

# The Lost Dog

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The magical ball  
The wooden doll  
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## **Acknowledgment**

Mother Maya is blessed with little buds.....

Nurtured by loving teachers who are caring, these buds to bloom.....

## 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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This is a story about a lost dog who was in a city street

One little child who lived in the city called London lived with her mother, father and her little brother Colin. She was named as Alex and she was about nine. She lived in a little house with her family and she loved animals. Because of that, her parents took a little puppy to present her for her ninth birthday.

The children named it Max.  
The two children took care of it very well, but as time went by, the city of London got into a terrible war. Alex's parents planned to take their children to a safe place but it wasn't in London. Alex tried hard, she begged her parents to take the little puppy with them but her parents told that the enemy will find and kill them if they take the pup with them.

So they began the journey. Alex cried one whole night but it was no use. They, Alex and her little brother felt very lonely without a friend to play with. They felt lonely for more than 2 years.

But after the war was over they went back to London. But for their unluckiness they were too late. Colin searched the backyard and Alex searched the garden. “Max, where are you?” asked Colin.

“Sis, I searched everywhere but there’s no sign of Max.” told Colin.

Their little friend was not there and went to the nearby street to find Max. But he wasn’t there either.

Alex cried again and because there wasn’t anything else to do she printed many posters telling that,

‘Please! If someone finds this dog bring it back to this address if not call this number’

She wrote their address and their phone number and pasted a little photo graph of the dog. And she pasted them everywhere in the city.

But all the time the dog was gone searching for Alex and her family, suffering from hunger and shivering from the cold. The helpless little dog was

searching for food in trash cans and garbage bags but it didn't find any. It was lost in the city street, full of people and had no idea where to go or what to do. The people who went by kicked the little pup and because of that the helpless little dog was wounded and didn't have Alex to heal his wounds.

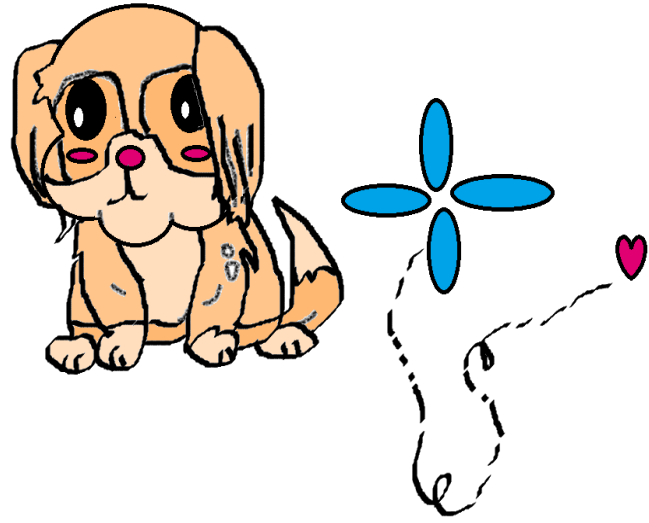
But because of Alex's wish and the little dog's luck one person who saw Alex's posters and

read it found the dog and took it to the address which was written on the posters. He, the stranger rang the bell and kept the dog in front of the house. Alex opened the door crying and very sadly, but after few seconds she looked in front of their house and could not believe her eyes. She took the dog and looked at the gate. The man looked at her kindly and smiled, then looked back.

“Please sir wait! Thank you! Do you want anything?” Alex asked.

“No, that’s why friends are for!” telling that the strange kind man went away. And that’s when Alex noticed that he was an old friend of her father. Alex smiled to herself and closed the door.

**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

Senevirathna Mahakam

Founder of Books Publishing Project Among School Children

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