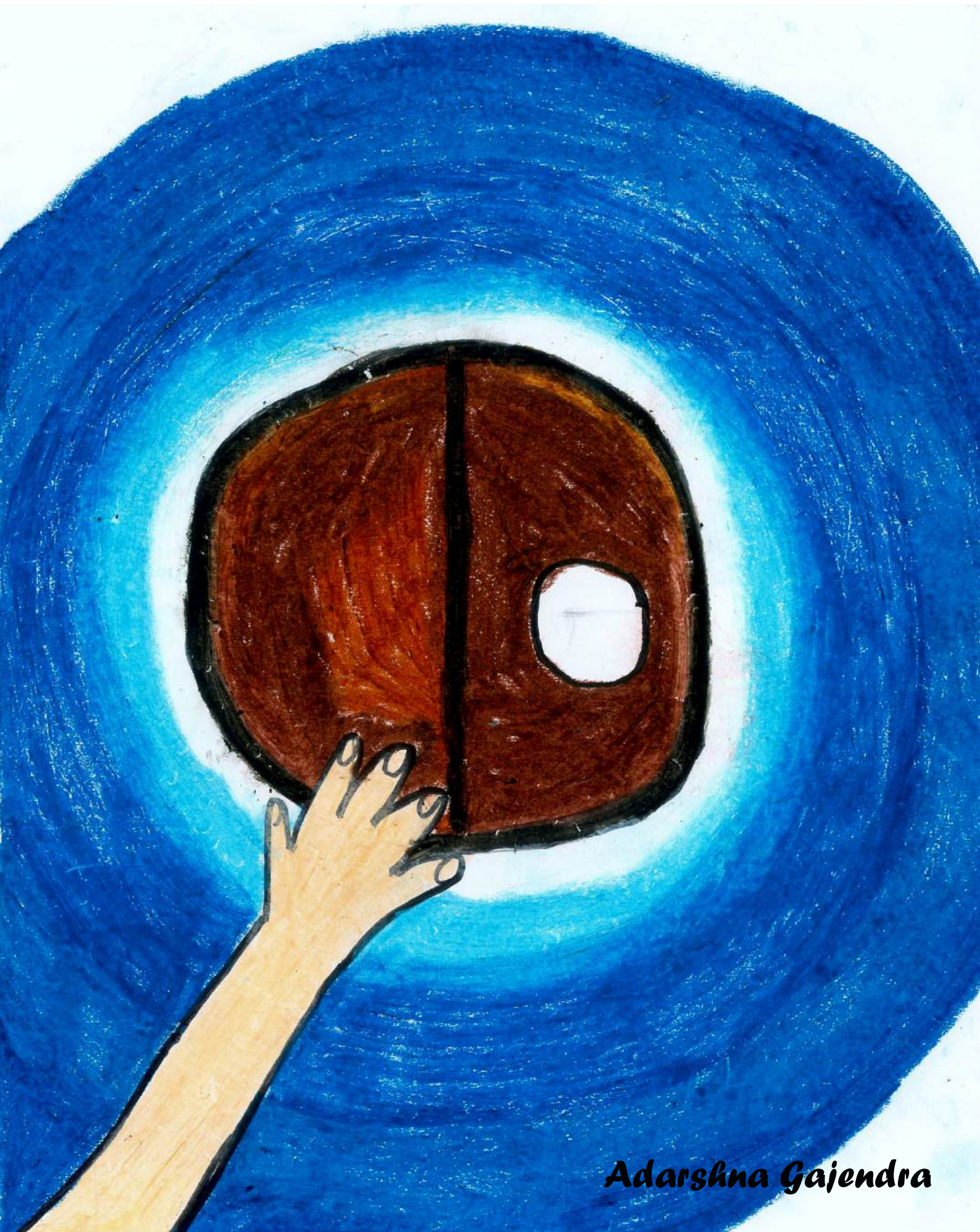


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This wonderful book is a tribute to all my loving teachers, my dear parents and my family.

