

BOUND
retreats

Whimsy

Fiction Writing In The Swirling Hills of Coonoor



8 – 12 October, 2025

Wallwood Garden


NEEMRANA
HOTELS

12 handpicked writers will spend **5** days replenishing their creativity and developing their stories in a serene, quaint hideaway in the Nilgiris under the guidance of award-winning authors **Himanjali Sankar** and **Prayaag Akbar**.



12 talented and promising writers are handpicked for the retreat through our application process on a rolling basis.

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- Selected participants are contacted via email. They share drafts of what they will be working on during the retreat.
- Each participant is assigned a mentor who reads their work and gives them one-on-one feedback and mentorship.
- Our mentors will conduct workshops designed to develop the participants' writing approach and techniques.
- Participants can revise their work in real time based on the mentors' advice and feedback received from peers.

Open to writers of all levels and formats!

Artistic Explorations in the Safety of Nature

Every aspect of the retreat is carefully designed to help you recharge your social, physical, mental and creative batteries and to reignite your love for writing.

Craft workshops designed and facilitated by professional writers.

Personalised one-on-one mentorship sessions with bestselling authors.

Find inspiration in a 19th-century Scottish-style mansion.

Ignite your imagination with curated experiences to spark your creativity.

Share strengths with fellow participants in feedback and editing sessions.

Build life-long relationships with fellow writers.

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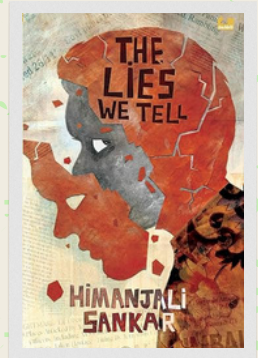
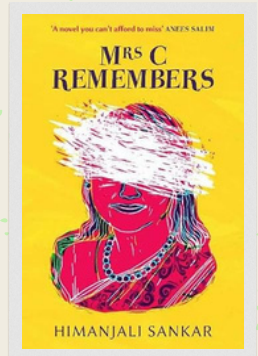
Meet the Mentors

Himanjali has worked in several publishing houses and was formerly **Editorial Director** at **Simon & Schuster India**.

Her children's and YA books include The Stupendous Timetelling Superdog and Talking of Muskaan, which were shortlisted for the Crossword Book Award. Mrs C Remembers, her first novel for adults, won her the **FICCI Publishing Award** for **Upcoming Author of the Year in 2018**.

Her latest novel, The Burnings, was published earlier this year.

HIMANJALI SANKAR

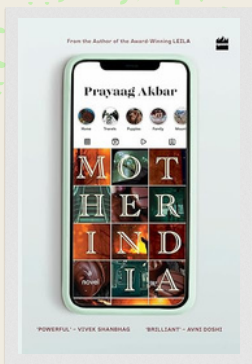


PRAYAAG AKBAR

Prayaag Akbar is the author of the novels Mother India (2024) and Leila (2017).

Leila won the **Crossword Jury Prize** and the **Tata Literature First Book Award**. The novel was **translated** into Hindi, Marathi and Turkish and was **adapted into a popular Netflix series**.

Prayaag teaches creative writing at Krea University.



THE VENUE


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Wallwood Garden – A 19th century
quaint Scottish-style mansion

Wallwood was built by a Scottish
Major General from the village of
Blair Athol in Scotland.

It became a boarding house after the
First World War and was purchased
by Liptons before the Second World
War due to its proximity to sprawling
tea plantations. Since then, it has
remained with tea companies, and is
currently with Matheson Bosanquet.



**Work on your short stories or
novels in the gentle embrace of
nature.**

This colonial mansion is
surrounded by lush Nilgiri tea
plantations and one of India's
most luxuriant Botanical
Gardens, laid out in 1874 with
over 1200 species of plants

What is Included

- 5 days and 4 nights stay at Wallwood Garden (double occupancy)
- 3 wholesome meals with Tamil and Anglo-Indian cuisine (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)
- Tea and coffee for literary sustenance



- 10 hours of workshops with our award-winning authors
- One-on-one personalised feedback session with a mentor
- 4 hours of peer feedback sessions
- Quiet time to write and edit your WIPs

- Immersive experiences to relax, rejuvenate and inspire you
- Access to Bound's writing community of 166 retreat participants over the last 7 years
- Curated goodie bag and a Bound Certificate for every writer

What is Not Included

- Flight tickets and airport transfers
- Extra food orders or drinks including alcoholic beverages
- Costs for additional activities planned by the participants

Cost to attend: Rs 85,000 (excl. taxes)

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If your application is selected, a deposit of Rs. 20,000 is required to reserve your seat.

For more details, including a day-by-day curriculum, reach out to us at: academy@boundindia.com.

