

SWAN QUEEN



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DEDICATION

**I dedicate this book
To my dear parents
And teachers
Who encouraged me to
Write books using my
imagination**

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 recognize 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 endeavor. 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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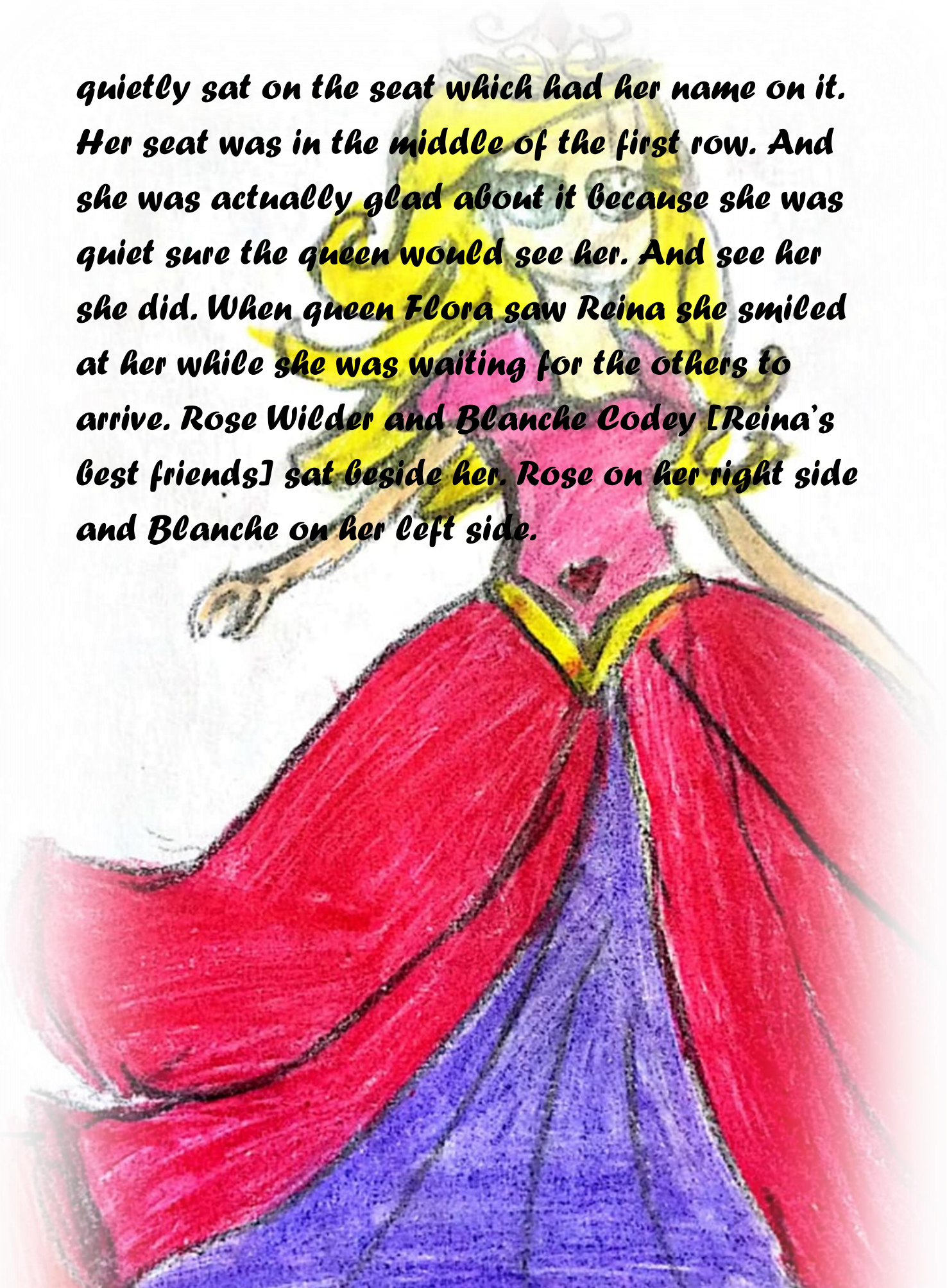
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Once upon a time there was a secret land called the moon kingdom ruled by a generous queen called queen Flora. There were many amazing places in the kingdom. Pixies unicorns and different magical creatures lived there. But they had a lot of trouble with the fuss imps. They are troublesome creatures who are very ugly and annoying. But luckily queen Flora and her pixie assistant Zora had managed to banish them to some place the underground Falleds. They hoped that the fuss imps won't be back for some time. After one hundred years there was this ceremony for choosing the swan queen in the kingdom. For this they chose the pixies who have loads of talents and put the swan queens special crown on their heads. If it shone and glittered that would mean she is the swan queen. So after one hundred years the ceremony was about to be held again. Reina was excited about this. Reina was a small pixie with blonde hair and bright blue eyes. She

