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Dedication

**To my lovey parents, my dear teachers and
my fellow friends,
I offer my second creation
of mine with affection.**



Foreword

In an increasingly complex global future, the "Hemamala Upahara" book project, led by Mahamaya Girls' College, stands as a turning point in girls' education. Over a decade, it has successfully nurtured thousands of children to become young authors.

This year, by collaborating with other schools, we aimed to provide students with a wealth of new experiences. The goal was to develop multi-faceted skills, including communication, values, and creative growth. As a result, children have written books that pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic—the supreme symbol of the Buddhist world—to the Hill Country (Kandy).

I extend my gratitude to everyone involved, including the students who contributed their creativity and the teachers who guided them.

Shashikala Senadhira

Principal

Mahamaya Girls' College

Forward

I am pleased to extend my greetings on the occasion of this e-book project organised by Mahamaya Girls' College Kandy collaborating with our School Library Council.

This initiative reflects the creativity, critical thinking, and enthusiasm of our students. It is encouraging to see young minds engaging in reading, writing, and sharing knowledge through modern digital platforms.

My sincere appreciation goes to the Librarian, Library Council, teachers, and students whose efforts made this publication possible. May this project inspire a continued love for learning and discovery.

A special word of thank you to Mr. Seneviratne Mahalekam for his continuous guidance given to our teachers and students.

Wishing you every success.

Dr. Lalith Navaratne

Principal

Greenhill International School

Congratulatory Message

It is a great honor for me, as the Governor of the Central Province, to send a congratulatory message for the launch of the books created through the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project initiated by Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy.

Education is the fundamental foundation for the progress of society, and it is further strengthened through books and literary creations. It is clearly commendable that students' talents, creativity, and intellectual abilities are emerging through projects such as this.

I believe that this book creation project will provide valuable knowledge and a precious literary contribution not only to the students but to the entire society. Furthermore, I hope that through such efforts, future writers who will bring pride to Sri Lanka will emerge.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation and blessings to the Principal, the academic staff, the students, and everyone involved who dedicated themselves to this successful endeavor. I wish this project and the book launch ceremony great success.

Sarath B.S. Abeykoon

Governor, Central Province

Emeritus Professor, University of
Peradeniya

Congratulatory Message

I highly appreciate the noble and outstanding effort of the Principal and the academic staff of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, the student daughters, the students of other participating schools, and everyone who dedicated themselves to plan and implement this book publication project. The project was organized under the leadership of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, with the participation of other schools in the Kandy Zone, with the aim of encouraging children toward book creation within the current school system, as a tribute to Hemamala Kumariya who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic to Sri Lanka.

For several decades, Sri Lanka has been committed to providing free, compulsory, quality, and equitable education to all children, thereby producing a future generation of intelligent and skilled citizens. In such a context, this book creation program for school children helps develop creative ability, critical thinking, and other positive qualities for a balanced and well-rounded personality, and contributes to building a future knowledge-based society.

May all activities of the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project be successful through the blessings of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

Pradeep Nilanga Dela
Diyawadana Nilame,
Sri Dalada Maligawa.
2026.05.10.

The sky was painted in soft orange and pink as the sun began to set. Little Emma walked slowly down the quiet street, her school bag bouncing lightly on her back. She loved this time of day - the cool breeze, the birds singing their last song before night, and the feeling that anything magical could happen.

As she reached the end of Maple Street, something strange caught her eye. A small cardboard box in the corner of the sidewalk was..... moving.



Emma froze. "What's that" she whispered to herself.

She took a cautious step forward. The box shifted again, just again, as if something inside was trying to get out, her heart thumped with curiosity. Bending down, she gently lifted the top flap.

Two tiny eyes looked up at her. A small, shivering puppy lay curled inside, its fur messy and damp. It wagged its little tail as if it had been waiting for her all along.



Emma gasped, "Oh, you poor thing... Were you let here all alone?"

The puppy gave a soft whimper, then licked her hand.

Emma look around - no one in sight. Without thinking, she scooped the puppy into her arms and held him close. "I'm taking you home. But we have to be super sneaky. My dad doesn't let me have pets."

When Emma reached her house, she quietly opened the garage door and tiptoed inside. She found an old blanket and made a little bed in the corner. The puppy curled up happily.

"I'll call you... Snoopy," she whispered, smiling. "And I promise I'll take care of you."

But deep in her heart, Emma knew that keeping Snoopy a secret wouldn't be easy...

