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*Affectionately*

*Dedicated*

*to*

*my loving teachers*

*who taught me*

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*parents*

*who love me*

## Preface

The primary goal of the current educational system is to mould a productive citizen equipped with knowledge and skill. The main responsibility of the school is to recognize children's talents, and sharpen them to meet the needs of the nation.

Our Alma Mater is constantly guiding children to sharpen their creativity. This project of writing books, has been an ongoing process at our school for many years. Many skilled and enthusiastic young writers participated in this exercise, 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 which 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 E-books for their perseverance and devotion in this difficult task.

I would like to thank our school management committee, teachers, parents, my dear students and administrators, who encouraged students to take part in this worthwhile effort.

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## Two Friends

Once upon a time, there was a little girl called Nipuni. She lived with her very old grandmother in a cottage closer to a mountain. Nipuni was looked after by her grandmother after the death of her parents. They were so poor and hardly find food to eat even. Though Nipuni likes to study, she didn't go to schools as her grandmother could not afford her school expenses. Nipuni did not have any friends. Yet, she has a little cat to play with her. The cat is brown in colour, so she called it as Brownny.

One day a girl went by a cottage when Nipuni was playing with her cat in the garden. She came closer to Nipuni and said,

'Hello, I am Malithi. What is your name?'

'Hello I am Nipuni. It's nice to meet you' said Nipuni.

'Can I join to play with you?' Asked Malithi.

‘Sure, will play together.’ said Nipuni with joy. They played together for hours and hours until sun sets down. At the end of the day Nipuni and Malithi become best friends.

‘Nipuni, I have a big house. But I am all alone there. Can you come to my house, so we can play together?’ asked Malithi.

‘I love to live in a big house. So, I will come to your house. Where is it located at?’ asked Nipuni.

‘It is closer to Lotus River’ said Malithi.

‘Sure. I will come tomorrow’ said Nipuni happily.

Nipuni went to her poor cottage and packed her belongings in to a bag. Next day morning, Nipuni waked up early and made some delicious sandwiches for Malithi and her. Then, she went looking for Malithi’s house with her Brownny, while leaving her grandmother alone.



She walked for hours and finally came to Malithi's house located closer to Lotus River. She was amazed to see a giant house in front of her. She has never seen such a big house before. Nipuni knocked the door with a shivering hand.

## Let's Clean Up

The door was opened. Though Nipuni was expecting to see a beautiful house, she saw a very ugly house. It was full of dirt and a dirty girl was standing in front of her. Nipuni screamed with fear.



The dirty girl said 'Don't shout Nipuni, I am Malithi here'. Nipuni stopped shouting and asked 'What is this dirty place? Let's go to your house'. Nipuni started walking away from the dirty house with disappointment.

'Wait Nipuni, this is my house' said Malithi. 'But it is so dirty, how can you live here?' asked Nipuni.

'Yes. It is dirty, because I can't clean this big house. I am all alone here. Can you help me to clean this house please?' begged Malithi.

Nipuni felt sorry about Malithi and said 'Okey. I will help you to clean the house. Let's start now, so we may be able to finish this before night'. 'Thank you Nipuni, you are a good friend'. Said Malithi.

Both of them started cleaning the dirty house. Malithi cleaned bathroom, living room and the kitchen, while

Nipuni cleaned the ten bed rooms. When Nipuni is cleaning one room, she saw a figure is flying into the room. She went closer to it. But it suddenly disappeared. Nipuni was surprised to see some shiny thing on the ground. She took it into her hand. It was a beautiful ring, which is quite familiar to her. Suddenly she remembered that her grandmother also had similar ring. So, she wears it with pleasure.

Malithi finished cleaning the bathroom, living room and the kitchen and went looking for Nipuni.

‘I have finished my task. Did you finish yours?’ asked Malithi.

‘I am so tired after cleaning eight rooms. Can you help me to clean the last room please?’ asked Nipuni.

‘Okey, I will’ said Malithi and started cleaning the last bed room. An hour later, Malithi finished cleaning the bed room. She went to find Nipuni.

'Nipuni where are you?'. Nipuni did not answer. Malithi went to all the bed rooms to find Nipuni. Rooms were so clean and tidy, but she could not find Nipuni. When Malithi peeped into the last room, there came a loud noise. Malithi got scared. She slowly entered into the room. She saw Nipuni was sleeping in the room. Malithi waked up Nipuni. Then she made hot coffee for them. They enjoyed the coffee while eating the delicious sandwiches bought by Nipuni. After eating the sandwiches, both of them went to bed.

## The Magical Fairy

Malithi and Nipuni waked up in the morning and had their breakfast. 'It's a beautiful day. Shall we go to Lotus River?' said Malithi. 'Okey, let's go' said Nipuni. Both of them went closer to the Lotus river with Brownny.

'Let's play hide and seek' said Malithi. 'You hide first, I will find you' said Nipuni eagerly. While Nipuni was counting, Malithi hide behind a rose bush. Nipuni started to find Malithi. Suddenly Nipuni saw a beautiful Lotus in the river. She wanted to pick it up. So, she walked into the river. While hiding behind the bush, Malithi was watching where Nipuni is going. Suddenly Malithi saw a crocodile is approaching towards Nipuni. Mallithi shouted. 'Nipuni, come back quickly. There is a crocodile'.



Nipuni turned around and saw a big crocodile behind her. She tried to ran away. But she cannot move herself. She was stuck in the mud. Nipuni closed her

eyes and shouted with fear. Suddenly, a fairy appeared and turn the crocodile into a rock. Nipuni thanked the fairy and offer the ring as a gift. 'Thank you for finding my ring. I have lost it when I went to the big house.' said fairy. Nipuni felt that voice is bit



familiar and suddenly she remembered it is her grandmother's voice.

'Grandma, is it you?' Asked Nipuni. 'Yes, my dear, it's me. I was with you all the time to protect you'. 'Thank you, grandma'. Nipuni hugged the fairy tightly. In a moment, all of them were in a fairy land.' Both Nipuni, Malithi and Brownny had turned into beautiful fairies. They enjoyed in the fairy land. All of a sudden fairy got disappeared. When they searching for grandma fairy, they saw that they are back at the Lotus River.

'I want to see my grandma' said Nipuni. Nipuni and Malithi rush to grandmother's cottage. Unfortunately, the cottage was no longer there. Landslide has ruined their little cottage. Nipuni was so sad. She started crying so loudly.

‘Don’t worry Nipuni, your grandma is in the heaven now. But you have a new sister with you’. Said Malithi while holding the Nipuni’s hand. Nipuni felt the familiar warmth in her legs. It was her Brownny. She took the Brownny into her hand and walked back to the Malithi’s big house. Nipuni and Malithi lived happily as sisters 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 to 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 gain 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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