Adarshna Gajendra

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.

Jane and her friends had a book club at school. Reading books was Jane's favourite hobby. one day, on a pleasant morning she went to the library in her school to read a book. Jane loves to read about mysteries . Reading about science and stars are also her favorites .

She went near a book shelf in search of a good book. At once, a book with a red cover caught her eyes.

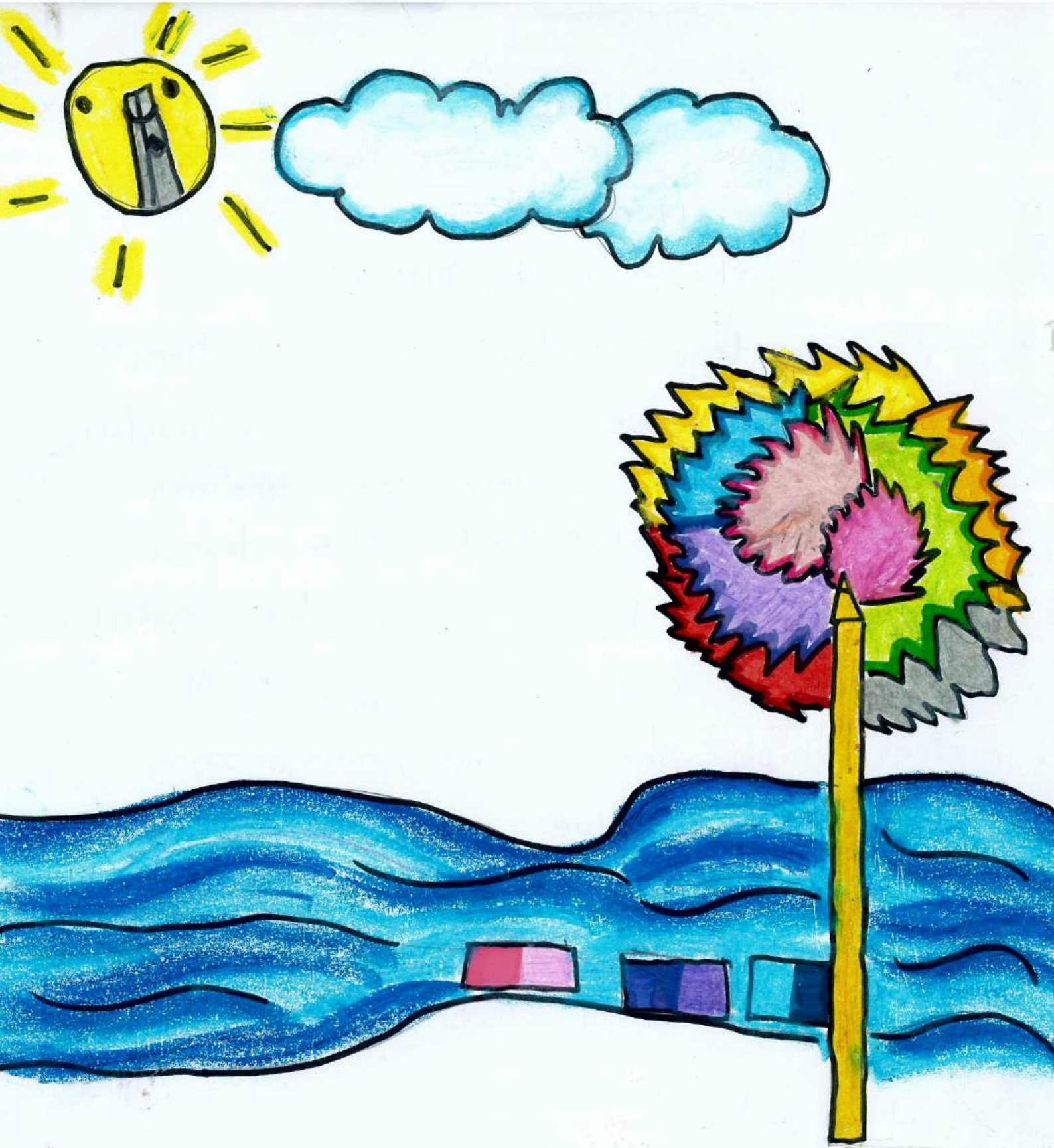
She tried to pull out the book. Usually it's never too hard to take a book out of the shelf. But on this day, it was too hard. So, with all her strength she pulled. Suddenly , a strange thing happened!