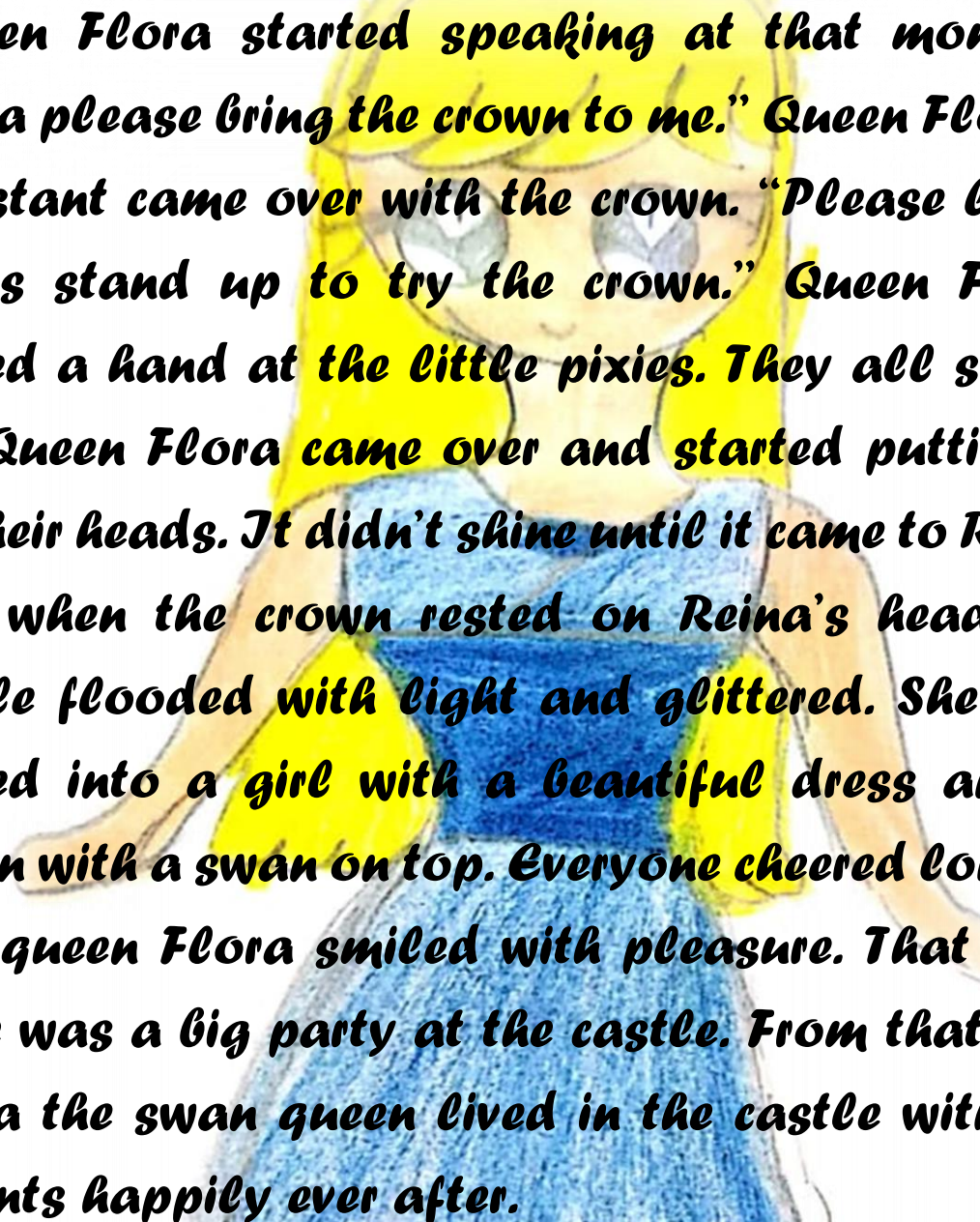
was in her cozy little room when her mother came in. "Reina queen Flora is holding a meeting for all the students in Willow school about the Swan ceremony. You're to go to the Rose crystal hall at 3.00. pm tomorrow. Got that message right? Now go get dressed we're going to go to Mr. Alva McDonalds dress making shop to make you a new dress." Reina put on a nice and clean beautiful blue colored dress and went to Mr. Alva's shop with her mother. When they got home after that long tiring walk Reina went to bed early to get ready for the meeting tomorrow. She woke up early the next day and went to Mr. Alva's shop to get her dress with her mother. It was a beautiful short sleeved blue dress with white netting over the skirt. She got it ironed and ready by 2.00.pm. At 2.30.pm she got dressed and she set off to the rose crystal community hall. Her father drove her to the Rose crystal hall in the blue convertible. When she got there she

