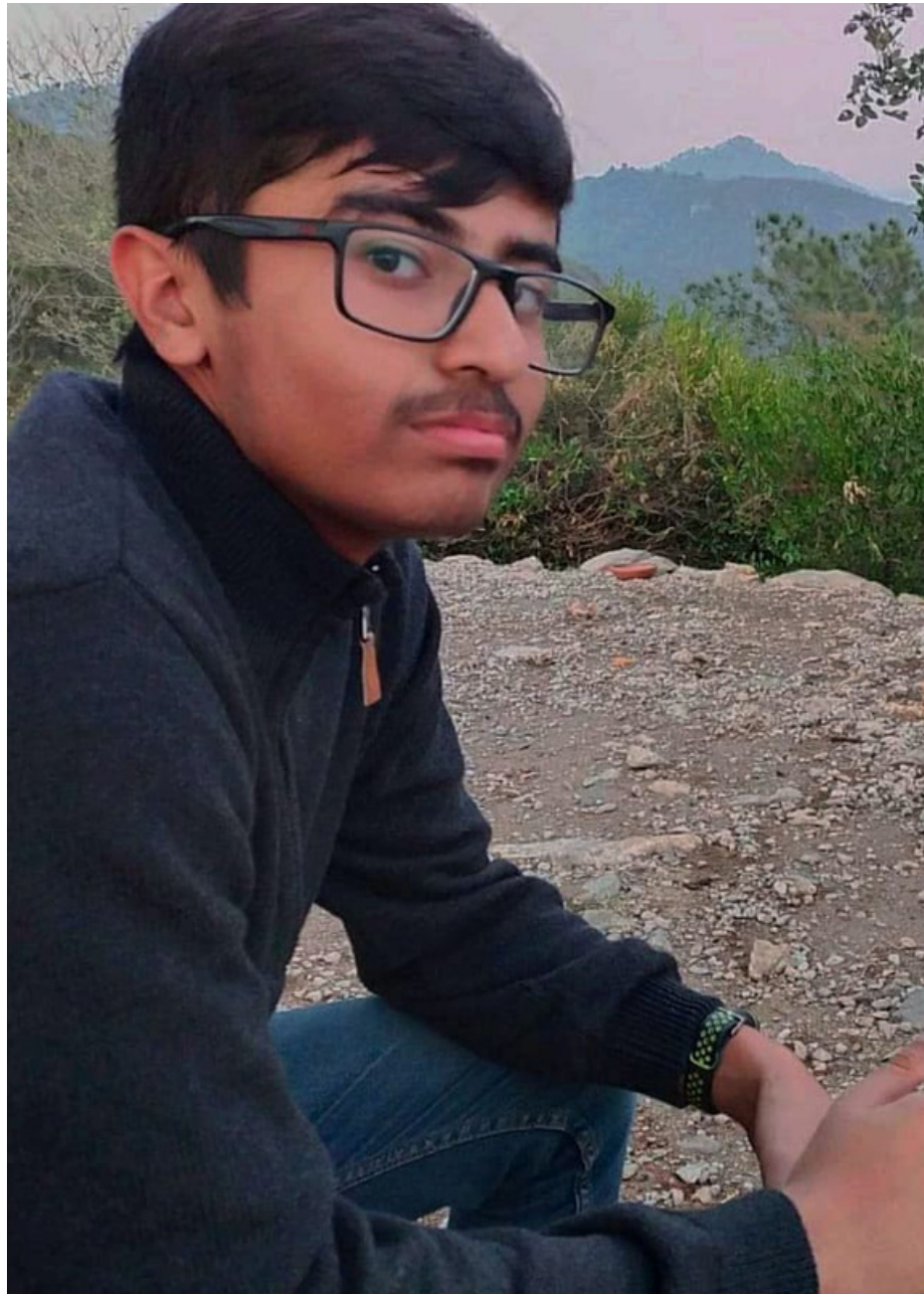
Age: 12

Grade: 7th

**School: Aga Khan School, Buzund,
Upper Chitral – KP**



English Category II (Age 14–18 years)



Saad Uppal

Position: 1st

Story: "Surrounded Yet
Lonely"

Age: 14 years

Grade: 9th

School: SICAS, Lahore,
Punjab



Urdu Category I (Age 10–13 years)



Muawwadh Rauf

Position: 1st

Story: "Nanha sa aik badal"

Age: 13

Grade: 7th

Fazaia Education System School,
Air Complex Islamabad



Urdu Category II (Age 14–18 years)



Hifsa Nurul Haq

Position: 1st

Story: "Boohdi Kaki"

Age: 16 Years

Grade: 9th

School: SMB FAS Arqania

Secondary High School



Urdu Category II (Age 14–18 years)



Noor Fatima

Position: 2nd

Story: “Dard Ka Ehsas”

Age: 18 years

Grade: FSC 2nd year

School: Govt. Girls College,

DG Khan - Punjab



Jury Members

Sadia Sarmand



Kamran Ali



Hina Kamran



Rehana Alam





Reviewer



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INCENTIVES

Cash prizes

The first-place achievers in each category will be awarded a prize of 60,000 PKR, while those securing the second position will be honored with a prize of 30,000 PKR.

Recognition and certificates

Both first-place and second-place winners in each category will receive recognition and certificated for their outstanding performance.

Mentorship

The selected winners for each category of the Young Author Award will not only receive cash and recognition prizes but also benefit from three-month mentorship on creative writing skills.



Mentors



Sadia Sarmand

Sadia Sarmad is the Founder and Director of SUNO KAHANI MERI ZABANI. Her purpose and mission is to create a positive impact on future generations and to revive the love of Urdu literature through storytelling and dramatic reading.



Rehana Alam

Rehana Alam is a freelance writer and has been published in The Sun, Newsline (both now defunct) and Dawn in Pakistan. Her writings have been featured in English language publications in Kenya and Turkiye and also in newspapers in the US.



Thank You

