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To my dearest
ammi & appachchi
with love ...

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.

Ms. Shashikala Senadheera

Principal

Mahamaya Girls' College - Kandy

Once a upon a time there was a tall mango tree grown in a beautiful garden.

The tree was full of yellow and ripe mangoes.



There was a little boy who used to run around in this beautiful garden.

The tried to pick flowers.





He tried to chase butterflies.

He was so happy to play in the garden.

The little boy felt very tired and hungry after playing in the garden. He sat under the shade of the tall mango tree.

He saw the big, juicy mangoes in the tree.



He wanted to taste one mango.

“Oh.. How wonderful it is to have a juicy mango”
he thought.



The little boy tried to climb the tree to pick one mango.



But the mango tree understood how dangerous it is for a little boy to climb the tree.

“I must do something to stop this little boy” thought the mango tree.



It quickly dropped one mango to the ground.



The little boy was so glad to see the mango on the ground.



He picked the mango from the ground and ran home very happily.



The End.



I am truly grateful for madam Principal, Mrs. Shashikala Senadheera and Mr. M. M. Senevirathne, Founder of Books Publishing Project Among School Children for giving me this golden opportunity to publish a story book. I sincerely thank my dearest class teacher, Mrs. Manjula Sumanasinghe for the guidance and encouragement given to me throughout the time. I'm also immensely grateful to my loving parents whose love and guidance are with me in whatever I pursue.

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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.

Seneviratne Mahalekm

Founder of Books Publishing Project Among School Children

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