One sunny afternoon, Emma's dad went into the garage to find his old fishing rod. As he reached behind a stack of boxes, he suddenly heard a soft whimper.

He froze.

"What's that noise?" he muttered.

He followed the sound - and there, curled up in a blanket, was a small puppy with big eyes and a wagging tail.

"What in the world...?"



Just then, the front door opened, Emma walked in, humming, her back pack swinging. But when she saw her dad standing in the garage doorway, holding Snoopy, her heart dropped.

"Emma!", her dad called, his voice sharp.

"What is this? You've been hiding a puppy?"

Emma's face turned red. "I-I found him in a box on the street. He was all alone. I just wanted to help..."

Her dad looked angry, but before he could say more, Emma's mom appeared behind him.



"Oh, John," she said gently, "He's just a little thing. We have room for this little guy, don't we?"

Emma's dad looked at Snoopy, then at Emma's hopeful eyes.

He sighed. "Fine. But he's your responsibility, Emma."

Emma grinned and scooped Snoopy into her arms. "I promised, Thankyou!"



Emma was taking such good care of Snoopy - feeding him, brushing his fur, and playing with him in the garage everyday. He wagged his tail the moment he heard her footsteps. It felt like they were meant to be together.

One morning, Emma's dad went out for his usual jog. As he passed by the big oak trees near the park, he noticed something taped to the trunks.



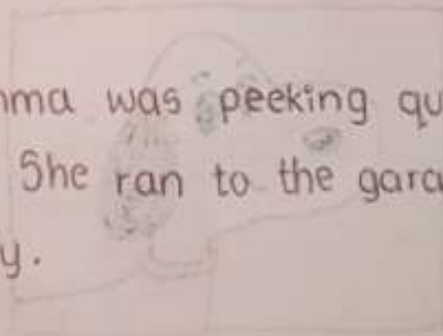
The picture looked just like Snoopy.

He stopped, took a closer look, and grabbed one of the posters. When he got home, he showed it to Emma's mom. "I think this is the same puppy Emma found," he said.

There was a phone number on the poster, so they called. An old lady answered.

"Oh, thank you for calling!" said the gentle voice. "My puppy went missing a few days ago. I'll come right away."

Behind the door, Emma was peeking quietly, her heart pounding. She ran to the garage and hugged Snoopy tightly.



"They're coming to take you," she whispered. Snoopy gave a soft whine and pressed his head against her shoulder.

The next day, a sweet-looking grandma arrived. Her eyes were full of worry.

"My little pup was playing outside in my garden," she said, "and then... he just disappeared."

Emma stood quietly, holding Snoopy in her arms. Her mom looked surprised.

"Emma, what are you doing? How do you know about all this?"

Emma looked down. "I was listening to your conversation yesterday... I wanted to give the puppy back."



Just as she stepped forward, a boy zoomed in on a bicycle.

"Grandma!" he called. "I'm the one who put that annoying puppy in a box. He kept licking me. Yuck! I just wanted to get rid of him."

The grandma's eyes widened in shock. She turned to Emma, then looked at Snoopy, who was cuddled peacefully in the little girl's arms.

She smiled gently.

"Some people don't understand love," the grandma said. "But you do, sweetheart. Would you like to keep him?"

Emma's eyes lit up. "Really? You mean it?"

The grandma nodded. "He belongs with someone who truly cares."

Emma hugged Snoopy tightly. He gave a happy little bark, his tail wagging like never before.

**The
End**





Afterword

With the approval of the Ministry of Education, this research-based project has empowered thousands of student authors for over ten years. Educationists recognize it as a program that significantly enhances the quality of school education.

In alignment with modern educational reforms, encouraging students to author a research work is a milestone in this journey. In this digital age of "Smart" technology, the modern school must demonstrate through research that books and technology should be used together. This is because the unique joy a child receives from a book cannot be replaced by anything else.

To prevent children from drifting away from books—which remain our primary educational tool and storehouse of human knowledge—Mahamaya Girls' College has spearheaded the "Hemamala Upahara" project for many years. Its primary objectives are to foster academic discipline, promote values, and pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who fulfilled a historic mission to empower women.

We express our gratitude to the Principal, teachers, parents, alumni of Mahamaya Girls' College, representatives of other schools, the Diyawadana Nilame, and the staff of the Sri Dalada Maligawa (Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic) for their support.

Seneviratne Mahalekam

(Project Creator)

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