

The Four Little Kittens



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Dedication

To all my teachers, including Mr. Eranda Padmakumara, my class 5-B teacher at Mahamaya Girls' College, who guided me in developing my writing skills, to my loving parents and my entire family, and to all my friends who supported me in designing this book.

I present this book with respect.

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Foreword

Literary development is a yardstick to measure the development of a country. The Kotte and

Dambadeniya eras stand out in the history of the world because they were literary enlightening periods. If so, this is the golden period in the history of the *Mahamaya* as well. This is the reason why our daughters have been enchanting through book writing for many years now. It is a special event that our writers have succeeded in building a culture of writing books in the school and spreading it to the entire school system and this time involving the global student community in it.

Beyond this, this time the school community itself has also decided to rebuild the past *Yatiwara* writing tradition in the country in order to pay tribute to the founder of our school, **Karadana Atthadassi Thero**.

The *Pirivena* student monks have also taken up book writing “**The Herana Gatkarani**” project was introduced.

It is a matter of pride for me as the principal to lead the way in bringing about a qualitative change in the education of schools and *Pirivena* education through this academic and religious service, and it is also an achievement for the school.

This book, which is the result of recognizing one’s innate talent at an early stage in life and turning to writing, will undoubtedly be a help for future education and future life.

Shashikala Senadheera,

Principal, Mahamaya Girls’ Collage, Kandy.

One day, I went to see my father.
Then a cat ran away in front of the
gate.



I went inside the house and asked my father about that cat.

My father said, “A cat had put four baby kittens behind the bookshop near our home.”



The next day, one kitten became friendly with me and my brother.



An uncle opened the gate to feed the kittens. Then another kitten ran outside through the gate. A dog bit that kitten's tummy.



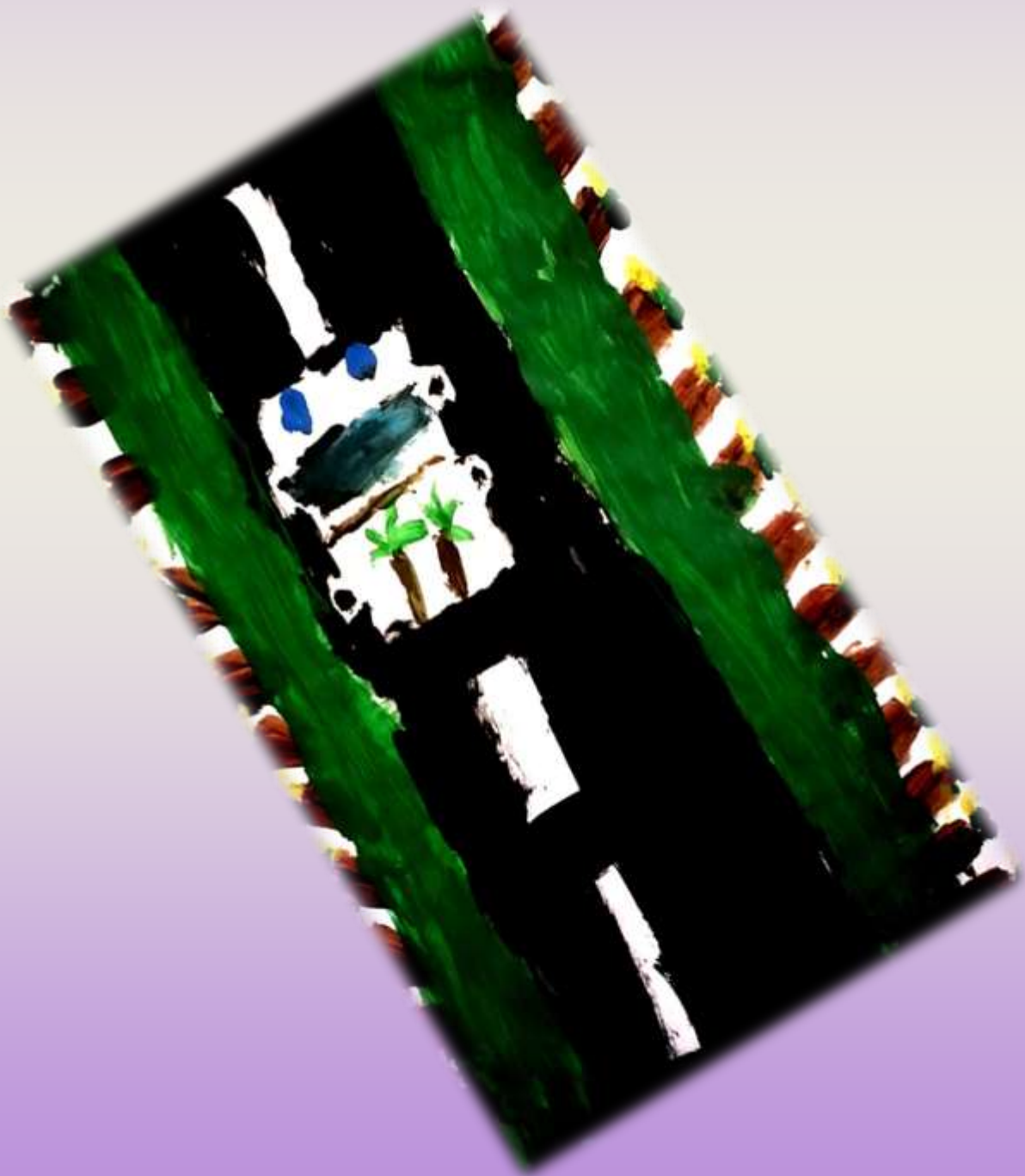
That uncle saved the kitten and brought it to our home. The kitten was hurt. We put the kitten into a box and carried it to a doctor. We gave the kitten medicine, food and water.



We tried to save the kitten. But the kitten died the next afternoon. I was so sad. My brother was sad too. But I was a little happy because I still had three kittens.



The next day, we had to go to Kandy because of school. After a few days, we came back to see our father.



Then my father said, “ A few days ago, one kitten died because of an injured leg from a dog bite. And our friendly kitten is missing too”.

“ Oh! No... my favorite kitten...” I was scared.



**I was very sad . But I was happy
because I still had one kitten.**



There were four kittens ... but only one survived.

I understand that many animals are born, but only a few survive.

I think that is the balance of nature.



The End.



Afterword

According to my concept, under the project that has been running since 2014 to direct school children to writing, we have been fortunate to have planted more than sixty thousand writer seedlings in the local literary field. The objectives of this project are to improve the quality of education, to promote literature that will contribute to the future development of the country, to hone the abilities of the future generation, and to build a platform to showcase the creations of children.

It is our social responsibility to create the fertile soil for those seeds to sprout and grow. This is the only project in recent history that has been implemented continuously for several years at the school level, provincial, national and international levels for the sake of the productivity of education. This time, it is special that the *Pirivena* student monks have also been involved in this. The nation should be grateful for the dedication shown by the Principal, daughters, teachers, parents and alumni of *Mahamaya Balika Vidyalaya*.

The printed book is still the main tool of our education. The enjoyment that a child gets from a book cannot be provided by anything else.

It is experimentally proven that the use of various electronic devices to store human knowledge and the distancing of children from books has been detrimental to the quality of education and has created various problems in society. This project, which is being implemented as a solution to this, has been adapting the smart younger generation of the digital age to modern technology by writing electronic works for the past two years, together with school children in the country.

To take their creations to international readers, Mahamaya girls have built a digital fiction for their own, literary creative abilities.

My congratulations to the young writers who have entered it through their creative abilities.

Project Founder and Coordinator,

Senevirathne Maha Lekam