A mirage appeared in front of her. Everything started to get blurred . She was staring at it. Then, an old looking wooden door appeared . Jane was curious .She couldn't believe her eyes. Jane is a brave girl who likes new adventures . So, She opened the door and stepped in. All of a sudden, she was forcefully pulled in to a dark portal. It was purple all around with twinkling little stars. She was falling down at a super fast speed. The path was getting narrower as it went down. She saw some familiar people passing by. She realized that it was Sir Leonardo da Vinci and Sir Albert Einstein who were waving at her. She was surprised to see that.



She fell on to the ground . She was lying on a pile of talking books. They got scared and ran away. She started to walk around and came near a tree . It was made out of a pencil .it's leaves were made of colourful pencil shavings. Jane ran around with joy and excitement . she found a huge river full of colourful paint near the tree. There were boats floating in the river which were made of erasers. The bright blue sky was full of flying books. They were carrying beautiful stories. The sun was a pencil sharpener and was rolling over the cotton clouds.



The books were staring at Jane with wide open mouths and eyes as Jane was full of colourful paint and looked almost like a sculpture. She felt embarrassed. She got off the boat and went to the woods.



She climbed up the pencil tree to look around. Jane slipped and fell in to a little boat. Rainbow colours splashed on her. She floated along the river enjoying the beauty around . she was too curious to find out what were the adventures ahead.

It was very dark . Jane saw birds like kokoos, eagles, peacocks and swans. She kept on walking and arrived at a beautiful place with a rainbow waterfall . The water looked crystal clear and was very cold. The birds were chirping all over. There were flowers, rabbits, squirrels , butterflies , books and many more. It was a perfect place for her to read a book. she started reading a book peacefully. She enjoyed the book and the beauty of the nature so much that she forgot that she has to go back.



It was dark all around her when she finished reading the book. she started to get nervous and she was missing her home already .

The sounds of night animals made Jane more scared and worried .

It reminded her the stories of scary night animals. She had less time before it's dark. So, She kept her fear away and searched for a safer place to spend the night.

She walked through the woods. Jane found a small cave. She was already feeling extremely tired after a long and adventurous day. Her legs were aching . She felt hungry . She was missing her mom's yummy food so badly. She ate some chocolates found in her back pack and fell a sleep in no time. In the next morning when she woke up, she noticed that the cave she has been sleeping in was a crystal cave. It was glistening brightly to the sunshine and gave away some musical sounds. Jane was fascinated by the beauty in the cave.

Jane quickly picked up some crystals and put inside her back pack. She was in hurry to go back when she suddenly started to gaze at a strange place. She couldn't understand what it was.

It was sparkling .Jane walked towards it. It was a heap of sparkling pebbles .She was delighted and quickly up picked some pebbles for her friends. She walked on.



After sometime , she saw a mirage. It was same as the one which appeared at the library when she pulled out the red book. She ran near the mirage . "Oh! The door!" she said to herself . She found the door. She was in doubt if she's going to get back home. At the same time she has started loving the magical place that she explored. With much excitement and courage Jane opened the door. She kept her eyes closed tight and entered in. She fell in to a hole and dragged down until she hit herself on a wall. She opened her eyes. Jane was thrilled to see herself back at the library .

Afterward

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



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