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**TO MY LOVING
FATHER & MOTHER**

PREFACE

The primary goal of the current educational system is to mould a productive citizen and a caring family member who is equipped with knowledge and skills. The main responsibility of the school is to identify and recognise children's talents, as well as to sharpen their skills to meet the needs of the nation and the world. Our Alma Mater is constantly guiding and assisting children who are creative. This project has been an ongoing process at our school for many years, particularly in terms of writing books. Many skilled and enthusiastic young writers participated in this exercise for years, producing novice writers to field of literature. We regard this as a great victory and a national need at this hour. To continue this effort, we have adopted digital technologies and an e-book project this year. I am confident that this unique event provided youngsters with valuable experience and challenges that will benefit them in the future. The Ministry of Education has hailed the project as an important step toward motivating young authors in schools. As principal of Mahamaya Girls' College, I am grateful to all of the students throughout the country who contributed to this endeavour. I commend and applaud all of the young authors of these books for their perseverance and devotion in this difficult task. I would like to thank our school management committee, employees, parents, for my students, administrators, and teachers from other schools who encouraged students to take part in this worthwhile effort.

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**Once upon a time there lived
a little girl.**

**Her name was Poppy.
She lived near the sea shore.
One day she and her father
went to the sea shore.**



**Poppy found a shell purse.
She opened it and found a
golden pendant inside it.**



**She went home and showed it
to her mother.**

**Her mother said that we will
give it to the owner when we
find her.**



**The next day she took her
shell purse and went fishing
with her father.**



**Then she saw a mermaid
crying, missing her purse.
Poppy gave the purse she
had. They became friends for
ever and Poppy came to see
her everyday.**

The End



Afterword

As modern technology permeates the social and economic arenas, students tend to distance themselves from the creative process, relying more and more on technological tools. To reduce this risk and help aspiring young writers produce their own books, I sought and presented a research proposal to the Ministry of Education in 2014. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to showcase their enthusiasm and knowledge. The students of Mahamaya Girls' College achieved a record for the most books written, paving the way for a new level of innovation.

The e-book project will enable the students to reach international readers, and I am confident that they have gained new experiences and challenges that will enable them to face the future with resolve.

I wish all of the young writers the best of luck in their future endeavors

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Founder of Books Publishing Project Among School Children

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