quietly sat on the seat which had her name on it. Her seat was in the middle of the first row. And she was actually glad about it because she was quiet sure the queen would see her. And see her she did. When queen Flora saw Reina she smiled at her while she was waiting for the others to arrive. Rose Wilder and Blanche Codey [Reina's best friends] sat beside her. Rose on her right side and Blanche on her left side.



After everyone was seated queen Flora started speaking. She told special tests were to be held next week to choose pixies with special talents. After the meeting had ended Reina went home happily determined to get good marks for the tests. She did get good marks from the tests even if she didn't know. She did really well in every test including dancing, singing and tap dancing. What Reina really didn't know was that the judges had told queen Flora that Reina was splendid and she really might be the swan queen after all. Queen Flora was happy to get such good news. After a week's time the results were been announced. Reina and some other girls were been selected. Even Reina's best friends Blanche Codey and Rose Wilder have been selected because they had excellent talents like Reina has. As soon as school was over on the day they announced the results, Reina, Blanche and Rose went to a candy shop and bought all sorts of

candy Reina was really very happy. When she got home Reina told her mother the good news and she was very happy about it. Her own daughter been the swan queen, thought Reina's mother happily. The next day Mrs. Heather took Reina to Mr. Alva for him to make her a new ball gown. It was white and pink in color. The next day they got the dress from Mr. Alva. Mrs. Heather brought some other things also. Reina was filled with pleasure. She really looked good in the costume. Finally the day arrived. The day for the ceremony arrived. Reina dressed up quickly and went to the royal castle with her mother and father. Mr. Heather and Mrs. Heather sat at the back and patiently waited. Reina soon met rose and Blanche who were not that much beautiful like Reina. When everyone have arrived queen Flora came in and sat in her throne. The swan queens crown was on a red cushion inside glass box.



Queen Flora started speaking at that moment. "Zora please bring the crown to me." Queen Flora's assistant came over with the crown. "Please little pixies stand up to try the crown." Queen Flora waved a hand at the little pixies. They all stood up. Queen Flora came over and started putting it on their heads. It didn't shine until it came to Reina and when the crown rested on Reina's head the castle flooded with light and glittered. She had turned into a girl with a beautiful dress and a crown with a swan on top. Everyone cheered loudly and queen Flora smiled with pleasure. That night there was a big party at the castle. From that day Reina the swan queen lived in the castle with her parents happily ever after.

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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